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PURPOSE:

This Fact Sheet highlights population shifts and investigates the adult population of Nevada counties. Data from a 2017 GOVERNING¹ report details Nevada's counties and their populations.

GOVERNING DEFINES POPULATIONS:

Data from adults 25 years or older are included to examine the population makeup of each county in Nevada. Adults residing in each county are divided into either a native-born resident or *transplants* if they relocated from another state, or country. The original source separates *transplants* into three separate categories;

1. Adults born in other states
2. U.S. natives born outside the country (e.g. an individual who was born abroad at a U.S. military base)
3. Foreign born adults

A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE OF POPULATIONS:

The United States is home to a diverse population of people from a variety of countries. When looking at the United States as a whole, most states retain close to half of their native born populations. Certain states have more homegrown populations than others. One of the most prominent examples of this is found in the Cajun county of Louisiana. In this area, only 1 out of 10 adults are not native to Louisiana. In contrast, the opposite dynamic is found in certain counties in Nevada; 9 out of every 10 adults in Clark, Douglas, Nye, and Storey counties are not native to the Silver State.

WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF POPULATION SHIFTS?

On a national level, economic activity is one of the largest factors contributing to population shifts within counties. The appeal of new opportunities through jobs, innovation, and education help to attract people to a given state. In counties that lack these opportunities, people are more likely to migrate away.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

1. In every county in Nevada, there are more adult residents born outside the state than adults born in Nevada.
2. Rural counties are less likely to have a high number of foreign born adults.
3. Just 7.8% of adults in Clark County were born in Nevada. This represents the lowest share of adults born in Nevada across the state's 16 counties.

¹ Mike Maciag. "Born and Raised: The Parts of America With the Most Natives." GOVERNING. www.governing.com/gov-data/census/native-homegrown-residents-by-county.html

The table below presents data originally reported from GOVERNING’S “Born and Raised” report.² The table includes Nevada’s 16 counties, and shows the population differences between number of adults born in Nevada, number of adults born in other states, number of natives born outside the country, and number of foreign born adults.

Table: HOMEGROWN POPULATIONS IN NEVADA COUNTIES

County	Percent of Adults Born in Nevada	Number of Adults Born in Nevada	<i>Transplants</i>		
			Number of Adults Born in Other States	Number of Natives Born Outside Country	Number of Foreign Born Adults
Churchill	22.6%	3,700	11,169	167	1,304
Clark	7.8%	111,993	864,836	30,457	421,584
Douglas	8.7%	3,127	29,307	268	3,398
Elko	20.8%	6,868	21,613	540	4,055
Esmeralda	11.4%	93	641	0	84
Eureka	18.3%	232	981	31	21
Humboldt	22.0%	2,409	6,616	198	1,742
Lander	25.2%	981	2,258	16	642
Lincoln	21.9%	796	2,720	14	113
Lyon	11.4%	4,249	29,501	378	3,169
Mineral	31.9%	1,050	1,992	24	224
Nye	8.6%	2,855	26,850	508	3,149
Pershing	25.3%	1,298	3,148	25	666
Storey	8.4%	271	2,784	62	111
Washoe	16.3%	49,712	193,221	4,718	57,398
White Pine	33.2%	2,334	4,265	65	358

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