

WHAT'S NEW WITH KIDS?

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Profile of Hispanic Children in Nevada

In 2000, 28.5 percent of the population ages 19 and under in Nevada was Hispanic (all races). In 2010, the percentage was 36.5. This fast-growing segment of the population warrants a greater in-depth look, which is the purpose of this *Newsletter*. The following profile of Hispanic children and youth was created, using data from the *Nevada KIDS COUNT Data Book 2011* and the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) Data Center.

Demographics

- In 2010, among the racial/ethnic groups ages 19 and under, Hispanics represented the second largest group living in Nevada (36.5 percent). Whites were the largest racial/ethnic group (46.8 percent).
- Among the 17 counties in Nevada, in 2010, Clark County had the highest percentage of Hispanic children/youth ages 19 and under (39.3).
- The number of Hispanic (all races) children ages 17 and under was predicted to increase by 13.7 percent from 2010 to 2015.¹

Health Conditions and Health Care

- Nearly 7 percent (6.9) of births to Hispanic teens ages 15 to 19 in 2010 were low birthweight. Hispanic teens had the lowest percent of low-birthweight babies among the racial/ethnic groups, excluding Native Americans whose number of births was too low for meaningful calculation.
- Among the racial/ethnic groups, Hispanics had the highest teen birth rate. From 2008-2010, the average teen birth rate for Hispanic teens was 69.5 per 1,000 females ages 15 to 19.
- Hispanic teens ages 15 to 19 were the most likely among the racial/ethnic groups to delay prenatal care in 2010. Nearly 41 percent of the teens had delayed care, and about one in five received no prenatal care.
- In January 2012, the largest percentage (71.4) of children ages 18 and under enrolled in Nevada Check Up was Hispanic. Hispanics were also the most likely of the racial/ethnic groups to be enrolled in Nevada Medicaid (42.4 percent).

Economic Well-Being

- Twenty-nine percent of Hispanic or Latino children under age 18 lived in poverty during 2011.² Only Black/African American children had a higher poverty rate (36.0 percent).

Education

- A total of 167,752 Hispanic children were enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade in Nevada public schools (excludes state- or district-sponsored charter schools). At 39 percent, Hispanics were the largest segment of the school population in 2010-2011. White students followed with 38.7 percent.
- Clark County's Hispanic student population reached 42.1 percent in 2010-2011.
- The high school dropout rate for Hispanics was 5.1 percent in 2009-2010. Only black/African American students had a higher dropout rate (6.1 percent) than Hispanic students.

¹Nevada state demographer.

²"The share of children under age 18 who live in families with incomes below the federal poverty level, as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. The federal poverty definition consists of a series of thresholds based on family size and composition. In calendar year 2011, a family of two adults and two children fell in the 'poverty' category if their annual income fell below \$22,811. Poverty status is not determined for people in military barracks, institutional quarters, or for unrelated individuals under age 15 (such as foster children). The data are based on income received in the 12 months prior to the survey." Data and definition retrieved from the <http://www.datacenter.kidscount>.

Data Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2011 American Community Survey.

Hispanic Profile

DEMOGRAPHICS		Hispanic	All Racial/Ethnic Groups
Total Population Ages 19 and Under		271,728	743,720
Age Distribution (all races): 2010	<18	248,455	669,642
	<20	271,728	743,720
HEALTH CONDITIONS AND HEALTH CARE			
Percent Low-Birthweight Babies (ages 15-19): 2010		6.9%	8.1%
Average Teen Birth Rate: 2008-2010 (Births per 1,000 females ages 15-19)		69.5	42.5
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING			
Percent of Children Under Age 18 in Poverty: 2011		29.0%	22.0%
EDUCATION AND ACHIEVEMENT			
K - 12 Enrollment 2010-2011		167,752	430,383
High School Dropout Rate: 2009-2010		5.1%	4.2%

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); and Nevada Department of Education (education data).

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