

WHAT'S NEW WITH KIDS?

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Profile of American Indian and Alaska Native Children in Nevada

In 2000, 1.2 percent of the population ages 17 and under in Nevada was American Indian and Alaska Native (includes Eskimo and Aleut). In 2012, the percentage was the same. This *Newsletter* provides a profile of American Indian and Alaska Native children and youth, using data from the *Nevada KIDS COUNT Data Book 2012* and the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) Data Center.

Demographics

- In 2012, 1.2 percent of the population ages 17 and under in Nevada was American Indian and Alaska Native, making this group the smallest racial/ethnic group in Nevada.
- Among the 17 counties in Nevada, in 2012, Mineral County had the highest percentage of American Indian and Alaska Native children/youth (18.6).

Health Conditions and Health Care

- Six percent of births to American Indian and Alaska Native mothers were low-birthweight in 2011. This figure is the lowest among the racial/ethnic groups.
- Slightly more than 13 percent of births to American Indian and Alaska Native teens ages 15 to 19 in 2011 were low birthweight.
- From 2009-2011, the average teen birth rate for American Indian and Alaska Native teens was 35.0 per 1,000 females ages 15 to 19.
- American Indian and Alaska Native teens ages 15 to 19 were the most likely among the racial/ethnic groups to delay prenatal care in 2011. Forty percent of the teens had delayed care, and 16.0 percent received no prenatal care.
- As of enrollment beginning January 2013, 0.5 percent of the children ages 18 and under enrolled in Nevada Check Up were American Indian and Alaska Native.

Education

- In 2011-2012, 5,025 American Indian and Alaska Native children and youth were enrolled in prekindergarten through twelfth grade in Nevada public schools. At 1.1 percent, American Indian and Alaska Native students were the smallest segment of the school population. The largest segment was Hispanic (39.6 percent), followed by white (37.4 percent).
- The high school dropout rate for American Indians and Alaska Natives was 4.4 percent in 2010-2011.

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	American Indian	All Racial/ Ethnic Groups
DEMOGRAPHICS		
Total population ages 19 and under: 2012	9,635	760,516
Total population ages 17 and under: 2012	8,591	687,520
HEALTH CONDITIONS AND HEALTH CARE		
Percent low-birthweight babies (all mothers): 2011	6.0%	8.2%
Percent low-birthweight babies (teens ages 15-19): 2011	13.3%	9.6%
Average teen birth rate: 2009-2011 (births per 1,000 females ages 15-19)	35.0	40.4
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING		
Percent of children under age 18 in poverty: 2011*	S**	22.0%
EDUCATION AND ACHIEVEMENT		
PK*** - 12 enrollment 2011-2012	5,025	439,277
High school dropout rate: 2010-2011 (class of 2011)	4.4%	4.1%

Note: 2011 birth and death data are not final and are subject to change.

*Based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey. The percentage varies slightly from the 22.2 percent reported in the *Nevada KIDS COUNT Data Book 2012*, which is based on U.S. Census Bureau, Income and Poverty Estimates.

**"Estimates suppressed when the confidence interval around the percentage is greater than or equal to 10 percentage points."

***Prekindergarten (3- and 4-year old children receiving special education) through 12th grade and ungraded students who are enrolled in a nongraded class in a school for special education or students who cannot be assigned) enrollment at the end of the first school month. Sources: Nevada state demographer (demographic data); Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Nevada State Health Division, Bureau of Health Statistics, Office of Public Health Informatics, and Epidemiology (health data); Nevada Department of Education (education data); and the AECF KIDS COUNT Data Center (poverty).

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