

# What's New with Kids– August 2004

## NEVADA KIDS COUNT NEWSLETTER

### Site of the Month

*Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2003*, a U.S. Census Bureau report based on data collected in the 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey, was released August 26, 2004.

Poverty data show that between 2002 and 2003, the number of people in poverty increased from 34.6 million in 2002 to 35.9 million in 2003. The poverty rate increased from 12.1% to 12.5%. Using a three-year average (2001-2003) the Census calculated a 9.0 % poverty rate for Nevada.

The child poverty rate increased from 16.7 % in 2002 to 17.6 percent in 2003. In 2003, 12.9 million children under 18 years of age were in poverty, up from 12.1 million in 2002. Although children represented 25.4 percent of the total population, they represented 35.9 percent of the people in poverty.

In 2003, 11.4 percent of all children were without health-insurance, unchanged from 2002. Children in poverty had an uninsured rate of 19.2 percent. Older children ages 12 to 17 were more likely to be uninsured than younger children. Of the racial/ethnic groups, Hispanics (of any race) had the highest uninsured rate (21.0 percent), followed by black alone (14.5 percent), black alone or in combination (14.0 percent), Asian alone (12.4 percent), Asian alone or in combination (11.8 percent), and white alone, not Hispanic (7.4 percent).

Median household income was unchanged from 2002 to 2003. Real median household income, that is, income adjusted for inflation, was \$43,318.

The 69-page report is available on the U.S. Census Bureau Web site: <<http://www.census.gov>>.

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