

# WHAT'S NEW WITH KIDS?

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## Profile of Hispanic Children in Nevada

In 2000, 28.6 percent of the population ages 17 and under in Nevada was Hispanic (all races). In 2012, the percentage was 38.3, a 33.9 percent or 9.7 percentage point increase from 2000. The following profile of Hispanic children and youth was created using data from the *Nevada KIDS COUNT Data Book 2012* and the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) Data Center.

### *Demographics*

- In 2012, among the racial/ethnic groups ages 17 and under, Hispanics represented the second largest group living in Nevada (38.3 percent). Whites were the largest racial/ethnic group (45.1 percent).
- Among the 17 counties in Nevada, in 2012, Clark County had the highest percentage of Hispanic children/youth ages 17 and under (40.9).

### *Health Conditions and Health Care*

- Seven percent of births to Hispanic mothers were low birthweight in 2011.
- Slightly more than 8 percent (8.4) of births to Hispanic teens ages 15 to 19 in 2011 were low birthweight. Hispanic teens had the lowest percentage of low-birthweight babies among the racial/ethnic groups,
- Among the racial/ethnic groups, Hispanics had the second highest teen birth rate. From 2009-2011, the average teen birth rate for Hispanic teens was 63.3 per 1,000 females ages 15 to 19.
- Hispanic teens ages 15 to 19 were the second most likely among the racial/ethnic groups to delay prenatal care in 2011. Thirty-eight percent of the teens had delayed care, and 13 percent received no prenatal care.
- For enrollment beginning January 2013, the largest percentage (72.3) of children ages 18 and under enrolled in Nevada Check Up was Hispanic.

### *Economic Well-Being*

- Twenty-nine percent of Hispanic or Latino children under age 18 lived in poverty during 2011.<sup>2</sup> Only Black/African American children had a higher poverty rate (36.0 percent).

### *Education*

- A total of 174,033 Hispanic children were enrolled in prekindergarten through twelfth grade in Nevada public schools. At 39.6 percent, Hispanics were the largest segment of the school population in 2011-2012. White students followed with 37.4 percent.
- Clark County's Hispanic student population reached 43.4 percent in 2011-2012.
- The high school dropout rate for Hispanics was 4.9 percent in 2010-2011. Only black/African American students had a higher dropout rate (6.3 percent) than Hispanic students.

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<sup>2</sup>"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>.

## PROFILE OF HISPANIC CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN NEVADA

	Hispanic	All Racial/ Ethnic Groups
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>		
Total population ages 19 and under: 2012 (Hispanic all races)	286,864	760,516
Total population ages 17 and under: 2012 (Hispanic all races)	263,331	687,520
<b>HEALTH CONDITIONS AND HEALTH CARE</b>		
Percent low-birthweight babies (all mothers): 2011	7.0%	8.2%
Percent low-birthweight babies (for teens ages 15-19): 2011	8.4%	9.6%
Average teen birth rate: 2009-2011 (births per 1,000 females ages 15-19)	63.3	40.4
<b>ECONOMIC WELL-BEING</b>		
Percent of children under age 18 in poverty: 2011*	29%	22.0%
<b>EDUCATION AND ACHIEVEMENT</b>		
PK** - 12 enrollment 2011-2012	174,033	439,277
High school dropout rate: 2010-2011 (class of 2011)	4.9%	4.1%

Note: 2011 birth and death data are not final and may 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.

\*\*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 Annie E. Casey KIDS COUNT Data Center (poverty data).

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