



...and another thing

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You may have heard that Las Vegas is growing. Yep! It's true! And it isn't just the city's population that is growing, although it did increase by 93,512 (20.1%) between 1999 and 2004, or that we added more than 27,000 new housing units during the same time. Basically, we added 2.13 new residents every hour, around the clock, and a new housing unit every hour and 36 minutes. According to Tentative Maps processed during the past year, approximately one new residential



subdivision opened within the city limits every week. If you happened to purchase a new home in 1999 you could probably have sold it in 2004 for 75 percent more than you paid for it. On average, while you were relaxing on your recliner, your home increased in value \$2.42 every hour during the five year span and all you had to do was toss back another beverage, consume an orange colored snack food and change the channel. At the same time the value of your home was increasing, your median household income went up by 12.5% (\$41,875 to \$47,097).

Other indicators of Las Vegas' growth between 1999 and 2004 are some of the things we do and the services we provide:

- The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, which is partially funded by the city, added 284 officers during the five-year span.
- Fire and Metro added 5 new stations and 2 new substations respectively.



- The number of city employees increased by 361 (15.5%). The majority of those added (62%) were in Public Safety, either fire personnel or marshals/detention.
- The city has added more than 8,000 new streetlights, which put out approximately 1,250,000 watts. That's equivalent to four times the wattage output of the beam at the Luxor Hotel.
- Las Vegas has added enough storm drain channels to reach from downtown to Lake Mead five times.
- We've added enough miles of sanitary sewers to reach from city hall in Las Vegas to city hall in Los Angeles and increased the capacity of the treatment plants by more than 50 percent.
- And just for fun, the city built 19 new parks.
- Finally, the city has annexed about 18 square miles of land, which means we can expect more of the same during the next five years and beyond.

Las Vegas Facts & Stats

	2004	1999	Difference	
Population	559,824	466,312	93,512	20.1%
Median Household Income	\$ 47,097	\$ 41,875	\$ 5,222	12.5%
Housing				
Households	206,612	179,741	26,871	14.9%
Housing Units	215,290	187,997	27,293	14.5%
Median Price	\$ 248,409	\$ 142,344	\$ 106,065	74.5%
Value of Building Permits	\$ 1,771,426,190	\$ 1,211,376,216	\$ 560,049,974	46.2%
Land Area	131.1	113.4	17.7	15.6%
Fire Protection				
Uniformed	522	441	81	18.4%
Communications	55	44	11	25.0%
Civilian	45	24	21	87.5%
Total	622	509	113	22.2%
Fire Stations	15	10	5	50.0%
Training Center	1	1	-	0.0%
Police Department				
Sworn Officers				
authorized	2,251	1,859	392	21.1%
assigned	2,030	1,746	284	16.3%
Civilian Workforce				
authorized	1,147	916	231	25.2%
assigned (includes recruits)	1,166	922	244	26.5%
Sworn Correction Officers & Civilians				
authorized	985	749	236	31.5%
assigned	963	668	295	44.2%
Area Commands	7	5	2	40.0%
Number of Permanent Employees				
CEA	1,541	1,431	110	7.7%
Appointive	296	272	24	8.8%
Fire	570	433	137	31.6%
PPA/PPO	260	173	87	50.3%
Elected	13	13	-	0.0%
Regular Part Time	3	-	3	100.0%
Total	2,683	2,322	361	15.5%
Number of Streetlights	48,365	40,000	8,365	20.9%
Culture and Recreation				
Number of Parks	59	40	19	47.5%
Number of Golf Courses	18	11	7	63.6%
Sewage System				
Miles of sanitary sewers	1,581	1,293	288	22.3%
# of service connections	169,557	136,206	33,351	24.5%
Miles of storm drain channels	330	200	130	65.0%
Number of treatment plants	3	2	1	50.0%
Daily average treatment in MGD	68	57	11	20.0%
Maximum daily capacity in MGD	102	67	35	52.2%

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They pretty much know everything. (Your brown sock is behind the sofa.) See what I mean?