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A Guide to Elections And Civic Participation in Nevada

**Everything you need to know about
voting & elections in Nevada**

Other Governments

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Other governing bodies

- In addition to state and federal elected offices, the following are some of the other governing bodies with elected offices:

- County Commission

There are 16 counties and one consolidated municipality (city/county) in Nevada. Each county is governed by a county commission. Carson City, the one consolidated municipality is governed by a board of supervisors.

Counties / county seat are:

[Churchill](#) / Fallon

[Carson City](#) / Carson City

[Clark](#) / Las Vegas

[Douglas](#) / Minden

[Elko](#) / Elko

[Esmeralda](#) / Goldfield

[Eureka](#) / Eureka

[Humboldt](#) / Winnemucca

[Lander](#) / Battle Mountain

[Lincoln](#) / Pioche

[Lyon](#) / Yerington

[Mineral](#) / Hawthorne

[Nye](#) / Tonopah

[Pershing](#) / Lovelock

[Storey](#) / Virginia City

[Washoe](#) / Reno

[White Pine](#) / Ely

- County school board

Each of the counties, plus Carson City, have their own school district governed by an elected board of trustees

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- City Council

There are 19 formal cities in Nevada. Besides size and population, there is a difference in how they are organized. How cities are organized is controlled by the state legislature. Cities are organized under “general law”; all state laws apply to the city, or under a legislatively approved charter. The charter gives the city greater independence to create its own ordinances, however, changes to the charter must be approved by the state legislature.

General law cities in Nevada:

[Ely](#)
[Fallon](#)
[Fernley](#)
[Lovelock](#)
[West Wendover](#)
[Winnemucca](#)

Charter cities:

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If you are thinking there are many more cities, you are partially correct. We think of such places as Pahrump, Hawthorne, and Tonopah as cities, but in reality, they are towns. Towns have town councils that operate similarly to city councils.

- Special districts. In addition to counties, cities, and towns, there are 138 special districts that have either elected or appointed boards of trustees. Special districts oversee such things as utilities, fire protection, visitors and tourism, airports, and general improvements.

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