

...and another thing

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“You know that we are living in a statistical world, and I am a statistical girl.”

Okay. So Madonna didn't sing those exact words. But she would have if she had known just how driven society is by statistics. We love to see how our favorite athletes are doing and generally speaking the proof of their success is in the numbers. Politicians have approval ratings that show how popular they are or how well they are doing their job or at least how people perceive they are doing their job. After a weekend, entertainment news is all about how well movies did at the box office.

Statistics show that the least popular college course among students is statistics. Okay, we just made that up. But you probably would have believed that because we cited statistics. And of course, they never lie. Whether or not statistics are always truthful with us or not is a matter for debate. There is no argument that there are a number of opinions concerning them. Here are a few:

Torture numbers and they'll confess to anything.

— *Gregg Easterbrook*

Statistics are like bikinis. What they reveal is suggestive, but what they conceal is vital.

— *Aaron Levenstein*

Say you were standing with one foot in the oven and one foot in an ice bucket. According to the percentage people, you should be perfectly comfortable.

— *Bobby Bragan*

Statistics are human beings with the tears wiped off.

— *Paul Brodeur*

Facts are stubborn things, but statistics are more pliable.

— *Author unknown*

He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lampposts – for support rather than illumination.

— *Andrew Lang*

Do not put your faith in what statistics say until you have carefully considered what they do not say.

— *William Watt*

Oh, people can come up with statistics to prove anything. Fourteen percent of people know that.

— *Homer J. Simpson*

A statistical analysis, properly conducted, is a delicate dissection of uncertainties, a surgery of suppositions.

— *M.J. Moroney*

Statistics may be defined as “a body of methods for making wise decisions in the face of uncertainty.”

— *W.A. Wallis*

Ninety percent of the game is half mental.

— *Yogi Berra*

I abhor averages. I like the individual case. A man may have six meals one day and none the next, making an average of three meals per day, but this is not a good way to live.

— **Louis D. Brandeis**

While the individual man is an insoluble puzzle, in the aggregate he becomes a mathematical certainty. You can, for example, never foretell what any one man will be up to, but you can say with precision what an average number will be up to. Individuals vary, but percentages remain constant.

— **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**

The theory of probabilities is at bottom nothing but common sense reduced to calculus.

— **Laplace**

I'm a white male, age 18 to 49. Everyone listens to me, no matter how dumb my suggestions are.

— **Homer J. Simpson**

Statistics can be made to prove anything – even the truth

— **Author Unknown**

You give a 100 percent in the first half of the game, and if that isn't enough in the second half you give what's left.

— **Yogi Berra**

There are two kinds of statistics, the kind you look up and the kind you make up.

— **Rex Stout, Death of a Doxy**

As you can see, there are a number of opinions concerning statistics. Regardless of your opinion about them, we think that you'll find the statistics on the following pages fascinating, useful and dare we say, riveting!

You'll exude a palpable air of confidence. And don't think people won't notice the difference. Of course, you being the modest type will tell them it's just the new hair cut or perhaps the elevator shoes you're wearing. But inside you know your newfound confidence is due to the fact that you now know everything about Las Vegas. And we mean everything!

You're no longer someone to be trifled with. No sir and/or ma'am. It's clear you're among the elite, the big thinkers - giants of industry, scientists who send vessels to other worlds, and the guys who invent really neat toys. You Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss, are a god/goddess, equipped with x-ray vision, super hearing and the strength of ten men. And we're not talking 10 wimpy men who have pocket protectors. We're talking 10 really big guys who get tons of sweat all over the exercise equipment at the gym and don't wipe it off! Get the picture? Of course you do! We've already established your genius and are appropriately embarrassed by questioning it in the slightest.

And now for the downside of being a know it all. Along with great power comes great responsibility. Use your knowledge of the city of Las Vegas wisely, grasshopper.





LAS VEGAS

STATISTICS

Date of Land Auction	May 15, 1905
Date of Incorporation:	March 16, 1911
Date First Charter Adopted:	March 16, 1911
Date Present Charter Adopted:	May 26, 1983
Form of Government:	Council - Manager
Number of Permanent Employees:	July 1, 2008
CEA	1,641
Appointive	325
Fire	617
PPA	78
PPO	219
Elected	13
Regular Part Time	1
Total	2,894
Area in Square Miles:	
April 1, 1911	19.179
July 1, 2008	133.2
Facilities and Services in Miles (Maintained by the City)	July 1, 2008
Freeway	6
Arterial (Primary)	173
Arterial (Secondary)	107
Collector (Industrial/Business)	17
Collector (Residential)	129
Local (Industrial/Business)	24
Local (Residential)	803
Alley	38
Total Centerline Miles	1,297

Number of Street Lights	51,500	July 1, 2008
Fire Protection:		July 1, 2008
Number of Calls Answered (Calendar year 2007)	84,762	
Total Emergency Medical Service Responses (Calendar year 2007)	77,393	
Total Fire Responses (Calendar year 2007)	2,691	
Culture and Recreation:		July 1, 2008
Number of Parks	146	
City Maintained	68	
Privately Maintained	78	
Number of Golf Courses	14	
Public	4	
Private	10	
Number of Public Swimming Pools	12	
Sewage System:		July 1, 2008
Miles of Sanitary Sewers	1,715	
Number of Service Connections	198,900	
Miles of Storm Drain Channels	350	
Number of Treatment Plants	3	
Daily Average Treatment in MGD (Million gallons per day)	70	
maximum daily capacity of treatment plants in MGD	102	

* Denotes valley wide data

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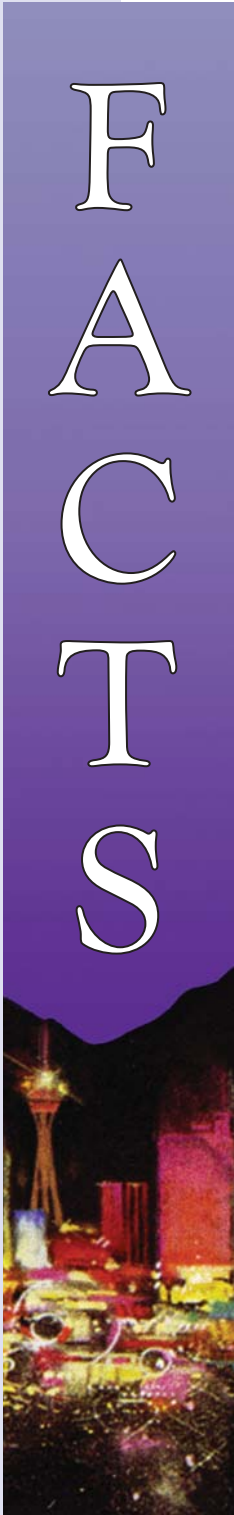


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FACTS

Population		July 1, 2008
City of Las Vegas	599,087	
Clark County	1,986,146	
Las Vegas Valley	1,916,436	
Median Age	34.5	2000 Census
Median Household Income	\$ 53,704	2008 Perspective
Households	220,164	July 1, 2008
Housing Units	235,751	July 1, 2008
Median New Home Sold*	\$ 310,637	2008 Perspective
Value of Building Permits	\$ 916,133,222	FY 2007-2008
Land Area	133.2 Square Miles	July 1, 2008
Climate		
Avg. Minimum Temperature	56.3F	30 year avg.
Avg. Maximum Temperature	79.9F	30 year avg.
Annual Sunshine	294 Days	30 year avg.
Schools		July 1, 2008
CSN Satellite Campus	1	
UNLV Satellite Campus	1	
High Schools	10	
Middle Schools	15	
Prime 6 Schools	5	
Special Education Schools	7	
Elementary Schools	64	
Hotels/Motels (in City)		
Hotels	34	July 1, 2008
Motels	99	
Rooms	20,207	
Stadiums/Auditoriums/Conventions Halls*		2008 Perspective
(1 in City)	6	
Area Malls*		
(400,000+ sq ft)	9	2008 Perspective
(in City)	2	

Las Vegas Industrial Parks		2008 Perspective
(With space available for light or heavy industry, office, warehouse, Commercial and storage)		
	3	
Major Industrial Employers*		2008 Perspective
Hotel/Gaming/Resorts		
Government		
Construction		
Business Services		
Education/Health Services		
Fire Department		July 1, 2008
Uniformed Strength		
Uniform (Filled positions)	519	
Communications (Filled positions)	68	
Civilian (Filled positions)	36	
Fire Stations	17	July 1, 2008
Fire Training Center	1	
Metropolitan Police Stations*		
Area Commands	7	
Metropolitan Police Department		July 1, 2008
Sworn Officers Assigned	2,446	
Civilian Workforce Assigned (Includes recruits)	1,488	
Corrections Officers Assigned (Sworn)	773	
Corrections Personnel Assigned (Civilian)	301	



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