

Summary of First Online Survey for the Nevada State Preservation Plan (2020-2028)

Survey period: February 5, 2018- May 31, 2018

Responses: 783 individuals,
70% between 24-64 years in age
Citizens from all 17 counties in Nevada

The SHPO developed the 20 questions in the first survey to solicit broad feedback from preservation stakeholders concerning current issues, opportunities, roles of various levels of government, and general views on historic preservation in Nevada.

A profile of the respondents indicates that the largest stakeholder response (at 40%) came from representatives of city, county, and federal governments. Individuals self-identifying as members of the public interested in historic preservation composed the 30% of the total. Respondents identifying as educators, students, preservation professionals, Nevada site stewards, amateur historians, property owners, and Tribal members composed between 2% and 15% in each category.

A majority of respondents believed that historic preservation in Nevada should play an important role in creating opportunities for educational, economic, and community development in the next decade.

When asked what types of cultural resources were important to preserve, over 70% of respondents identified Cemeteries, Ghost Towns, Rock Art Sites, Native American Sacred Sites, Parks, Historic Trails, and Paleontological resources as the requiring such attention.

Finally, in considering threats to these important resources, respondents identified lack of funding at all levels (71%) and lack of awareness of the value and fragility of cultural resources (64%) as the two most significant threats. However, development pressures, teardowns, and urban sprawl were also identified as threats to cultural resources.