

HOW NEVADA COMPARES TO ITS NEIGHBORS ON 16 CHILD WELL-BEING INDICATORS

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The 2012 national *KIDS COUNT Data Book*, released by the Annie E. Casey Foundation in July 2012, reveals that Nevada ranked 48th overall (1st = best and 50th = worst) among the 50 states on 16 key indicators that measure child well-being. Among the 16 indicators used to rank the states, Nevada performed the best on children living in high-poverty areas (census tracts with poverty rates greater than or equal to 30 percent) (ranked 15th) and low-birthweight babies (ranked 22nd). Nevada performed the worst (ranked 50th) on four of the indicators: teens not attending school and not working, children not attending preschool, high school graduates not graduating on time, and children without health insurance. This *Newsletter* compares Nevada to its bordering states, Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon, and Utah, on the child well-being indicators.

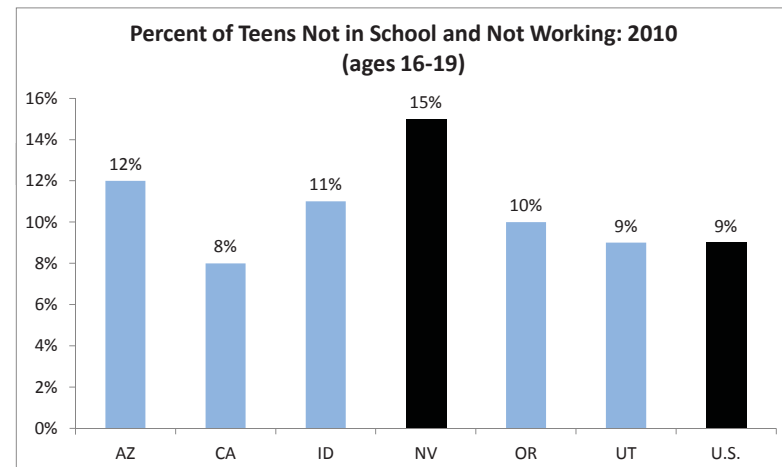
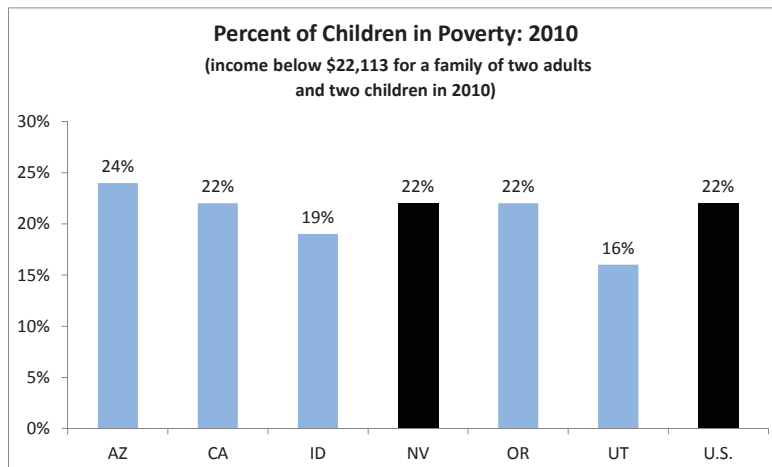
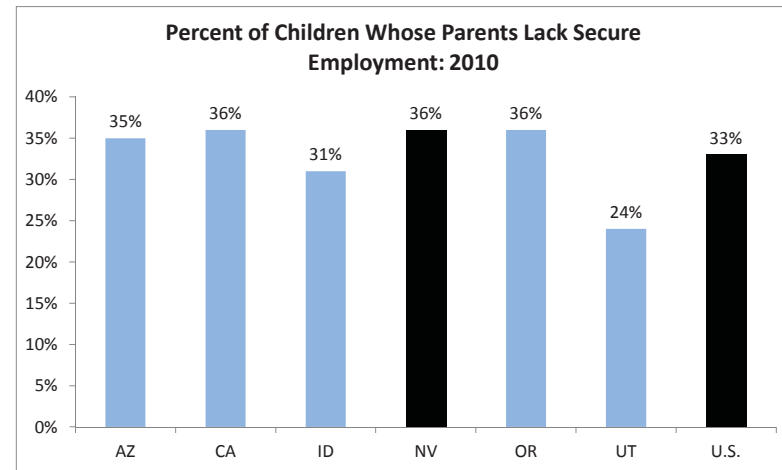
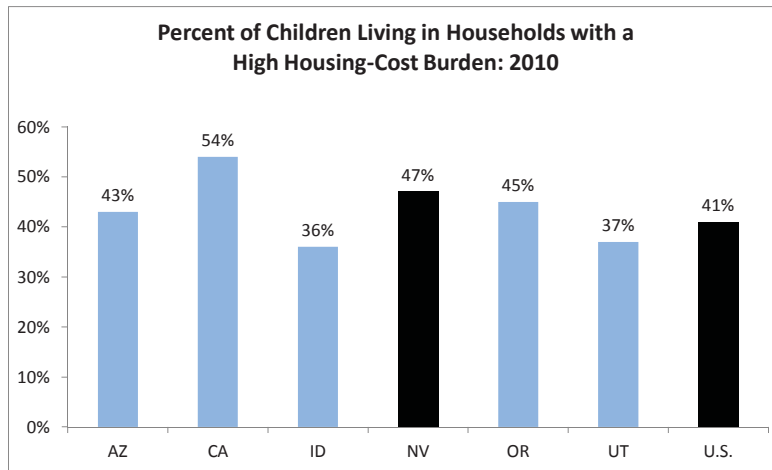
Among its neighbors, Nevada ranked 6th (worst) on 8 of the 16 indicators. These indicators were:

- Children whose parents lack secure employment (tied with California and Oregon)
- Teens not in school and not working
- High school students not graduating on time
- Children not attending preschool
- Fourth graders not proficient in reading (tied with California)
- Low-birthweight babies
- Teens who abused alcohol or drugs (tied with Oregon)
- Children without health insurance

Among its neighbors, Nevada did not rank 1st (best) on any of the 16 indicators.

For more information, see the figures on the following pages.

Economic Well-Being

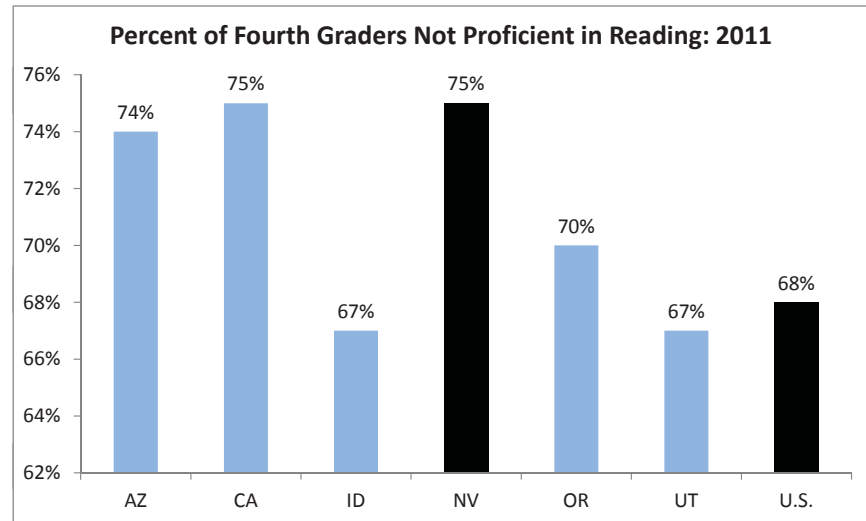
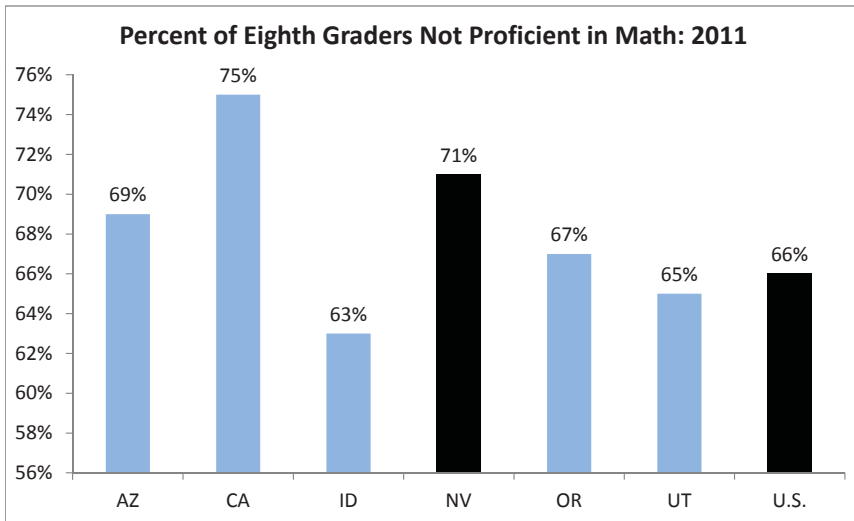
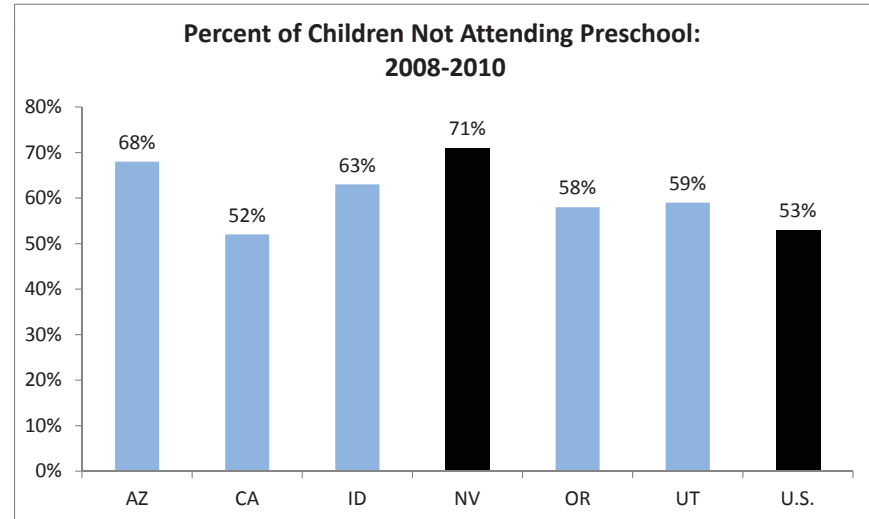
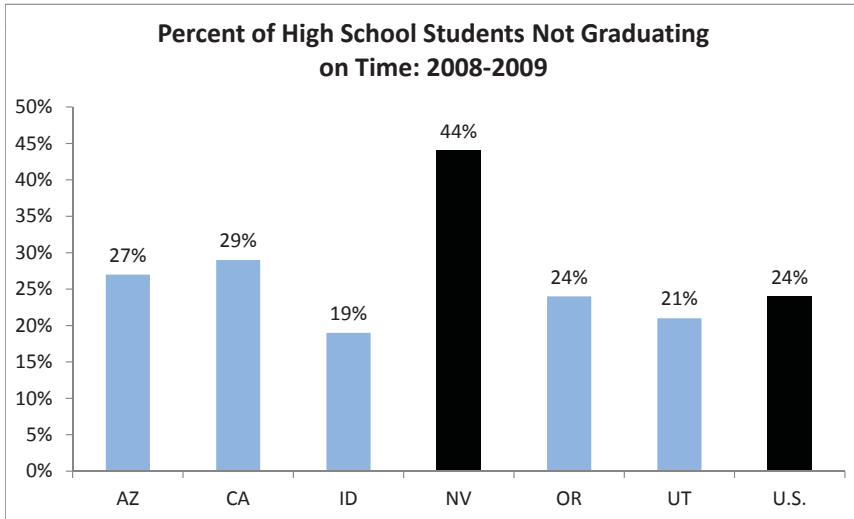


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Source: The Annie E. Casey Foundation, *KIDS COUNT Data Book 2012*.

Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey.

Education

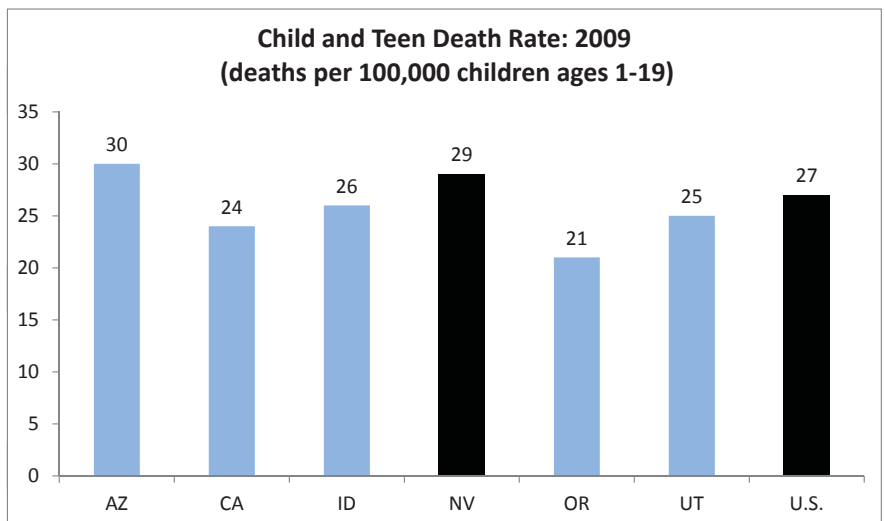
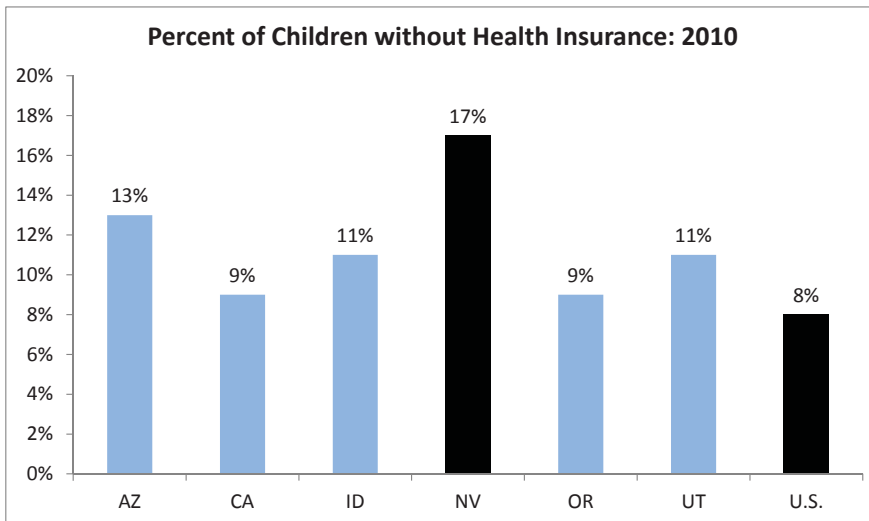
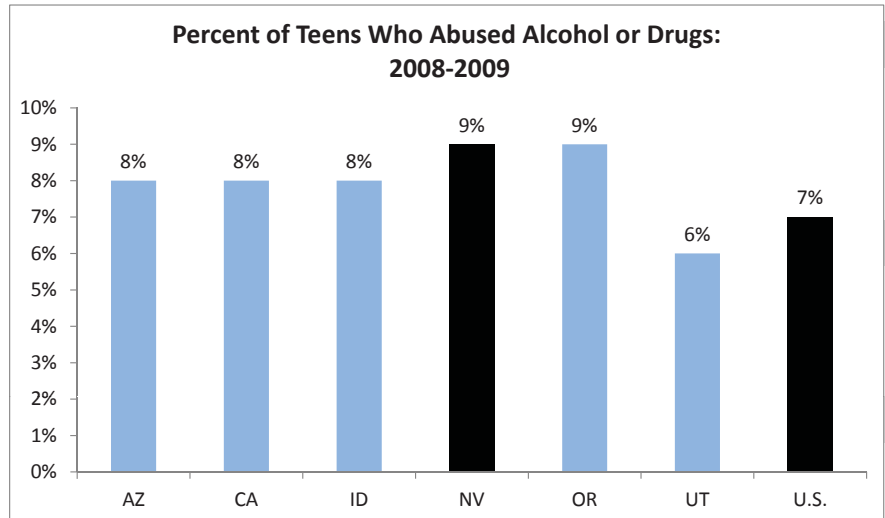
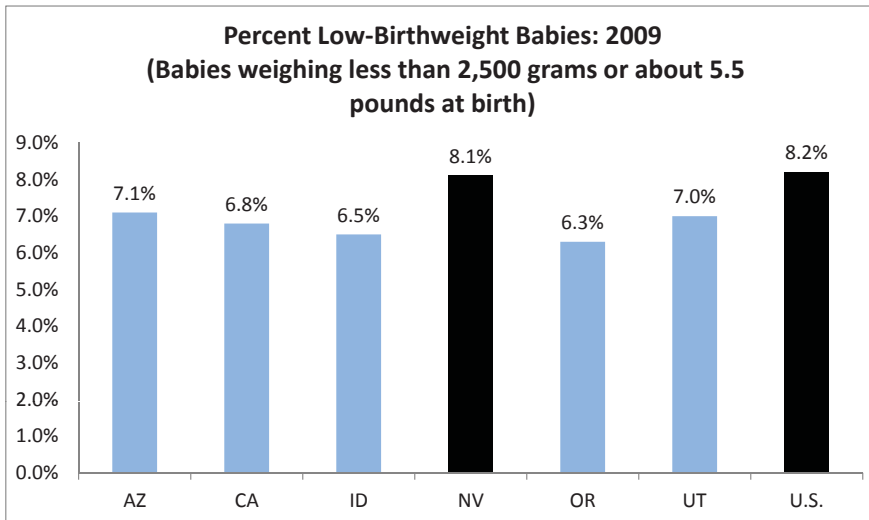


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Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (children not attending preschool); U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (fourth graders not proficient in reading and eighth graders not proficient in math); U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (high school students not graduating on time).

Health

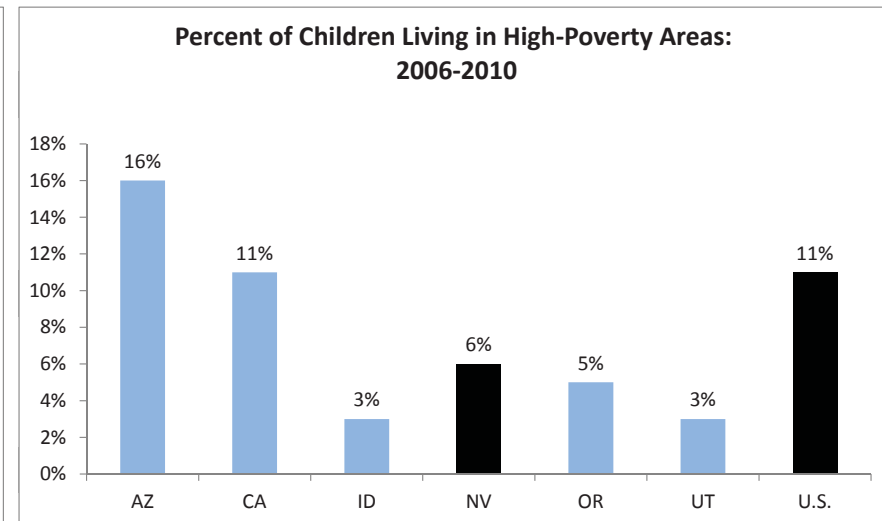
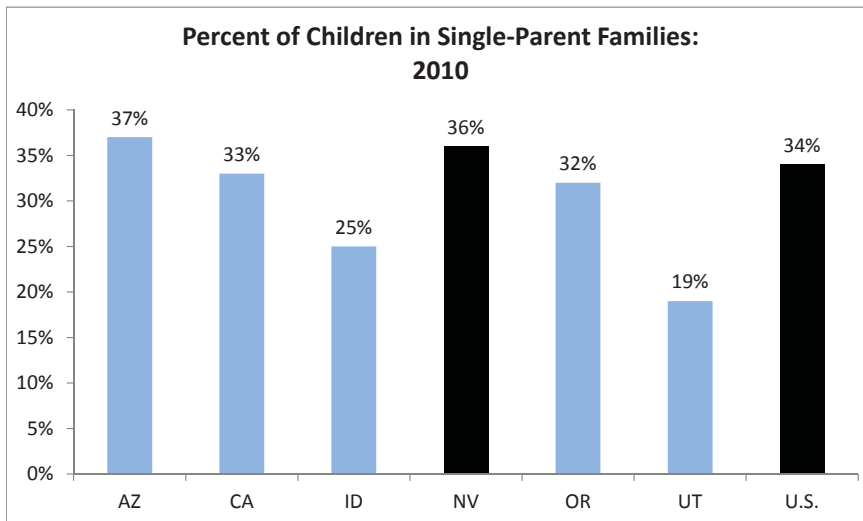
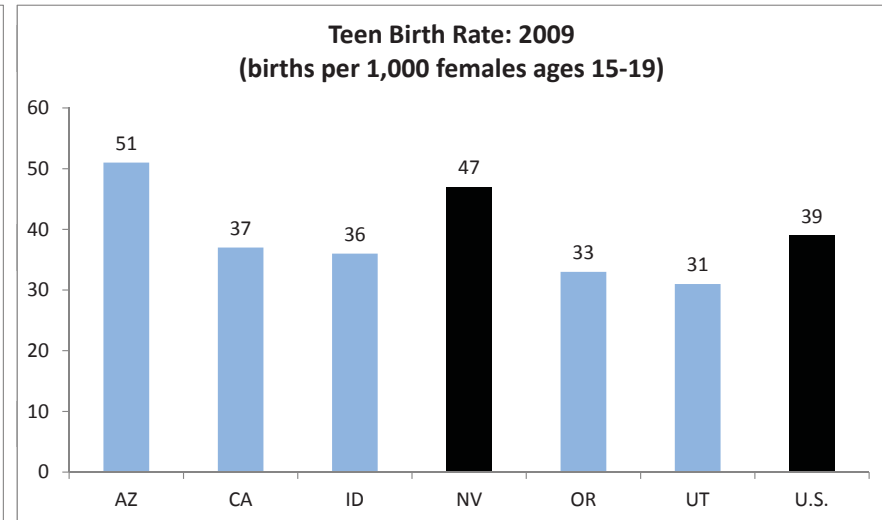
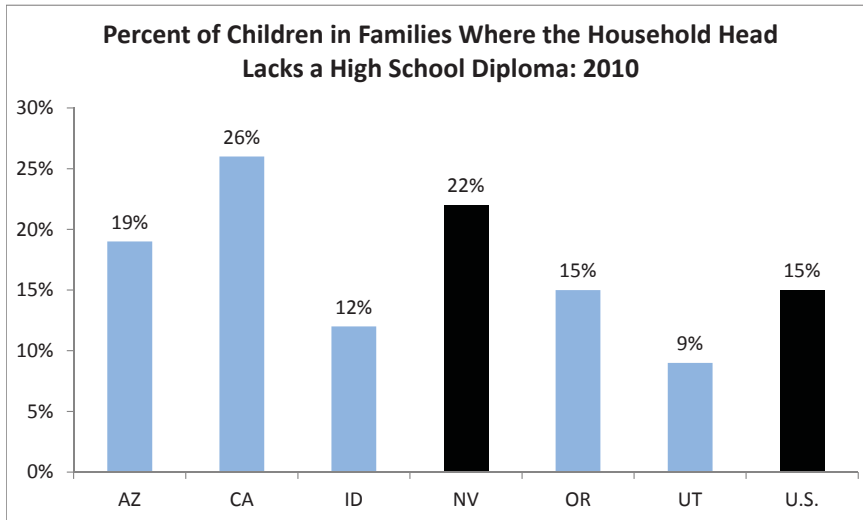


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Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (children without health insurance); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics (low-birthweight babies and child and teen deaths); Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, National Survey on Drug Use and Health (teens who abuse alcohol or drugs).

Community and Family



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Source: The Annie E. Case Foundation, *KIDS COUNT Data Book 2012*.

Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma, children in single-parent families, and children living in high-poverty areas); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics (teen births).