

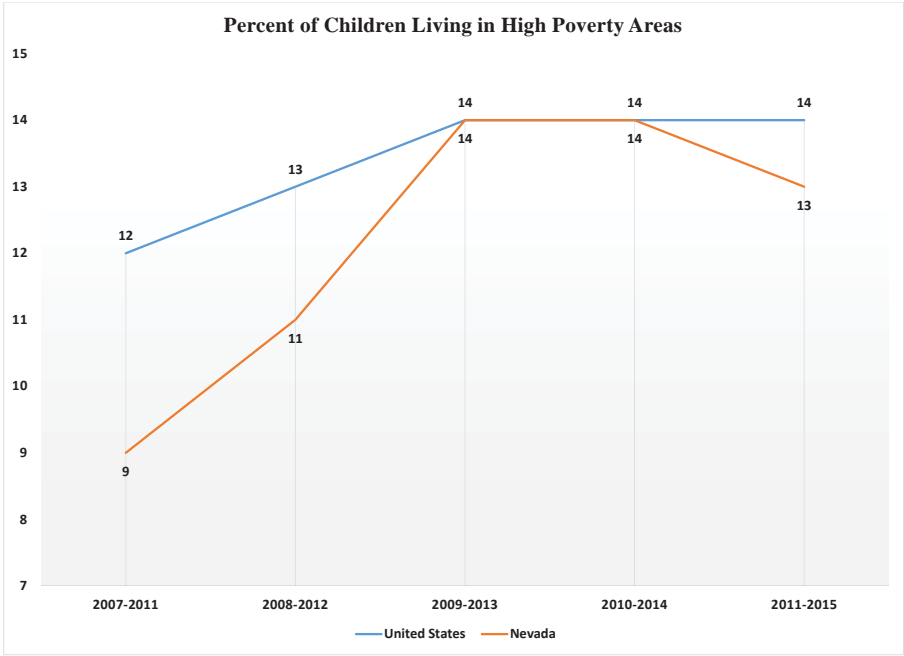
WHAT'S NEW WITH KIDS?

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Children Living in High Poverty Areas

The U.S. Census Bureau 2011-2015 American Community Survey five-year estimates show that 14 percent of children in the nation lived in high poverty areas.¹ High poverty areas are defined as census tracts with poverty rates of 30 percent or more.² The 30 percent threshold is chosen because it is the point after which communities begin to experience negative effects.³ The federal poverty threshold for 2015 was \$24,036 for a family of four.⁴

For the 2011-2015 period, the state with the highest percentage of children living in high poverty areas was Mississippi at 27 percent. Wyoming and Vermont tied for the lowest percentage of children living in high poverty areas at 1 percent. The five-year estimate for Nevada was 13 percent, which is 1 percentage point lower than the previous five-year period's value from 2010-2015.



¹Population Reference Bureau analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year data. Retrieved from the AECF KIDS COUNT Data Center: <http://datacenter.kidscount.org>, 1/20/2017.

^{2,3}Annie E. Casey Foundation. "Data Snapshot on High-Poverty Communities." Retrieved from <http://www.aecf.org/resources/data-snapsho-on-high-poverty-communitieshttp/>, 1/20/2017.

⁴As defined by the U.S. Census Bureau. Retrieved from <http://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/income-poverty/historical-poverty-thresholds.html>, 1/20/2017.

The five-year rolling estimate for Nevada increased to 14 percent for the 2009-2013 period and decreased to 13 percent for the 2011-2015 period. The percentage of children living in high poverty areas for the nation similarly increased to 14 percent for the 2009-2013 period, but it did not decrease for the 2011-2015 period.

Table 1 shows the number and percentage of children living in high poverty areas in Nevada by race and ethnicity. Hispanics and Latinos had the highest percentage of children living in high poverty areas. Non-Hispanic whites and Asians and Pacific Islanders had the lowest percentage of children living in high poverty areas. Table 2 shows the number and percentage of children living in high poverty areas in Nevada by county. Churchill County had the highest proportion of children living in high poverty areas. Lyon County had the lowest proportion of children living in high poverty areas. Only five counties had estimates. The other counties could not generate enough data.

Table 1 Children living in High Poverty Areas by Race/Ethnicity		
Race/Ethnicity	Data Type	2011-2015
American Indian	Number	1,000
	Percent	12%
Asian and Pacific Islander	Number	2,000
	Percent	5%
Black or African American	Number	12,000
	Percent	19%
Hispanic or Latino	Number	60,000
	Percent	22%
Non-Hispanic White	Number	11,000
	Percent	5%
Two or more races	Number	6,000
	Percent	10%
Total	Number	88,000
	Percent	13%

Table 2 Children Living in High Poverty Areas by County and for Nevada		
County/State	Data Type	2011-2015
Carson City	Number	1,422
	Percent	12.6%
Churchill	Number	1,001
	Percent	17.5%
Clark	Number	71,017
	Percent	14.5%
Lyon	Number	568
	Percent	4.8%
Washoe	Number	13,938
	Percent	14.1%
Nevada	Number	88,000
	Percent	13%

Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year data. Retrieved from the AECF KIDS COUNT Data Center: <http://datacenter.kidscount.org>, 1/20/2017.

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