

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Nevada

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664,805 children live in Nevada:
267,223 are White, non-Hispanic
60,545 are Black
258,057 are Hispanic
42,926 are Asian/Pacific Islander
7,362 are American Indian/Alaska Native
45,596 are two or more races

In Nevada:

A child is abused or neglected every 2 hours.
A child dies before his or her first birthday every 2 days.

Nevada Ranks:*

22nd among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
Best state is South Dakota; worst state is Mississippi
7th among states in its infant mortality rate.
Best state is New Hampshire; worst is the District of Columbia
45th among states in per pupil expenditures.
The District of Columbia is best; Utah is the worst state

[*1st represents the best state for children and 51st represents the worst state for children in the country]

Child Poverty in Nevada

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	144,204 (22.0%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	65,642 (10.0%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	27,680
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$383

Child Health in Nevada

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	115,439 (17.5%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	31,554
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$46,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	212,426
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	59.8%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	62.9%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	35.6%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	41.4%

Child Hunger in Nevada

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	125,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	51%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	212,555
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	7,094
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	75,691

Early Childhood Development in Nevada

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	63.6%
Number of children served by Head Start	4,544
Average monthly 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	\$7,650
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	7.4%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	11.4%

Education in Nevada

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$8,321
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	74.5%
unable to do math at grade level	64.3%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	73.7%
unable to do math at grade level	71.4%
Number of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	13,462

Child Welfare in Nevada

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	4,654
Number of children in foster care	4,806
Number of children adopted from foster care	644
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	24,538

Youth at Risk in Nevada

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	9.0%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	56.3%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	32.8%
Number of juvenile arrests	20,239
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,052
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.24
Number of children and teens killed by firearms in homicides	16

**This fact sheet contains the most recent data as of January 26, 2012.
For data sources and methodological notes, please visit: www.childrensdefense.org/cits.**

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