

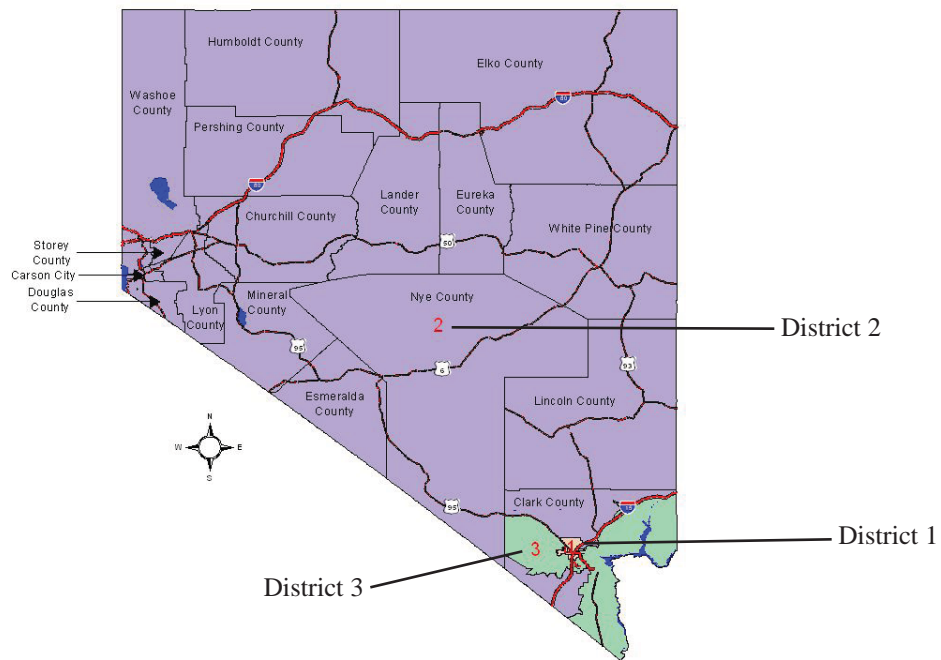
WHAT'S NEW WITH KIDS?

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Poverty in Nevada's Congressional Districts

Nevada's population significantly increased between 2000 and 2010. As a result of redistricting following the 2010 census, Nevada gained one congressional district. Nevada now has four districts. The boundaries, however, for the three old districts will remain in place until January 3, 2013 (Figure 1). In this *Newsletter*, I present data on child poverty for each of Nevada's districts, using data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey. These data were retrieved from the Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT Data Center (<http://datacenter.kidscount.org>).

Figure 1: Nevada's Congressional Districts



Source: Nevada Legislature, <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Districts/Reapp/2001/Maps/CDmap.cfm>, March 20, 2012.

In 2010, 144,000 children (22 percent) of all Nevada children age 17 and under lived in poverty. The 1st District, which includes most of Las Vegas and Clark County, had the highest percentage of children who lived in poverty, with 30 percent, followed by the 2nd District with 21 percent, and the 3rd District with 16 percent (Table 1).

Table 1: Number and Percent of Children Living in Poverty in Nevada’s Congressional Districts by Age Group: 2010

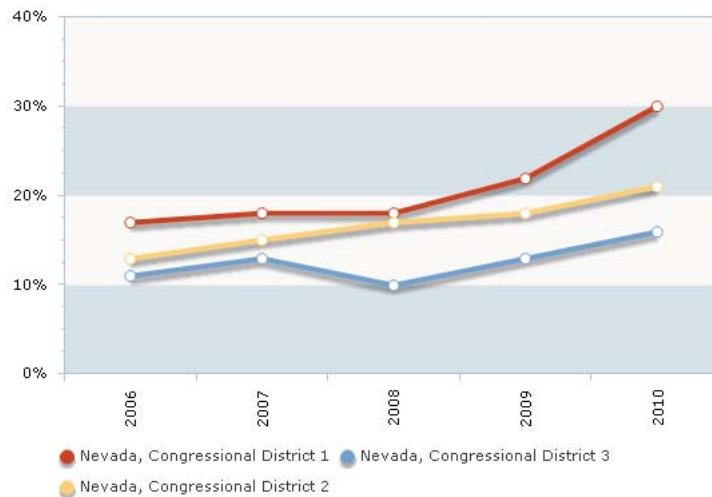
Age Group	District 1		District 2		District 3	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
0 to 5	25,000	35	18,000	27	16,000	19
6 to 17	39,000	28	23,000	18	23,000	14
Less than 18	64,000	30	41,000	21	39,000	16

Note: “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”. . . “In calendar year 2010, a family of two adults and two children fell in the ‘poverty’ category if their annual income fell below \$22,113.”. . . “These data are based on income received in the 12 months prior to the survey.”

Source: Population Reference Bureau, analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau 2005 through 2010 American Community Surveys, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, online KIDS COUNT Data Center, <http://datacenter.kidscount.org>, as of 3/20/12.

The 2007-2009 recession increased poverty. From 2006 to 2010, the percent of children in poverty increased in each of the three districts (Figure 2). The 1st District had the largest increase, from 17 percent to 30 percent, followed by Districts 2 and 3.

Figure 2: Percent of Children Living in Poverty in Nevada’s Congressional Districts: 2006 - 2010



Note: “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”. . . “In calendar year 2010, a family of two adults and two children fell in the ‘poverty’ category if their annual income fell below \$22,113.”. . . “These data are based on income received in the 12 months prior to the survey.”

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Much more data on child well-being are available for congressional districts on the AECF Data Center. I recommend that you view the video on how to use the Data Center for congressional districts, which is available online at <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/DataBook/2010/Videos.aspx>. Also, as a reminder, data for 4th Congressional District should be available some time in 2013.

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