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Introduction

Local communities need current and accurate information to help plan and make important decisions such as impacts of public lands grazing, economic development and diversification, etc. This report was prepared to provide a socioeconomic profile for the Owyhee, Mountain City and Jarbidge region of Elko County. The information presented is intended to provide interested parties with a variety of demographic, social, economic and housing data for the region. The data results of this study can be used for background material for a grazing review of the region.

Mountain City consists of the Census Bureau’s Zip Code Tabulation Area (ZCTA) 89831. Also included in this publication is information about ZCTA 89826 (Jarbidge) and 89832 (Owyhee). See Figure 1 for a map of Elko County ZCTAs. Original underlying data for these two areas are from U. S. Census 2000 data in Summary Files 1, and 3. UCED used the Census Bureau data for calculations and graphs presented in the report.

To put each individual community’s data into perspective, data are compared with the county as a whole, the State of Nevada and the United States. County, state and national level statistics are from the same Census Bureau summary files.

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1 Zip Code Tabulation Areas do not exactly correspond to U.S. Postal Service ZIP codes. Also, Zip Code Tabulation Areas do not correlate with other Census Bureau geography levels such as states, counties, census tracts and so forth and are not comparable over time. For more information see http://www.census.gov/geo/www/tiger/tigermap.html#ZIP.

2 Data in Summary File 1 is 100% data from the Census short-form which attempts to canvas each household in the United States and includes very basic information such as race, age and sex. Data in Summary File 3 is sample data from the Census long-form given to approximately 1 in 6 households in the nation, which is then weighted so as to represent the entire population. Summary File 3 and 4 contain more detailed information such as income, education and occupation. Sampling rates are as high as 1 in 2 households in some areas with low population density.
FIGURE 1. ELKO COUNTY ZIP CODE TABULATION AREAS (ZCTAS)™

3 Zip Code Tabulation Areas are a trademark of the United States Department of Commerce, Census Bureau.

Population is a count of total residents in an area. Residence refers to the “usual place” where a person lives, which is not necessarily the same as legal residence.

Total Elko County population was 45,291 in 2000. Mountain City ZCTA population in 2000 was 72. Jarbidge population was 51 and Owyhee 1,019. Mountain City was about 6 percent of the total population of the Owyhee-Mountain City-Jarbidge region.

Population Distribution, Year 2000, N= 1,142

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, SF1
**Population by Race, Year 2000**

The Census Bureau tabulates race from self-identification of the respondent on the Census form. There are five basic race categories. They are White, Black or African American, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and “other” race for persons who do not identify with one of the specified groups. For the first time, in Census 2000 persons may report more than one racial group.

Compared with the county, state and national percentages, Mountain City and Jarbidge have fewer minorities. Owyhee, which includes the Nevada portion of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, has a population that is nearly 75 percent American Indian.

### Percent Population by Race, Year 2000

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<th>White</th>
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<td>Jarbidge (ZCTA 89826)</td>
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<td>Mountain City (ZCTA 89831)</td>
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<td>Owyhee (ZCTA 89832)</td>
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<td>75.1%</td>
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Sources: U.S. Census Bureau SF1
Population by Hispanic Origin, Year 2000

Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Nevada has a higher proportion of Hispanic population (19.7%) than does the nation as a whole (12.5%). Mountain City and Jarbidge had no Hispanics recorded in the 2000 Census. Nine percent of the Owyhee ZCTA region population reported Hispanic origins.

Percent Population by Hispanic Origin, Year 2000

- U.S.: 12.5%
- Nevada: 19.7%
- Owyhee (ZCTA 89832): 9.0%
- Mountain City (ZCTA 89831): 0.0%
- Jarbidge (ZCTA 89826): 0.0%
- Elko County, Nevada: 19.7%

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau
Population by Age, Year 2000

Age data are reported for the total population. In 2000, 21% of the total population of the U.S. was 55 years of age or older. In Elko County the proportion of the population that was 55 years of age or older was only 14%. In Mountain City and Jarbidge the percentage of the population that was 55 years of age or older was 38% and 57%, respectively. In the Owyhee ZCTA, 18.2% of the population was 55 years of age or older.

Percent Population by Age Group, Year 2000

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau SF1
**Median Age, Year 2000**

In 2000, the median age of the total population in Elko County was 31.2 years, which was lower than the U.S. median age of 35.3 years and the state median age of 35 years. Median age in Jarbidge was very high at 57.2 years. Mountain City median age was also quite high at 47.5 years while Owyhee median age is very low at 25.5 years of age.

![Median Age, Year 2000 Chart]

*Source: U. S. Census Bureau SF1*
Population by Highest Level of Educational Attainment, Year 2000

Educational attainment shows the highest level of education completed by adult persons. The term “adult” refers to persons 25 years old or older. Educational attainment provides insight into the type of workforce available and provides some indication of an area’s educational system.

In 2000, 24.4% of the US population at least 25 years old had completed college and had a bachelor’s degree or higher education level. However, only 14.7% of Elko County population 25 years and older had a bachelor’s degree or higher. Mountain City population had a higher rate of attainment of bachelor degrees or higher at over 20 percent, while in the Owyhee ZCTA
only 12 percent of the population over 25 years of age had obtained a bachelor’s degree or higher. In Jarbidge, the entire population over 25 was estimated to have graduated from high school. Mountain City had a smaller percentage of adults (14.3%) who had not obtained a high school degree than did Elko County, Nevada or the United States. The Owyhee ZCTA had a higher than average rate of adults without high school degrees (24.3%). To compete in the “new economy,” a local educated workforce is essential. The educational levels for Jarbidge, Mountain City and Owyhee ZCTAs are mixed and in some cases may make it difficult to compete for “new economy” industries and jobs.
Total Households & Average Household Size, Year 2000

Total number of households is equal to total number of occupied housing units. Average household size is calculated by dividing total persons in households by the number of households.

In 2000, there were an estimated 24 households in the Jarbidge ZCTA, 35 in the Mountain City ZCTA and 324 in the Owyhee ZCTA. Average household size was highest in Owyhee with an average household size of 2.65 persons per household and lowest in Mountain City with an average of 2.06 persons per household. The average household size for year 2000 in the US and Nevada were 2.59 and 2.62, respectively.
**Household Characteristics, Year 2000**

The Census Bureau defines two types of households: nonfamily and family. A family contains at least two members related by blood, marriage or adoption. A nonfamily household can be either a person living alone or sharing a housing unit with nonrelatives only. Family households can be maintained either by a married couple or by a man or woman living with other relatives. Family households of any type may contain children. Children are defined to be less than 18 years of age.

In 2000, 51.7% of national households were married couple families with or without children or other relatives. In the state, 49.7% of households were married couple families. Elko County as a whole and Jarbidge have a higher proportionate share of households with married couple families. In Elko County, 59.3% of households were married couple families while in Jarbidge 62.5% of households were married couple families. Jarbidge and Mountain City had a lower than average proportion of single male or female headed families, while Owyhee had a larger proportion. Mountain City had a high proportion of both men and women living alone.

![Percent Household by Type, Year 2000](source: U.S. Census Bureau SF1: P18)
Households with Persons 65 Years and Older, Year 2000

Households with persons 65 years or older include singles living alone, as well as any other type of household with a person 65 years or older. In 2000, 23.4% of total U.S. households included a person who was 65 years or older. Nevada was slightly lower with 21.3%. Elko County had 12.8% of households with persons 65 years or older, lower than national and state of Nevada averages. Owyhee had a fairly low percentage of households with a person 65 years or older in residence, while both Mountain City and Jarbidge had a high percentage of households with at least one person 65 years or older in residence at 40.0% and 41.7%, respectively.

Percent of Households with person(s) 65+

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<th>Owyhee</th>
<th>Mountain City</th>
<th>Jarbidge</th>
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<tr>
<td>Percent</td>
<td>23.4%</td>
<td>21.3%</td>
<td>12.8%</td>
<td>19.1%</td>
<td>40.0%</td>
<td>41.7%</td>
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Sources: Census Bureau SF1
Household Income Distribution by Income Category, Year 1999

Household income includes the total income received in the calendar year of all household members aged 15 years and older. Income sources include wages, self-employment, interest and dividends, Social Security, public assistance, retirement, disability, and other sources such as alimony, child support and unemployment.

In 1999, 58% and 55.9% of the U.S. and state of Nevada households, respectively, reported household incomes of $50,000 or less. For Elko County, 51.9% of households had household incomes of $50,000 or less. For Mountain City households, 30% made less than $50,000. In Jarbidge, 47.4% of households made less than $25,000 while in Owyhee nearly 83% of households made less than $50,000 in 1999.
Average Household Income and Per Capita Income, Year 1999

Average household income represents the mean of the income distribution. It is calculated from the aggregate of total household income divided by all households in the distribution. Per capita income is the average income for all persons, calculated from total income of persons 15 years and older.

For the U.S. and state of Nevada, average household income in 1999 was $56,644 and $57,469, respectively. For Elko County, average household income in 1999 was $52,459, which is lower than the national and state average. For Jarbridge and Mountain City, average household income in 1999 was reported to be $43,205 and $54,683, respectively. Both areas had average household income levels below the national and state averages. Owyhee had the lowest average household income in 1999 at $29,852. Per capita income follows the same pattern.

Sources: U.S. Census SF3
**Labor Force and Unemployment, Year 2000**

Labor force includes civilian employed, unemployed, and the U.S. Armed Forces. Employed includes all persons who were at work or temporarily absent. Unemployed are persons seeking work in the previous 4 weeks and able to work. An unemployment rate is total unemployed divided by the sum of civilian employed plus unemployed persons.\(^4\)

In 2000, there were 138,820,935 persons in the national labor force and 1,003,293 in the state of Nevada labor force. Elko County reported a labor force of 22,924 in 2000. The Census Bureau estimated the workforce in Jarbidge, Mountain City and Owyhee to be 26, 28 and 343 persons, respectively, in the year 2000. Unemployment rates in Jarbidge and Mountain City were estimated to be 0%, while unemployment in Owyhee was estimated to be approximately 20%.

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Labor Force Participation Rate, Year 2000

Labor force participation rate is the number of people in the labor force divided by the total population aged 16 and over. Homemakers, retired people, students and those who were in the labor force but are no longer actively pursuing employment are some of the people who could make up the population that was not participating in the labor force.

Elko County has a much higher estimated labor participation rate (70.8%) than does the state of Nevada (65.2%) or the United States (63.9%). Jarbidge has an even higher labor force participation rate at 81.3%. Mountain City and Owyhee had lower participation rates at 57.1% and 42.6%, respectively.

Sources: U.S. Census SF 4
**Labor Force by Occupation, Year 2000**

Labor force characteristics are reported for persons 16 years and older who were employed during the reference week, which is the week preceding enumeration. “White collar” is defined to include management and professional jobs as well as sales, office and administrative support occupations. “Blue collar” includes construction, extraction, maintenance, production, transportation or material moving occupations.

In 2000, the State of Nevada labor force was 53.3% white collar, 24.6% service, and 21.8% blue collar. The Census Bureau estimated that Jarbidge and Mountain City had no workers in service occupations and high proportions of workers in white collar occupations. The larger population in the Owyhee ZCTA was estimated to have 4 percent of workers in farming, fishing and forestry occupations.

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<th>Owyhee</th>
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<tr>
<td>White Collar</td>
<td>60.3%</td>
<td>53.3%</td>
<td>44.8%</td>
<td>65.4%</td>
<td>75.0%</td>
<td>52.2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Blue Collar</td>
<td>14.9%</td>
<td>24.6%</td>
<td>22.3%</td>
<td>34.6%</td>
<td>25.0%</td>
<td>23.7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Service</td>
<td>0.7%</td>
<td>0.3%</td>
<td>1.3%</td>
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<td>4.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Farming/Fishing/Forestry</td>
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Sources: U.S. Census Bureau SF3
Percent Employed by Industry for 2000

Employed persons were also classified by industry from information given on the Census 2000 long form. The North American Industry Classification System was used to categorize the type of work in which the person’s employer was engaged.

The table showing percentage of civilian population 16 years of age and older employed by sector provides insights as to the economic base of the region. For the state of Nevada, which is heavily influenced by Clark County (Las Vegas), over 26% of civilian population are employed in the Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation, and Food Service Sector. This indicates the influence of the Clark County casino industry on the state economy. For comparison, the Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation, and Food Service Sector in Elko County made up 22.17% of the total civilian population employment by sector. This industry sector was estimated to have no employment in the Mountain City and Jarbidge and about 7% of employment in Owyhee ZCTA region in year 2000.

In contrast, in Elko County, Jarbidge, Mountain City and Owyhee, the Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, and Mining Sector made up 22.1%, 38.5%, 35.7% and 8.0%, respectively, of total civilian population employment. The Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, and Mining Sector make up only 1.6% and 1.9%, respectively, of total civilian population employment in the state of Nevada and the U.S.

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<th>INDUSTRY</th>
<th>United States</th>
<th>Nevada</th>
<th>Elko</th>
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<tr>
<td>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining</td>
<td>1.90%</td>
<td>1.60%</td>
<td>22.08%</td>
<td>38.46%</td>
<td>35.71%</td>
<td>8.03%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>6.80%</td>
<td>9.20%</td>
<td>8.01%</td>
<td>34.62%</td>
<td>25.00%</td>
<td>10.58%</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>14.10%</td>
<td>4.90%</td>
<td>1.43%</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
<td>0.36%</td>
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<td>Wholesale trade</td>
<td>3.60%</td>
<td>2.70%</td>
<td>2.73%</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Retail trade</td>
<td>11.70%</td>
<td>11.30%</td>
<td>9.41%</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
<td>1.82%</td>
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<td>Transportation and warehousing, and utilities</td>
<td>5.20%</td>
<td>5.20%</td>
<td>3.41%</td>
<td>26.92%</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
<td>1.46%</td>
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<td>Information</td>
<td>3.10%</td>
<td>2.20%</td>
<td>1.39%</td>
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<td>Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing</td>
<td>6.90%</td>
<td>6.50%</td>
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<td>0.00%</td>
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<td>Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services</td>
<td>9.30%</td>
<td>8.80%</td>
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<td>Educational, health and social services</td>
<td>19.90%</td>
<td>12.90%</td>
<td>13.61%</td>
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<td>Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services</td>
<td>7.90%</td>
<td>26.30%</td>
<td>22.17%</td>
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<td>0.00%</td>
<td>6.93%</td>
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<td>Other services (except public administration)</td>
<td>4.90%</td>
<td>3.90%</td>
<td>3.86%</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
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<td>Public administration</td>
<td>4.80%</td>
<td>4.50%</td>
<td>4.93%</td>
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**Labor Force by Place of Work, Year 2000**

Employed persons, both civilian and military, were asked to give the address of their workplace on the Census long-form. Place of work is reported to the U.S. Census for employed persons 16 years and older. Data given is for individual workers who were employed during the reference week, which is the week preceding enumeration.

Approximately 8.3% of workers 16 years of age and older in Elko County worked outside the county, and an additional 3.1% worked outside the state of Nevada. Mountain City workers all worked inside Elko County while 38.5% of Jarbidge workers traveled outside of Nevada to work. Nearly all Owyhee workers were estimated to work for Elko County businesses.

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**Workers 16 and Over by Place of Work**

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<th>Owyhee</th>
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<td>Worked in county of residence</td>
<td>73.3%</td>
<td>94.8%</td>
<td>88.6%</td>
<td>61.5%</td>
<td>100.0%</td>
<td>98.5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Worked outside county of residence inside state of residence</td>
<td>23.1%</td>
<td>3.6%</td>
<td>8.3%</td>
<td>38.5%</td>
<td>0.7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Worked outside state of residence</td>
<td>3.6%</td>
<td>1.6%</td>
<td>3.1%</td>
<td>0.7%</td>
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Sources: U.S. Census Bureau SF4
Housing Characteristics, Year 2000

Total housing units are all units occupied and vacant, year-round and seasonal. Home value is the homeowner’s estimate of value, for owner-occupied units which include only one-family houses on less than 10 acres without a business or medical office on the property. Average home value is obtained by dividing the aggregate value of all owner-occupied units by total owner-occupied housing units. Unoccupied or seasonal housing units are not included in the average value. Rental units are also not included when calculating the average home value.

Average home values in the Jarbidge ZCTA were estimated to be $291,176 in Year 2000. Mountain City and Owyhee average home values were estimated to be much lower at $63,824 and $53,090, respectively.

![Average Home Value and Total Housing Units, Year 2000](image)

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau SF3
**Housing Occupancy, Year 2000**

Housing units are considered to be occupied if the person(s) living there at the time of enumeration did not have a usual home elsewhere. Occupancy rate is calculated by dividing total occupied housing units by total housing units.

In 2000 the U.S. and the State of Nevada reported an occupancy rate of 91.0% and 90.8%, respectively. These occupancy rates were higher than occupancy rates reported in Elko County of 84.7% or in Owyhee (87.8%). Occupancy rates in Jarbidge and Mountain City were reported to be quite low at 14.7% and 30.0% respectively.

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**Percent Occupied Housing Units, Year 2000**

United States: 91.0%  
Nevada: 90.8%  
Elko: 84.7%  
Jarbidge: 14.7%  
Mountain City: 30.0%  
Owyhee: 87.8%

Sources: U.S. Census SF 3
**Type of Housing Vacancy, Year 2000**

Total vacant housing units include the number of housing units vacant year-round plus the number of housing units that are vacant seasonally. Housing units are considered vacant if unoccupied or if the occupants had a usual home elsewhere at the time of enumeration. These numbers include total housing units inclusive of rentals, and tenant-owned properties.

In 2000, the U.S. had 5.7% of its total housing stock vacant year-round and 3.3% vacant seasonally, for a 9% total vacancy rate. Elko County had a higher total vacancy rate of 15.3%. Both year-round and seasonal vacancies are very high in Jarbidge and Mountain City where seasonal vacancy rates were 56.9% and 35.6%, respectively.
Summary

Below are summary notes of this publication:

• Data for Mountain City consists of Census Bureau Zip Code Tabulation Area (ZCTA) 89831. This publication also includes ZCTA 89826 (Owyhee) and 89832 (Jarbidge).

• Six percent of the Owyhee-Mountain City-Jarbidge region population is located in Mountain City.

• Distribution of the population by race showed reduced ethnic diversity in the Jarbidge and Mountain City ZCTAs as compared to Elko County, and a large percentage of American Indian population in the Owyhee ZCTA region, which includes the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

• As compared to Elko County, the proportion of the population with Hispanic origins is low in the Owyhee-Mountain City-Jarbidge region.

• The share of the population in the Mountain City ZCTA that was 55 years of age or older was 38%. This compares to 14% in Elko County, 57% in Jarbidge ZCTA and 18.2% in Owyhee ZCTA.

• Median age for Elko County in 2000 was reported as 31.2 years of age. Mountain City median age was 47.5 years of age, while in Jarbidge it was 57.2 and in Owyhee 25.5.

• Median age for Elko County in 2000 was younger at 31.2 years of age compared to median age in the state of Nevada and the U.S. of 35.0 and 35.3 years of age, respectively.

• In 2000, 24.4% of the national population 25 years of age or older graduated from college or higher education levels. However, only 14.7% of Elko County were college graduates or higher. In Mountain City, 20 percent of the adult population had graduated from college or had higher levels of education, while in Owyhee only 12 percent of the adult population had obtained college degrees or higher.

• At the time of the last census in 2000, Jarbidge had 24 households, Mountain City 35 and Owyhee 324. Household size was largest in Owyhee at 2.65 persons per household and lowest in Mountain City at 2.06 persons per household.

• Over 40% of households in Mountain City and Jarbidge included at least one person 65 years of age or older. This is almost double the Nevada average of 21.3% and much higher than the Elko County average of 12.8%.

• For the Mountain City ZCTA, 30% of area households had household incomes of $50,000 or less. In Jarbidge, over 47% of households made less than $50,000 in 1999, while in Owyhee, 83% made less than $50,000. For comparison, approximately 56% of Nevada households reported less than $50,000 in income in 1999.
For Jarbidge and Mountain City, average household income in 1999 was reported to be $43,205 and $54,683, respectively. Both areas had average household income levels below the national and state averages. Owyhee had the lowest average household income in 1999 at $29,852.

For the Mountain City ZCTA, 57.1% of the population is in the labor force, which is lower than the national (63.9%) and state (65.2%) values. Labor force participation rates for Jarbidge and Owyhee were 81.3 and 42.6 percent respectively. For Elko County, approximately 70.8% of the population is in the labor force, which is higher than the national and state values.

Jarbidge and Mountain City did not have any workers employed in service occupations in year 2000, according to Census Bureau estimates. The majority of workers in these two ZCTAs were classified as white collar workers.

Four percent of workers in the Owyhee ZCTA were classified as being employed in farming, fishing or forestry occupations.

Considering employment by type of industry, for the Mountain City ZCTA, the Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, and Mining Sector was 35.7% of employment as compared to the national and state of Nevada proportionate share in this economic sector of 1.9% and 1.6%, respectively. Owyhee and Jarbidge employment by industrial sector in the Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, and Mining Sector was 8.0% and 38.5% respectively.

In 2000, 100% of Mountain City and 98.5% of Owyhee workers 16 years of age and over were employed within Elko County. Approximately 38% of Jarbidge workers were employed outside the state of Nevada.

In 2000, average home value in Jarbidge for occupied housing units was estimated at $291,176. Average home values in Mountain City and Owyhee were estimated at $63,824 and $53,090.

In 2000, the occupancy housing rate was 30.0% for the Mountain City ZCTA and 14.7% for the Jarbidge ZCTA. Owyhee ZCTA had an 87.8% occupancy rate. For comparison, the state average was 90.8%.

The percent of seasonal housing vacancy in Jarbidge and Mountain City (56.9 and 35.6 percent, respectively) was much higher than Elko County (4.1%) or the state of Nevada (2.3%).