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2018 Sub-State Total Population Estimates
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14 of 17 Counties Had Population Growth in 2018 Over the Year; Clark, Washoe and Lyon are Top Highest Growing Counties

Total Population Estimates

Area	2017	2018	change
Nevada	2,972,405	3,034,392	61,987
Clark	2,183,310	2,231,647	48,337
Washoe	457,333	465,735	8,402
Lyon	53,915	55,808	1,893
Nye	44,051	45,346	1,295
Carson City	54,608	55,414	806
Churchill	23,989	24,440	451
Douglas	48,018	48,467	449
Pershing	6,473	6,666	193
Elko	52,371	52,460	89
Humboldt	16,702	16,786	84
Mineral	4,454	4,514	60
Eureka	1,950	2,003	53
Storey	4,003	4,029	26
Lincoln	5,182	5,201	19
Esmeralda	843	826	-17
Lander	5,604	5,575	-29
White Pine	9,599	9,475	-124

- This *Research Note* examines total population growth/decline in the Silver State from 2017 to 2018. The most recent U.S. Census Bureau estimates show Nevada's total population at three million in 2018, up from 2.9 million in 2017, an increase of about 61,990. At the county level, 14 of 17 counties experienced year-over-year population growth in 2018 relative to 2017.
- Clark County had the highest population growth with about 48,340 new residents, followed by Washoe County and Elko, with gains of 8,400 and 1,890, respectively.
- White Pine County had the highest population decline at about 124 residents, followed by Lander County, with 29, and Esmeralda with 17.
- In 2018 Clark County's population growth of 48,340 reflects a natural increase (births minus deaths) of about 9,740. It also reflects a net migration of 38,390 people moving into the county, 92 percent of whom were domestic in-migrants from elsewhere in the U.S.

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- During the same period, Washoe County shows a natural increase of 1,450 and a net migration of 6,900 (98.6% were domestic in-migrants from other states). The County's population grew 8,400 over the 2017-2018 period.
- In 2017 Nevadans 16 years old and older or potential workforce represented 78.3 percent of the State's total population. In 2018 the potential workforce made up 78.5 percent of the total population.

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