

# WHAT'S NEW WITH KIDS?

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## Site of the Month

This month's newsletter is a review of a four-page policy brief on recipients of the Food Stamp Program published by the Carsey Institute at the University of New Hampshire. The title of the brief is *Rural America Depends on the Food Stamp Program to Make Ends Meet*. As the title implies many rural Americans, in fact, a higher proportion than urban Americans, are dependent upon the Food Stamp Program. According to the 2001 Survey of Income and Program Participation Wave 1 data, 7.5 percent of rural residents received food stamps in 2001 compared to 4.8 percent of urban residents. Forty-nine percent of rural recipients of food stamps were 18 to 59 years of age, 43 percent were 17 and under, and 8 percent were 60 years or older. Rural recipients were more likely than their urban counterparts to be white, non-Hispanic (53 vs. 34 percent), and married (32 vs. 26 percent). For more information go to [http://www.carseyinstitute.unh.edu/documents/Casey\\_Brief%20Food%20Stamps.pdf](http://www.carseyinstitute.unh.edu/documents/Casey_Brief%20Food%20Stamps.pdf).

Nevada's data on food stamp recipients do not mirror the nation's. A slightly larger proportion of urban residents receive food stamps than rural residents. In June 2004, based on CBER calculations using Nevada State Welfare Division estimates, 5.2 percent of urban residents (Clark and Washoe counties) had received food stamps compared to 4.8 percent of rural residents (balance of the state). (See the table on the following page.) Note also that Mineral County had the largest percentage of its population receiving food stamps (13.3 percent) and Storey County had the lowest percentage (0.9 percent). A total of 122,917 people in Nevada had received food stamps.

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## Percent County Caseload of County Population Nevada: June 2004

<b>County</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Food Stamps (%)</b>	<b>Food Stamps (#)*</b>
Carson City	55,625	4.88%	2,715
Churchill	26,365	5.86%	1,545
Clark	1,686,827	5.52%	93,113
Douglas	46,296	1.82%	843
Elko	45,352	3.72%	1,687
Esmeralda	1,064	3.95%	42
Eureka	1,404	1.57%	22
Humboldt	16,159	4.34%	701
Lander	5,101	3.53%	180
Lincoln	3,807	5.94%	226
Lyon	43,417	3.87%	1,680
Mineral	4,438	13.34%	592
Nye	37,873	9.38%	3,552
Pershing	6,990	2.90%	203
Storey	3,711	0.92%	34
Washoe	379,673	4.00%	15,187
White Pine	8,804	6.22%	548
NEVADA	2,372,906	5.18%	122,917

Note: Not official NSWDC caseload, estimates only.

\*CBER calculations.

Source: Nevada State Welfare Division, 2004, *Nevada State Welfare Division State Fiscal Year 2004 Fact Book*, pp. 14-16, available online at: <<http://www.welfare.state.nv.us/main/SFY2004FactBook.pdf>> accessed 10/26/05.