

WHAT'S NEW WITH KIDS?

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Family Structure of Nevada Children

This *Newsletter* presents data on the family structure of children ages 17 and under living in Nevada. The data, from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, were retrieved from the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) KIDS COUNT Data Center (<http://datacenter.kidscount.org>). Please note that some of the categories of family structure are overlapping.

Children in married-couple households

Sixty-four percent of Nevada children (428,000) lived in married-couple households in 2010. Nevada, along with Delaware, Arizona, North Carolina, and Rhode Island, ranked 10th lowest among the states on this form of family structure. Louisiana and Mississippi ranked lowest with 56 percent, and Utah ranked highest with 82 percent. Sixty-six percent of children in the United States lived in married-couple households.

Children living in single-parent families

A total of 229,000 Nevada children (36 percent) lived with their own single parent in 2010. Nevada ranked 34th lowest among the states, along with Texas, Maryland, and Ohio, on the percentage of children in single-parent families. Utah was the lowest with 19 percent, and Mississippi was the highest with 46 percent. The U.S. figure is 34 percent. Data on single-parent families may include cohabiting couples and do not include children living with married stepparents.

Children living with cohabiting domestic partners

A total of 62,000 children in Nevada lived with cohabiting domestic partners in 2010. At 9 percent, Nevada and six other states ranked ninth highest on this type of family structure. Utah ranked lowest with 4 percent, and Maine and New Mexico ranked highest with 11 percent. The U.S. figure is 7 percent.

Children living with neither parent

In 2010, 33,000 Nevada children, 5 percent, lived in households where neither parent resided. Nevada and 17 other states ranked 21st on this family structure. With 3 percent, Utah, North Dakota, Minnesota, Rhode Island, and New Jersey ranked the lowest. With 7 percent, West Virginia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi ranked the highest. The U.S. figure is 5 percent.

Note: Percentages for each state have been rounded, so rankings could change using exact percentages.