



Lyon County

Located in northwestern Nevada, Lyon County includes two incorporated cities: the City of Fernley and the City of Yerington. The county is adjacent to Storey and Washoe counties on the north, Mineral and Mono (California) counties on the south, Churchill and Mineral counties on the east, and Douglas County and Carson City on the west. Three rivers flow through the County: the Carson River, the Truckee River and the Walker River.

Throughout most of the County's past, growth has been gradual and slow and the County has remained predominantly rural in character. In recent years development within Lyon County increased in response to the development and expansion of the Northern Nevada region with some areas of the County becoming suburbanized.

A majority of the County's development lies within eight communities: Dayton, Fernley, Mason Valley, Mound House, Silver City, Silver Springs, Smith Valley and Stagecoach. For three years during the past ten years, the County was one of the 10 fastest growing counties in the United States (on a percentage basis).



KEY FACTS

- Created November 24, 1861
- Population — 53,825 (2009 Estimate, NV State Demographer)
 - ◆ Change 2000 to 2009 — 52.6% increase (US Census Bureau)
 - ◆ 3.57% population loss from 2009
 - ◆ Third most populous county in Nevada
 - ◆ City of Fernley — 18, 929
 - ◆ City of Yerington — 3,138
- County Budget FY 11
 - ◆ Total Budgeted Expenditures = \$60,389,910
 - ◆ General Fund Expenditures = \$26,523,262
- County Employees
 - ◆ Full-time Equivalent Employees — 284
 - ◆ Elected Officials — 13
 - ◆ Median Employee Income — \$48,208
 - ◇ \$8,224 below 2008 NV median household income
- FY 11 Total Assessed Valuation — \$1,336,287,467
- 40+ years conservative County administration
 - ◆ The County is not at the ad valorem tax cap
 - ◆ Sales Tax Rate — 7.100%
 - ◆ County Direct Tax Rate — 0.8644 (Per \$100 assessed valuation)
- Third most economically stressed county In the U.S. with populations of at least 25,000
- Unemployment rate — 18.7%; NV's Highest (December 2010)
- Foreclosure rate — 1:66; NV's Highest
- Area— 2,013 square miles (1.3 million acres)
- Parcels of Land— Almost 33,000
- Land Ownership & Use
 - ◆ Private Ownership — 25%
 - ◆ Public Lands — 75%
 - ◆ Developed Land — 6%
 - ◆ Agricultural Land — 10.4%
 - ◆ Commercial/Industrial — 1.7%





Demographics

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- Housing (US Census Bureau)
 - ◆ Housing Units (2009) — 18,258
 - ◆ Homeownership Rate (2000) 75.8%
 - ◆ Housing Units in multi-unit structures (2000) — 8.1%
 - ◆ Households (2000) - 13,077
- Income (US Census Bureau)
 - ◆ Median Household Income (2008) — \$47,924
 - ◆ Persons Below Poverty Level (2008) — 9.6%
- Business (US Census Bureau)
 - ◆ Private Non-Farm Employment (2007) — 10,892
 - ◆ % Private Non-Farm Employment Change 2000-2007— 69.4%
 - ◆ Federal Spending (2008) — \$296,802

County Government

- Board of Commissioners & County Manager
- Full-time Equivalent Employees (FTE)

- ◆ FY 11 — 350
- ◆ FY 10 — 411
- ◆ FY 09 — 412
- 13 Elected officials
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County FY 11 Budget

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County Assessed Values — 2010

- Total Assessed Valuation
 - ◆ FY 11 — \$1,336,287,467
 - ◆ FY 10 — \$1,653,412,504
 - ◆ FY 09 — \$1,857,324,881
- Select FY 2010 Assessed Values
 - ◆ Residential — \$1,164,132,394
 - ◆ Commercial — \$ 195,973,399
 - ◆ Industrial — \$ 174,240,332
- County Direct Tax Rate — 0.8644 (Per \$100 assessed valuation)

Economy

- Third most economically stressed county In the U.S. with populations of at least 25,000
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County Area and Land

- Area— 2,013 square miles (1.3 million acres)
- 91 miles north to south
- 52 miles west to east

Growth

- Historically
 - ◆ Mostly gradual and slow
 - ◆ Remained largely rural
- Rapid growth 2000 – 2006
 - ◆ One of top 10 fastest growing counties in U.S. for three years
- Almost 33,000 parcels of land
- Now a county in transition
 - ◆ Rural to Suburban

Communities

- Eight diverse communities
 - ◆ Dayton
 - ◆ Fernley
 - ◆ Mason Valley
 - ◆ Mound House
 - ◆ Silver City
 - ◆ Silver Springs
 - ◆ Smith Valley
 - ◆ Stagecoach

Land Use

- Private Ownership — 25%
- Public Lands — 75%
- Developed Land — 6%
- Agricultural Land — 10.4% (133,450 acres)

- Commercial/Industrial — 1.7% (21,440 acres)
- Residential — 3.2% (41,270 acres)

Transportation

- Interstate 80
- US Highway 50 and 50 Alternate
- US Highway 95 Alternate
- Union Pacific Railroad
- Six airports

Fire Service

- Four independent fire districts
 - ◆ Central Lyon County Fire Protection District
 - ◆ Mason Valley Fire Protection District
 - ◆ North Lyon County Fire Protection District
 - ◆ Smith Valley Fire Protection District

General Improvement Districts

- Three small General Improvement Districts
 - ◆ Silver Springs GID — sewer services
 - ◆ Stagecoach GID — water services
 - ◆ Willowcreek GID — water & sewer services

State Parks and Recreation Areas

- Dayton State Park
- Fort Churchill State Historic Park
- Lahontan Recreation Area

State Wildlife Management Areas

- Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area

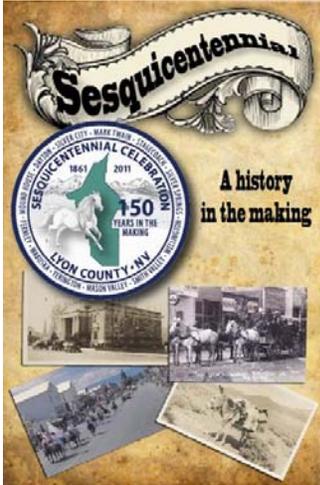
National Historic District

- Comstock Historic District



LYON COUNTY CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

2011 marks Lyon County's 150th anniversary. Lyon became a county within the Nevada Territory on November 24, 1861, three years before Nevada became a state.



- The Comstock was born and Nevada's first gold discovery was made in Gold Canyon in 1849
- Dayton is considered to be the earliest permanent settlement in Nevada
- Dayton was designated the County seat by Nevada's first Territorial Legislature in November 1861.
- Dayton Valley became the Breadbasket of the Comstock, producing most of the fresh crops used by the Virginia City area.
- Yerington became the County seat in 1911, four years after it became a city and two years after the Dayton courthouse burned to the ground.
- The Anaconda Mine west of Yerington opened in 1953 and closed in 1978; It produced over 1.75 billion pounds of copper and covers more than 3,400 acres.

Board of Commissioners:

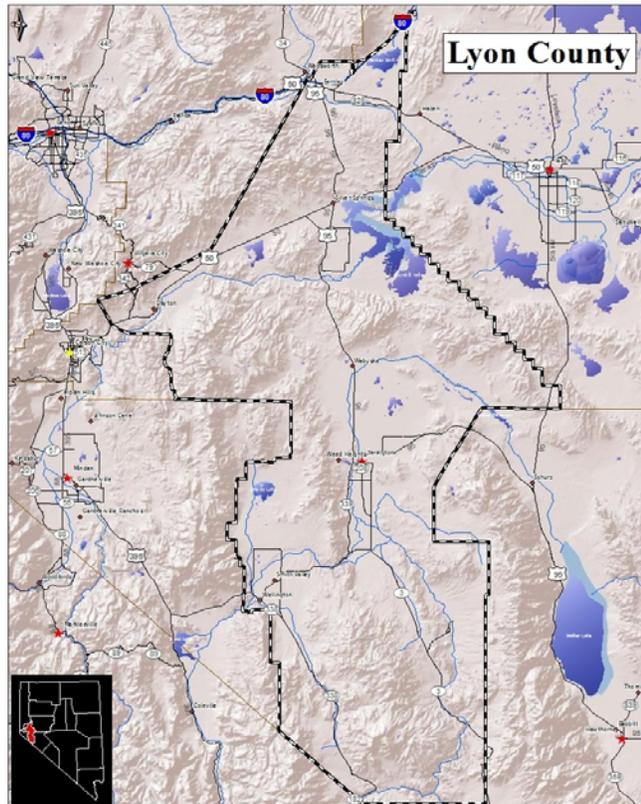
Joe Mortensen, Chairman
Chuck Roberts, Vice Chairman
Virgil Arellano
Ray Fierro
Vida Keller

County Manager:

Jeff Page

Elected Officials:

Assessor — Linda Whalin
Clerk/Treasurer — Nikki Bryan
District Attorney — Robert L. Auer
Justices of the Peace —
Robert Bennett
Mike Fletcher
Camille Vecchiarelli
Public Administrator — Delores Munro
Recorder — Mary Milligan
Sheriff — Allen Veil



Diverse communities working together to guide growth and change, build on their heritage, and explore new and innovative techniques to address challenges.



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