

Reno, Nevada

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The Church in Reno

The church in Reno began in 2006 with a few saints seeking the genuine church life as a result of reading and fellowshiping the book, “The Normal Christian Church Life” by Watchman Nee. They contacted the church in Auburn for further fellowship. The saints there, along with several coworkers, began visiting these seekers in Reno, culminating with a bread breaking meeting in 2007 with 16 local saints. Several families migrated there in 2009-2010 resulting in the Lord’s testimony being declared in Reno in 2010.

Presently about 35 saints are active in the church life (there are over 50 saints on the phone list). Roughly 55% of the increase over the years has come from saints moving to Reno because of jobs or other personal considerations. The remaining 45% of the growth has come from the Reno community, both from gaining unbelievers through the preaching of the gospel and from gaining believers who were drawn by the Truth and the practice of the church life.

The weekly meetings of the church include the Lord’s table, prophesying meetings, prayer meetings, small group meetings and college meetings. The saints currently meet in the following five areas:

- 1) UNR campus, a community north of downtown Reno, location of the church student-living houses and meeting hall
- 2) Carson City, the capital of the State of Nevada, a few Spanish-speaking families (future district)
- 3) Minden/Garnerville, a few English-speaking families
- 4) Sparks, a city east of Reno, four families of saints
- 5) Chilcoot, CA, three families of saints in a community of ranchers, north of Reno (approximately 30 minutes), meet regularly with the church in Reno and help with shepherding the UNR campus students with dinners and recreational activities (hiking and kayaking trips).

There are prayer meetings, small group meetings in all five areas. Since Reno and the Tahoe area are one of the top tourist destinations in the country, there are visiting saints in the Lord’s Day meetings nearly every month.

The college meeting is every Friday night and is slowly attracting more students who are not only open to meet other Christian students but are strongly enjoying singing, praying and our Bible studies.

Location, Climate, and Health

Reno is nicknamed, “The Biggest Little City in the World”. Reno is located in the west central part of the State of Nevada. The city sits in a high desert against the Sierra Nevada mountains at a 4,500 feet elevation. It is a two hour drive to the Sacramento area and four hours to the San Francisco Bay Area.

Those who live in Reno enjoy all four seasons with plenty of sunshine (average sunshine 252 days a year) and an occasional summer rain shower or an early spring snow storm.

There are 3 major hospitals in Reno: Saint Mary’s Regional, Renown Regional, and the Veterans Hospital. There are also eight other major medical centers in the surrounding area.

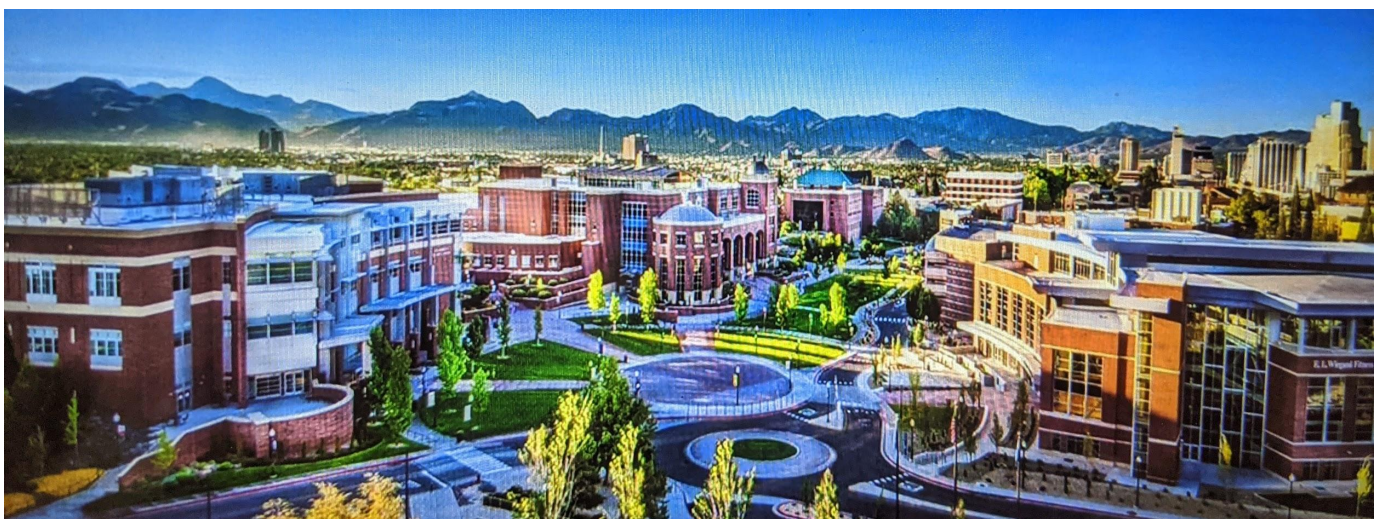
Rank in best places to live in America

Among all cities in the United States, Reno ranks #9 in the best places to live. In 2020 Reno ranked #1 of the best of all small cities. In addition, Reno was among the top 25 mid-size cities in ranking of best places to move after college. (some of the factors: climate, low crime, better schools (south and northwest Reno) and good job opportunities.

Cost of Living

Reno is 16.2% above the national average. Median home price is up in 2021 to \$515,000. Reno housing expenses are 7% higher than the national average and the utility prices are 15% lower than the national average. Reno’s tech boom has fueled higher incomes, which means more people can afford more expensive homes.

Campuses



University of Nevada-Reno (UNR) was founded in 1874. Its present student enrollment is 21,003 and rank #227 among best colleges. It utilizes a semester based academic calendar. State tuition fees are \$8,366; out-of-state tuition fees are \$24,020 (there are programs to remove or lower the out-of-state tuition). UNR offers dozens of undergraduate degrees and master’s programs, including business,



education, medicine, engineering, and earthquake research. The former governor and present president of UNR, Brian Sandoval, said the face of Reno will no longer be the casino industry but the campus of UNR after investing over \$800 million into the school.

Truckee Meadows Community College -11,000 students.

Demographics

Reno has a city population of 266,511 while Reno metropolitan area has a population of roughly 514,000. Demographics for the Reno metropolitan area are: 74% white, 24% Hispanic, 2% others. The median age for Reno is 35.5 years

Economy/ Employment

Although Reno is one of the top tourist destinations in the country, it's economy has diversified greatly from the entertainment and gaming industry into a much broader base which spans healthcare, entrepreneurial startups, and technology-based industries. Some of the major employers in the area include: Tesla, Panasonic, Apple, Amazon, Microsoft, IGT, Wells Fargo, Sierra Nevada Corporation (Aerospace and Defense Contractor), Palo Alto Networks, US Department of Veterans Affairs, Aerion Supersonic, and many more.

With two new tech companies moving to Reno from California, Stem Express and Pay Certify, U.S. News has suggested that Reno is becoming the second Silicon Valley. Future job growth is forecasted to be 51.12% whereas the national average is only 33.51%. There is an estimated 50,000 increase in population within the next 5 years and 100,000 within the next 10.

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