

Characteristics of the Formal Education System in Nevada

Summary Data on the Formal Education System: 2001-2002

In Nevada's 17 school districts there were 506 public schools: 311 elementary schools, 76 junior/middle schools, 77 high schools, 32 special schools, and 10 charter schools. Special schools were in Clark (21), Douglas (3), Churchill (1), Lincoln (1), Lyon (1), Washoe (1), and White Pine (1) counties, as well as Carson City (3). Charter schools were in Clark (5), Washoe (4), and Churchill (1) counties.

Public-school enrollment was 356,814, a 4.7 percent increase over 340,706 in 2000-2001.

A total of 16,857 students were enrolled in Nevada private schools. Approximately one-half of the counties reported private-school enrollment. By far, Clark County reported the highest enrollment with 12,095 students, followed by Washoe County with 3,711 students.

The percentage of white students enrolled in Nevada public schools was 54.5. Storey County reported the highest percentage of white students (88.3) and Clark County, the lowest (47.7). As with other southwestern states, the percentage of Hispanic students has increased. In 2001-2002, the Hispanic student population in Nevada was 27.4 percent, an increase over the 25.7 percent reported in 2000-2001.

Nevada Public-School Enrollment (PK*-12) by School District: 2000-2001 and 2001-2002

School District	Enrollment** Number		Change in Enrollment*** Percent
	2000-2001	2001-2002	2000-2001 to 2001-2002
Carson City	8,431	8,763	3.9
Churchill	4,808	4,724	-1.7
Clark	231,655	245,659	6.0
Douglas	7,033	6,989	-0.6
Elko	10,100	9,847	-2.5
Esmeralda	107	89	-16.8
Eureka	305	285	-6.6
Humboldt	3,805	3,616	-5.0
Lander	1,449	1,355	-6.5
Lincoln	1,018	1,014	-0.4
Lyon	6,666	7,046	5.7
Mineral	872	774	-11.2
Nye	5,290	5,279	-0.2
Pershing	900	898	-0.2
Storey	445	480	7.9
Washoe	56,268	58,532	4.0
White Pine	1,554	1,464	-5.8
NEVADA	340,706	356,814	4.7

*PK (kindergarten) refers to 3- and 4-year-old children receiving special education.

**End of the first school month.

***Change in enrollment is the percentage increase or decrease in total student enrollment from the year prior to the previous school year.

Source: Nevada Department of Education, March 2002, "Student Enrollment and Licensed Personnel Information," *Research Bulletin*, Volume 43.

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**Nevada Public-School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity
and School District: 2001-2002**

School District	Total Students					
	NA/AN*	Asian/PI**	Hispanic	Black***	White	Total
Carson City	290	201	1,856	76	6,340	8,763
Churchill	340	245	444	104	3,591	4,724
Clark	2,061	17,297	75,064	34,054	117,183	245,659
Douglas	191	153	673	51	5,921	6,989
Elko	669	97	2,245	61	6,775	9,847
Esmeralda	12	1	18	0	58	89
Eureka	20	4	25	0	236	285
Humboldt	166	31	831	13	2,575	3,616
Lander	58	8	289	1	999	1,355
Lincoln	11	24	68	37	874	1,014
Lyon	349	59	908	60	5,670	7,046
Mineral	165	8	70	42	489	774
Nye	145	100	685	122	4,227	5,279
Pershing	62	13	240	5	578	898
Storey	1	9	46	0	424	480
Washoe	1,532	3,341	14,215	2,095	37,349	58,532
White Pine	86	57	105	16	1,200	1,464
NEVADA	6,158	21,648	97,782	36,737	194,489	356,814
PERCENT	1.7%	6.1%	27.4%	10.3%	54.5%	100.0%

Note: End of the first school month.

*NA = Native American and AN = Alaskan Native.

**PI = Pacific Islander.

***African American.

Source: Nevada Department of Education, March 2002, "Student Enrollment and Licensed Personnel Information," *Research Bulletin*, Volume 43.

**Nevada Private-School Enrollment by Grade
and School District: 2001-2002**

School District	Grades					
	K-3	4-6	7-8	9-12	Ungraded*	Totals
Carson	301	171	71	24	0	567
Churchill	50	9	5	2	0	66
Clark	5,785	2,806	1,487	2,017	0	12,095
Douglas	65	18	4	28	0	115
Elko	35	33	24	20	0	112
Lyon	13	13	14	13	0	53
Nye	60	40	20	18	0	138
Washoe	1,391	600	424	777	519	3,711
NEVADA	7,700	3,690	2,049	2,899	519	16,857

*Ungraded refers to multiple-grade grouping.

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