The 2013 national KIDS COUNT Data Book, released by the Annie E. Casey Foundation on June 24, 2013, reveals that Nevada ranked 48th overall (1st = best and 50th = worst) among the 50 states on 16 key indicators that measure child well-being. Among the 16 indicators used to rank the states, Nevada performed the best on child and teen death rate (deaths per 100,000 children ages 1-19) (ranked 23rd) and children living in high-poverty areas (census tracts with poverty rates greater than or equal to 30 percent) (ranked 26th), and low-birthweight babies (percentage of live births weighing less than 5.5 pounds) (ranked 27th). Nevada performed the worst (ranked 50th) on four of the indicators: teens not attending school and not working, children not attending preschool, high school graduates not graduating on time, and children without health insurance. This Newsletter compares Nevada to its bordering states, Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon, and Utah, on the child well-being indicators.

Among its neighbors, Nevada ranked 6th (worst) on 6 of the 16 indicators. These indicators were:

- Teens not in school and not working
- High school students not graduating on time
- Children not attending preschool
- Fourth graders not proficient in reading (tied with California)
- Low-birthweight babies
- Children without health insurance

Among its neighbors, Nevada did not rank 1st (best) on any of the 16 indicators.

For more information, see the figures on the following pages.
Economic Well-Being

**Percent of Children in Poverty: 2011**
(income below $22,811 for a family of two adults and two children in 2011)

- AZ: 27%
- CA: 23%
- ID: 20%
- NV: 22%
- OR: 24%
- UT: 16%
- U.S.: 23%

**Percent of Children Whose Parents Lack Secure Employment: 2011**

- AZ: 35%
- CA: 36%
- ID: 31%
- NV: 34%
- OR: 37%
- UT: 25%
- U.S.: 32%

**Percent of Children Living in Households with a High Housing Cost Burden: 2011**

- AZ: 41%
- CA: 52%
- ID: 34%
- NV: 44%
- OR: 45%
- UT: 37%
- U.S.: 40%

**Percent of Teens Not in School and Not Working: 2011**
(ages 16-19)

- AZ: 11%
- CA: 9%
- ID: 9%
- NV: 13%
- OR: 9%
- UT: 8%
- U.S.: 8%

*Note: The bordering states are Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon, and Utah.*

*Source: The Annie E. Casey Foundation, KIDS COUNT Data Book 2013.*

*Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey.*
Education

Note: The bordering states are Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon, and Utah.
Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (children not attending preschool); U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (fourth graders not proficient in reading and eighth graders not proficient in math); U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (high school students not graduating on time).
Health

- **Percent Low-Birthweight Babies: 2010**
  (Babies weighing less than 2,500 grams or about 5.5 pounds at birth)

- **Percent of Children without Health Insurance: 2011**

- **Child and Teen Death Rate: 2010**
  (deaths per 100,000 children ages 1-19)

- **Percent of Teens Who Abused Alcohol or Drugs: 2010-2011**

*Note:* The bordering states are Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon, and Utah.
*Data Sources:* U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (children without health insurance); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics (low-birthweight babies and child and teen deaths); Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, National Survey on Drug Use and Health (teens who abuse alcohol or drugs).
Family and Community


- AZ: 40%
- CA: 34%
- ID: 26%
- NV: 36%
- OR: 32%
- UT: 21%
- U.S.: 35%

Percent of Children in Families Where the Household Head Lacks a High School Diploma: 2011

- AZ: 18%
- CA: 25%
- ID: 23%
- NV: 15%
- OR: 9%
- UT: 15%
- U.S.: 15%

Teen Birth Rate: 2010
(births per 1,000 females ages 15-19)

- AZ: 42
- CA: 32
- ID: 33
- NV: 39
- OR: 28
- UT: 28
- U.S.: 34

Percent of Children Living in High-Poverty Areas: 2007-2011

- AZ: 19%
- CA: 13%
- ID: 9%
- NV: 7%
- OR: 3%
- UT: 12%
- U.S.: 12%

Note: The bordering states are Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon, and Utah.
Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (children in single-parent families, children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma, and children living in high-poverty areas); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics (teen births).