



Reno, Nevada



Reno, Nevada, is located at the site of the Truckee River crossing of the Central Pacific Railroad. Named for Civil War General Jesse Reno, Reno became known as “Sin City” because of its legal brothels, illegal underground gambling, and easy divorces.

Reno has several museums, including the Nevada Museum of Art; the Stremmel Gallery, which specializes in contemporary art; the National Automobile Museum; the Wilbur D. May Museum at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, which features objects accumulated by May during his trips and safaris; and Fleischmann Planetarium, which offers public star shows and large-format films. The Nevada Rock Art Foundation promotes the protection and public awareness of rock art in Nevada and surrounding areas.

The Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts is the home of the Magic Underground, Nevada Opera, Reno Philharmonic orchestra, Nevada Ballet Theatre, Washoe Community Concerts, Sierra Nevada Master Chorale, and “Broadway Comes to Reno!” series. The Reno Chamber Orchestra performs in the Nightingale Concert Hall on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno, which also hosts other performances. Reno Little Theater offers six plays each season, including musicals and dramas. The Grand Sierra Resort’s Grand Theatre and Eldorado Hotel Casino’s Eldorado Showroom host a variety of performances. Reno Events Center is home to concerts and other entertainment.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Most of the casinos in Reno are clustered in the downtown area. Some of the older and smaller casinos have closed and were subsequently converted into condominium developments. In addition, other condominiums have been constructed on vacant land.

The Old Southwest Reno neighborhood, with houses dating to the early 1900s, is next to downtown. Small brick cottages and mansions share the same tree-lined block. Another older neighborhood, Wells Avenue, consists of a mix of old and new houses, some repaired and renovated and others not.

The Hidden Valley neighborhood started in 1960 as a development around the private Hidden Valley Country Club; new homes are available in The Bluffs at Hidden Valley. Heron’s Landing is a condominium development at the south end of the Rosewood Lakes Golf Course, which separates Hidden Valley from the city.

Donner Springs is a planned subdivision built in the 1970s and 1980s; businesses are located around the perimeter but not inside the neighborhood. Owner-occupied tract houses dominate the neighborhood; however, some rentals are available. Apartments and newer homes are situated nearby. Built in the 1980s and 1990s, Caughlin Ranch, which is also a planned development, has an extensive network of paved walking trails connecting the various neighborhoods and parks with the central clubhouse. Housing sizes range from small single-family homes to custom miniature estates on large lots. Damonte Ranch, one of the newest Reno neighborhoods, is a master planned community that consists of a series of subdivisions. In addition to single-family homes, this neighborhood has two-family homes, apartments, and condominiums. Another new neighborhood, South Meadows, features mostly large, boxy, stucco-style homes in gated subdivisions that offer numerous amenities to residents. This neighborhood also offers two-family homes, apartments, and condominiums.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Reno has 86 parks and over 140 miles of trails in addition to numerous recreational options. The city’s Rose Garden, located in Idlewild Park, has 200 varieties of roses and over 1,750 total roses and is the only rose garden in Nevada certified by the American Rose Society.

Idlewild Park also has a playground, soccer and baseball fields, and a skateboard park. Residents can reserve personal garden plots at Teglia’s Paradise Park Community Garden. Kayaking, canoeing, rafting, and inner tubing are available in Truckee River Whitewater Park. Reno also has 2 indoor pools, 2 outdoor pools, 16 tennis courts at the Reno Tennis Center and 29 neighborhood courts, 4 skateboard parks, 2 off-leash dog parks, Rosewood Lakes Golf Course, and ice skating at The Rink on the River.

The Wilbur D. May Center at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park has an arboretum and botanical gardens in addition to the museum. Reno is home to the Sierra Safari Zoo, which is Nevada’s largest zoo, as well as Animal Ark, which is a wildlife sanctuary and nonprofit nature center.

In addition to gambling, some of the casinos located in Reno offer family recreational activities, such as the Circus Circus Reno Hotel & Casino’s One-Ring Circus and Grand Sierra Resort’s Fun Quest video arcade and Ultimate Rush Thrill Park.

Reno’s professional sports teams are the Reno Aces (baseball) and Reno Bighorns (basketball).

EDUCATION

The Washoe County School District includes the Reno–Sparks metropolitan area, Incline Village, Gerlach, Empire, and Wadsworth. The District operates 38 elementary, 9 middle, and 11 high schools in Reno. High school students may also apply to attend Truckee Meadows Community College High School (a magnet school); Washoe High School (an alternative school); or the Academy for Arts, Careers and Technology, which offers a wide range of advanced-level occupational classes. In addition, the District sponsors eight public charter schools.

Opportunities for higher education are available at the University of Nevada, Reno, which offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The University has a School of Medicine and a School of Nursing. Truckee Meadows Community College offers 50 degree and certificate programs. Carrington College, Reno Campus, provides associate’s degrees in nursing and medical assisting. Morrison University–Reno, Nevada, offers master’s, bachelor’s, and associate’s degrees in business and related fields. Career College of Northern Nevada offers several diploma and associate’s degree programs.

HEALTH CARE

Reno is served by two hospital systems with more than 1,200 beds. The Ioannis A. Lougaris Veterans Affairs Medical Center serves veterans in northern Nevada and northeastern California. Reno also has a long-term acute-care hospital, a hospital that specializes in neurologic and orthopedic care, and two hospitals that specialize in behavioral health care services.

CITY STATS

2008

City Population	217,564
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	416,657
Per Capita Personal Income, Reno–Sparks, NV	\$46,929