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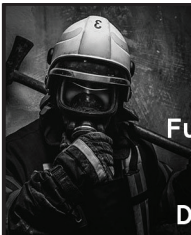
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Our Military

in Clark County

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE lies northeast of the city of Las Vegas. The base itself covers more than 14,000 acres, while the total land area occupied by Nellis and its restricted ranges is approximately 5,000 square miles. An additional 7,700 miles of airspace north and east of the restricted ranges are also available for military flight operations.

Nellis Air Force Base, along with the nearby Creech Air Force Base and the Nevada Test and Training Range have played an important role in southern Nevada since the early 1940s. Nellis' primary missions are operational testing of advanced aircraft and weapons systems, tactics development for war fighters around the world, and advanced training utilizing the 2.9 million-acre Nevada Test and Training Range.

Known as the "Home of the Fighter Pilot," Nellis Air Force Base is home to the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center, the largest and most demanding advanced air combat training mission in the world. Nellis units provide training for composite strike forces, which include every type of aircraft in the Air Force inventory,

including fighters, bombers, refuelers, and aircraft used for transport, close air support, command and control, and combat search and rescue. Training is conducted in conjunction with air and ground units of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and air forces from our allied nations.

The 99th Air Base Wing is the host wing at Nellis and Creech Air Force bases. Other units at Nellis include the 57th Wing, the 53rd Test and Evaluation Group, the 505th Test and Evaluation Group, and the 926th Wing. For a full list of organizations and tenant units at Nellis, visit the base's website at www.nellis.af.mil.

Population

Approximately 16,000 military and civilian personnel work at Nellis. The total military population numbers more than 63,000, including family members and military retirees in the area.

Economic Impact

The total economic impact of Nellis Air Force Base, Creech Air Force Base and the Nevada Test and Training Range in fiscal 2019 was approximately \$3.49 million. Approximately

13,000 military personnel and nearly 3,000 civilians were employed between the two bases and the range, with a combined payroll of more than \$1.59 million.

HISTORY

In 1929, what would become Nellis Air Force Base was nothing more than a dirt runway, a water well and a small operations shack for Western Air Express Airlines. After considering several areas in Utah, Arizona and Nevada for a site for the "first" American flexible aerial gunnery school, Maj. David Schlatter of the U.S. Army Air Corps settled on the Nevada location in October 1940 since about 90 percent of the area north, northwest and northeast of Las Vegas was desert.

Three months later, Las Vegas took over the airfield from Western Air Express, and three days later, Mayor John L. Russell signed over much of the property to the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps to develop the flexible gunnery school. Located on the new Las Vegas Army Air

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QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

All phone numbers are subject to change. For more information, call the base operator at 702-652-1110.

Airman & Family Readiness Center	702-652-3327
American Red Cross	877-272-7337
Arts and Crafts Center	702-652-7267/2849
Auto Skills Center	702-652-0284
Bank, Armed Forces	702-651-8228
Chapel	702-652-2950
Child Development Centers	
Building 600	702-652-5885
Building 2966	702-652-4241
Building 2967	702-652-1114
Commissary	702-632-5500
Community Commons	702-679-0967
Credit Union, One Nevada	702-457-1000
Dining	
Aim High Fitness Cafe (fitness center)	702-457-7722
Champion's Grille (golf course)	702-652-4497, ext. 5
The Club	702-652-9188
Crosswinds Inn	702-652-6741
Rickenbacker's I.....	702-652-9177
Touch N' Go Flight Kitchen	702-652-5410
DOD Safe Helpline	877-995-5247
Education Office	702-652-5280/5282
Exceptional Family Member Program	702-652-3327
Exchange	702-643-3526
Family Child Care	702-652-4400
Fitness Center	702-652-4891
Golf Course	702-652-2602
Housing	
Housing Management Office	702-652-1840
Military Family Housing	888-622-8106
Unaccompanied Housing	702-652-6769/2472/4979
Information, Tickets & Travel	702-652-2193/8670
Legal Office	702-652-5407
Medical Center, Mike O'Callaghan Military	
Appointments	702-653-2273
Pharmacy	702-653-3201
24-hour refill line	702-652-5359
Military OneSource	800-342-9647

Military Personnel Customer Service Center	702-652-5212
Movie Theater	702-679-0967
Outdoor Recreation	702-652-2514
Post Office	702-432-0482
Postal Service Center	702-652-8824
Rod and Gun Club	702-652-1937
School Liaison	702-679-0439
Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	
24-hour Report Line	702-652-7272
Suicide Prevention Lifeline	800-273-8255
Temporary Lodging, Nellis Inn	702-652-2711
Visitors Center (main gate)	702-652-3216
Youth Programs	702-652-9307

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE ONLINE

Official site: www.nellis.af.mil
 Force Support Squadron: <https://nellislife.com>

DIGITAL GUIDE



<https://www.mybaseguide.com/installation/nellis-afb/relocation-guide/>

SOCIAL MEDIA

-  **Facebook**
www.fb.com/NellisAFB
-  **Twitter**
<https://twitter.com/NellisAFB>

People around the world increasingly stay connected through social media, whether it be with a deployed service member, with friends and families in locations around the world or with the bases where you have been stationed or expect to transfer.

Here are some safety tips for using social media:

1. Never post confidential personal information such as your date of birth, address, Social Security number, or bank and credit card account numbers. Never provide this type of information when signing up for a social networking site. Most sites do not require it, and you should be wary of those that do.
2. Don't invite people whom you don't know to be your "friend." You do not want strangers to know details about you or your family.
3. Never share operational information, such as upcoming ports of call and military exercises. Such information can compromise operational security and the safety of our service members.

The Public Affairs Office can provide guidance on the type of information that should not be shared in a public forum such as a social network or blog.



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Field, the Las Vegas Army Air Corps Gunnery School's mission was to train aerial gunners "to the degree of proficiency that will qualify them for combat duty."

There were many reasons for having the school near Las Vegas, which had a population of 9,000:

- Flying weather was ideal year-round.
- More than 90 percent of the land to the north was unpopulated public domain and available at \$1 per acre.
- The inland strategic location was unlikely to be attacked.
- Rocky hills, approximately 6 miles from the base, afforded a natural backdrop for cannon and machine gun firing.
- Dry lake beds were available for emergency landings.

A detachment of five staff officers of the 79th Air Base Group, commanded by Lt. Col. Martinus Stenseth, took up residence in a small basement post office in the Las Vegas federal building in May 1941. A month later, the military population of Las Vegas Army Air Field more than doubled with the arrival of five administrative noncommissioned officers and other support personnel.

During those first few months there were no services or facilities at the new base. Enlisted men were quartered in the Depression-era Works Progress Administration barracks in town. The motor pool consisted of six vintage trucks and a

semitrailer often parked by the barracks. Supply and logistics had not yet been organized, and mechanics had to borrow nuts, bolts and old parts from service stations in Las Vegas, and gasoline and oil from the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Construction of permanent base facilities began in earnest in mid-1941 for barracks to house 3,000 people. By December, there were 10 AT-6 Texan trainers and 17 B-10 Martin bombers. From this humble beginning, Las Vegas Army Air Field grew rapidly. The first B-17s arrived in 1942, giving students their first chance to train in the gun turret of an actual combat plane and providing aircraft to train co-pilots in ground and transition school. At the height of World War II, 600 gunnery students and 215 co-pilots graduated from Las Vegas Army Air Field every five weeks, and more than 55,000 B-17 enlisted and navigator and bombardier aviation cadets were trained as B-17 gunners.

In March 1945, the base converted from B-17s to the B-29 gunnery school, and the population peaked with nearly 11,000 officers and enlistees logged on unit morning reports. Of these, more than 4,700 were students.

As World War II ended, the base converted to the role of separating military men and women from the service. During 1945 and 1946, thousands of soldiers received their separation physicals and final pay at Las Vegas Army Air Field before their return to civilian life. Activities at the airfield continued to wind down until Feb. 28, 1947, when it was placed on the inactive list.

On Jan. 4, 1949, the base was reactivated as Las Vegas Air Force Base and hosted a pilot training wing and gunnery school — the

332nd Fighter Group flying the F-47 won the first Gunnery Meet in May 1949. With the onset of the Korean War, the mission of the base changed from an advanced single-engine school to one of training jet fighter pilots for the then-Far East air forces.

In 1950, Las Vegas Air Force Base was renamed in honor of 1st Lt. William Harrell Nellis, a young man from southern Nevada killed in action over Luxembourg on Dec. 27, 1944. Virtually every fighter pilot and every "ace" who staked claim to a corner of Korean airspace called "MiG Alley" — establishing a kill ratio of 14-to-1 — received final combat training at Nellis.

Today, Nellis continues to provide advanced combat training on every type of aircraft in the Air Force inventory for composite strike forces. Training is commonly conducted in conjunction with air and ground units of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and allied forces from throughout the world. Nellis also conducts operational testing and develops tactics in addition to supporting combat search and rescue and unmanned aircraft system operations worldwide.

ORGANIZATIONS U.S. AIR FORCE WARFARE CENTER

The U.S. Air Force Warfare Center reports directly to Air Combat Command. The center was founded Sept. 1, 1966, as the U.S. Air Force Tactical Fighter Weapons Center. It was renamed the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center in October 2005.

The center exists to ensure deployed forces are well-trained and well-equipped to conduct integrated combat operations. From testing and tactics development programs to training schools and venues, the center provides airmen with proven and tested technology, the most current tactics, superb academic training and a unique opportunity to practice integrated force employment.

The mission of the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center is to develop airmen and advance war fighter capabilities through testing, training and tactics development to dominate the multidomain fight. To execute its mission, the center oversees the operations of four wings, two named units and one detachment: the 57th Wing, the 99th Air Base Wing, the Nevada Test and Training Range, and the Air Force Joint Test Program Office at Nellis Air Force Base; the 53rd Wing at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida; the 505th Command and Control Wing at Hurlburt Field, Florida; and Air Force Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado. The



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center is composed of approximately 11,000 personnel (active duty, Guard, reserve and civilians) in 23 states in 37 locations.

99TH AIR BASE WING

The 99th Air Base Wing, activated in October 1995, is the host wing for Nellis and Creech Air Force bases. The wing provides installation support for more than 10,000 personnel assigned to Nellis, Creech and the Nevada Test and Training Range. Installation support covers a host of services, including civil engineering, communications, contracting, logistics, security, medical services, education, lodging, food services, recreational activities and much more.

Two groups are assigned to the wing: the 99th Mission Support Group and 99th Medical Group.

57TH WING

The 57th Wing is the most diverse wing in the U.S. Air Force. It provides advanced, realistic and multidomain training focused on ensuring dominance through air, space and cyberspace. The wing's mission is innovative professionals leading advanced, realistic, multi-domain training focused on winning the high-end fight. The 57th Wing is comprised of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School, 57th Maintenance Group, 57th Operations Group, U.S. Air Force Aerial Demonstration Squadron (Thunderbirds) and U.S. Air Force Advanced Maintenance and Munitions Officer School.

NEVADA TEST AND TRAINING RANGE

At 2.9 million acres, the Nevada Test and Training Range is the largest contiguous air and ground space available for peacetime military operations in the free world. The range provides the war fighter a flexible, realistic and multi-dimensional battle-space to conduct testing, training and tactics development in support of U.S. national interests. The range also provides instrumentation and target maintenance support for Green Flag-West at the National Training Center and Leach Lake Tactics Range, California.

The range supports the Department of Defense advanced composite force training, tactics development and electronic combat testing as well as DOD and Department of Energy testing, research and development. The range hosts numerous Red Flag and U.S. Air Force Weapons School exercises each year as well as test and tactics development missions.

The range coordinates operational and support matters with major commands, other services, the DOE and the Department of Interior as well as other federal, state and local government agencies.



53RD TEST AND EVALUATION GROUP

The 53rd Test and Evaluation Group is responsible for the overall execution of the 53rd Wing's flying activities at Barksdale, Beale, Creech, Davis-Monthan, Edwards, Eglin, Dyess, Nellis and Whiteman Air Force bases. The group's mission is to provide the war fighter with the latest in software, hardware, weapons and tactics techniques and procedures to win America's wars.

Members of the group execute operational test and evaluation and tactics development projects assigned by Air Combat Command for a variety of aircraft. The group manages the acquisition, modification, testing and certification for fighter, bomber and combat support aircrew training systems. The group also conducts foreign military exploitation and special access projects. The group has operational test and evaluation responsibility for space control and space range assets as well. Additionally, the group carries out the U.S. Air Force Nuclear Weapons System Evaluation Program.

926TH WING

The 926th Wing is an Air Force Reserve unit under 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas. The wing is located at Nellis Air Force Base as an associate unit to the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center.

The wing provides combat-ready reservists to the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center. It continuously conducts combat operations, operational test and evaluation, tactics development and advanced training to forge the tools required to fly, fight and win.

The wing also supports the Air Force's first remotely piloted aircraft wing, the 432nd Wing and 432nd Air Expeditionary Wing. The 926th Wing supports the 432nd in its mission to train pilots, sensor operators and other aircraft systems crewmembers and conduct combat surveillance and attack operations worldwide.

ARRIVAL

See the Getting To & Around Clark County chapter on Page 17 for information about local airports, train service and public transportation. The closest commercial flights land at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, about 15 miles from the base. Transportation is not provided to the base.

SPONSORSHIP

Contact your sponsor with your estimated arrival time and flight information if applicable before your arrival at Nellis Air Force Base.

Sponsorship is vital to the relocation process. Don't PCS without talking to your sponsor before departing for Nellis Air Force Base. Your sponsor will answer any questions you have about the base and the local area, make lodging or dorm arrangements and meet you upon arrival. Your sponsor will be there to help you and your family until you are settled into your new community.

If you have not been in touch with a sponsor and your departure is nearing, call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 702-652-3327.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Cellphone use by the driver of a moving motor vehicle is prohibited on all Department





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of Defense installations unless the cellphone is used with a hands-free device.

From McCarran International Airport

If you drive from the airport, follow the signs to Interstate 15 north to the Craig Road exit. Go right, or east, onto Craig Road. The Nellis Air Force Base main gate is east of Interstate 15 at the end of Craig Road.

From Interstate 15

Take Interstate 15 to the Craig Road exit and drive about 5 miles east to the Nellis main gate.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

Check-in with your unit, or the Nellis Inn if you arrive after hours.

Military Personnel Customer Service Center
4475 N. England Ave. 702-652-5212

When you arrive at the base, you are required to inprocess with the military personnel section. Personnel are required to bring their orders, their personnel package and any records they have hand-carried from their previous assignment. Customer service will assist you with inprocessing and leave as well as answer questions on the programs offered through the personnel section. You will be scheduled for the Right Start Newcomers' Orientation and finance inprocessing appointment as well.

Newcomers Orientation

Right Start Newcomer's Orientation is a half-day orientation class for all newcomers to Nellis. Attendees receive briefings from wing leadership and base agencies. In addition, there is an information fair with booths from base agencies and educational institutions. Spouses are welcome to attend.

TEMPORARY LODGING

Nellis Inn

Building 556, 5941 Fitzgerald Blvd.
..... 702-652-2711
<http://af.dodlodging.net/propertys/Nellis-AFB>

The Nellis Inn provides safe, comfortable and clean accommodations for active-duty military members and their families who are being assigned to Nellis Air Force Base. If you are traveling with your family, arrange for temporary quarters as soon as you receive your PCS.

Room amenities include cable TV, free Wi-Fi, coffee makers, microwaves, refrigerators, irons, ironing boards and more. There is also a community center and conference rooms.

Pet-friendly accommodations are available. Check the website for room rates.

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Mike O'Callaghan Military Medical Center
Building 1300, 4700 Las Vegas Blvd. N
Appointments 702-653-2273
Pharmacy 702-653-3201
24-hour refills 702-652-5359
www.nellis.af.mil/Units/Nellis-Medical-Center

The 99th Medical Group serves Nellis Air Force Base and beneficiaries in the surrounding area at the Mike O'Callaghan Military Medical Center. The 99th Medical Group is composed of about 1,400 personnel who are dedicated to providing preventive, emergency and acute care services for approximately 22,000 active-duty members and their dependents. Health care services are also provided directly or coordinated for more than 40,000 retirees, their dependents or other eligible beneficiaries on a space-available basis.

The group provides a wealth of medical services, including family health, flight medicine, mental health, optometry, pediatrics, pharmacy, physical therapy, radiology and women's health. Dental services are provided for active-duty personnel. Family members of active-duty personnel are encouraged to use the TRICARE Dental Program. Program information is available by visiting www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Dental/TDP.

HOUSING

Military Housing Office

4601 Richard Kisling Drive 702-652-1840
www.housing.af.mil/Units/Nellis

The Nellis Air Force Base Military Housing Office is ready to help you transition to your new home and community. Use its resources to become familiar with available housing options and support services. When you arrive at Nellis Air Force Base, visit the MHO for valuable information, counseling and guidance before signing any lease or sales contract for housing.

Unaccompanied Housing

Building 704,
4555 Carswell Ave. 702-652-6769
www.housing.af.mil/Units/Nellis

Unaccompanied housing is provided for unaccompanied airmen in the ranks of E-1 to E-3 and E-4 with less than three years of service. Each airman is provided a private sleeping room, furnishings, bed linens and supplies required for comfortable living. Permanent-party unaccompanied housing is configured in one of four ways. One of the existing dormitories is configured with the new Air Force standard, the "Dorms-4-Airmen" layout, which consists of a private bath and a shared living-kitchen area. Eight of the dormitories are designed as the 1+1 configuration (two of these dormitories follow a 1+1 with kitchenette format and the other six follow a 1+1 format with a shared bathroom). The last three dormitories are designed with a private bath configuration.

Amenities include picnic pavilions with barbecue grills and volleyball courts. Dorm day rooms have big-screen TVs with surround sound and indoor games such as dart boards, shuffleboard and billiard tables.

Unaccompanied airmen in the rank of E-4 with more than three years of service will move into housing in the local community.

Nellis Family Housing

4601 Richard Kisling Drive 888-622-8106
www.nellisfamilyhousing.com

At Nellis Air Force Base, military family housing is privatized. In addition to your option to purchase and rent housing in the local



community, you may choose to live in privatized housing by signing a tenant lease agreement with Hunt Military Communities, which owns the family housing and is responsible for constructing, maintaining, repairing and managing the community.

For comprehensive information about homes and amenities in the Nellis privatized housing community, visit the Nellis family housing website.

MAIL

Post Office and Postal Service Center

4250 Griffiss Ave.
 Postal Service Center 702-652-8824
 U.S. Post Office..... 702-432-0482

The Nellis Postal Service Center and post office provide general delivery mail service to inbound permanent party individuals and their family members assigned to Nellis. Until you get a permanent address, your mail may be forwarded to the center. The military member's mail should be addressed as follows:

Name
 3500 Postal Service Center
 Nellis AFB, NV 89191

Upon arrival, you may pick up your mail at the center, which is co-located with the on-base U.S. post office. Newcomers may fax their PCS orders to the Postal Service Center at 702-652-2112.

PETS

Veterinary Treatment Facility

4311 Carswell Ave., Suite 600.... 702-652-8836

The Veterinary Treatment Facility serves military working dogs and the pets of military families on an appointment basis. Due to limited resources, most veterinary emergency cases are best served through a full-service civilian veterinary hospital; see the Military Buyer's Guide tab to connect with local veterinarians.

Personnel residing on base must register their pets at the facility. Base housing allows some pets with certain restrictions. For more information on prohibited dog breeds and Nellis Family Housing's pet policy, visit www.nellisfamilyhousing.com.

RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

Chapel

4302 N. Washington Blvd. 702-652-2950

The chapel supports the religious needs of all Air Force members. The chapel offers many programs, including worship, liturgy, rites and religious education. Chaplains also offer counseling. All communications with the chapel are confidential. If you are seeking spiritual support for any denomination or faith group, contact the chapel. For current service times, call the chapel.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Private vehicles do not have to be registered with Nellis Air Force Base, but all vehicles on base must be insured and license plates must be current. Nevada state traffic laws apply on base; see the Getting To & Around Clark County chapter on Page 17 for more information. All vehicles entering or leaving base are subject to search.

SERVING YOU DINING

Champion's Grille
 Building 1619,
 2841 Kinley Drive..... 702-652-4497, ext. 5

The Club
 Building 554, 5871 Fitzgerald Blvd.
 702-652-9188

Crosswinds Inn
 Building 790, 4551 Ellsworth Ave.
 702-652-6741

Rickenbacker's I
 Building 556,
 5941 Fitzgerald Blvd. 702-652-9177

Rickenbacker's II
 Building 1300,
 4700 Las Vegas Blvd. N

Touch N' Go Flight Kitchen
 Building 294, 4447 Tyndall Ave. ..702-652-5410

For hours of operation, menus and special event information, visit <https://nellislife.com> and

click on selections under the "Food" tab. Crosswinds Inn closed and renovations in October 2020; check the website for up-to-date info.

EDUCATION

Education Office

Building 20, Suite 330,
 4475 England Ave. 702-652-5280/5282
<https://nellislife.com/education-center-training>

The Education Office provides educational opportunities and counseling services to active-duty Air Force members assigned to Nellis and Creech Air Force bases, DOD civilian employees, adult family members and military retirees. The office also provides a wide variety of testing programs. There are four test centers that offer military testing. For a current list of college-level exams offered on base and scheduling instructions, visit the education office.

Five schools are represented on base: the College of Southern Nevada; the University of Oklahoma; Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and National University.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Airman & Family Readiness Center

Building 312, 4311 Washington Blvd.
 702-652-3327
<https://nellislife.com/afrc>

The Airman & Family Readiness Center, a one-stop information and referral center, is the cornerstone of the Nellis family support system,



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helping airmen and their families enhance their readiness and quality of life.

Programs include relocation services, personal and family readiness, personal financial readiness, personal and work life education, volunteerism, employment assistance, transition assistance and more.

The center serves active-duty military members from all services, Guard and reserve members, retired military members, and DOD civilians and their families. All services are free.

Child Development Centers

Building 600, 4207 Duffer Drive...702-652-5885
 Building 2966, 5085 John Chapman Parkway
 702-652-4241
 Building 2967, 5089 John Chapman Parkway
 702-652-1114
<https://nellislife.com/child-development-center>

The Child Development Centers offer full-day and hourly care for children 6 weeks to 5 years old. The facilities also offer before- and after-school care, kindergarten care and a part-day preschool enrichment program. The centers provide a safe, nurturing environment that promotes the social, cognitive, language and physical development of youngsters.

Updated registration paperwork (policy letters, referral letter, AF Form 1811, immunizations records and a medical evaluation for special-needs children) will need to be completed, signed and turned into the center your child will be attending. For more information on fees and registration, contact the centers.

Exceptional Family Member Program

Building 312,
 4311 Washington Blvd. 702-652-3327
<https://nellislife.com/afrc>

This program provides special-needs families with information and referral services.

Family Child Care

Building 602, 4211 Duffer Drive...702-652-4400
<https://nellislife.com/family-childcare-care>

Family Child Care provides an alternative to Child Development Center care for families that need evening care, weekend care and care for children with special needs, infants and school-age children as well as care during swing and midnight shifts.

The program also offers an opportunity for spouses to contribute to the family income while caring for their own children.

FCC providers are well-trained, certified through the mission support group commander and inspected by Family Child Care professionals.

School Liaison

Building 602,
 4211 Duffer Drive 702-679-0439
www.nellis.af.mil/Home/School-Liaison-Officer

The school liaison office is the connection between Nellis Air Force Base families and private and public schools. The office provides support to service members during all stages of transition and deployment to ensure children receive every opportunity for quality education.

Youth Programs

Building 2999,
 110 Stafford Drive..... 702-652-9307
<https://nellislife.com/youth-programs>

Nellis youth programs offer a spectrum of services and activities for youths 5 to 18 years of age. The youth and teen centers provide space for a variety of classes, social activities, child care and sporting events. Programs include before- and after-school care, summer camps, the Torch Club, Keystone, Triple Play, photography and much more. Visit the website for up-to-date information on programs and events.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Armed Forces Bank

4325 N. Washington Blvd. 702-651-8228
www.afbank.com

One Nevada Credit Union

4251 Griffiss Ave. 702-457-1000
www.onenevada.org

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Office

Building 18,
 4428 England Ave. 702-652-5407
www.nellis.af.mil/Home/Nellis-Legal

The Nellis Air Force Base Office of the Staff Judge Advocate provides legal advice and expertise in the areas of civil law, contract law, labor law, environmental law, claims and military justice for courts-martial and nonjudicial punishment actions. The office also provides legal assistance to individual military members, retirees and family members on personal and civil legal matters, including wills, powers of attorney, notary services, immigration, domestic relations and Servicemembers Civil Relief Act matters.

If you wish to have an attorney prepare a will for you, go to the Air Force Legal Assistance website, <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil>, complete the online worksheet, record the ticket number and call the legal office to schedule an appointment.

For more information on available legal services and pamphlets on common legal issues, visit the legal office's website.

RECREATION

For information about the recreational programs at Nellis Air Force Base, visit the 99th Force Support Squadron online at <https://nellislife.com>.

Arts and Crafts Center

Building 610,
 5850 Devlin Center 702-652-7267/2849
<https://nellislife.com/arts-crafts>

The Arts and Crafts Center combines instructional and self-paced craft making with resale



products. Professionals are ready to provide color transfers to T-shirts, mugs and metal. Custom laser engraving on wood, glass, metal and other items, along with custom framing and special plaques, are available in one of the best-equipped facilities in the command. Silk screening and custom embroidery are available as well. Classes are offered for activities such as custom framing and scrapbooking.

Auto Skills Center

Building 840,
5982 Depot Road 702-652-0284
<https://nellislife.com/arts-crafts>

Use the center's tools and equipment for DIY auto repairs.

Community Commons

Building 312,
4311 Washington Blvd. 702-679-0967
<https://nellislife.com/community-commons>

The new Community Commons features a computer lab, a video gaming area for ages 18 and older, a kid's reading area, a multipurpose room for hosting events, and music and dance classrooms.

Fitness Center

Building 1705,
3705 Freedom Circle..... 702-652-4891
<https://nellislife.com/warrior-fitness-center>

The Warrior Fitness Center has more than 110,000 square feet and almost \$1 million in new equipment. The center features three basketball courts, an indoor running track, weightlifting and cardio equipment and an indoor swimming pool. The center is Wounded Warrior-friendly and is able to aid disabled veterans to recovery. The center also offers entry during unmanned hours with the Fitness Access Program. For more information on the program, visit <https://nellislife.com/fitness-access-program>.

Golf Course

Building 1619, 2841 Kinley Drive
..... 702-652-2602
<https://nellislife.com/sunrise-vista-golf-course>

Sunrise Vista Golf Course offers 18 holes of championship golf; a 104-foot driving range canopy, which provides golfers cooler temperatures during summer months; a pro shop; and a snack bar.

Information, Tickets & Travel

Building 374,
4325 Washington Blvd. 702-652-2193/8670
<https://nellislife.com/itt>

Find information and get military discount tickets for area attractions, including most of Las Vegas' showrooms and nightclubs. Information, Tickets & Travel also offers tickets and



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information for California attractions such as Disneyland, Six Flags, Knott's Berry Farm, the San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld and Universal Studios. Whatever travel destinations you seek, the ITT staff can help you plan your vacation.

Movie Theater

Building 362,
4330 Stealth Ave. 702-679-0967
<https://nellislife.com/movie-theater>

Catch a free movie on the weekends at the base theater. Concessions are available for purchase. Visit the website for current showtimes.

Outdoor Recreation

Building 439,
4024 Griffiss Ave. 702-652-2514
<https://nellislife.com/outdoor-recreation>

Outdoor Recreation provides an equipment rental area, an equestrian boarding facility, an RV park, RV storage and outdoor adventure programs.

Rod and Gun Club

Building 10095,
8062 Minot Ave. 702-652-1937
<https://nellislife.com/gun-club>

The Rod and Gun Club is in Area 2 amidst a beautiful desert landscape overlooking the entire Las Vegas valley. The club boasts 10 full skeet ranges, five trap ranges, a five-stand, a beginners' trap range and a patterning board for shotgun shooters. The club also has three separate pistol ranges, including an interactive steel pit, and a covered rifle range with targets set out to 1,500 yards. At the clubhouse, there's indoor and outdoor seating and a covered patio with a cookhouse and barbecue.

For information on current hours and fees, visit the club's website.

SHOPPING

Commissary

4200 Mountain Home St. 702-632-5500
www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/nellis-afb

Save your hard-earned dollars when shopping for groceries at the commissary.

Exchange

Main Exchange

Building 431,
5691 Rickenbacker Road 702-643-3526
www.shopmyexchange.com

The Nellis Air Force Base exchange wants to be your first choice for shopping. It offers a price-match program that guarantees the lowest prices in town. Hours for services outside the main exchange vary, so call or visit the website for detailed information.



Welcome

to Clark County

YOU'LL NEVER BE BORED in Nevada! Clark County, which covers an area about the size of New Jersey, is in southern Nevada. Within the state, the county borders Nye County to the west and Lincoln County to the north. The southern and eastern borders of the county are on the California and Arizona state lines.

Clark County has a population of more than 2 million and is home to Las Vegas, the county seat, and Nellis Air Force Base.

The county offers many historical and cultural attractions and modern amenities. In addition to the world-famous Las Vegas Strip and some of the world's largest resorts, there are beautiful natural recreational areas, scenery, museums and parks. Outdoor activities abound, including fishing, hiking, swimming and camping.

There are also shopping, dining and nightlife opportunities for residents to explore. Annual events and festivals celebrate the area's heritage, music and food and showcase the alluring vibrancy of Nevada.

HISTORY

Petroglyphs and archaeological sites mark the presence of Nevada's earliest inhabitants, beginning about 12,400 years ago. Baskets, decoys and ingenious traps serve as evidence of the early people's resourcefulness in the harsh and arid environment.

European explorers traveled through Nevada in the early 19th century, but it was not until 1851 that the first settlements were established. On March 2, 1861, an act of Congress created the Territory of Nevada. President Lincoln appointed Nevada's first territorial governor, James W. Nye of New York, later that year. On Oct. 31, 1864, Lincoln proclaimed Nevada's admission to the Union as the 36th state. The state's first elected governor, Henry Blasdel, took office Dec. 5, 1864.

Clark County was formed in 1909. It is named for Sen. William Andrews Clark (1839-1925), who established the railroad that linked Los Angeles with Salt Lake City. Las Vegas was founded in 1905 after Clark's railroad, which made stops here, purchased land for a town site

and sold lots by auction, creating downtown Las Vegas.

In 1911, the city of Las Vegas was incorporated. North Las Vegas incorporated in 1946, while the city of Henderson incorporated in 1953. The county, which had a population of 3,321 in 1910, experienced rapid growth. By 1950, the population was nearly 50,000; by 1960, it had soared to more than 125,000. It continued to expand throughout the second half of the 20th century, thanks to the development and popularity of the Strip and the surrounding suburbs. Today, over 2 million people call the county home.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Clark County enjoys about 360 days of clear weather each year. The average temperature in January is 49 degrees, and the average temperature in August is about 94 degrees. Southern Nevada has one of the hottest, driest climates in the United States, so precipitation is low: Yearly precipitation for Las Vegas measures about 4 inches.

Local Hazards

Every second counts in a disaster so planning and preparation can be lifesavers.

Nevada's Division of Emergency Management gives residents, communities, public safety professionals, businesses and schools valuable information and resources regarding different emergency scenarios. The website provides information on creating a disaster plan and a disaster supplies kit, pet preparedness and disaster preparedness for seniors and other vulnerable populations.

For more information about disaster preparedness, visit <http://dem.nv.gov/preparedness>.



LAS VEGAS NEWS BUREAU

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Chamber of Commerce

Use the chambers' online membership directories to connect with local businesses as you settle into your new community.

Henderson Chamber of Commerce

400 N. Green Valley Parkway, Second Floor
Henderson, NV 89074 702-565-8951
www.hendersonchamber.com

Las Vegas Chamber 575

575 Symphony Park Ave., Suite 100
Las Vegas, NV 89106 702-641-5822
www.lvchamber.com



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Getting To & Around

in Clark County

SEVERAL EXCELLENT HIGHWAYS MAKE traveling in southern Nevada and Clark County easy. Most people traveling in the area choose to drive, enjoying the convenience of major interstates and roadways. For those flying, McCarran International Airport serves the county with numerous air carriers. The county also benefits from public transportation.

AIRPORTS

McCarran International Airport

5757 Wayne Newton Blvd.

Las Vegas, NV 89119..... 702-261-5211
www.mccarran.com

McCarran International Airport is about 15 miles from Nellis Air Force Base and is Las Vegas' main commercial airport, serving more than 40 million travelers each year. Of the 28 airlines serving the airport, major carriers include Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines, United Airlines and US Airways.

Ground transportation includes bus, taxi, shuttle and rental car service. A shuttle bus

provides transportation to the rental car center, at 7135 Giles St., where there are several rental car companies to choose from.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Regional Transportation

Commission of Southern Nevada

600 S. Grand Central Parkway, Suite 350
 Las Vegas, NV 89106..... 702-228-7433
www.rtcsnv.com

The Regional Transportation Commission provides mass transit for southern Nevada with dozens of routes in downtown Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City and other areas in the region. The transit fleet provides service for millions of passengers in the greater Las Vegas Valley.

For more information on fares, routes and commuter programs, visit the RTC website.

DRIVING AND COMMUTING

Clark County is traversed by two U.S. Highways, various state routes and Interstate 15, with a spur, I-515, crossing downtown Las Vegas.

Within Clark County, I-15, U.S. Highway 93 and U.S. Highway 95 intersect in Las Vegas. U.S. Highway 95 runs primarily north to south throughout the state. Henderson lies just west of U.S. Highway 95. Interstate 15 connects southern Clark County's Primm to Las Vegas and continues northeast until it exits the state at Mesquite.

Other notable highways include Interstate 215, also known as the Bruce Woodbury Beltway, which circles three-quarters of the Las Vegas Valley.

The Nevada Department of Transportation offers commuter information and tools at www.nevadadot.com. The department provides free real-time traffic information.

Nevada prohibits drivers from making calls or texting on hand-held wireless telephones while operating a motor vehicle. Hands-free devices are required for making voice calls.

Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles

555 Wright Way
 Carson City, NV 89711..... 702-486-4368
www.dmvnv.com



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The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles issues driver's licenses, identification cards and vehicle registration and provides other driving-related services. Find many of the required forms and general information, as well as office locations, on the department's website.

Driver's License

Military personnel and their spouses who are stationed in Nevada from elsewhere may continue to drive with a valid driver's license from their home state, but in general, all new Nevada residents who want to drive must apply for a driver's license within 30 days.

The state spells out what is required for licensing and insurance under various scenarios in its Nevada Driver's Handbook, which can be downloaded at www.dmvnv.com/dmvforms.htm.

Vehicle Registration

Applications associated with driving and vehicle registration are available online at www.dmvnv.com/dmvforms.htm, including DMV forms and affidavits for military tax exemptions.

Nevada Department of Transportation

www.nevadadot.com

Visit the Nevada Department of Transportation website for interactive maps, information about road closures and travel advisories, and to view live traffic cameras.

10 STEPS TO RESPONSIBLE DRIVING

Since you can't control the actions of other drivers, you must rely on your own skills and experience. Following these 10 rules will ensure a safe and courteous journey.

- 1. Be prepared:** Know where you are going before you start. Be well-informed about weather and road conditions or traffic activity on your route. For longer trips, include a rest stop every two hours, sooner if you are tired. Pack an emergency rations kit of water and nonperishable food items such as energy bars.
- 2. Always wear your seat belt:** Seat belts keep you in control and ready to react to a hazardous situation. Everyone should wear a seatbelt while in the vehicle.
- 3. Put the phone down:** A mobile phone is great for roadside emergencies, but using a phone while you drive drastically reduces your reaction time to all situations. Minimize distractions by concentrating on the road, not objects, people or events inside your vehicle.
- 4. Know your surroundings:** Scan the roadway continually for hazards. Keep your eyes moving, looking from one side to the other. Know what is happening well in front of you; watch for brake lights. Use the mirrors to keep an eye on traffic beside and behind you.
- 5. Share the road:** Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, vehicles of varying sizes, as well as drivers of various ages and skill levels, all have a right to use the road. Slow down and give others time and space to proceed safely. Treat them like dear friends — they are to someone.
- 6. Signal your intentions:** Be predictable and courteous and signal your intentions so other road users know what you plan to do next. Use your horn or headlights, if necessary.
- 7. Watch your speed:** Posted maximum speeds are for ideal driving conditions. Adjust your speed for traffic, road and visibility conditions or when not operating at your best. Higher speeds magnify errors and decrease response times. It helps to maintain a large "safety cushion" around your vehicle to change lanes safely and to take evasive action in emergencies.
- 8. Maintain your vehicle:** Read your owner's manual and follow the recommended schedule for maintenance service. Routinely check tires, brakes, lights, wipers and fluid levels. Pack a flashlight, blanket and first-aid kit. In cold climates, pack extra warm clothing. Carry a mobile phone for emergencies.
- 9. Move your disabled vehicle:** If your car breaks down, move it off the road away from traffic, if possible. Warn other drivers by raising the vehicle's hood or using your hazard lights, then stay inside and ask passersby to call the police. If you are unable to move the car out of traffic, get all passengers to exit the vehicle and move to the side of the road when safe. If you must walk to a phone, keep your group together.
- 10. Don't drive while impaired:** Never drive while under the influence of alcohol, prescription or street drugs, or over-the-counter medications that make you drowsy. Not only will you put yourself and your passengers in danger, but a traffic violation of this nature can seriously derail a military career. Don't be a driver if you think you are going to drink. Road rage and normal fatigue can also impair your response time. Be calm, well-rested, alert and attentive any time you get behind the wheel.



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Housing & Real Estate

in Clark County

EXCITING ATTRACTIONS, BEAUTIFUL SCENERY and top-notch municipal services in Clark County contribute to its high quality of life. In 2017, more than 2.2 million people called the county home, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates, and the population density was 279 people per square mile.

There are approximately 13,300 military members and nearly 3,000 civilians who work at Clark County's Nellis Air Force Base and nearby Creech Air Force Base and the Nevada Test and Training Range, the base's 2019 Economic Impact Analysis calculated. In addition, more than 20,000 family members are stationed there. Additionally, more than 151,000 veterans live in the area, and nearly 27,000 retirees.

The county's communities give newcomers plenty of choices when selecting a home. Enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help you sort through the area's home options. The Nevada Association of Realtors is a central source of local real estate information and services. Visit www.nvar.org to find expertise and

professional services for those interested in purchasing a new home.

CLARK COUNTY

Clark County, home of Las Vegas, covers close to 7,900 square miles (an area about the size of New Jersey) in southern Nevada. It is the 14th-largest county in the United States, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

The county is approximately 2,030 feet above sea level. It shares borders with Nye County, to the west; Lincoln County, to the north; and the states of California, to the southwest, and Arizona, to the east. The county boasts the famous Las Vegas Strip as well as natural highlights like a regional trail system and recreation areas. The county's Parks & Recreation department maintains 1,800 acres of parks and open play spaces, pools, water parks, and recreation and senior centers, and organizes special events, sports and fitness, and fine arts programming. For more information, check out the Clark County website at www.clarkcountynv.gov.

Communities in Clark County near Nellis Air Force Base include Henderson, Las Vegas and North Las Vegas.

Henderson

240 S. Water St.
Henderson, NV 89015 702-267-2323
www.cityofhenderson.com

Henderson, often referred to as the "other side of southern Nevada," is just minutes from the Strip, about 15 miles south of Nellis Air Force Base. The city's 107.73 square miles are home to more than 300,000 residents, making it the second-largest city, population-wise, in Nevada.

Henderson was officially incorporated April 16, 1953. Prior to its incorporation, during World War II, the city was "born into America's defense" with the building of the Basic Magnesium Plant. This plant supplied the U.S. War Department with magnesium, which was used in munitions and airplane parts. When magnesium production was no longer necessary for defense, many of the plant's employees moved away. In 1947, the U.S. War Asset Administration offered



Henderson for sale as war surplus property. The city was saved from this fate when Nevada legislators approved a bill that gave the Colorado River Commission of Nevada the authority to purchase the industrial plants.

Today, the city that was originally only about 13 square miles in size has grown and flourished. It is home to one of the state's largest recreation facilities (the Henderson Multigenerational Center), the state's only scenic bird preserve and the Henderson Pavilion, which is the largest outdoor amphitheater of its kind in the state.

Henderson also boasts one of the most extensive trail systems in Nevada, with more than 180 miles of bicycle-friendly routes. The city has dozens of parks, which include walking courses, skate parks, dog parks, splash pads and playgrounds.

Homes in the area include award-winning, master-planned communities along with numerous other housing choices. Mean travel time to work for those living in Henderson is 23.2 minutes.

Las Vegas

495 S. Main St.

Las Vegas, NV 89101 702-229-6011
www.lasvegasnevada.gov

Las Vegas lies northwest of Henderson, about 10 miles from Nellis Air Force Base.

The city was founded May 15, 1905, when a railroad company auctioned off 110 acres of land in what is now downtown Las Vegas. When the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad was completed, Las Vegas was established as a railroad town. It was an ideal refueling point and rest stop due to its availability of water. In 1909, Clark County was created, and Las Vegas became the county seat.

Today, the city is a tourist's paradise, known for its luxurious resorts, casinos and dazzling

nightlife. The city is also home to parks, senior centers, community and recreation centers, golf courses, municipal swimming pools, sports complexes and miles of trails.

The city of Las Vegas is 135.82 square miles with a population of almost 645,000 in 2019. Mean travel time to work for those who reside in Las Vegas is a little over 25 minutes.

North Las Vegas

2250 Las Vegas Blvd. N

North Las Vegas, NV 89030 702-633-1000
www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com

North Las Vegas is at the northern tip of the Las Vegas Valley, adjacent to Nellis Air Force Base. One of Nevada's fastest-growing cities, North Las Vegas has a population of almost 246,000.

Surrounded by mountains and desert valleys, North Las Vegas offers recreational, cultural and historical attractions. There are more than 30 parks and recreation sites, including a municipal golf course, pools, recreation centers and walking paths. City parks offer everything from the usual sports fields, picnic sites and playgrounds to more unusual features like a man-made lake and waterfall, a dinosaur-themed nature discovery park and a miniature aircraft flying field.

North Las Vegas is 101.35 square miles. Mean travel time to work for residents is 26.3 minutes.

PLANNING YOUR MOVE

Relocating to a new home can be one of the most stressful situations in life. Whether moving across town or the nation, preparation and organization make all the difference.

For military moves, visit www.move.mil for information about moving resources and to learn about the allowances and responsibilities of a military-sponsored move.

Decide whether or not to make your move a do-it-yourself operation.

For a DIY move, consider distance, labor help and the costs to rent the moving van, gas, lodging during the move and insurance. A transportable storage unit can bridge a professional and DIY move. When the unit is delivered to your residence, you load and secure it for transport and then unload it at your new residence.

Whatever the method, be sure to obtain as many quotes as possible from professional movers, as well as cost estimates for a DIY move. Next, compare the costs for each type of move, factoring in the stress and physical exertion involved. Ask any company you are interested in for references and use them to inquire about reliability and customer service.

Regardless of which method you choose, the first step should be to inventory your personal

belongings. The list, with photographs of any valuables, will be important for both insurance purposes and to help keep you organized during transit.

Plan for one full day to pack each room — though the kitchen and garage may take longer. Make a rough estimate of your packing schedule and then add 50 percent more time. It always takes longer than predicted to pack. Toss or donate unused items to lighten your load. Visit www.goodwill.org, www.salvationarmyusa.org or www.clothingdonations.org for locations near you or to arrange a pickup.

Pack for success:

- Consider what you're packing and control box weight. Books should go in small boxes while bedding can easily fill a larger box.
- Wrap fragile items with cardboard dividers, tissue paper or air bubble wrapping.
- Use bright colors when wrapping small items so they don't get thrown out accidentally.
- Use crumpled paper to line the top and bottom of boxes.
- Tape a copy of your inventory list to boxes to identify what's inside and where it should go.

BUYING VERSUS RENTING

The decision to buy or rent is the most important step in your relocation process. Purchasing a home entails a long-term financial and emotional commitment with various pluses and minuses. Advantages include the possibility of building equity and the freedom to design and decorate your property or landscape. And don't forget the tax benefits. Disadvantages include upkeep, property taxes and fluctuating property values.

Renting, on the other hand, makes moving easier and someone else maintains the property. Amenities such as laundry rooms, exercise rooms, swimming pools and tennis courts vary from one rental complex to another. The main disadvantage is a loss of control over the residence. Some complexes, for example, restrict or prohibit pets and personal touches such as painting. And the landlord or property managers can also raise the rent with proper notice.

To determine your best choice, account for all of your needs, review your financial situation and research your options thoroughly.

FINDING AN APARTMENT

Be prepared when you meet with the leasing agent, property manager or owner. Bring a list of what you are looking for in a rental; it is important to be clear about your needs and to get all of your questions answered. You will also need to provide information and verification about your job, your income and your past rental history.



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Dress to make a good impression and treat the meeting like a job interview — be polite and arrive on time.

Before you decide to rent, inspect the apartment with the landlord. Look for the following problems:

- Cracks, holes or damage in the floor, walls or ceiling.
- Signs of leaking water, leaky fixtures or water damage.
- Any signs of mold or pests.
- Lack of hot water.
- Inadequate heating or air conditioning.

Use a written checklist with the landlord to document the condition of the rental before you move in and keep a copy of the completed checklist to use when you move out.

Find local apartments listed in chamber of commerce membership directories, local newspaper classifieds, online or through referrals from family or friends. The Nevada State Apartment Association's website has a number of resources for renters at www.nvsaa.org.

BUYING A HOME

Buying a home is a complex process and, as the recent housing crisis demonstrated, requires a thorough education on the part of the buyer. First, fully understand your financial position — credit score, available savings, monthly income and expenditures. Subtracting your expenditures from your income, for instance, will yield the amount you can afford for housing.

Cost Analysis

Be sure to account for all insurance costs associated with owning a home, possible homeowner association fees and property taxes in your monthly expenditures.

Next, research the different types of home loans to determine the right fit for your financial situation and discuss your options with a lending professional. Lenders are diverse today, and not all homebuyers obtain their mortgage loans through their banks and credit unions. For example, you may choose to work with an internet lender, a mortgage broker, a homebuilder or a real estate agency lender. To determine which lender is best for you, get recommendations from friends and family members and check credentials as well as Better Business Bureau ratings.

Credit Report

A preapproved loan before starting your search for a home can determine your spending limits and signal any potential issues in the way of receiving a loan. For any home loan application, the mortgage company will order a credit report, so it would be good to get a free report in advance



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to determine your credit status and make sure the report contains no erroneous information.

To order your free annual report from one or all of the national consumer reporting companies: Visit www.annualcreditreport.com and submit the request form.

Home Loan Application

To complete a home loan application you'll need: photo IDs (such as a driver's license); Social Security numbers; residence addresses for the past two years with landlord contact information if you rented; names and addresses of your employers for the past two years; your current gross monthly income; recent financial institution statements with names, addresses, account numbers and balances on all checking, savings, CDs, money market, bonds and mutual funds accounts; recent financial institution statements with names, addresses, account numbers, balances and monthly payments on all open loans (including student loans) and credit cards; addresses and loan information of all other real estate owned; estimated value of furniture and personal property; W2s for the past two years and current paycheck stubs; copies of all divorce decrees, child support documents or any other court proceedings that affect your financial status; verification of any child support payments; and evidence of any retirement or pension benefits. VA or military forms include: DD 214

(veteran), Form 22 (National Guard), DD 1747, Off-base Housing Authority (active duty) and Certificate of Eligibility (active duty).

For more information, visit www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/credit-and-loans.

Knowing your monthly budget and the amount of your loan is invaluable during the next phase, especially finding the answers to questions before the hunt for a home begins.

Housing Hunting

First, determine your home preferences. Does a single-family house, condo, town house or duplex best fit your needs and budget? Do you prefer a new home, an existing home or to build one? Though new homes generally cost more, existing homes may come with maintenance issues and renovation costs. How many bedrooms and bathrooms would you like? Do you want an attached garage? Will you live in the city, a suburb or the country? How close to work, school, shopping or public transportation do you want to be? Answers to these questions will greatly assist your search and the next stage — hiring a real estate agent.

The ideal agent will help find your ideal home and guide you through the purchase process. First, interview potential candidates to ensure they understand your needs, know your home-buying and neighborhood preferences, and are readily accessible.

Good luck and happy hunting!



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Employment & Economy

in Clark County

CONSIDERED THE HEARTBEAT OF southern Nevada, Clark County's robust economy benefits from Nevada's tax-friendly climate.

In fact, Nevada has no corporate or personal income tax.

Quality education from local school districts and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, contributes to a valuable workforce that supports the area's growing industries. The median household income in Clark County is \$74,747, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Major industries in the area include tourism and gaming; aircraft, aerospace and defense; clean energy technology; information technology and communications; logistics and distribution; and medical services.

The aircraft, aerospace and defense industry has a notable history in Clark County. Nellis Air Force Base, Creech Air Force Base, the Nevada Test and Training Range, Bigelow Aerospace and the U.S. Department of Energy have all developed advanced technologies. The county is also a leader in clean energy projects such

as solar power, capitalizing on the area's sunny climate. The county is home to many innovative companies in the information technology and communications industry as well such as SUPERNAP, NetEffect and RTC Technology.

Clark County attracts logistics and distribution companies for several reasons. Many warehouse facilities are close to McCarran International Airport. Low taxes are also an attraction, and the county offers Foreign Trade Zone designation, allowing businesses to defer customs and tariff fees until goods leave the building and are on their way to an address elsewhere within the country.

Medical services, health care and research business are gaining momentum in southern Nevada as well. Clark County owns University Medical Center of Southern Nevada, a nonprofit teaching hospital. The county is also home to a premier bio-skills lab, the Oquendo Center; the Cleveland Clinic's Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health; and the University of Nevada's School of Medicine.

Of course, Clark County is known for its tourism industry. Las Vegas is considered one of the most identifiable cities in the world, with entertainment, gaming and other attractions luring millions of visitors.

Rail and Transit Access

Strong transit and transportation resources boost the local and regional economies while providing easy access to the 11 Western states and nearly 53 million people, according to the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development. Clark County's major interstates and highways, Interstate 15 and U.S. Highways 93 and 95, provide access to Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Phoenix, Reno, Sacramento and San Francisco. The area's economy also benefits from the McCarran International Airport, which serves more than 40 million travelers each year.

Rail transportation is another advantage in Clark County. The railroad built Las Vegas, and now it serves businesses with transportation to the Southwest, other parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Natural Resources

Beyond the glitz and glamour of the Las Vegas Strip, Clark County is home to stunning natural locales. Red Rock Canyon, Lake Mead and Bootleg Canyon offer a variety of recreational opportunities, including hiking, swimming, boating, kayaking, horseback riding, fishing and zip lining.

Famed Hoover Dam can also be found in Clark County. It is considered one of the greatest engineering achievements of the 20th century, and on average generates about 4 billion kilowatt-hours of hydroelectric power each year for use in Nevada, Arizona and California.

The county's trails program provides an extensive system of routes for outdoor enjoyment. Thus far, the county has completed more than 60 miles of multiuse trails, 11 miles of equestrian trails, 10 pedestrian bridges and 12 trailheads, and trails link several of the county's parks.

Nellis Air Force Base

Nellis Air Force Base has a significant economic impact on the region. In fiscal year 2019, the total economic impact of Nellis Air Force Base, nearby Creech Air Force Base and the Nevada Test and Training Range was approximately \$3.4 million. About 13,000 military personnel and approximately 3,000 civilians were employed by the two bases and the training range with a combined payroll of about \$1.5 million.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

National Resources

At the national level, websites such as www.linkedin.com, www.monster.com, www.careerbuilder.com and www.indeed.com have extensive search capabilities as well as resume tips, forum support and professional networking options.

The National Military Spouse Network, a networking, mentoring and professional development organization, has a wealth of career information at its website, www.nationalmilitaryspousenetwork.org. The group aims to help military spouses build a meaningful, sustained career path and offers a library of articles that touch on topics like entrepreneurship, resume tips, self-promotion and more as well as a membership-only discussion forum. The organization also features companies that are military spouse-owned or military spouse-friendly on its Homefront Business Listings page.

Local Resources

State of Nevada

<https://nv.gov/jobs>

Employment opportunities with the state of Nevada are posted online. Search by category or location, then apply online.

Clark County

500 S. Grand Central Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89155 702-455-0000
www.clarkcountymv.gov

Clark County jobs are posted online along with job interest cards and information on the recruitment process and employment benefits. Check out the county's employment website at www.governmentjobs.com/careers/clarkcounty.

City of Henderson

240 S. Water St.
Henderson, NV 89015 702-267-2323
www.cityofhenderson.com/human-resources

Browse career opportunities for current openings at Henderson's human resources website.

City of Las Vegas

495 S. Main St.
Las Vegas, NV 89101 702-229-6315
www.governmentjobs.com/careers/lasvegas

View available positions on the city's employment opportunities website.

City of North Las Vegas

2250 Las Vegas Blvd. N
North Las Vegas, NV 89030 702-633-1501
www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com

Select "Departments" from the city's home page, then "Human Resources" from the pull-down menu to view openings and employee benefits.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

An employment agency can offer posts ranging from high-level administration to warehouse work. Many employers use agencies as their human resources department. Agencies advertise, interview, test and manage payroll. A temp-to-perm arrangement allows the employer and prospective employee to evaluate each other before committing to permanent employment.

Municipal and regional chambers of commerce include local employment agencies in their member lists, along with contact information. See Page 16 for a list of chambers of commerce in Clark County.

JOB-SEEKER TIPS

Always keep your resume up-to-date and have several versions that target specific industries and highlight your skills that fit their job descriptions.

Compile several reference lists with a good variety of people and former business associates. Be sure to first ask each if you can use them as references.

Compose a comprehensive, catchy and succinct cover letter of no more than a page (this is no place to ramble). It will introduce you and

your desire to work for the company. Have a knowledgeable friend check it for errors; misspelled words and bad grammar hint at carelessness and indifference. Know what the company does, and highlight skills, work experience and education that apply to the position.

Maintain a positive, professional and broad-based presence on social media such as Facebook and LinkedIn; almost all employers search social media sites to vet job candidates, and your absence there will raise red flags. Also be aware that images and comments posted spur-of-the-moment can be searched out forever and come back to haunt you.

Be prepared for an interview at any time. When you submit your application, a supervisor may want to talk immediately, or the phone may ring with a call from a hiring director. Compose — and rehearse — your one-minute self-promotional speech on who you are, an achievement or two and your strengths. It's not vanity to make a good first impression. If a supervisor wants to know why she should hire you, be ready.

CIVILIAN OPPORTUNITIES

Federal jobs

Visit www.usajobs.gov to search for various Department of Defense jobs at Nellis.

NAF jobs

For information about nonappropriated fund position jobs at Nellis, including openings in lodging, dining and recreation areas, visit www.nafjobs.org.

Exchange jobs

For Base Exchange jobs, visit the AAFES career page at <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/applymyexchange> and search for Nellis.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT

Small Business Resources

www.usa.gov/business

Learn the steps to start and grow a small business at USA.gov's Small Business website. The platform features hand-picked government websites helpful to small business owners. Learn about business taxes and incentives, financing a business, importing and exporting, federal government contracting, state business resources and more. The website also provides information on a wide range of programs and services to help veterans, women, minorities and the economically disadvantaged start or grow a business.

Nevada Small Business Development Center

The Nevada Small Business Development Center offers small-business resources and workshops for those looking to start a business. For more information, go to www.nsbdc.org.



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Health Care

in Clark County

THERE ARE MANY HEALTH care services in Clark County for military, civilians and veterans, though implementation of the Affordable Care Act has changed established insurance options. Visit www.healthcare.gov for information on open enrollment for health care coverage under the national Affordable Care Act. Nevada offers state-certified health insurance plans that are based on income through Nevada Health Link at www.nevadahealthlink.com.

See the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local hospitals and medical centers, health care centers and health care providers.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CLINICS AND RESOURCES

A community health center or clinic is customarily the place to go for those who have no health insurance or have limited income or ability to pay medical fees. Such clinics accept most insurance and provide affordable, comprehensive health care by well-trained, professional staff. They also serve those who are uninsured

and underinsured, and most are open to making sliding scale payment arrangements based on income and family size.

For a full list of community health centers in Nevada, visit the Nevada Health Centers website at www.nevadahealthcenters.org.

DENTAL CARE

The Nevada Dental Association website, www.nvda.org, can help you find a dentist with its roster lists. Select "Patient Resources" from the home page and click on "Find a Dentist" to locate or verify a dentist. You can also seek referrals from people you know who've had dental care in the area.

Consider the following to find the best dentist for your needs.

- Are the dentist's office hours convenient for your schedule?
- Is the dental office close to your home or office?
- How are dental emergencies handled?
- Does the office appear to be clean and well organized?

- Is the staff helpful and friendly?
- What are the dental office's financial policies and how is insurance handled?

FINDING A LOCAL DOCTOR

Before you arrive at your new assignment, you can check Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners' online directory at www.medboard.nv.gov. Select "Patients & Consumers" and then click on "Licensee Lookup" to browse for a provider by type or location. This should give you a preview of the local medical practitioners as well as where you might need to go for specialized care.

Personal referrals from friends or other medical personnel can add to your options.

You can check a doctor's certification at the American Board of Medical Specialties at www.abms.org. To see if anyone has registered a complaint or taken disciplinary action against the doctor, visit the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners at www.medboard.nv.gov or call 775-688-2559. When you have selected a health care provider, consider the following.

- When you scheduled your appointment, was the receptionist friendly, prompt and professional? Did he or she take time to answer your questions? Were you left on hold too long?
- When you arrived for your appointment, were you greeted promptly? Was the reception area clean and comfortable? Was the staff friendly and willing to answer your questions?
- Did you have to wait long in the exam room before the doctor arrived? Was the exam room orderly and clean, with a chair for a family member?
- When the doctor arrived and introduced himself or herself, did he or she seem rushed or tired? Did you get a good first impression?
- During the consultation, did nurses or assistants pop in and out? Did the doctor seem caring, compassionate and sympathetic to your concerns? Did you feel comfortable revealing personal information? Did the doctor rush through the meeting?

Treat finding a doctor as seriously as looking for a new job or a new home. You want to be comfortable with the person who will see you while you are most vulnerable.

FOR VETERANS

Veterans in Clark County are served within Veterans Integrated Service Network 21 — the Sierra Pacific Network, with the nearest major medical center in North Las Vegas. VISN 21 serves veterans with seven major health care systems, which include 67 sites of care, in California, Nevada, Hawaii, the Philippines and U.S. territories in the Pacific Basin. The closest community outpatient clinics are in Henderson and Las Vegas.

VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System

6900 N. Pecos Road
North Las Vegas, NV 89086 702-791-9000
www.lasvegas.va.gov

The VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System provides health care services to more than 240,000 veterans at its main facility in Las Vegas and at community-based outpatient clinics.

The following is a list of community-based outpatient clinics and vet centers that are near Nellis Air Force Base. For a full list of clinics and other facilities, go to www.lasvegas.va.gov.

Henderson Vet Center

400 N. Stephanie St., Suite 180
Henderson, NV 89014 702-791-9100

Las Vegas Vet Center

7455 W. Washington Ave., Suite 240
Las Vegas, NV 89128 702-791-9170

Northeast Primary Care Clinic

4461 E. Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89104 702-791-9050

Northwest Primary Care Clinic

3968 N. Rancho Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89130 702-791-9020

Southeast Primary Care Clinic

1020 S. Boulder Highway
Henderson, NV 89015 702-791-9030

Southwest Primary Care Clinic

7235 S. Buffalo Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89113 702-791-9040

Nevada Department of Veterans Services

6630 S. McCarran Blvd., Building C, Suite 204
Reno, NV 89509 775-688-1653
Veterans Crisis Hotline 800-273-8255
www.veterans.nv.gov

The Department of Veterans Services improves the quality of life for Nevada's veterans, military and their families by increasing awareness and access to appropriate federal, state and local resources.

It operates a Veterans Advocacy and Support Teams in the area:

VAST Las Vegas

6900 N. Pecos Road, Room 1C237
North Las Vegas, NV 89086 702-224-6025

HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS

Because emergencies can happen without warning, it is prudent to know where to go when they happen. Saving minutes in a crisis can mean saving a life. Knowing what services are available, and where, can make all the difference. Visit the following websites for more information on local hospital and medical center services.

Centennial Hills Hospital Medical Center

6900 N. Durango Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89149 702-835-9700
www.centennialhillshospital.com

Desert Springs Hospital Medical Center

2075 E. Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89119 702-733-8800
www.desertspringshospital.com

Henderson Hospital

1050 W. Galleria Drive
Henderson, NV 89011 702-963-7000
www.hendersonhospital.com

MountainView Hospital

3100 N. Tenaya Way
Las Vegas, NV 89128 702-962-5000
www.mountainview-hospital.com

North Vista Hospital

1409 E. Lake Mead Blvd.
North Las Vegas, NV 89030 702-649-7711
www.northvistahospital.com

Southern Hills Hospital & Medical Center

9300 W. Sunset Road
Las Vegas, NV 89148 702-916-5000
www.southernhillshospital.com

Spring Valley Hospital Medical Center

5400 S. Rainbow Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89118 702-853-3000
www.springvalleyhospital.com

St. Rose Dominican, Rose de Lima Campus

102 E. Lake Mead Parkway
Henderson, NV 89015 702-564-2622
www.dignityhealth.org/las-vegas/locations/rose-de-lima

St. Rose Dominican, San Martin Campus

8280 W. Warm Springs Road
Las Vegas, NV 89113 702-492-8000
www.dignityhealth.org/las-vegas/locations/san-martin

St. Rose Dominican, Siena Campus

3001 St. Rose Parkway
Henderson, NV 89052 844-300-9487
www.dignityhealth.org/las-vegas/locations/siena

Summerlin Hospital Medical Center

657 N. Town Center Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89144 702-233-7000
www.summerlinhospital.com

Sunrise Children's Hospital

3186 S. Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89109 702-961-5437
www.sunrisechildrenshospital.com

Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center

3186 S. Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89109 702-961-5000
www.sunrisehospital.com

University Medical Center

1800 W. Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89102 702-383-2000
www.umcsn.com

Valley Hospital Medical Center

620 Shadow Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89106 702-388-4000
www.valleyhospital.net

PUBLIC HEALTH CARE

Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health

4150 Technology Way
Carson City, NV 89706 775-684-4200
www.dpbh.nv.gov

The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health's mission is to protect, promote and improve the physical and behavioral health of the people of Nevada. See the website for more information.



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Family Resources

In Clark County

PICKING UP FROM ONE place and moving to another is always a hassle, especially when kids and pets are involved. Knowing whom to call or where to find information can help make the transition easier.

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

The Red Cross helps members of the military, veterans and their families prepare for, cope with, and respond to, the challenges of military service.

The American Red Cross offers confidential services to all members of the military, veterans, and their families by connecting them with local, state and national resources through the network of chapters in communities across the United States and offices on military installations worldwide.

Local Red Cross offices develop and maintain relationships with key community partners. Military families rely on the Red Cross to help them identify their needs and connect them to the most appropriate Red Cross and community resources. This key Red Cross service includes responding to emergency needs for food,

clothing, and shelter, referrals to counseling services (e.g., financial, legal, mental health), respite care for caregivers, and other resources that meet the unique needs of local military members, veterans and their families.

The American Red Cross Emergency Communications Center is available to help 24/7. Call 877-272-7337 or submit an online request at <https://saf.redcross.org/css>.

Armed Services YMCA

www.asymca.org

The ASYMCA is made up of 13 branches and about 20 affiliate locations at local Y's and on some DOD facilities across the U.S.

It makes military life easier by providing programs and services to the young men and women of all five armed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

ASYMCA programs, services and events are designed to help the family come together, stay together and have the ability to adjust, bounce back and thrive wherever the services send them — with a particular focus on junior-enlisted men

and women, the individuals on the front lines of defending our nation. Programs are offered at low cost and require no dues or membership fees.

Signature programs include: Angels of the Battlefield Awards Gala, Art and Essay Contest, Military Family Month, Operation Hero, Operation Holiday Joy, Operation Kid Comfort, Operation Outdoors, Operation Ride Home, Parent and Me, Teddy's Child Watch and YMCA/DOD Military Outreach Initiative.

Find ASYMCA locations by visiting www.asymca.org/locations.

Military OneSource

www.militaryonesource.mil

Military OneSource is your central hub and go-to-place for the military community. Get to know your benefits and prepare for the big stuff — deployments, reintegration, moves, parenthood, retirement and more. Browse by topic or search for that strangely specific question you want to know the answers to. No matter where military life takes you, with Military OneSource you will always be in the loop.

Operation Homefront

www.operationhomefront.org

Operation Homefront assists military families during difficult financial times by providing food assistance, auto and home repair, vision care, travel and transportation, moving assistance, essential home items, and rent-free transitional housing for wounded veterans and their families.

Helping military families gain long-term stability is a specific concern for Operation Homefront. Homes on the Homefront awards mortgage-free homes, impacting veteran families for generations to come. The caregivers for wounded warriors also need help and that is why Hearts of Valor was formed.

Operation Homefront’s annual gala recognizes extraordinary military kids. The organization also hosts multiple Homefront Celebrations, Star-Spangled Baby Showers, Back-to-School Brigades and Holiday Meals for Military events each year to show appreciation to military spouses.

Visit Operation Homefront online for more information.

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

4126 Technology Way, Suite 100
Carson City, Nevada 89706.....775-684-4000
<http://dhhs.nv.gov>

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services promotes the health and well-being of Nevadans through the delivery or facilitation of essential services to ensure families are strengthened, public health is protected and individuals achieve their highest level of self-sufficiency. The department is comprised of five divisions including: Aging and Disability Services, Child and Family Services, Health Care Financing and Policy (Medicaid), Public and Behavioral Health, and Welfare and Supportive Services.

Programs include food stamps, food banks, financial assistance, senior tax assistance, child support enforcement, child care assistance, energy assistance, mental health assistance and more.

Visit the department’s website for more information on services and programs. For information on Clark County’s social services, visit www.clarkcountynv.gov.

United Service Organization

www.uso.org

Since 1941, the USO has kept our military men and women connected to their families, home and country no matter where they are or under what conditions they serve. Programs for military families include Couples Seminars: Stronger Families, Comfort Crew for Military

Kids, Operation That’s My Dress, United Through Reading, Baby Showers: USO and What to Expect Present Special Delivery and The Sesame Street/USO Experience.

The USO also provides transition services to support Americans’ return to civilian life after completing their military service. For more information, go to www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder.

Visit the USO’s website to find a location near you.

PETS

Moves are stressful for everyone — including the family pet. Pets can sense stress and a change in routine can be difficult for them. If possible, keep your pets in a quiet, secure area while movers pack up or unload your belongings. Movers will have your door open while they move boxes and furniture, and a pet may slip out the door undetected. Make sure you keep a collar with an ID tag on your pet at all times. Ensure the tag has your current phone number on it. It is also a good idea to microchip your pets. Remember to keep the microchip’s contact information up-to-date. If your pet escapes during any part of your move, you want the animal shelter that scans the chip to be able to contact you.

Your pet faces many dangers in Nevada, from dangerous wildlife to hazardous plants and extreme weather. Warmer weather brings out scorpions and snakes, whose venom can cause serious illness and even death. If you or your pet is stung or bitten, seek medical care immediately. Cats and dogs love to dig and root in the dirt, but area gardens may contain hazardous plants, such as cacti, sago palms, azaleas or oleander that can harm our four-legged friends.

Nevada’s hot summer temperatures can burn the footpads of animals and kill them if they’re left in a hot motor vehicle, even with the windows partially down. Always provide plenty of water for pets, don’t let them exert themselves during the hottest time of day and take them to a vet if they show signs of heat-related lethargy.

Animal Services

Clark County Animal Control

2911 E. Sunset Road
Las Vegas, NV 89120.....702-455-7710
www.clarkcountynv.gov/administrative-services/animal-control

Clark County Animal Control promotes public safety, rabies control and responsible pet ownership through education, service and enforcement. Services include animal permits and 24-hour animal care and control services to all unincorporated areas of Clark County, including pickup services for live, sick, injured and dead stray animals.

The Animal Foundation

655 N. Mojave Road
Las Vegas, NV 89101.....702-384-3333
www.animalfoundation.com

Founded in 1978, the Animal Foundation is a nonprofit organization that operates Nevada’s largest open-admission animal shelter and animal adoption center. The foundation manages an 8-acre Las Vegas campus with a multitude of services and provides a refuge for more than 25,000 homeless, lost, neglected, unwanted and abused animals every year. All animals impounded by Clark County Animal Control are taken to this facility. The foundation provides a variety of services, including microchipping, low-cost vaccines and a low-cost spay and neuter clinic.



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Henderson Animal Care and Control

300 E. Galleria Drive
 Henderson, NV 89011 702-267-4970
www.cityofhenderson.com/animal-control

This facility provides aid, comfort and medical attention to the animals that come under its care and enforces the laws that protect animals and the community. Visit the agency's website for more information about lost pets, adoptions, licensing information and how to report animal noise.

Las Vegas Animal Control

416 N. Seventh St.
 Las Vegas, NV 89101 702-229-6444
www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Government/Departments/Public-Safety/Animal-Control

Las Vegas Animal Control enforces animal-related state statutes and ordinances under the Las Vegas municipal code, including rabies quarantines, animal cruelty investigations, and barking-dog and animals-at-large complaints. Other services include pet licensing and permits. Visit the website for more information about permits, licensing and other animal laws.

North Las Vegas Animal Control

655 N. Mojave Road
 Las Vegas, NV 89101 702-633-1750
www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com/departments/police/animal_control_division.php

The department's services include rescuing injured or sick animals, controlling stray and potentially dangerous animals roaming at large, removing stray dead animals from private and public property, and transporting lost pets to the Animal Foundation where their owners can reclaim them.

Pets for Patriots

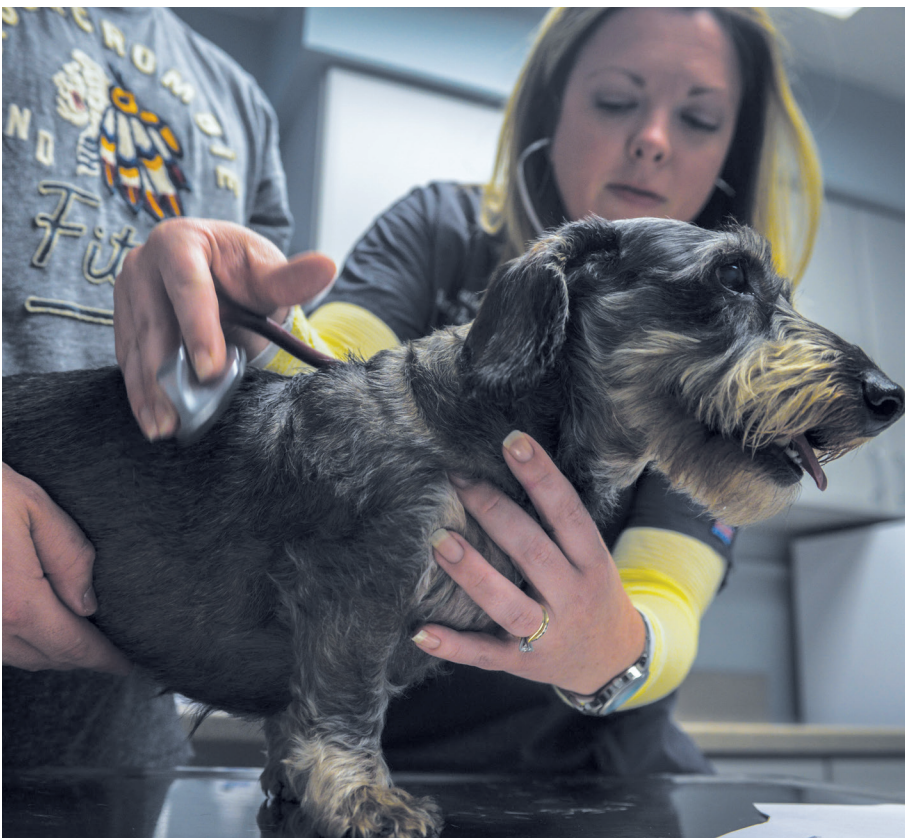
<https://petsforpatriots.org>

Pets for Patriots' vision is to end animal homelessness in the United States while giving our military veterans and their families the greatest "thank you" of all: the extraordinary love of a companion pet. It makes this happen through its nationwide shelter and veterinary networks, military and veteran organizations, and a public that values the lives of both the vulnerable and heroic among us.

To learn more about adopting a pet, visit <https://petsforpatriots.org/adopt-a-pet-how-it-works>.

Veterinary Services

Veterinary services in Clark County are plentiful; see the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local providers. Another source for connecting with a veterinarian is the Nevada Veterinary Medical Association website: www.nevadavma.org.



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Education & Academics

in Clark County

FINDING THE RIGHT SCHOOLS and educational opportunities for each family member is an important part of any move. This chapter outlines Clark County's public schools system, private schools, charter schools and home schooling criteria, as well as local libraries and higher education institutions. To be enrolled in a Nevada school, a child must be at least 5 years old on or before Sept. 30 of the school year. Those wishing to register their child in school should bring the following to the school office: a birth certificate or other proof of the child's age, and the child's previous school records and immunization records. For more details on Nevada's minimum vaccine requirements for students in grades K-12, please visit the Nevada Department of Education's website at www.doe.nv.gov. Check with the school for additional requirements.

Choosing a School

Choosing the right school is very important, so be sure to research each one before deciding. Contact the school by phone or by visiting its

website, which is a valuable source to learn about a school district's statistics and curriculum. Talk to people in the area, especially friends and colleagues who already live there.

If the school shows promise, schedule a visit and bring a list of written questions about student-teacher ratios, computer availability, extracurricular activities, sports programs, music programs, gifted programs and grading standards.

Discuss the potential school with your child: what they liked and what they didn't like. Your family's ability to readily adapt to a move and to find happiness in your new home may depend, in part, on how happy your children are in their new school.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are public schools of choice that are tuition-free, serve all students and have open enrollment. For more information or a list of charter schools in Nevada, visit the Charter School Association of Nevada's website at www.nevadacharters.info.

On Nellis Air Force Base, a charter school option is available. Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas, a science, technology, engineering and math school, serves pre-K through seventh grade at its Nellis Air Force Base campus. For more information on the Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas, visit www.casl.v.org.

HOME SCHOOLING

For an introduction to home schooling in Nevada, visit the Nevada Department of Education's website at www.doe.nv.gov/homeschooling. Here you will find information on home-school rules and regulations, home-school resources and more.

Clark County School District Office of Homeschool

4204 Channel 10 Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89119.....702-855-9775
<http://ccsd.net/divisions/education-services-division/homeschool?community>

In Nevada, a student may be excused from compulsory attendance at a public school when





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written evidence is provided to the school district that a student will receive equivalent instruction. The Clark County School District will provide a written acknowledgment to the parent who files a notice of intent to home-school. Parents need to present this acknowledgment to the public school and formally withdraw the child.

For more information, including downloadable guides for parents, visit the district's home schooling page online.

Nevada Homeschool Network

P.O. Box 19533
Reno, NV 89511
www.nevahomeschoolnetwork.com

The Nevada Homeschool Network is a support group for area home-schoolers. The organization strives to advocate for home-school freedom and the right of each family to direct the education of their own children as they see fit. Visit its website for information about laws, educator resources and more.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

To search for local private schools in Nevada, visit the National Center for Education Statistics at <https://nces.ed.gov>.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Clark County School District
5100 W. Sahara Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89146..... 702-799-2273
www.ccsd.net

With more than 320,000 students, 42,000 employees and 358 schools, the Clark County

School District is the fifth-largest school district in the nation. The district educates 75 percent of the students in the state. The district offers a variety of nationally recognized programs, including magnet schools, career and technical academies, and Advanced Placement programs. The district also offers online secondary school, a school police department, adult education courses, and community partnerships with Vegas PBS and the Public Education Foundation.

Military children living on Nellis Air Force Base are zoned for J.E. Manch Elementary School, Mary & Zel Lowman Elementary School, Carroll M. Johnston Middle School and the Mojave High School.

For students living off base, information on school zoning and attendance boundary maps may be found at www.ccsd.net/schools/zoning.

UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Clark County offers plenty of opportunity for continuing education. The Nellis Air Force Base Education Office provides educational opportunities and counseling services to active-duty Air Force members assigned to Nellis and Creech Air Force bases, DOD civilian employees, adult family members and military retirees. The office also has information on higher education institutions represented on the base. Use the following contact information to start your search for the school that is right for you.

Nellis Air Force Base Education Office
4475 England Ave., Building 20, Suite 330
Nellis AFB, NV 89191..... 702-652-5280/5282
<https://nellislife.com/education-center-training>

Asher College Las Vegas
6029 W. Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89146..... 702-323-0853
www.asher.edu

Carrington College, Las Vegas Campus
5740 S. Eastern Ave., Suite 140
Las Vegas, NV 89119..... 702-514-3236
www.carrington.edu

**College of Southern Nevada
Charleston Campus**
6375 W. Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89146..... 702-651-5000

Henderson Campus
700 College Drive
Henderson, NV 89002 702-651-3000

Nellis Air Force Base Learning Center
4475 England Ave., Suite 318
Nellis AFB, NV 89191..... 702-651-4155



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 3200 E. Cheyenne Ave.
 North Las Vegas, NV 89030 702-651-4000
www.csn.edu

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 4475 England Ave., Suite 315
 Nellis AFB, NV 89191..... 702-643-0762
www.erau.edu

National University
 4475 England Ave., Suite 300
 Nellis AFB, NV 89191..... 855-355-6288
www.nu.edu

Nevada State College
 1300 Nevada State Drive
 Henderson, NV 89002 702-992-2000
www.nsc.edu

**Sierra Nevada College, Las Vegas
 Teacher Education Campus**
 4300 E. Sunset Road, Suite E-1
 Henderson, NV 89014 702-434-6599
www.sierranevada.edu

Touro University Nevada
 874 American Pacific Drive
 Henderson, NV 89014 702-777-8687
www.touro.edu

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
 4505 S. Maryland Parkway
 Las Vegas, NV 89154..... 702-895-3011

Nellis Air Force Base Office
 4475 England Ave., Room 314
 Nellis AFB, NV 89191..... 702-349-2272
www.unlv.edu

University of Oklahoma, Extended Campus
 4475 England Ave., Suite 317
 Nellis AFB, NV 89191..... 702-643-5354
<https://pacs.ou.edu>

University of Phoenix, Las Vegas Campus
 3755 Breakthrough Way
 Las Vegas, NV 89135..... 844-937-8679
www.phoenix.edu

LIBRARIES

Public libraries in Clark County offer learning, recreation, distance education, internet connections and other resources for users — all for free. In addition, school libraries that support the curriculum and offer internet access and other resources are in most public and private schools, and academic and special libraries are found in colleges and universities. The Nevada State Library, <https://nsla.libguides.com>, supports libraries in the state with resources, inter-library loan and other assistance.



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Residents can enjoy and make use of many academic and public libraries in Clark County. Get information about services, hours and events by visiting the branches' websites. For a full list of libraries in Nevada, visit the Nevada State Library website.

Henderson Libraries
www.hendersonlibraries.com

The public libraries in Henderson aim to cultivate a literate community by providing every citizen free access to books and information resources, as well as state-of-the-art technology that supports work, school and recreational activities. For more information on the programs, services and events at each of the four branches, visit the library system's website.

Las Vegas-Clark County Library District
www.lvccld.org

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District promotes reading and learning through its collections, electronic resources and innovative services with 25 branches in Clark County. For more information on the programs, services and events at each branch, visit the district's website.

North Las Vegas Library District
www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com/departments/library

The North Las Vegas Library District provides public reference services, children's arts and crafts, story times, an ever-increasing

Spanish collection, cultural and civic programs, public computers (including internet access), DVDs, and specialized books and materials on diverse topics. The district has three branches within the city. For more information, visit the district's website.

EDUCATION LINKS

Find resources to help your student achieve academic success at these websites:

- **Nevada Department of Education:**
www.doe.nv.gov
- **Nevada PTA:**
www.nevadapta.org
- **Reading is Fundamental:**
www.rif.org
- **U.S. Department of Education:**
www2.ed.gov/parents

Military Child Education Coalition: Ensures quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation and transition. Visit www.militarychild.org for information on programs and resources.

Tutor.com: Eligible students and service members in U.S. military families around the world can work one-to-one with an expert tutor online 24/7. Get free help with homework, studying, test prep and proofreading in more than 40 subjects. Visit <http://military.tutor.com>.



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Living

in Clark County

THE LOCAL AREA BOASTS plenty of entertaining activities — music, theater, museums, parks and shopping. Enjoy a ballet or concert at the Smith Center, for instance, or take in a race at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Travel back in time with museums dedicated to the mob and neon signs. And be sure to check out the Las Vegas Strip and its dazzling attractions.

ARTS

Clark County residents have a wealth of artistic endeavors at their disposal, from theaters to music to dance.

Henderson Symphony Orchestra

393 Steprock Court
Henderson, NV 89014 702-808-6668
www.hendersonsymphony.org

Henderson Symphony Orchestra's talented musicians have enriched the community for more than 20 years with family-friendly events in a plethora of classical music genres. The symphony's venues including the Henderson Pavilion (the largest outdoor amphitheater in

Nevada), the Henderson Events Plaza, the Henderson Convention Center and Reflection Bay. For more information on upcoming concerts and performances, visit the orchestra's website.

Nevada Ballet Theatre

1651 Inner Circle
Las Vegas, NV 89134..... 702-243-2623
www.nevadaballet.com

The largest professional ballet company and dance academy in the state, Nevada Ballet Theatre is the resident ballet company of the Smith Center. For information on upcoming performances and tickets, visit the company's website.

The Smith Center

361 Symphony Park Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89106..... 702-749-2012
www.thesmithcenter.com

Opened in 2012, the Smith Center is a world-class performing arts center that hosts first-run touring attractions, lectures and performances in music, theater and dance. The 5-acre campus boasts the 2,050-seat Reynolds Hall, the 258-seat Cabaret Jazz club, the 250-seat Troesh

Studio Theater and the 1.7-acre Donald W. Reynolds Symphony Park for outdoor concerts.

For a full listing of upcoming shows and events, visit the center's website.

MUSEUMS

Learn about Nevada's history and cultural contributions by visiting any one of the many local museums.

Clark County Museum

1830 S. Boulder Highway
Henderson, NV 89002 702-455-7955
www.clarkcountynv.gov/government/departments/parks_recreation/cultural_division/museums/clark_county_museum.php

The museum's 30-acre site contains a modern exhibit hall and a collection of restored historic buildings that showcase daily life from differing decades of Las Vegas, Boulder City, Henderson and Goldfield. Highlights include a replica 1900s newspaper print shop, a 1918 Union Pacific steam engine, a mining exhibit and a half-mile nature trail. For a full list and a map of points of interest, visit the museum's website.

Discovery Children's Museum

360 Promenade Place
Las Vegas, NV 89106..... 702-382-3445
www.discoverykidslv.org

This three-story, 58,000-square-foot museum features nine themed exhibition halls with hands-on exhibits. Children experience the arts, sciences, nature, music and humanities through interactive fun. Hours vary by season; check the museum's website for more information.

Las Vegas Natural History Museum

900 Las Vegas Blvd. N
Las Vegas, NV 89101..... 702-384-3466
www.lvnhm.org

The museum seeks to inspire visitors with programs and educational exhibits on the natural world and the sciences. Exhibits feature dinosaurs, Egyptian treasures, wildlife and marine life, including live sharks and stingrays in a 3,000-gallon tank.

The Mob Museum

300 Stewart Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89101..... 702-229-2734
www.themobmuseum.org

The Mob Museum showcases the mob's impact on Las Vegas history with engaging, interactive exhibits, theater presentations and the largest collection of mob and law enforcement memorabilia under one roof. The museum is housed in the former federal courthouse and U.S. post office. In 1950, this building's second-floor courtroom held one of 14 national Kefauver Hearings, one the biggest mob hearings in history.

National Atomic Testing Museum

755 E. Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89119..... 702-409-7366
www.nationalatomictestingmuseum.org

With more than 12,000 unique artifacts, the National Atomic Testing Museum presents the history of the development and testing of the nuclear bomb. Exhibits highlight the science, technology and history of atomic testing programs, the Nevada Test Site and the Cold War.

The Neon Museum

770 Las Vegas Blvd. N
Las Vegas, NV 89101..... 702-387-6366
www.neonmuseum.org

The Neon Museum is dedicated to collecting, preserving, studying and exhibiting iconic Las Vegas signs for educational, historic, arts and cultural enrichment. Its outdoor exhibition space, known as the Neon Boneyard, is open to the public only through an hour-long guided tour. Tours are available daily, and tour times (both during the day and night) vary based on the season. Contact the museum or visit the website to reserve a tour spot.

PARKS

Check your community's parks and recreation listings to see more of what your local area has to offer.

Clark County Trails

https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/government/departments/parks__recreation/parks__trails/trails_information.php

The Clark County Trails Program was created to help increase recreational opportunities for the county's residents and visitors. Thus far, the county has completed miles of multiuse and equestrian trails, pedestrian bridges and trailheads. Trails provide connections to several of the county's parks. For more information on completed and future trails, visit the county's website.

Clark County Wetlands Park

7050 Wetlands Park Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89122..... 702-455-7522
www.clarkcountynv.gov/wetlandspark

See nature up close on the park's trails, which wind through acres of varied habitat, including tall trees, ponds, streams, mesquite woodland

and desert scrub. The 45,000-square-foot nature center offers spectacular views of the park and its surrounding mountain ranges. The center features an auditorium, an interactive exhibit gallery and a science lab.

Hoover Dam

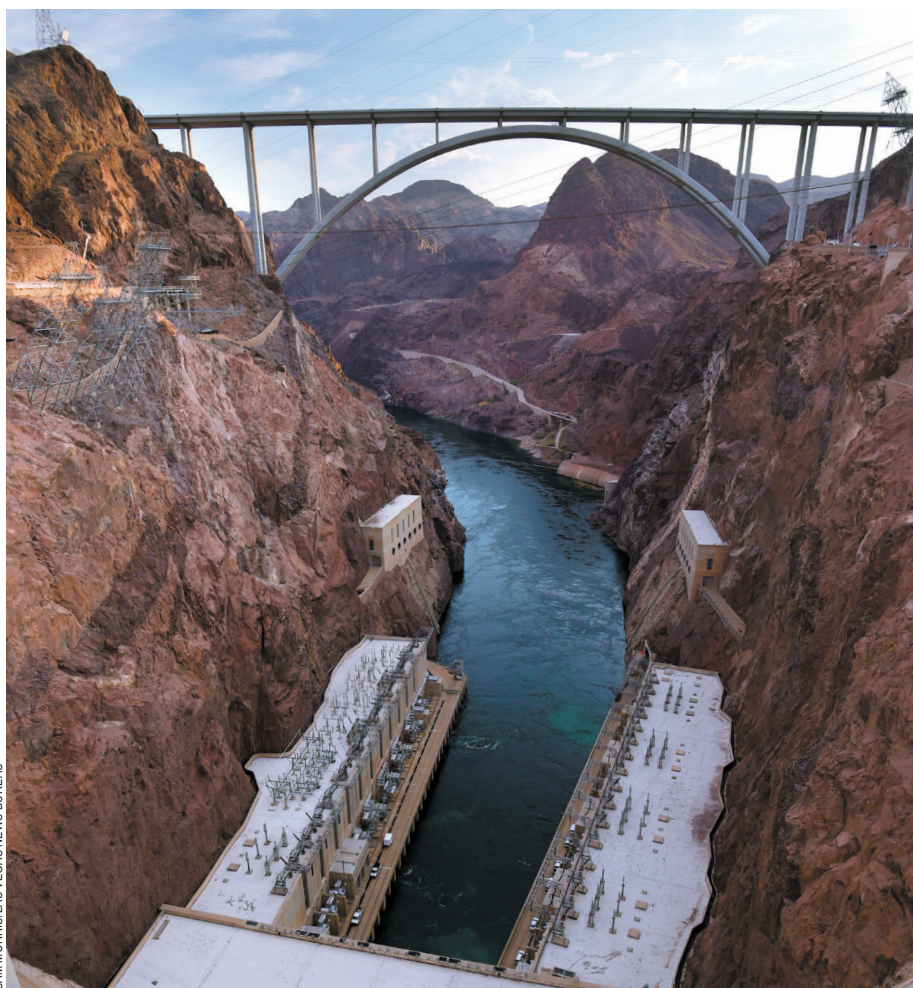
Boulder City, Nevada..... 323-645-2845
www.usbr.gov/lc/hooverdam

The Hoover Dam is considered one of the greatest engineering achievements of the 20th century. Tours of the dam and power plant attract nearly 1 million people each year. The dam is about 30 miles southeast of Las Vegas on the Nevada-Arizona border. For directions and more information about tours, visit the dam's website.

Lake Mead

Lake Mead Visitor Center
10 Lakeshore Road
Boulder City, NV 89005 702-293-8990
www.nps.gov/lake

Lake Mead National Recreation Area provides year-round recreation opportunities. Lakes Mead and Mojave offer sport fishing, boating,



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waterskiing, kayaking and canoeing. The area is also ideal for hiking, horseback riding, photography, picnicking and sightseeing. The dramatic desert scenery, mountains, plateaus and desert basins are home to thousands of plants and animals that have adapted to survive soaring temperatures and scarce rain.

Red Rock Canyon

1000 Scenic Loop Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89161 702-515-5350
www.redrockcanyonlv.org

Nevada's first National Conservation Area, Red Rock Canyon is visited by more than 2 million people each year. Its more than 195,000 acres feature a 13-mile scenic drive and more than 30 miles of hiking trails. The area is ideal for rock climbing, mountain biking, horseback riding and camping. The visitor center provides information about recreation opportunities and the area's wildlife, vegetation and geology.

Visit the Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association's website for trail maps, fee and pass information, camping information and other visitor information.

SHOPPING

From malls and major department stores to unique boutiques and souvenir shops, there's something for every taste and budget.

Downtown Container Park

707 Fremont St.
Las Vegas, NV 89101 702-359-9982
www.downtowncontainerpark.com

Created from repurposed shipping containers and locally manufactured Xtreme Cubes, this downtown retail shopping hub offers everything from apparel, jewelry and accessories to art galleries, home decor and fixtures. With seven restaurants and bars and a community

entertainment space, the Container Park is an oasis of enjoyment. Don't miss the 4K-visual dome theater experience and the giant praying mantis sculpture that shoots flames periodically to delight tourists and locals alike.

Galleria at Sunset

1300 W. Sunset Road
Henderson, NV 89014 702-434-2409
www.galleriaatsunset.com

Galleria at Sunset features department stores as well as specialty stores, restaurants and eateries.

Las Vegas North Premium Outlets

875 S. Grand Central Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89106 702-474-7500
www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/las-vegas-north

Las Vegas North Premium Outlets feature outlet stores as well as restaurants and eateries.

Town Square Las Vegas

6605 Las Vegas Blvd. S
Las Vegas, NV 89119 702-269-5001
www.mytownsquarelasvegas.com

This 93-acre, open-air center features a variety of shopping, dining and entertainment options.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Whether you're looking to watch a thrilling race or cool off with a trip down a waterslide, Clark County offers many different recreational opportunities.

Clark County Shooting Complex

11357 N. Decatur Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89131 702-455-2000
www.clarkcountynv.gov/government/departments/parks_recreation/shooting_complex

The Clark County Shooting Complex features an archery center, a shotgun center, a rifle-pistol center and an education center. The Shooter's Campground has 80 50-amp, full-service hookup

RV sites. For information on firearms training and special events, visit the complex's website.

Golf

Clark County features some of the best golf courses in Nevada. Public and country club courses are available in the region, including courses designed by Tom Fazio and Jack Nicklaus. Options range from the exclusive Shadow Creek in Las Vegas, which is ranked as one of the best golf courses in the world, to the Legacy Golf Club in Henderson, which features tee boxes in the shape of playing card suits. For a list of public and private courses in Las Vegas and the surrounding area, visit www.lasvegasgolf.com/courses.

Las Vegas Golden Knights

3780 S. Las Vegas Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89158 702-645-4259
www.nhl.com/goldenknights

This professional ice hockey team began play in the 2017-18 NHL season, becoming only the third team in history to advance to the Stanley Cup Finals in its inaugural season. Grab your gold and black gear, then catch the icy action at the T-Mobile Arena on the Las Vegas Strip.

Las Vegas Motor Speedway

7000 Las Vegas Blvd. N
Las Vegas, NV 89115 800-644-4444
www.lvms.com

Experience thrilling NASCAR and drag racing action at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. The motorsport complex features a super-speedway, a drag strip, a go-kart track, a dirt track and road courses. The speedway hosts the Kobalt 400 NASCAR weekend and the Electric Daisy Carnival. For information on upcoming events, special fan experiences and tours, visit the speedway's website.

Las Vegas Strip

www.lasvegas.com/hotels/on-the-strip

The legendary Las Vegas Strip is home to decadent resorts, hotels and casinos, dramatic architecture, entertainment and world-class shopping and dining. There's something for everyone at this popular tourist destination. For more information on the Strip's accommodations, from the Bellagio and its famous fountains to the Mirage and its volcano, visit the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority website.

Wet 'n' Wild Las Vegas

7055 S. Fort Apache Road
Las Vegas, NV 89148 702-979-1600
www.wetnwildlasvegas.com

Cool off with more than 25 water slides and attractions at this family-friendly water park. Challenge your friends on the six-story-high Desert Racers or check out the Rattler, the first slide of its kind built in North America.



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