

WHAT'S NEW WITH KIDS?

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Site of the Month

The Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) maintains a database on child well-being indicators called KIDS COUNT State-Level Data Online, available at <http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/>. In early November, the AECF updated 14 employment and income indicators using data from the 2005 American Community Survey and the 2006 Current Population Survey's Annual Social and Economic Supplement.

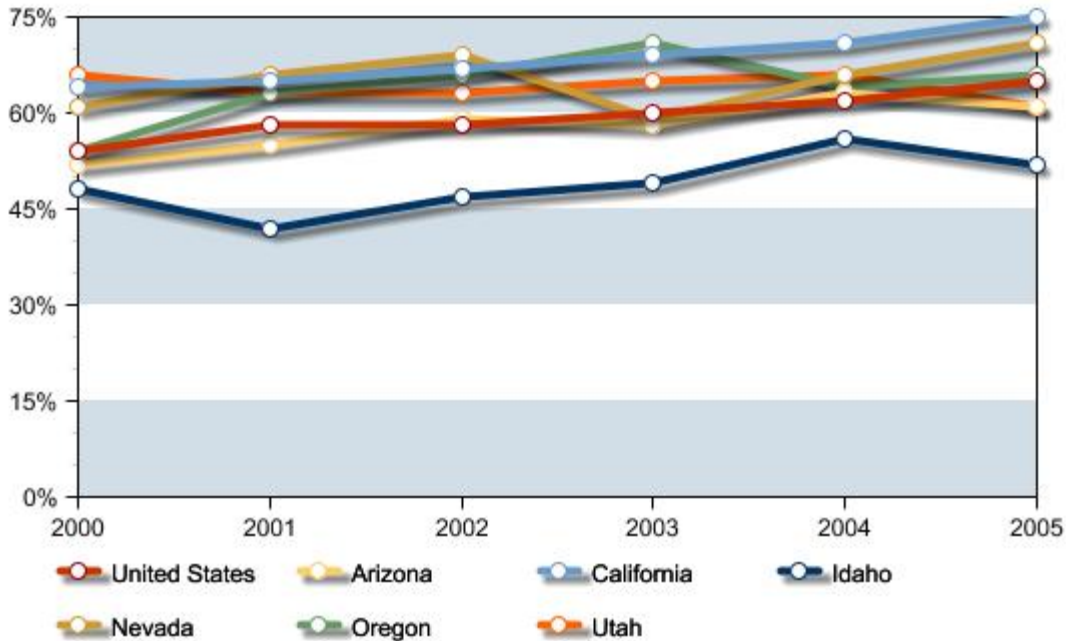
I chose one of the indicators, percent of children living in low-income housing where housing costs exceed 30 percent of income, to illustrate what tools the Web site offers for generating reports using the data. For example, it gives you the tool to compare Nevada on the indicator to other states, using a table format. The states can be listed alphabetically or numerically by value. In 2005, 71 percent of Nevada children lived in low-income households where housing costs exceeded more than 30 percent of income. Nevada ranks 42nd on this indicator. South Dakota ranks first (lowest number or best) and New Jersey ranks last (highest number or worst).

You also are given a tool to create a custom report using the child well-being indicator and to display the results in a table or in a line graph. I chose to compare Nevada to its neighboring states and to display the results in a graph, which is presented on the following page. The data show that Nevada ranks second worst among its neighboring states on this indicator. Idaho ranks the best and California the worst.

Another tool allows mapping the data for the states using a predetermined range of data. (See the following page for the map.) The colored states allow for regional comparisons. Note that California and Nevada appear more in line with the northeastern states on this indicator.

In addition to the employment and income indicators the AECF Web site also maintains data on education, health, health insurance, immigrant children, population and family characteristics, poverty, and youth risk factors.

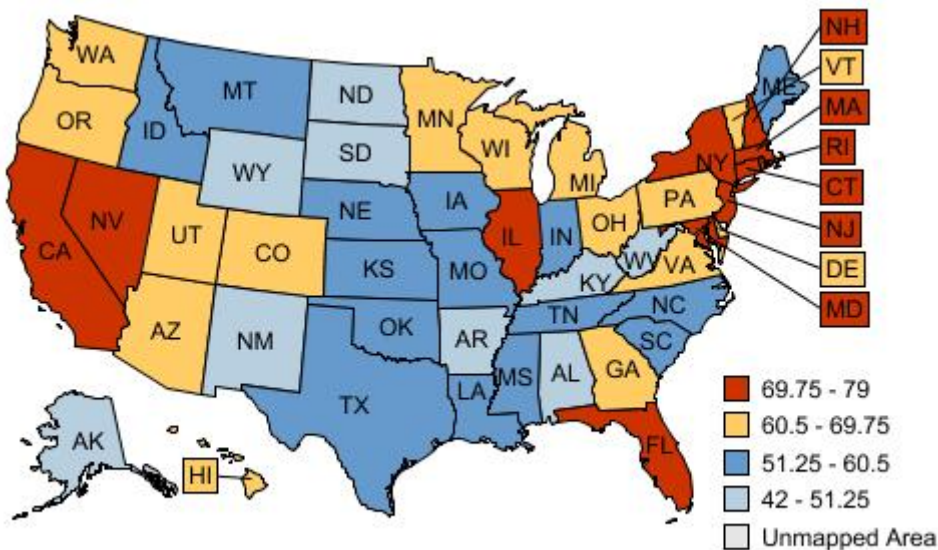
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Nevada KIDS COUNT



Percent of Children in Low-Income Households Where Housing Costs Exceed 30 Percent of Income: Nevada and Its Neighboring States 2000 - 2005

Source: The Annie E. Casey Foundation, available at: <http://www.aecf.org/kidscount>, as of 11/15/06.

Percent of Children in Low-Income Households Where Housing Costs Exceed 30 Percent of Income: 2000 - 2005



Note: "Map ranges are calculated by taking the highest and the lowest values, then splitting the difference into 4 equal segments."

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