

Political divide between Nev.'s urban, rural counties grows

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Nevada's political divide between rural and urban regions is wide.

Nevada voting trends in the 2016 election demonstrated the growing clout of Clark County, which has about 70 percent of the state's population, and the need for future candidates to connect with voters in the state's urban centers.

Though Donald Trump won the presidential election, Hillary Clinton carried the state, with the widest margin of victory in Southern Nevada. Clinton carried Nevada with slightly more than a 2-point lead: 47.89 percent to Trump's 45.53 percent.

Clark County and, to a smaller degree, Washoe County, put Nevada's six Electoral College votes in Clinton's column.

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