

WHAT'S NEW WITH KIDS?

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Profile of White Children in Nevada

In 2000, 53.9 percent of the population ages 17 and under in Nevada was white. In 2012, the percentage was 45.1, a 16.3 percent or 8.8 percentage point decrease from 2000. This *Newsletter* provides a profile of white children and youth, 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, white was the largest group (45.1 percent).
- Among the 17 counties in Nevada, in 2012, Lincoln County had the highest percentage of white children/youth ages 17 and under (91.1).

Health Conditions and Health Care

- About 13 percent of births to white mothers were low birthweight in 2011.
- Nearly 11 percent (10.6) of births to white teens ages 15 to 19 in 2011 were low birthweight in 2011.
- Among the racial/ethnic groups, whites had the second lowest teen birth rate. From 2009-2011, the average teen birth rate for white teens was 19.9 per 1,000 females ages 15 to 19.
- White teens ages 15 to 19 were the least likely among the racial/ethnic groups to delay prenatal care in 2011. About 30 percent of the teens had delayed care, and 7.4 percent received no prenatal care.
- As of enrollment beginning January 2013, 14.4 percent of the children ages 18 and under enrolled in Nevada Check Up were white.

Economic Well-Being

- Fourteen percent of white children under age 18 lived in poverty during 2011.¹

Education

- In 2011-2012, 164,378 white children were enrolled in prekindergarten through twelfth grade in Nevada public schools. At 37.4 percent, whites were the second largest segment of the school population. The largest segment was Hispanic (39.6 percent).
- The high school dropout rate for whites was 3.2 percent in 2010-2011.

¹ “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 White Children and Youth in Nevada

	White	All Racial/ Ethnic Groups
DEMOGRAPHICS		
Total population ages 19 and under: 2012	347,639	760,516
Total population ages 17 and under: 2012	309,917	687,520
HEALTH CONDITIONS AND HEALTH CARE		
Percent low-birthweight babies (all mothers)	7.9%	8.2%
Percent low-birthweight babies (for teens ages 15-19): 2011	10.6%	9.6%
Average teen birth rate: 2009-2011 (births per 1,000 females ages 15-19)	19.9	40.4
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING		
Percent of children under age 18 in poverty: 2011*	14%	22.0%
EDUCATION AND ACHIEVEMENT		
PK** - 12 enrollment 2011-2012	164,378	439,277
High school dropout rate: 2010-2011 (class of 2011)	3.2%	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); Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT Data Center; and Nevada Department of Education (education data).

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