

# WHAT'S NEW WITH KIDS?

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## Children in Immigrant Families

Children in immigrant families is defined as “the share of children under age 18 who are foreign-born or reside with at least one foreign-born parent.”<sup>1</sup> In 2014, 37 percent of Nevada’s children resided in immigrant families, while only 24 percent of the nation’s children did so. Nevada experienced the second highest percentage of children residing in immigrant families among the states. California had the highest at 47 percent, and West Virginia, the lowest at 2 percent.<sup>2</sup> We present some characteristics of the children living in immigrant families and of their parents for Nevada and the nation in the bullets and table that follow. All data come from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey and were retrieved from the Annie E. Casey KIDS COUNT Data Center.

- The majority of Nevada’s children in immigrant families, 73 percent, had at least one resident parent who was born in Latin America. The figure for the nation was 61 percent.
- Ninety-one percent of Nevada’s children in immigrant families were U.S. citizens either by being naturalized; native born (in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or the Northern Marianas); or born abroad of American parents. The figure for the nation was 90 percent.
- Forty-three percent of Nevada’s children in immigrant families had resident parents neither of which were U.S. citizens. The figure for the nation was 41 percent.
- One percent of Nevada’s children in immigrant families had both resident parents living in the country for five years or less. The figure for the nation was 3 percent.
- Fifty-five percent of Nevada’s children in immigrant families had resident parent(s) who spoke English with difficulty. The figure for the nation was 56 percent.

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<sup>1</sup> Annie E. Casey KIDS COUNT Data Center, <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/tables/115-children-in-immigrant-families?loc=30&loct=2#ranking/2/any/true/869/any/446>, as of 8/14/16.

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## Children under Age 18 in Immigrant Families, Nevada and the United States: 2014

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Nevada</i>	<i>United States</i>
Children in immigrant families*		
Number	243,000	17,926,000
Percent	37%	24%
Children in immigrant families by parent's region of origin		
Latin America		
Number	177,000	10,869,000
Percent	73%	61%
Europe		
Number	8,000	1,418,000
Percent	3%	8%
Asia		
Number	47,000	4,176,000
Percent	20%	24%
Africa		
Number	7,000	939,000
Percent	3%	5%
Children in immigrant families who are U.S. citizens		
Number	222,000	16,054,000
Percent	91%	90%
Children in immigrant families in which resident parents are not U.S. citizens		
Number	104,000	7,300,000
Percent	43%	41%
Children in immigrant families whose resident parents have been in the country five years or less		
Number	2,000	502,000
Percent	1%	3%
Children in immigrant families in which resident parents have difficulty speaking English (speaks English less than "very well")		
Number	132,000	9,851,000
Percent	55%	56%

Note: The numbers and percentages have been rounded.

\*"The share of children under age 18 who are foreign-born or reside with at least one foreign-born parent."

"Foreign-born is defined as either a U.S. citizen by naturalization or not a citizen of the U.S. Native-born is defined as born in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or the Northern Marianas or born abroad of American parents. The foreign-born status of children not living with either parent is based solely on the status of the child and no other household member. Children living in subfamilies are linked to their parent(s) and not the householder."

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 American Community Survey, retrieved from the Annie E. Casey KIDS COUNT Data Center, <http://datacenter.kidscount.org>, as of 8/14/16.

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