

# Families with Children Headed by a Single Parent

## Nevada

Approximately 30 percent of families with children were headed by a single parent, according to the 2000 Census. Nationally, 27.1 percent of families with children under 18 were headed by a single parent--20.9 and 6.2 percents of the families were headed by a female and by a male, respectively.<sup>1</sup>

## Counties

The percent of families with children headed by a single parent ranged from a low of 13.8 in Eureka County to a high of 33.9 in Carson City.

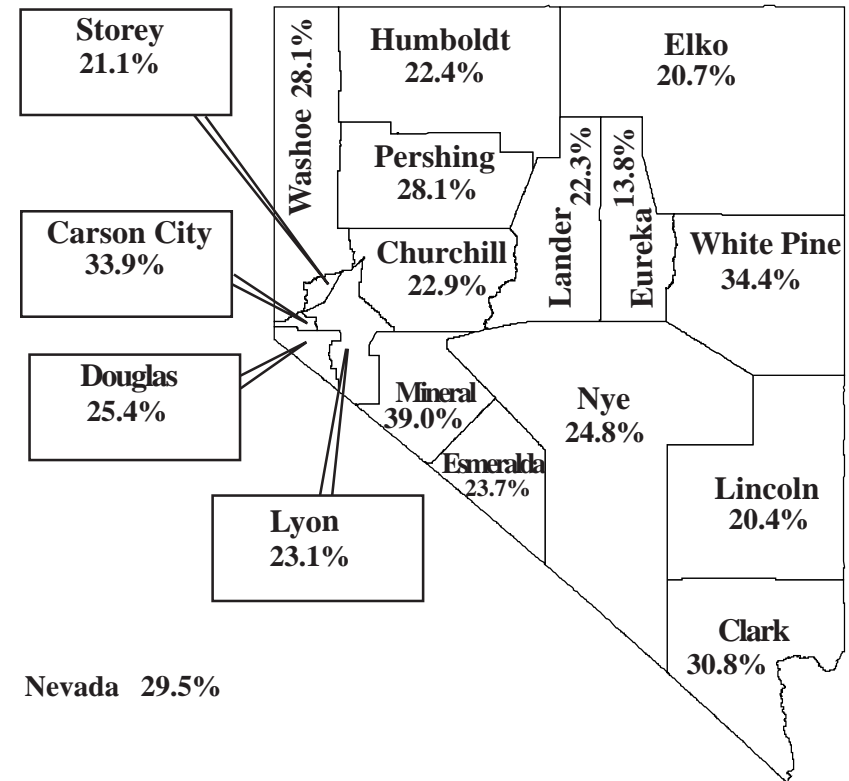
## Significant Factors

Children who are raised with married parents usually have more social and economic benefits than those living in single-parent households.<sup>2</sup> Findings from a Current Population Survey show that in 2001 children ages five years and younger who lived in families with a female householder (no spouse present) were over five times more likely to be poor than those in married-couple families (48.9 versus 9.2 percent).<sup>3</sup> Children raised in single-parent households are at greater risk of dropping out of school, early childbearing, and are more likely to be idle in young adulthood than children living in two-parent households.<sup>4</sup>

## Definition

*“Percent of Families with Children Headed by a Single Parent is the percentage of all families with ‘own children’ under age 18 living in the household, who are headed by a person—male or female—without a spouse present in the home. ‘Own children’ are never-married children under 18 who are related to the householder (head of household) by birth, marriage, or adoption.”<sup>5</sup>*

**Percent of Families with Children Headed by a Single Parent: 2000**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census of Population and Housing, Summary File 3, Table P15, 2000.

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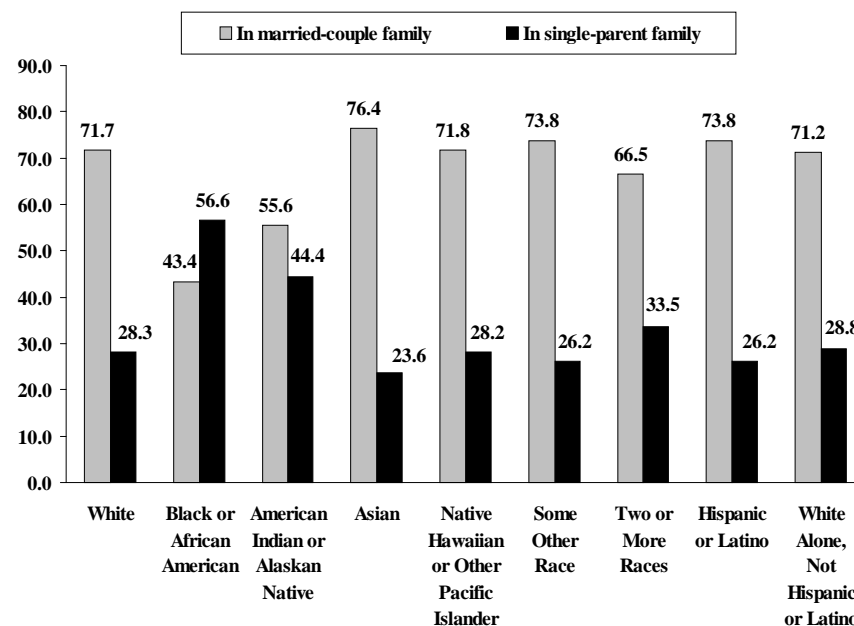
**Median Family Income for Nevada Families with Children\*  
by Family Type: 2000**

<i>Family Type</i>	<i>Number of Families</i>	<i>Median Family Income</i>
Families with own children under age 18	245,234	47,577
Married-couple families with own children under age 18	172,858	57,707
Single-mother families with own children under age 18	49,763	24,148
Single-father families with own children under age 18	22,613	32,114

\*A never-married child under 18 years who is a son or daughter by birth, a stepchild, or an adopted child of the householder.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 3 (Tables P15, PCT39, & PCT40).

**Percentage of Children in Married-Couple  
or Single-Parent Nevada Families\*  
by Race and Hispanic Origin:  
in the Calendar Year 2000**



\*The percentage of families of that race/ethnicity with related/own children. Not all families of a given race/ethnicity.

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 (Table P34).