

WHAT'S NEW WITH KIDS?

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Site of the Month

KIDS COUNT Data Center

In one of my earlier correspondences, I sent you information on Community Level Information on Kids (CLIKS), an Annie E. Casey Foundation national interactive database that contains a wealth of data on children and youth. The CLIKS data now reside in the KIDS COUNT Data Center, available online at datacenter.kidscount.org.

The Data Center contains data on hundreds of measures of child well-being covering national, state, county, and city information. Included are the key data measures from the recently released national *KIDS COUNT Data Book 2009*, which are located in the site titled Data Across States. Much of these data come from the U.S. Census Bureau and the National Center for Health Statistics. Because these data are consistent, that is, states follow the same data collection and reporting procedures, comparisons can be made across states.

In addition to the key data measures reported in the national *Data Book*, the site includes data from the National Survey of Children's Health and the National Survey of Drug Use and Health. Examples of such measures include the percent of teens overweight or obese and the percent of teen binge alcohol abuse among youth by age group.

Also available on the Data Center are the data from state KIDS COUNT grantees' *Data Books*, which are located in the site titled Data by State. Generally, states upload their data to the site on an annual basis. Data on several child well-being measures from our *Nevada KIDS COUNT Data Book 2008* were updated last month. See: <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/bystate/StateLanding.aspx?state=NV>.

The interactive Data Center allows the user to map and graph data and access the raw data and state rankings on child well-being measures. For example, on the following page is an interactive, data-driven chart from the Data Center that depicts trend data for the percentage of high school dropouts in Nevada. These data are also reported in our *Nevada KIDS COUNT Data Book* and are available on our Nevada KIDS COUNT Web site. Charts, such as this one, can be used in presentations and reports.

Please check out the revamped Data Center.

Nevada High School Dropout Rate: 1997 to 2006



Note: Dropouts are students who had withdrawn from high school (grades 9-12) after the first day of fall enrollment, or who had completed the previous school year, but did not return for the start of the new school year. Data are from the Nevada Department of Education.

Source: Annie E. Casey Foundation, KIDS COUNT Data Center, data query, available online at: datacenter.kidscount.org, as of 7/29/09.