

# Children's Defense Fund

## Children in Nevada



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681,033 children live in Nevada:  
 12,519 are American Indian/Alaska Native  
 35,488 are two or more races  
 40,407 are Asian/Pacific Islander  
 63,692 are Black  
 263,782 are Hispanic  
 289,619 are White, non-Hispanic

### In Nevada:

A child is abused or neglected every 2 hours.  
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 1 day.  
 A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 10 days.

### Nevada Ranks:\*

17<sup>th</sup> among states in its infant mortality rate.  
 Best state is Washington; worst is the District of Columbia  
 25<sup>th</sup> among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.  
 Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi  
 45<sup>th</sup> among states in per pupil expenditures.  
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah  
 [\*1<sup>st</sup> represents the best state for children and 51<sup>st</sup> represents the worst state for children in the country]

### Child Poverty in Nevada

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	117,809 (17.6%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	50,548 (7.5%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	24,481
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$348

### Child Health in Nevada

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	113,000 (15.9%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)*	33,981**
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$44,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	149,923**
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	55.4%
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	57.7%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	33.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	40.6%

\*States may have a different name for CHIP

\*\*The number of enrolled children throughout the year rather than on a given day

### **Child Hunger in Nevada**

Number of children who receive food stamps	69,267
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	52%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program (free and reduced price only)	126,188
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	5,246
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	60,973

### **Early Childhood Development in Nevada**

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	62.5%
Number of children served by Head Start	4,380
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	5,200
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,133
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	5.5%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	11.1%

### **Education in Nevada**

Annual expenditure per prisoner	\$16,545
Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$7,177
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	76%
unable to do math at grade level	68%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	78%
unable to do math at grade level	75%
Number of high school students who drop out of school annually	15,663

### **Child Welfare in Nevada**

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	4,708
Number of children in foster care	4,779
Number of children adopted from foster care	525
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	22,744

### **Youth at Risk in Nevada**

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school who are not high school graduates	11.0%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	51.3%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	31.5%
Number of juvenile arrests	23,988
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	996
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.3
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 38 27 homicides; 9 suicides; 2 accidents; and 0 undetermined	

Compiled from the most up-to-date data available as of January 2011. For data sources, please visit [www.childrensdefense.org/cits](http://www.childrensdefense.org/cits)

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