

Teen Violent Deaths

Nevada

Nevada’s teen violent death rate from 2000 to 2002 was 51.8 deaths per 100,000 teens ages 15 to 19. During this period, 219 teens died as a result of homicide, suicide, or accident. According to the *KIDS COUNT Data Book: 2003*, the 2000 rate for the U.S. was 51 per 100,000.¹

Counties

Two counties had an age-specific population of 10,000 or more which allowed for calculation of teen violent death rates. The teen violent death rates per 100,000 teens ages 15 to 19 in Clark County and Washoe County were 50.1 and 48.6, respectively. The rate of the combined remaining 15 counties, each with a population of under 10,000, was 66.2.

Significant Factors

“Violence is a part of every child’s life in America. Violence originates in many places—self, family, peers, the community, and the media—and violence affects children and youth at every age, even the newborns.”²

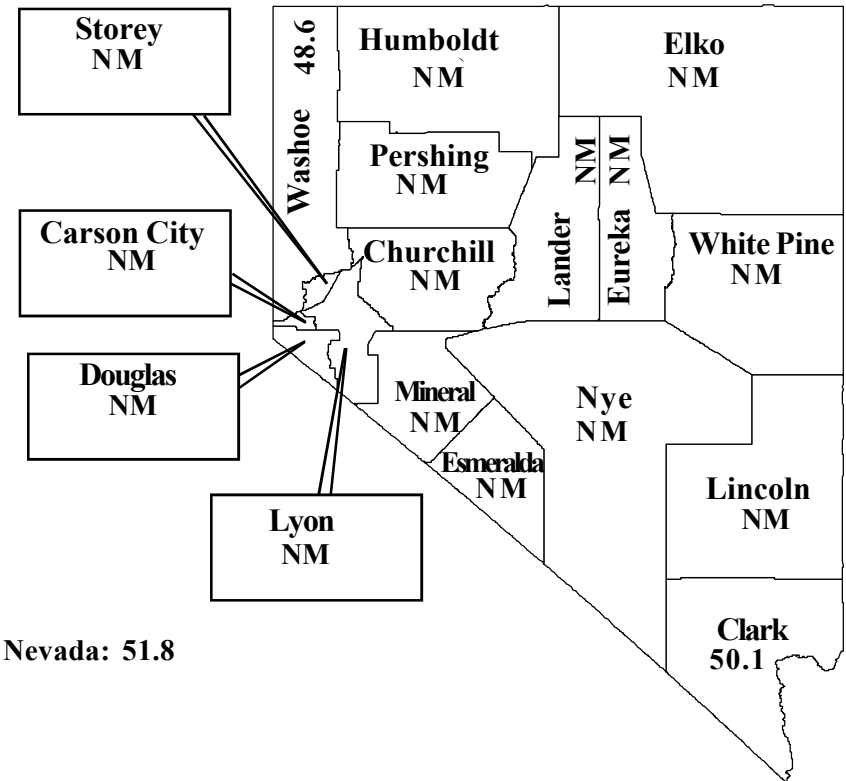
In 2002, 5,933 teenagers ages 13 to 19 died in motor vehicle crashes.³The majority, 66.1 percent, were males.

The National Consumers League identifies five jobs as being particularly hazardous to teens. These jobs are listed as driver/operator: forklifts and tractors; working alone and late-night work; construction laborer; work at heights: ladders and scaffolds; and traveling youth crews.⁴

Definition

The Teen Violent Death Rate is the number of deaths from suicide, homicide, accident, and unclassified death, per 100,000 teens, ages 15 to 19. The data are reported by the youths’ county of residence, rather than by place of death.

**Nevada Teen Violent Death Rate: 2000-2002*
(Deaths per 100,000 teens ages 15-19)**



Nevada: 51.8

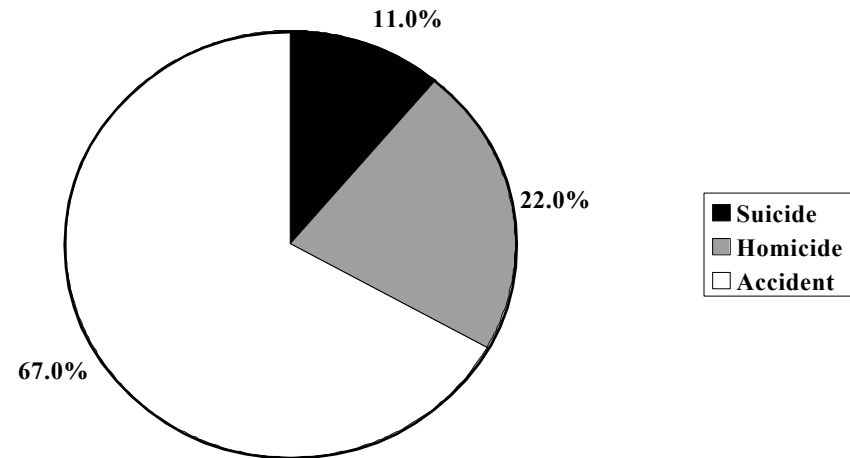
Note: NM = Not Meaningful. Only rates for counties with an age-specific population of 10,000 or more are shown. See County Data: 2002 for numbers.
**Teen Violent Deaths include homicide, suicide, and accident.*
Source: CBER calculations from Nevada Department of Human Resources data, Health Division, Bureau of Health Planning and Statistics, 2000-2002.

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Shore for the Annie E. Casey Foundation offers broad strategies for reducing the teen death rate:

- “• Support the Adults Who Play Significant Roles in the Lives of Teens
 - Strengthen the Capacity of Communities to Support Teens’ Healthy Development
 - Focus Intensively on Motor Vehicle Safety
 - Develop Policies and Programs Aimed at Preventing Violence
 - Address Teen Suicide by Bolstering the Capacity of Families and Communities to Recognize and Treat Teens in Emotional Distress”⁵

Teen Violent Deaths (Ages 15-19) in Nevada by Cause: 2002



Source: CBER calculations from Nevada Department of Human Resources data, Health Division, Bureau of Health Planning and Statistics, 2002.

Suicidal Behavior of Nevada Students: 2001 and 2003

Behavior	2001		2003	
	Middle School Percent	High School Percent	Middle School Percent	High School Percent
In past year, felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for 2 or more weeks in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities	27.1	29.7	28.5	29.9
In past 12 months, seriously considered attempting suicide	16.4	19.6	16.4	18.1
In past 12 months, made a specific plan about how they would attempt suicide	NA	16.4	NA	15.1
In past 12 months, actually attempted suicide 1 or more times	11.9	10.7	10.8	8.8
Of those who attempted suicide in past 12 months, attempts resulted in injury, poisoning, or overdose that required treatment by a doctor or nurse	NA	32.1	NA	33.2

Note: NA = Not Applicable.

Source: Nevada State Department of Education, Office of Child Nutrition and School Health, Nevada Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2001, 2003.