

# Juvenile Violent Crime

## Nevada

The Juvenile Violent Crime Arrest Rate in Nevada from 1998 to 2000 was 273.8 arrests per 100,000 youth, ages 10 to 17. During this period, there were 1,716 juvenile violent crime arrests. The 1997 to 1999 rate was 312. In 2000, 85.1 percent of all state-wide juvenile arrests were males.<sup>1</sup>

## Counties

Carson City and Clark County had the highest Average Violent Crime Arrest Rate. Esmeralda, Eureka, and Lincoln counties reported no juvenile crime arrests.

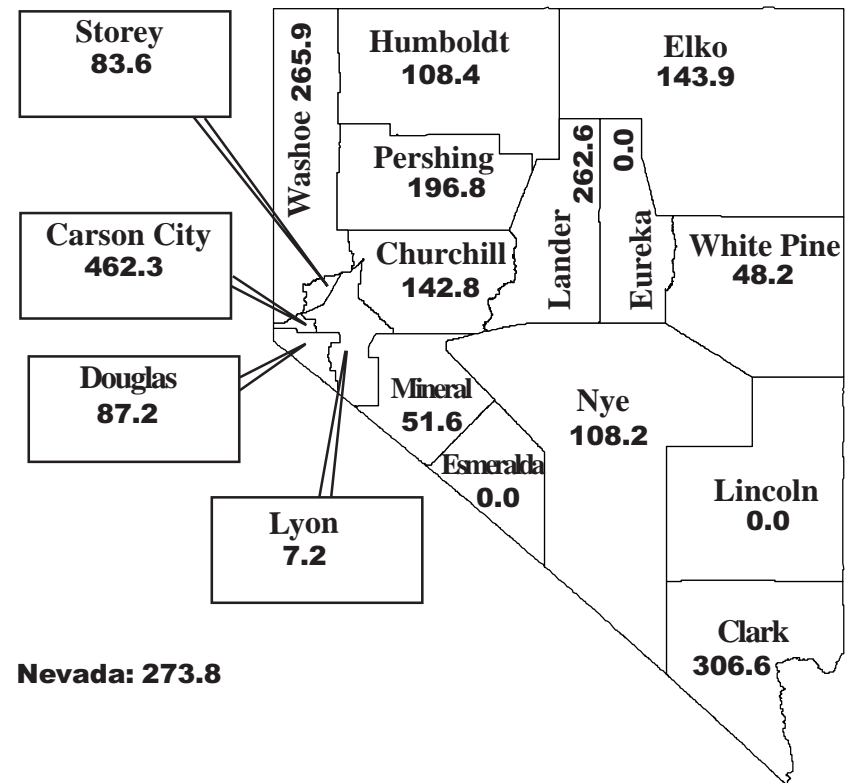
## Significant Factors

- ❖ Most violent behavior is learned. Some key risk factors for violence include peer pressure; need for attention or respect; feelings of low self-worth; feelings of isolation or rejection; early childhood abuse or neglect; and witnessing violence at home, in the community, or in the media.<sup>2</sup>
- ❖ Juvenile violent crime peaks between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., unlike adult violent crime which peaks at 11 p.m. However, when nonschool days are considered, the pattern of juvenile crime is similar to that of adult crime. Juveniles are more likely to commit crime later in the evening on a nonschool day.<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ Aggravated assault and even homicide, involving juveniles as victims and/or offenders, often result from interactions over apparently trivial matters, and occur between individuals who know each other.<sup>4</sup>

## Definition

The Juvenile Violent Crime Arrest Rate measures the rate at which youths (per 100,000) between the ages of 10 and 17 are arrested for violent crimes. In Nevada, juvenile violent crime includes murder, nonnegligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

## Average Juvenile Violent Crime Arrest Rate: 1998-2000



Source: CBER calculations from Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety data, Nevada Highway Patrol Records and Identification Services, 1998-2000.

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## Nevada Youth Risk Behavior Study, Middle School and High School Results: Spring 2001

<i>Item</i>	<i>Response</i>	<i>Middle School Percent*</i>	<i>High School Percent*</i>
How often do you feel safe and secure at school?	"Most of the time" or "always"	70.5	69.5
	"Never," "rarely," or "sometimes"	29.5	30.5
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on your way to or from school?	"0 days"	87.2	83.1
	"1 day" to "6 or more days"	12.8	16.9
During the past 12 months, has anyone offered, sold, or given you an illegal drug on school property?	"No"	81.2	64.3
	"Yes"	18.8	35.7
During your life, how many times have you used marijuana?	"0 times"	NA**	49.2
	"1 or 2 times" to "99 times"	NA**	36.5
	"100 times or more"	NA**	14.3
During your lifetime, how many times have you used any form of cocaine including powder, crack, or freebase?	"0 times"	93.7	88.1
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?	"0 days"	87.0	74.8
	"1 or 2 days" to "all 30 days"	13.0	25.2
During your life, on how many days have you had at least one drink of alcohol?	"0 days"	50.6	19.9
	"1 or 2 days" to "100 or more days"	49.4	80.2
How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?	"8 years old or younger"	11.7	10.9
Have you ever had sexual intercourse?	"Yes"	NA*	49.1
Have you ever been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to?	"Yes"	NA*	9.2

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Have you ever belonged to a street gang?	"No, never"	89.7	85.7
	"Yes, but not now"	7.5	9.8
	"Yes, I belong to one now"	2.8	4.5
Is there gang activity in your school?	"Yes"	25.5	40.4
	"No"	20.0	19.2
	"Not sure"	54.5	40.4
During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight?	"0 times"	58.8	64.4
	"1 time"	16.4	15.1
	"2 -5 times"	16.9	14.6
	"6 or more times"	8.0	6.0
During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight on school property?	"0 times"	77.1	87.0
	"1 time"	12.8	8.8
	"2-5 times"	7.7	3.0
	"6 or more times"	2.2	1.2
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club?	"0 days"	86.7	84.0
	"1 day"	4.5	3.2
	"2-5 days"	4.2	5.6
	"6 or more days"	4.6	7.1
During the past 30 days, on how many days did you carry a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property?	"0 days"	94.6	93.1
	"1 day"	2.4	2.2
	"2-5 days"	1.6	2.0
	"6 or more days"	1.4	2.7

\*Totals may not add to 100 percent due to rounding.

\*\*Not Applicable.

Source: Nevada Department of Education, 2001 Nevada Youth Risk Behavior Study.

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## Statewide Arrests by Offense and Age: 2000

<i>Offense</i>	<i>9 Years of Age and Less</i>	<i>10-12 Years of Age</i>	<i>13-14 Years of Age</i>	<i>15 Years of Age</i>	<i>16 Years of Age</i>	<i>17 Years of Age</i>	<i>Total</i>
Murder	0	0	1	3	4	7	15
Manslaughter by negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible rape	3	8	8	11	2	10	42
Robbery	0	9	35	38	62	76	220
Aggravated assault	5	23	57	54	51	71	261
Other assaults	56	337	685	414	458	575	2,525
Burglary	26	114	280	192	207	237	1,056
Larceny-theft	46	466	1,005	629	652	718	3,516
Motor vehicle theft	1	10	107	120	126	162	526
Arson	12	14	24	6	4	2	62
Forgery and counterfeiting	0	0	4	2	7	12	25
Fraud	0	3	7	13	13	19	55
Embezzlement	0	0	1	1	18	28	48
Stolen property-buy, possess, receive	4	18	79	70	52	74	297
Vandalism	43	124	243	137	139	126	812
Weapons-carrying, possession	4	43	106	68	81	105	407
Prostitution and commercialized vice	0	0	1	7	9	17	34
Other sex offenses	7	24	47	24	24	26	152
Drug abuse violations	1	57	298	338	435	520	1,649
Gambling	0	0	1	1	2	1	5
Offenses against family and children	12	6	18	9	9	18	72
Driving under the influence	1	0	8	1	23	53	86
Liquor laws	1	13	180	242	387	698	1,521
Drunkenness	1	0	8	12	17	37	75
Disorderly conduct	9	85	178	148	133	116	669
Vagrancy	0	8	22	10	22	16	78
All other offenses (except traffic)	50	490	1,673	1,233	1,187	1,096	5,729
Suspicion	1	8	1	6	5	2	23
Curfew and loitering law violations	13	89	608	751	1,134	1,494	4,089
Runaway	9	93	478	401	419	281	1,681
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>6,163</b>	<b>4,941</b>	<b>5,682</b>	<b>6,597</b>	<b>25,730</b>

Source: Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety, *2000 Crime and Justice in Nevada*.