

What's New with Kids – February 2005

NEVADA KIDS COUNT NEWSLETTER

Site of the Month

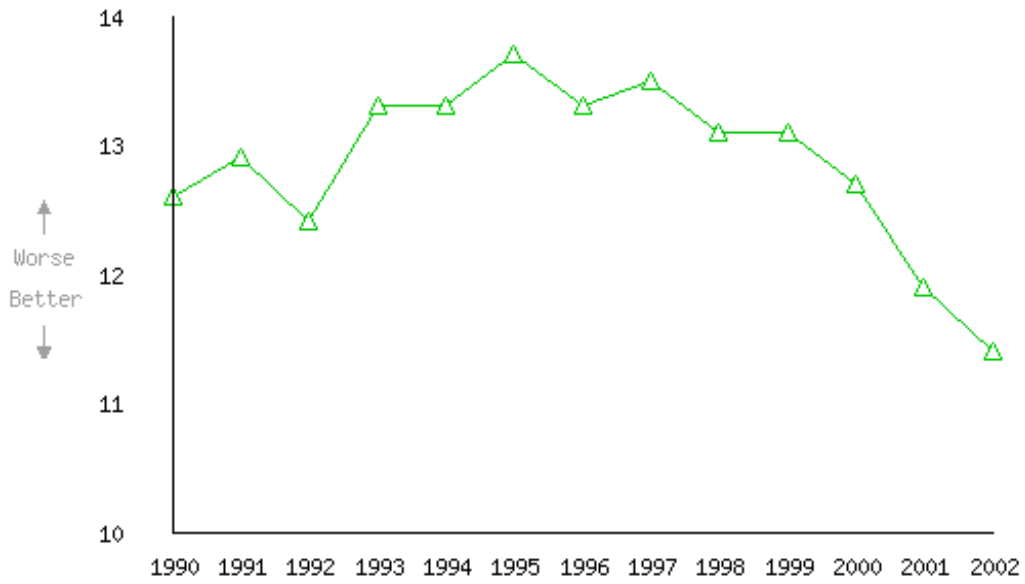
This month we feature an online report which was released today. *The Right Start for America's Newborns: City and State Trends* is a project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Child Trends which ranks states and the 50 largest cities on eight measures using National Center for Health Statistics data.

Below is a table that displays Nevada's rank on each of the eight measures. Note that Nevada ranked near the bottom among the states on the percent of total births to mothers with less than 12 years of education and the percent of total births to mothers receiving late or no prenatal care. Nevada ranked much higher on the percent of total births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy, with 10 percent smoking during pregnancy.

Key Indicators for Nevada: 2002

Measure	Nevada %	U.S. %	Rank %
Births to teens	11.4	10.8	31
Births to teens who were already mothers	21.4	20.5	40
Births to unmarried women	37.4	34.0	42
Births to mothers with less than 12 years of education	28.7	21.5	48
Births to mothers receiving late or no prenatal care	7.1	3.6	49
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy	10.0	11.4	15
Low-birthweight births (less than 5.5 pounds)	7.5	7.8	19
Preterm births (less than 37 weeks of gestation)	13.0	12.1	37

For those who prefer graphs to tables, you can create a custom graph using data for Nevada or Las Vegas. The following graph shows the percent of total births to teens from 1990 to 2002.



[Source: <http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/>]

The report is available at <www.aecf.org/kidscount/rightstart2005>.

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