

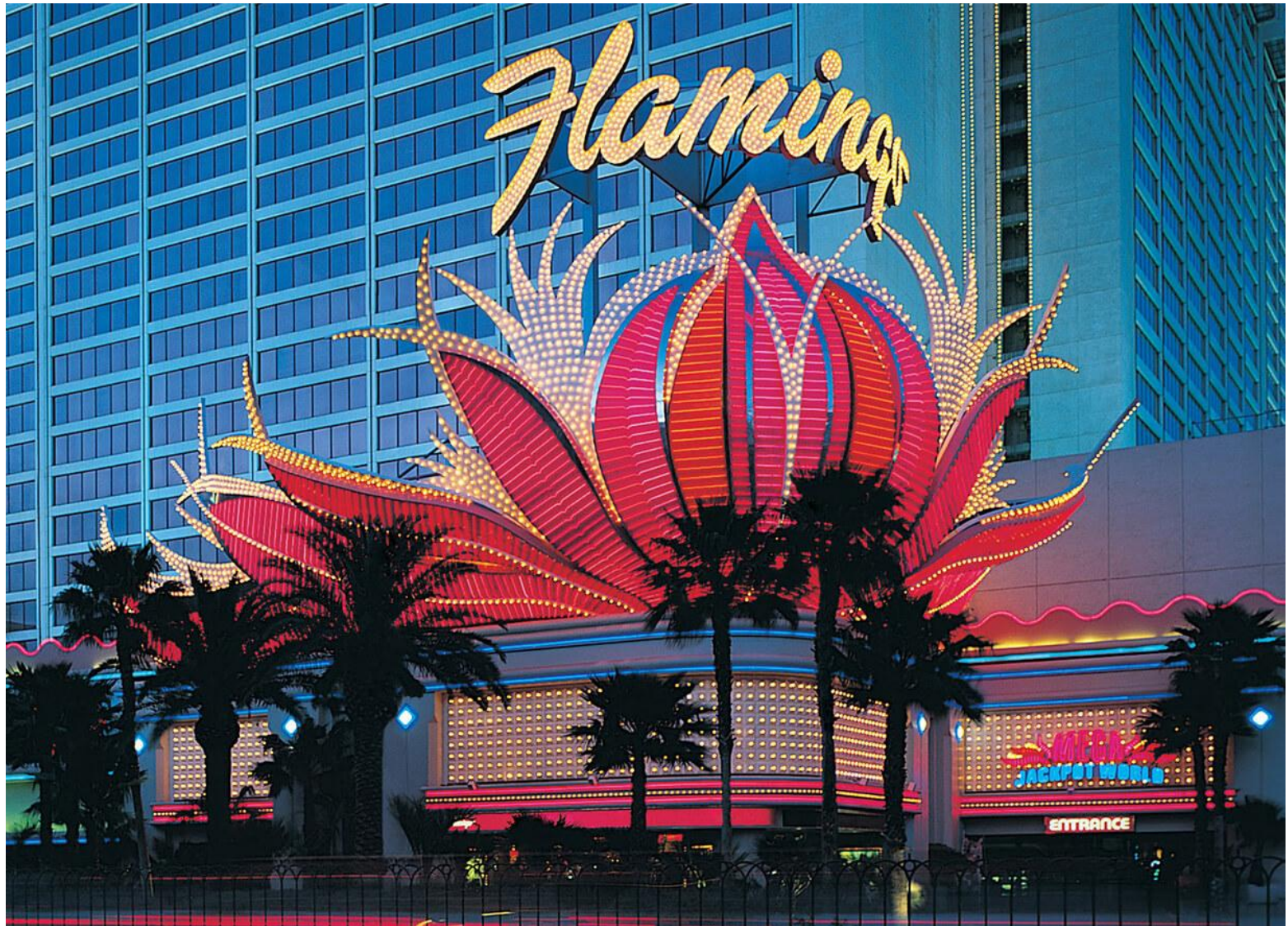
Las Vegas



Las Vegas (/lɑːs 'veɪɡəs/, Spanish for "The Meadows"), officially the **City of Las Vegas** and often known simply as **Vegas**, is the 29th-most populated city in the United States, the most populated city in the state of Nevada, and the county seat of Clark County. The city anchors the Las Vegas Valley metropolitan area and is the largest city within the greater Mojave Desert. Las Vegas is an internationally renowned major resort city known primarily for its gambling, shopping, fine dining, entertainment, and nightlife. It is the leading financial, commercial, and cultural center for Nevada.

The city bills itself as The Entertainment Capital of the World, and is famous for its mega casino–hotels and associated activities. It is a top three destination in the United States for business conventions and a global leader in the hospitality industry, claiming more AAA Five Diamond hotels than any city in the world. Today, Las Vegas annually ranks as one of the world's most visited tourist destinations. The city's tolerance for numerous forms of adult entertainment earned it the title of Sin City, and has made Las Vegas a popular setting for literature, films, television programs, and music videos.





Demographics

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White	62.1%	69.9%	78.4%	87.6%
—Non-Hispanic	47.9%	58.0%	72.1%	83.1% ^[43]
Black or African American	11.1%	10.4%	11.4%	11.2%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	31.5%	23.6%	12.5%	4.6% ^[43]
Asian	6.1%	4.8%	3.6%	0.7%

According to the 2010 Census, the racial composition of Las Vegas was as follows:

White: 62.1% (Non-Hispanic Whites: 47.9%; Hispanic Whites: 14.2%)

Black or African American: 11.1%

Asian: 6.1% (Filipino: 0.7%, Chinese: 0.7%, Korean: 0.4%, Japanese: 0.4%)

Culture

The city is home to several museums, including the Neon Museum (the location for many of the historical signs from Las Vegas' mid-20th century heyday), The Mob Museum, the Las Vegas Natural History Museum, the DISCOVERY Children's Museum, the Nevada State Museum and the Old Las Vegas Mormon State Historic Park.



The center of the gambling and entertainment industry, however, is located on the Las Vegas Strip, outside the city limits in the surrounding unincorporated communities of Paradise and Winchester in Clark County. The largest and most notable casinos and buildings are located there.

