

Public-Health Programs

Nevada

Nevada has two state-level programs which can assist children from low-income households who need health care.

Medicaid (CHAP)

The Medicaid program, authorized by the Social Security Act in 1965, is a health-insurance program for low-income individuals and families. Medicaid provides comprehensive, preventive coverage with some benefits designed specifically for children, including immunizations; well-child checkups; school physicals; and hearing, dental, and vision-screening services. In calendar year 2001, an estimated 67,521 children 20 years of age and younger received Medicaid, slightly up from the 54,430 children in 2000.¹

Nevada Check Up (CHIP)

New federal funds became available after Congress enacted the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP, also called S-CHIP). The 1997 Nevada Legislature passed enabling legislation to authorize the development and implementation of Nevada Check Up, which began October 1, 1998.

Uninsured children, ages birth to 18, from families with incomes that are too high for Medicaid and too low to afford private insurance coverage, can be covered by Nevada Check Up. Families with income levels up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level may qualify. Program quarterly premiums, based on income and family size, range from \$10, \$25, or \$50 per quarter (per family). Families have no co-payments or deductibles. As of January 7, 2003, children covered by Nevada Check Up numbered 25,523.

Number of Children Enrolled in Nevada Check Up by County and Age: 2003

County	Less Than 1 Year	1 to 6 Years	7 to 13 Years	14 to 18 Years	Total Children
Carson City	49	414	484	202	1,149
Churchill	12	125	130	63	330
Clark	566	6,371	6,819	2,393	16,149
Douglas	5	124	200	133	462
Elko	17	261	347	174	799
Esmeralda	0	3	8	2	13
Eureka	1	5	8	3	17
Humboldt	8	145	185	94	432
Lander	2	24	34	19	79
Lincoln	0	9	16	10	35
Lyon	15	241	375	227	858
Mineral	2	28	44	28	102
Nye	3	114	166	92	375
Pershing	1	25	41	31	98
Storey	0	0	3	5	8
Washoe	100	1,592	1,994	770	4,456
White Pine	1	33	72	55	161
NEVADA	782	9,514	10,926	4,301	25,523

Source: Nevada Department of Human Resources, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, Nevada Check Up, available online at: <<http://www.nevadacheckup.state.nv.us>> as of January 7, 2003.

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Number of Children Enrolled in Nevada Check Up by County and Race/Ethnicity: 2003

<i>County</i>	<i>Native American</i>	<i>Black (African American)</i>	<i>Asian</i>	<i>Hispanic</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total Children</i>
Carson City	28	7	8	655	418	33	1,149
Churchill	61	2	5	89	159	14	330
Clark	120	1,537	510	9,099	4,150	733	16,149
Douglas	13	6	7	113	308	15	462
Elko	58	1	6	415	290	29	799
Esmeralda	0	0	0	13	0	0	13
Eureka	0	0	0	3	14	0	17
Humboldt	8	3	7	243	137	34	432
Lander	2	0	3	22	52	0	79
Lincoln	0	0	0	2	33	0	35
Lyon	64	9	8	277	475	25	858
Mineral	58	0	0	4	38	2	102
Nye	8	3	3	105	244	12	375
Pershing	11	1	0	57	22	7	98
Storey	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
Washoe	125	89	123	2,537	1,403	179	4,456
White Pine	20	0	0	20	110	11	161
NEVADA	576	1,658	680	13,654	7,861	1,094	25,523

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Enrollment in Nevada Check Up: 1998 to 2003

<i>Date</i>	<i>Number</i>
1998 December	2,832
1999 June	5,927
2000 December 1	14,245
2001 December 12	18,577
2002 January 7	22,850
2003 January 7	25,523

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