

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Nevada

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665,015 children live in Nevada:

262,260 are White, non-Hispanic	186,440 are under the age of 5
61,383 are Black	330,435 are ages 5 to 13
262,449 are Hispanic	146,900 are ages 14 to 17
43,184 are Asian/Pacific Islander	477,335 are ages 5 to 17
7,347 are American Indian/Alaska Native	
48,038 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:*

28th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

17th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi

44th 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)	144,440 (22.1%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	62,523 (9.6%)
Number of children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	20,535
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$383

Child Health in Nevada

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	139,236 (21.0%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	29,760
CHIP eligibility: 200 percent of federal poverty (\$47,100 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	236,360
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	61.3%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	67.3%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	37.9%
Percent of 19-35 months-olds not fully immunized	34.2%

Child Hunger in Nevada

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	154,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	62%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	218,552
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	6,865
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	76,108

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	4,774
Average monthly number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	5,100
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,532
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	7.1%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	13.6%

Education in Nevada

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$8,376
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 (percentage) of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	9,845 (7.0%)

Child Welfare in Nevada

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	5,355
Number of children in foster care	4,636
Number of children adopted from foster care	821
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	25,293

Youth at Risk in Nevada

Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	57.8%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	31.9%
Number of juvenile arrests	16,588
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	1,052
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	2.3
Number of children and teens killed by firearms	21

This fact sheet contains the most recent data as of March 20, 2013. Most of the data are from 2011 and 2010. For more information on data year, sources, and methodological notes, please visit:

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