

# LAS VEGAS RELOCATION GUIDE



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# Introduction

## Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada!

At one time considered a famed resort exclusively for the purpose of entertainment and gaming, Las Vegas has developed into a positive community adapting to the needs of all family life. With its growing economy, low overall taxes, and favorable cost of living, the population of Clark County continues to climb by an average of 6,000 each month. According to the 2000 Census figures, the population in Clark County is 1,375,765 people. Clark County includes the cities of Las Vegas, Boulder City, Henderson, Mesquite and North Las Vegas, and is the most populated county in Nevada.



# History

In the early 1700's, Spanish traders en route to Los Angeles along the Spanish Trail seek a route that passes through the then-unexplored Las Vegas Valley. The Spaniards refer to the route as "jornada de muerte," journey of death. A young scout named Rafael Rivera is the first person of European ancestry to look upon the valley. His discovery of a valley with abundant wild grasses growing and a plentiful water supply reduces the journey by several days. The valley is named Las Vegas, Spanish for "The Meadows."

Brigham Young assigns 30 Mormon missionaries in 1855 to build a fort in the Las Vegas valley. The fort is the first non-Indian settlement in the region and is still located on the corner of Washington Avenue and Las Vegas Boulevard. Their primary purpose is to teach the Paiute Indians farming techniques. The Paiutes reject the teachings and occasionally raid the fort.

The discovery of minerals, including precious metals, leads to the beginning of the mining industry.

The completion of the main railway in the late 1800s, linking Southern California with Salt Lake City, establishes Las Vegas as a railroad town. The availability of water makes Las Vegas an ideal refueling point and rest stop. The railroad is the principal industry in Las Vegas for the next 25 years.

The State Land Act of 1885 offers sections of land at \$1.25 per acre. Farmers move in and agriculture becomes the dominant industry for the next 20 years.

Las Vegas is founded as a city on May 15, 1905.

Las Vegas becomes an incorporated city and adopts its first charter on March 16th. At the time of incorporation, the city encompasses 19.18 square miles and has approximately 800 inhabitants, less than one percent of the state's total population. Clark County has a population of 3,321.

On March 19, 1911, gambling is legalized in the State of Nevada. One month later, the city issues six gambling licenses. Beginning in 1931, the construction of Hoover Dam brings an influx of construction workers, which starts a population boom and gives the Valley's economy, which was in the grips of the Great Depression, a needed boost.

The outbreak of World War II brings the defense industry to the valley. The isolated location, along with plentiful water and inexpensive energy, makes Las Vegas an ideal site for military and defense-related industries. The site for



Nellis Air Force Base is located in the northeast, and the Basic Management Complex, providers of raw materials, is located in the southeastern suburb of Henderson. The defense industry continues to employ a significant number of valley residents.

In 1945, following World War II, lavishly decorated resort hotels and gambling casinos offering top-name entertainment come into existence. Tourism and entertainment take over as the largest employer in the valley.

In 1969, Elvis Presley opens at the International Hotel, now known as the Las Vegas Hilton.

Starting in the mid-1980s, a period of unprecedented growth begins. Annual population increases averaging nearly seven percent causes the city's population to almost double between 1985 and 1995, increasing from 186,380 to 368,360. Clark County's population increases from 562,280 to 1,036,180.

The US Census reports the population of Las Vegas is 478,434 over a land area of 113 square miles. There are over 500 churches and synagogues, 799 acres of parks, 7 television stations and 12 radio stations (4 AM and 8 FM). Las Vegas is the largest metropolitan city in the U.S. that was founded in the 20th century.

The city of Las Vegas celebrated its 100th birthday on May 15, 2005. The events celebrated the 1905 auction in which 110 acres of downtown Las Vegas laid the foundation for the city we know today. The celebration began on December 31, 2004, and lasted throughout 2005.

# Newcomer Information

## CLIMATE

While the climate is generally very pleasant during the fall, winter, and spring, the four seasons are actually well defined in the Las Vegas Valley — although different from the traditional view of seasonal variation. During the summer months of June through August, temperatures can climb into the 100s and humidity can reach the 90s, though rarely. The lows average in the 70s.

While a dry heat dominates, humidity can increase significantly for several weeks each summer in association with a moist “monsoonal flow” from the south, typically during July and August. Summers are long and have hot days and warm nights with accompanying mild winds

that occur especially during drought years. Average annual precipitation is about 4.16 inches.

Winters are typically mild and pleasant, though problematic windstorms are common during the late winter months and throughout the spring months. The predominant wind direction generally occurs from the southwest. Afternoon temperatures average near 60 degrees and skies are mostly clear.

Pacific storms occasionally produce rainfall in the Las Vegas Valley, but in general, the Sierra Nevada Mountains, which are located in eastern California, and the Spring Mountains, to the west of the Las Vegas Valley, act as an effective moisture barrier.

## MOVING TO LAS VEGAS

People moving across the country will likely require the services of a moving company. Those moving to Las Vegas from nearby locations might want to consider moving themselves.

If you decide to use a moving company, ask for references. Get more than one price quote and get a written contract before making a deposit.

Most reputable companies provide free estimates based on the length of the move and the weight of the items to be transported. There are two kinds of estimates: binding and nonbinding. A binding estimate describes, in exact detail, the shipment and all associated services that will be provided. This type of estimate limits charges to the stated amount. A nonbinding estimate approximates cost. Movers may not charge for providing a nonbinding estimate, but the final bill can be more than the estimate, not to exceed 10 percent.

### A FEW POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Although a moving company provides liability insurance on items it moves by the pound, it might be wise to purchase additional insurance.
- Before a moving company begins work, take an inventory of belongings, even if the company promises to do one for you. Be sure to note scratches and other blemishes that will help verify a damage claim if it becomes necessary. If the company does its own inventory, check it carefully against a personal inventory before signing anything.

- Do not use heavy containers to pack belongings. Use wardrobe space wisely by packing off-season garments in regular boxes.
- Consider mailing books to your new address. Post office book rates are less than that of some moving companies.
- Remember that movers are trained professionals, and there is less chance of damage if they do the packing. Movers usually can pack in one day.
- Be present at your new home when the movers are scheduled to arrive. If no one is home, belongings will go into storage, usually for an extra fee. The moving company will usually expect payment before unloading, unless other arrangements are outlined in your contract.



# Newcomer Information



## Average Temperatures

	High	Low
January.....	57.....	38
February.....	57.....	40
March.....	78.....	55
April.....	78.....	58
May.....	90.....	68
June.....	100.....	76
July.....	105.....	82
August.....	101.....	78
September.....	93.....	70
October.....	82.....	45
November.....	67.....	41
December.....	58.....	59

## TEMPORARY STORAGE

Temporary storage is available throughout Las Vegas. When calling a storage facility, be sure to check on security arrangements at specific storage units, liability for loss or damage and availability of units. List the contents of boxes on all four sides and number the boxes. Use high-quality locks, and keep a list of what you store to ensure security and to make it easier to access items when you need them.

## FORWARDING MAIL

A month or two before leaving your old home, ask the local U.S. Post Office for a change-of-address kit. This will

allow you to notify businesses, magazines and creditors of your new address. Also, fill out a change-of-address form for the postmaster, providing the effective date when forwarding should begin. Only first-class mail can be forwarded.

Forwarding mail in advance reduces the risk of identity theft. With so much personal information being sent through the mail, forwarding early can help cut down on identity theft problems down the road.

## DRIVER'S LICENSE

New residents have 30 days to obtain a Nevada driver's license. In order to obtain a license, you must pay a \$21.25 fee; the fee is \$16.25 for those 65 and older. All applicants must take a vision test. Other tests will be waived if you are 25 years old or older and have no special restrictions; your out-of-state license is valid and you are applying for the same class of license; and/or you have no more than two moving violations and no suspensions, revocations, cancellations, or denials in the past four years. If you do not meet these requirements, you will have to take a written test and possibly a skills test.

All license applications are checked through the national Problem Driver Pointer System. Nevada does not automatically transfer all motorcycle endorsements. Commercial driver's licenses can be transferred at Full Service Offices if the driver meets the above requirements

# Newcomer Information

and has a current DOT (Department of Transportation) physical form. Make sure that you bring proof of your Social Security card and proof of your name and age (e.g., certified copy of birth certificate, passport, or immigration document).

## INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

In Nevada, vehicle owners are required to carry liability insurance. The minimum requirements are \$15,000 bodily injury, \$30,000 per person per accident, and \$10,000 property damage. Proof of insurance must be kept in the vehicle at all times.

## ESTABLISHING UTILITY SERVICE

When setting up utility service in Las Vegas, be prepared to supply the following information:

- address of former utility company and letter of credit or deposit
- name and identification information of person with whom you live
- place of employment
- driver's license number
- Social Security number
- home phone number and a daytime phone number where you and your spouse may be reached

Las Vegas Valley Water District  
702.870.4194  
www.lvwd.com

Southwest Gas Corp.  
702.365.1555  
www.swgas.com

Nevada Power Co.  
702.367.5000  
www.nevadapower.com



## NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV)

Driving laws, rules and regulations booklets and voter registration are available at Nevada DMV offices. For more information, or to set a specific appointment to apply for your license or registration, call the DMV information line at (702) 486-4DMV, option 4, option 5, or you can e-mail the DMV at [info@dmv.state.nv.us](mailto:info@dmv.state.nv.us). Water vessels are registered with the Nevada Division of Wildlife. Call 486-5127. A Nevada driver's license may be applied for at any of the following locations:

- 2701 E. Sahara Ave., 89104
- 8250 W. Flamingo Rd., 89147
- 4021 W. Carey Ave., 89115
- 1399 American Pacific Dr., Henderson, 89014

# Purchase a Home in Las Vegas



Knowing what to look for when purchasing a home in Las Vegas will go a long way in making the home-buying process fun, exciting and problem-free.

One of the real estate agent's primary roles is to help the potential homeowner create the best team. To purchase a home, a potential homeowner typically will need a real estate agent, a mortgage company, title company, various inspectors, an insurance company and, depending on the transaction, an attorney.

## HOME BUYERS SHOULD EXPECT THE AGENT TO:

- Explain how the property tax system in Nevada works
- Help the buyer create a budget
- Help determine whether to purchase a new home or a resale home
- Show potential homeowners neighborhoods and homes within their price range
- Negotiate the best possible price for the home
- Explain the contract
- Be present with the potential homeowner for all inspections
- Expedite the paperwork between all parties involved.

*Las Vegas is known for its reasonable home prices, and most people who move here are happily surprised to find they can afford a home.*

# Purchase a Home in Las Vegas

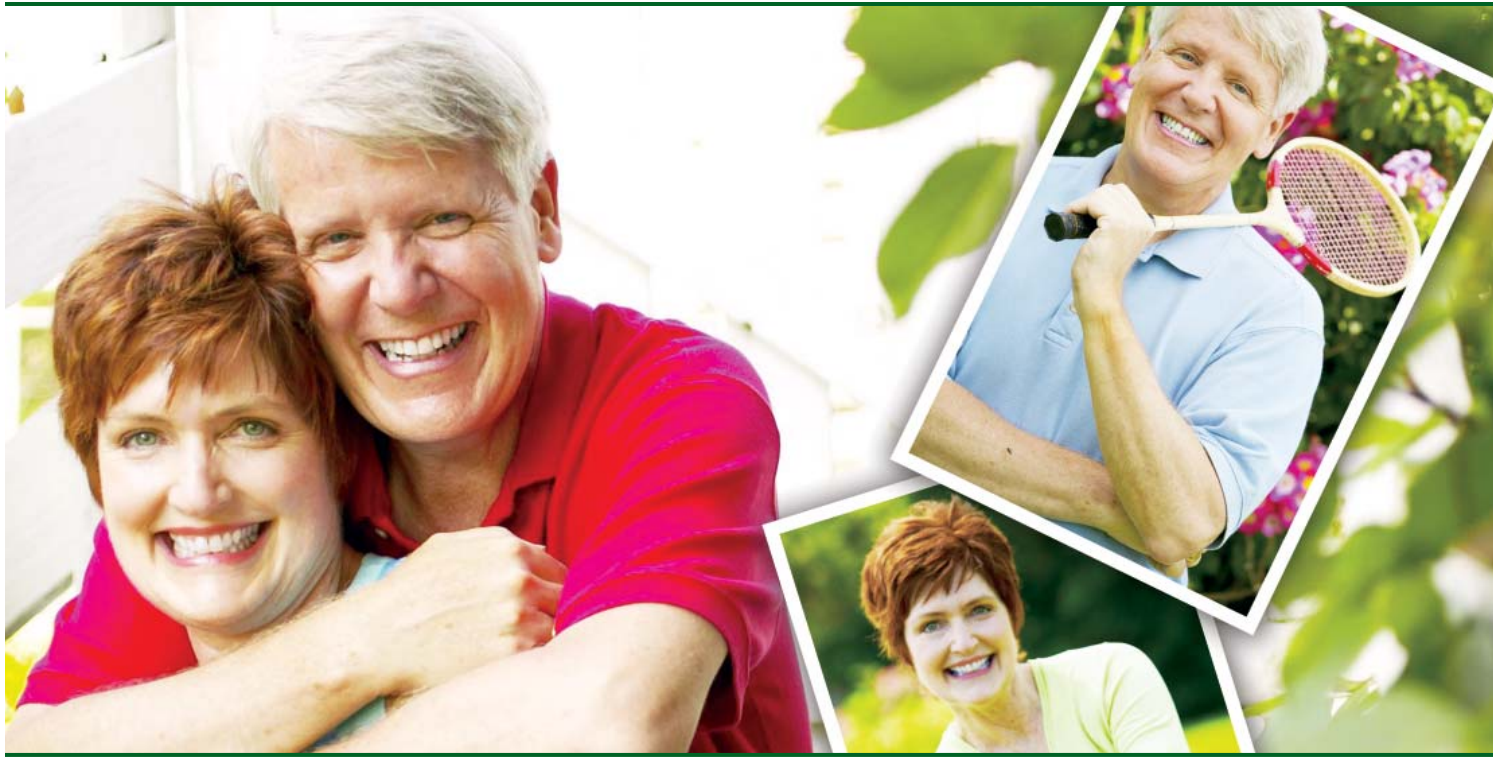
## CHECKLIST FOR LOAN APPLICATION

- Copy of accepted earnest money contract
- Copy of Social Security card and picture identification such as a Nevada driver's license or military identification (if married, copies for both spouses)
- Residence addresses for the past two years with the landlords' addresses, if applicable
- Last two years' W-2 and 1099 forms
- Last pay stub(s) showing gross monthly salary and all deductions for a full month
- If commissions or bonuses equal 25 percent or more of total income, last two years' tax returns, complete



- with all schedules. If self-employed (own 25 percent or more of business), last two years' personal and business tax returns, complete with all schedules, and current year-to-date profit and loss statements and balance sheets for each business entity
- Names, addresses, account numbers and balances of all checking and savings accounts
- Last three statements on all checking, savings, investments, securities, retirement and other accounts
- Names, addresses, account numbers, balances and monthly payments on all open charge accounts
- Estimated value of all furniture, clothing, jewelry and other personal property
- Face value of life insurance, retirement accounts, profit-sharing accounts and cash values
- If selling current home, listing agreement and contract, if available, to show equity
- If recently sold home, copy of HUD statement, if applicable
- Current mortgage: If mortgage is held by individual or institution that does not report a 12-month history to the credit bureau, copies of front and back of checks drawn on the purchaser's bank by the mortgage company
- Current rent: Name, address and phone number of landlord or copy of both sides of previous 12 cancelled checks
- If automobile is less than four years old and is free and clear of liens, copy of title
- Address, present value, amount of mortgage and payment on all real estate owned. If rental property, copy of current lease and copy of rental check for most recent month
- If real property is owned free and clear, a copy of a general warranty deed
- Copy of any divorce decrees, if applicable
- Money for appraisal and credit report

# Senior and Retirement Living



Las Vegas provides outstanding recreational activities for all individuals, including seniors. Whether your activity of choice is a slow hike through the mountains, a bike ride against the scenic backdrop, or boating, hunting or fishing in the Lake Mead recreation area, Las Vegas has got you covered. In addition, golfing enthusiasts can take advantage of Southern Nevada's many public and private golf courses.

If taking tours is more of interest, Las Vegas is within close proximity to many breathtaking landmark attractions, such as the Grand Canyon and Hoover Dam. Since Las Vegas is home to many of the world's largest casinos, the area is a gaming paradise. In addition, the hotel resorts offer entertainment and attractions that people travel across the world to see.

The diverse and active lifestyle of Southern Nevada's senior population is reflected in the many types of senior living communities located across the region. Living arrangements run the gamut from active adult communities and independent living communities to assisted-living housing and continuing care retirement facilities.

With "baby-boomers" hitting retirement age and with more and more people retiring in their early 50s, active adult communities are becoming popular across the country. These communities are generally traditional

neighborhoods. Many of these communities offer golf courses, a community center, fitness facilities and nearby churches, shopping, health care facilities and entertainment. Most of these communities do not accept children. A typical requirement is that one of the adults living in the house has to be 55 years of age or older.

## INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

**American Association for Retired People (AARP)**  
866.554.5376 / [www.aarp.org/nv](http://www.aarp.org/nv)

Education, resources and various community service programs.

**Benefits Checkup**  
800.373.4906 / [www.benefitscheckup.org](http://www.benefitscheckup.org)

A service of the National Council on Aging in Washington, D.C., seniors find programs to help pay for the cost of prescription drugs, health care, utilities and other essential items and services.

**Mature Living Choices**  
800.222.5771 / [www.maturelivingchoices.com](http://www.maturelivingchoices.com)

A comprehensive guide for active seniors searching for living options.

# Education and Child Care

## EDUCATION

With a wide variety of educational options offered in Southern Nevada, residents willingly embrace the excitement of learning — whether it's elementary or graduate education. This section provides an overview of the city's educational institutions, including valuable information such as profiles of school programs, private school data and even an immunization chart to make sure Las Vegas' youngest students get a healthy start in life.

Las Vegas is growing — there is no doubt about it. There are more than 20 colleges and universities spread out across the Las Vegas Valley offering undergraduate and graduate programs in hundreds of disciplines. These institutions provide easy access for people of all ages who want to continue their educational pursuits.

In addition, the area offers a large selection of vocational, technical and specialized schools that offer specific training in a host of career programs such as health care, fitness, gaming, air conditioning, fine arts, cosmetology and real estate.

For newcomers who are already set in a career path, continuing education and leisure time educational options are available at most of the area's colleges and universities, as well as at specialized schools and community centers across the region.

The city's public school system is addressing the educational needs of the city's young population. As the sixth largest school district in the nation, the Clark County School District serves more than 280,000 students.

To accommodate growth for the 2005-2006 school year, the school district added 11 new schools. New construction added seven elementary schools, three middle schools and one high school to the area.

## CHILD CARE

Choosing a reliable and nurturing child care provider is at the top of the list of important decisions to



make when parents who need these services move to a new community. In the Las Vegas area, child care providers must be licensed.

The following governmental agencies provide licensing services for child care providers, as well as referral listings for parents and guardians. These referrals do not constitute an endorsement of the facilities listed. Parents are encouraged to make personal visits and ask many questions before selecting a facility for their child.

City of Las Vegas  
Department of Business Activity  
Privilege License Division  
Child Care Licensing  
400 Stewart Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89101  
702.229.6281  
<http://www3.lasvegasnevada.gov/Bus-license/Search.asp>

The City of Las Vegas is responsible for child care licensing. If a person who is not a parent, grandparent or guardian cares for even one child within the city limits, that person must be a licensed child care provider.

Clark County Social Services  
Child Care Licensing Office  
1600 Pinto Ln.  
Las Vegas, NV 89106  
702.455.3894

Referral Service  
702.734.0504  
[http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/business\\_license/childcare/Pages/childcare.aspx](http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/business_license/childcare/Pages/childcare.aspx)

The Child Care Licensing Office within the Clark County Social Services Department is the licensing agency for child care providers in the unincorporated areas of Clark County. If a person who is not a parent, grandparent, or guardian cares for even one child in the unincorporated areas of Clark County, that person must be licensed. There are hundreds of licensed child care providers in the county.



# The ABCs of Choosing a School

Here are some tips for learning more about southern Nevada schools:

## WEBSITES

One way to learn more about a school is to contact the school district by phone or by visiting the many websites now available. A website is a valuable source of information, providing school district statistics and information on individual schools.

## WORD OF MOUTH

A valuable but often overlooked way to locate a new school is old-fashioned word of mouth. Colleagues already established in Las Vegas can be helpful. Your real estate agent, neighbors, relatives and friends are also good sources of information.

## PERSONAL VISITS

If the school that you are investigating sounds promising, schedule a visit. Be prepared to follow up with more interviews and an evaluation for your child. If possible, try to visit a prospective school while the school term is still in session.

Bring a written list of questions. Inquire about student-teacher ratios, computer availability, extracurricular activities, multilingual programs and gifted programs. Ask how students are tested and graded, how these results are reported and about the amount of parental participation in the school.

## PERSONAL PERCEPTIONS

After all of your research, you still have to balance where you wish to live, the commuting distance from home to work and your “gut feelings” about the schools you have seen. Your family’s ability to readily adapt to a move and to find happiness in a new environment may depend, in part, on how happy your children are in their new school.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Nevada law requires school attendance for all children who are between the ages of 7 and 17. A child must be five years old on or before September 30 to attend kindergarten, which is part of the regular school program. A child must be six years old on or before September 30 to enter first grade.

Participation and proficiency levels in several of the state-required tests are used as the primary indicators of school, district and state-level academic achievement. State laws require that a child must attend a state-approved kindergarten program or take a developmental assessment test to enter first grade. There are no exceptions to the age requirement except for students who became residents of Nevada after they completed kindergarten or first grade in another state.

The state of Nevada’s system for assessing students is the Nevada Proficiency Examination Program. The program consists of several different tests taken by students enrolled in public schools in specific grades and specific programs.

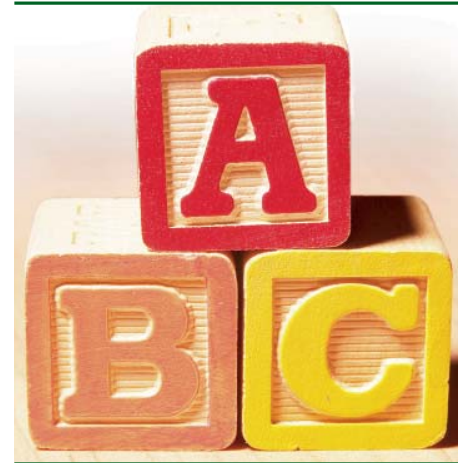
School accountability reports contain detailed information about each school in Nevada. These reports are prepared annually in compliance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act requiring all Nevada school districts to inform citizens about the performance of local schools. Schools use these reports to develop academic plans to improve student achievement.

Clark County School District  
2832 E. Flamingo Rd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89121  
702.799.5310  
[www.ccsd.net](http://www.ccsd.net)

Located in one of the fastest growing areas in the country, the district operates one of the nation’s largest school construction and modernization programs. Approximately \$3.5 billion is being spent through 2008 to build new schools and improve existing ones.

Programs available to meet the diverse educational needs of students include:

- Magnet schools and programs: Areas of interest include math and science, fine and performing arts, technology, tourism and travel, aerospace and aviation, international studies, law preparatory and medical professions.



# The ABCs of Choosing a School

- **Special education:** Direct and support services are provided for students with disabilities who are 3-21 years old. Schools that provide these services team up with families to offer quality learning experiences for students with disabilities and to prepare these students for life after school. A full range of options is available at neighborhood schools to meet students' needs.
- **Accelerated/honors programs:** A gifted and talented education program is offered in the third through fifth grades. High schools offer honor programs, advanced placement courses and advanced diplomas. Course offerings are designed to provide a challenging curriculum for students.
- **Other programs/outside resources:** The district offers transitional bilingual and English as a second language programs, as well as numerous alternative education options for high school students. The district also uses outside resources to meet student needs through such programs as Safe and Drug Free Schools, School-to-Careers and Math and Science Enhancement.

Parents are encouraged to be involved in their child's education at all grade levels. Parents may assist in classrooms or participate in parent organizations, booster clubs and regional committees.

## HOME SCHOOLING

Home schooling offers parents another option in educating their children. The Nevada State Board of Education has approved more than 30 correspondence programs for parents to choose from when considering home schooling their children.

For information about Nevada laws and guidelines for home schooling, call the Nevada Department of Education's home school consultant at 755.687.9238, or view the state home schooling website at [www.doe.nv.gov/SD\\_Homeschooling.htm](http://www.doe.nv.gov/SD_Homeschooling.htm).

Parents must file a Notice of Intent to Homeschool form, as well as provide evidence that the child is enrolled in an approved correspondence program, with the Clark County School District. To contact the school district regarding home schooling, call 702.799.8642.

## PRIVATE/PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

The Las Vegas metropolitan area is home to more than 100 private schools.

## VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

A wealth of Las Vegas area schools offer occupational training at varying levels. Many of these schools offer scheduled payment plans, government loans, grants and Veterans Affairs benefits to make training more accessible.

# The ABCs of Choosing a School

## COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES IN THE GREATER LAS VEGAS AREA

Community College of  
Southern Nevada  
6375 W. Charleston Blvd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89146  
Phone: 702.651.7300  
[www.csn.edu](http://www.csn.edu)

DeVry University  
2490 Paseo Verde Pkwy. #150  
Henderson, NV 89074  
Phone: 866.783.3879  
[www.devry.edu](http://www.devry.edu)

Las Vegas College  
4100 W. Flamingo Rd. #2100  
Las Vegas, NV 89103  
Phone: 702.368.6200  
[www.lasvegas-college.com](http://www.lasvegas-college.com)

Lesley University  
10640 Brianhurst Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89144  
Phone: 866.600.7031  
[www.lesley.edu/nevada/](http://www.lesley.edu/nevada/)

National University  
10120 S. Eastern Ave. #206  
Henderson, NV 89052  
Phone: 702.492.4939  
[www.nu.edu](http://www.nu.edu)

NOVA Southeastern University  
5740 S. Eastern Ave. #160  
Las Vegas, NV 89119  
Phone: 702.365.6682

Nevada State College  
1125 Nevada State Dr.  
Henderson, NV 89015  
Phone: 702.992.2012  
[www.nsc.nevada.edu](http://www.nsc.nevada.edu)

Regis University-Las Vegas Campus  
1401 N. Green Valley Pkwy. #100  
Henderson, NV 89074  
Phone: 702.990.0375  
[www.regis.edu](http://www.regis.edu)

Sierra Nevada College  
5812 S. Pecos Rd., Suite B  
Las Vegas, NV 89120  
Phone: 702.434.6599  
[www.sierranevada.edu](http://www.sierranevada.edu)

University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
4505 S. Maryland Pkwy.  
Box 451070  
Las Vegas, NV 89154-1001  
Phone: 702.895.3201  
[www.unlv.edu](http://www.unlv.edu)

University and Community College  
System of Nevada  
5550 W. Flamingo Rd., Suite C-1  
Las Vegas, NV 89103  
Phone: 702.889.8426  
[www.nevada.edu](http://www.nevada.edu)

University of Nevada - Reno  
Southern Nevada Office  
2345 Red Rock St. #100  
Las Vegas, NV 89146-3157  
Phone: 702.940.5428

University of Nevada School of  
Medicine  
2040 W. Charleston Blvd. #400  
Las Vegas, NV 89102  
Phone: 702.671.7868  
[www.unr.edu/med](http://www.unr.edu/med)

University of Phoenix  
333 N. Rancho Dr. #300  
Las Vegas, NV 89106  
Phone: 702.638.7279  
[www.phoenix.edu](http://www.phoenix.edu)





Las Vegas has a total of 14 acute care hospitals as well as several rehabilitation and specialty hospitals, satellite offices and quick-care facilities. All medical procedures can be performed locally.

The Clark County Health District, one of the largest local public health districts in the nation, serves a population of 1.5 million, representing 69 percent of Nevada's population. Public health services are available to everyone, regardless of income.

Medical and health care education is also plentiful in the Las Vegas area, and the affiliation of academic institutions with health care providers in the region contributes to the area's quality patient care.

## FINDING A DOCTOR

With thousands of physicians in the Las Vegas area, finding the right one for your family can be quite a challenge.

If your employer offers health insurance, visit your company's human resources office. Your employer can usually provide you with literature about hospitals and doctors that will accept the company's insurance.

When searching for a physician, make sure the doctor is board-certified. All U.S. board-certified physicians are listed with the American Board of Medical Specialties ([www.abms.org](http://www.abms.org)) or call (866) 272-2267. The American Medical Association provides information about U.S. licensed physicians at [www.ama-assn.org](http://www.ama-assn.org).

# Las Vegas/Clark County Library District

The Las Vegas/Clark County Library District operates 24 branches and maintains 2 million items for check out, including the latest best sellers, magazines, DVDs, videos, CDs and books on tape.

A variety of programs and special events take place at the library, including author visits, film festivals, music, dance and drama. Six of the library's urban libraries have performing arts centers.

The library was named The Gale/Library Journal's "Library of the Year" for 2003. The award honors a North American library for its demonstrated innovation in service to the community and best use of public funds.

Computers are available at all branches and offer word processing software and access to the Internet. Five Microcomputer Centers provide free computer classes on subjects ranging from word processing and spreadsheet applications to desktop publishing programs. The "Just for Kids" and "Teen Zone" on the library's website provide book lists, activity information, story time schedules and more. Teens and children who need help with schoolwork can access the Live Homework Help program, a free on-line tutoring service for students in the fourth through 12th grades.

For information, locations and hours, visit the Las Vegas/Clark County Library District's website at [www.lvccld.org](http://www.lvccld.org).

## BOULDER CITY LIBRARY

Located in the new Adams Boulevard Community Park Complex, the Boulder City Library offers a large collection of books for adults, teens and children. The library has audio books, CDs, large print books, periodicals, videos, non-circulating reference books and Spanish books. The Boulder City Library website is [www.bclibrary.org](http://www.bclibrary.org).

## HENDERSON DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Henderson District libraries provide a large selection of books, special events and programs for people of all ages.



Special programs include the Pittman Cybrary, which provides free computer training to young people in the third through eighth grades. Other special offerings include homebound, business resource library, Spanish Club, historic Henderson Photos, Henderson Library Book Club, Mystery Reader's Club and Online Book Club. Also available are the Foreign Encounters Film Series, best seller lists, computer literacy classes, e-mail reference service and English as a second language classes. The Henderson District's website is [www.hdpl.org](http://www.hdpl.org).

# Recreation and Entertainment

Las Vegas is known for many things — from world-famous resorts, shopping and entertainment, to breathtaking views, warm weather and outstanding quality of life. Las Vegas has acquired another well-known quality by evolving into one of the most prestigious fine dining meccas in the United States.

## DINING

Some of the country’s most famous chefs have opened restaurants along the resort corridor that compare favorably with the best New York and Los Angeles have to offer.

In addition to the resort areas, everywhere you look across the Las Vegas Valley you’ll find numerous restaurants, upscale eateries, bistros, steak houses, cafés and sandwich shops.

While the buffets that made Las Vegas famous are still around, thousands of dining options are available. From ethnic restaurants to neighborhood eateries and all the most familiar fast-food franchises - there’s something for everyone’s taste.

## ARTS AND CULTURE

In addition to the performing arts offerings on the Las Vegas Strip, the Las Vegas Philharmonic and Nevada Ballet

Theatre, two cultural institutions and mainstays on the Las Vegas performing arts scene, have been redefining the quality of life for all Las Vegans.

The Philharmonic has expanded its outreach to Clark County school children. Each year, through funding from title sponsors, local businesses and individuals, the Philharmonic conducts Master Classes, with young musicians performing in the presence of one of the orchestra’s highly acclaimed guest artists. These contributions allow groups to provide a free symphonic experience for 14,000 fourth and fifth graders in collaboration with the Clark County School District Partnership Program. A Young Artists Competition is also conducted annually with winners performing solos in the Concert Series. The Philharmonic’s main season begins each September.

The Nevada Ballet Theatre (NBT) is a professional ballet company, dance academy and outreach and educational program. NBT reaches tens of thousands of audience members and teaches hundreds of students annually.

Nevada Ballet Theatre celebrates its 36th year with a sensational 2008-2009 season filled with a variety of treats.

## CLARK COUNTY MUSEUMS

Below is a list of selected museums in Clark County:

Atomic Testing Museum NTS Historical Foundation.....	702.794.5151
Guggenheim Hermitage Museum.....	702.414.2440
Hammargren Home of Nevada History .....	702.451.8444
Las Vegas Art Museum .....	702.360.8000
Las Vegas Natural History Museum .....	702.384.3466
Las Vegas Walk of Fame™ .....	514.849.0888
Liberace Museum.....	702.798.5595
Lied Discovery Children’s Museum.....	702.382.3445
Lost Vegas Historic Gambling Museum and Store .....	702.385.1883
The Neon Museum.....	702.387.6366
Nevada State Museum and Historical Society .....	702.486.5206
Nevada State Railroad Museum Boulder City .....	702.486.5933
UNLV Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History .....	702.895.3381

# Recreation and Entertainment



The Academy of Nevada Ballet Theatre is one of the few professional dance schools in the nation affiliated with a professional ballet company.

For more information on the Las Vegas Philharmonic and Nevada Ballet Theatre contact: The Las Vegas Philharmonic: 702.258.5438 or visit [www.lvphil.com](http://www.lvphil.com); Nevada Ballet Theatre: 702.243.2623 or view [www.nevadaballet.com](http://www.nevadaballet.com).

## VISUAL ARTS

Across the city, numerous galleries and museums will tickle the fancy of art and history buffs. Street fairs that offer a combination of diversion arts, entertainment and social time are also crowd favorites.

For contemporary painting and sculpture, architecture, design, and multimedia art, the Guggenheim Hermitage Museum is sure to please. This state-of-the-art enclosed exhibition space, located in the Venetian Resort Hotel-Casino, houses masterworks from the Guggenheim and Hermitage museums in a unique setting. This is just one example.

## LEISURE ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND LAS VEGAS

Here is a list of various leisure activities and their contact information:

### Campgrounds

Kampgrounds of America KOA .....	702.738.9707 .....	www.koa.com
Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort .....	800.566.4707 .....	www.oasislasvegasrvresorts.com

### Horse Stables & Rentals

Silver State “Old West” Tours .....	702.798.7788
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### Rafting

Western River Expeditions.....	800.453.7450 .....	www.westernriver.com
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### Ski Resorts

Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard Resort.....	702.645.2754 .....	www.skilasvegas.com
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### Skydiving

A SkyDive Las Vegas, Inc.....	702.759.3483 .....	www.skydivelasavegas.com
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### Lake Excursions

Lake Mead Cruises .....	702.293.6180 .....	www.lakemeadcruises.com
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### Special Interest

Adventure Photo Tours, Inc. ....	702.889.8687 .....	www.adventurephototours.com
Bureau of Reclamation .....	702.293.8421 .....	www.usbr.gov/lc
Drive-Yourself Tours, Inc. ....	702.565.8761 .....	www.drive-yourselftours.com
Heli USA Airways .....	702.798.4354 .....	www.heliusa.com
Laughlin River Tours .....	702.298.1047 .....	www.laughlinrivertours.com
Rocky Trails, Inc.....	702.869.9991 .....	www.rockytrails.com
Sundance Helicopters, Inc.....	702.736.0606 .....	www.sundancehelicopters.com

### Tour Operators

Awesome Adventure Guide .....	702.398.7729 .....	www.awesomeadventureguide.com
Black Canyon/Willow Beach River Adventures .....	702.294.1414 .....	www.blackcanyonadventures.com
Coach USA.....	702.632.2137 .....	www.coachusa.com
Cowboy Trail Rides .....	702.243.5155 .....	
Grand Canyon Tour Co., Inc. ....	800.222.6966 .....	www.grandcanyontours.com
Pink Jeep Tours .....	702.895.6777 .....	www.pinkjeep.com
Scenic Airlines .....	702.638.3300 .....	www.scenic.com



Recreational opportunities abound in Southern Nevada. Whether you're looking for an exciting adventure or a scenic path to stroll down, you'll find it here. Within a short distance of Las Vegas, adventure seekers can go white water rafting, snow skiing, snowboarding, skydiving, horseback riding and kayaking, or they can skirt across the desert

on a variety of motor vehicles. Via land, sea and air, area travel and tour operators offer the young at heart breathtaking expeditions to the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Lake Mead and other havens of natural and man-made beauty.

A host of traditional activities — golfing, tennis, swimming, fishing, camping, sightseeing cruises and photographic tours — are also available in the Las Vegas Valley. College sports teams, Arena League football, Minor League baseball, a professional hockey team, a professional rodeo competition and professional boxing are big draws for those who prefer spectator sports. Here is a list of various leisure activities and their contact information:

## **GOLF COURSES AND SERVICES**

Southern Nevada is home to a number of championship golf courses. The City of Las Vegas has approximately 30 public and private courses, and the City of Henderson has a growing number as well. In fact, the Las Vegas Valley is developing several new home communities, providing residents with easy access to private country clubs and golf courses. For the latest in golfing news in Las Vegas, go to [www.lvrj.com/golf](http://www.lvrj.com/golf).

## **RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS/CHURCHES**

Las Vegas has numerous places of worship for a multitude of religions. In addition to contacting churches directly, residents can call upon religious organizations to gain insight into the many places of worship that exist in the city.







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