

# HOW NEVADA COMPARES TO ITS NEIGHBORS ON 16 CHILD WELL-BEING INDICATORS

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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.

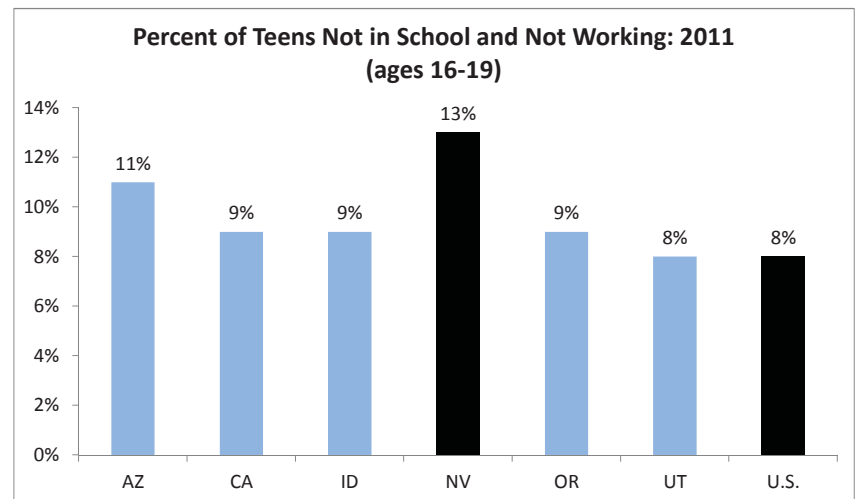
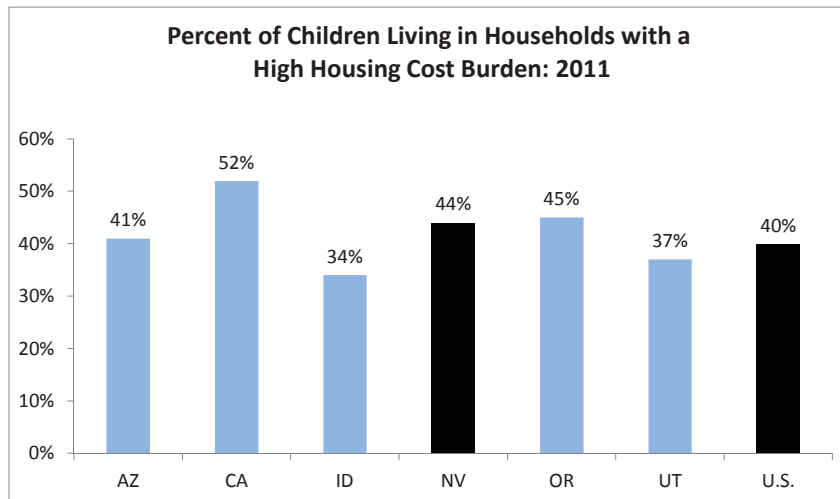
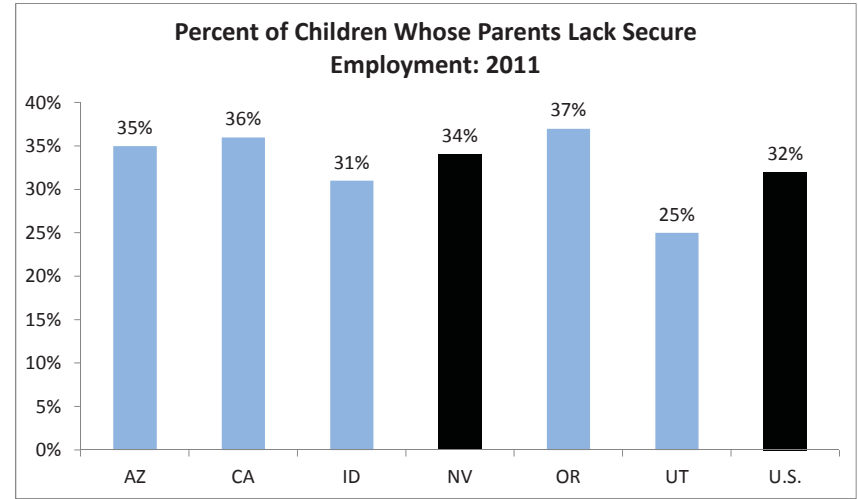
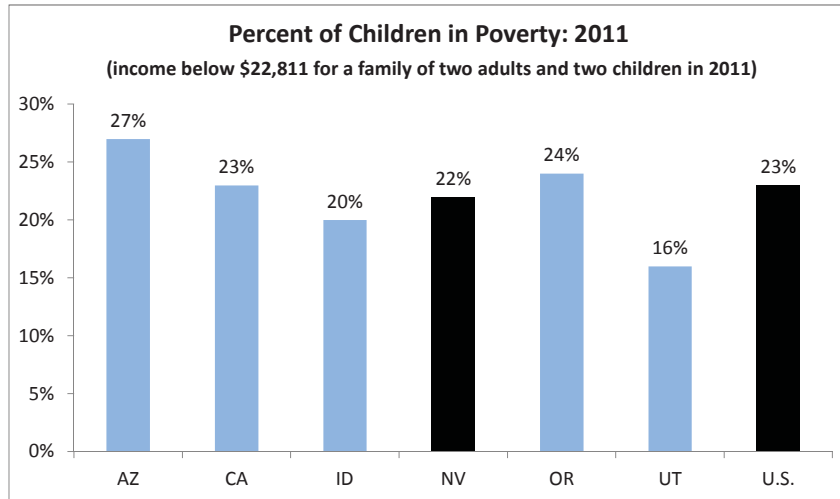
Among its neighbors, Nevada ranked 6th (worst) on 6 of the 16 indicators. These indicators were:

- 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.

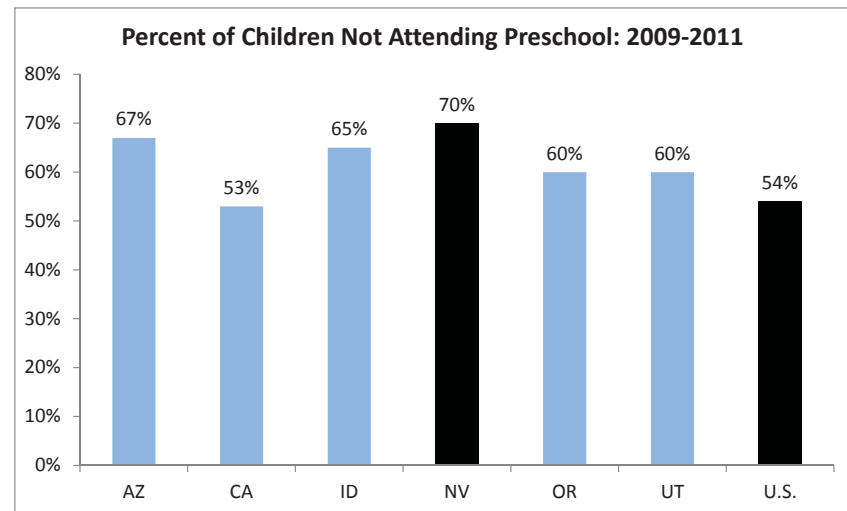
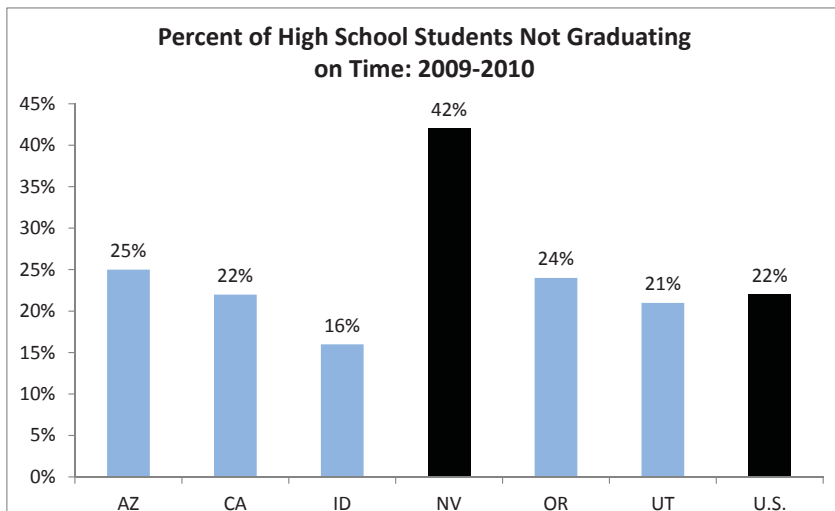
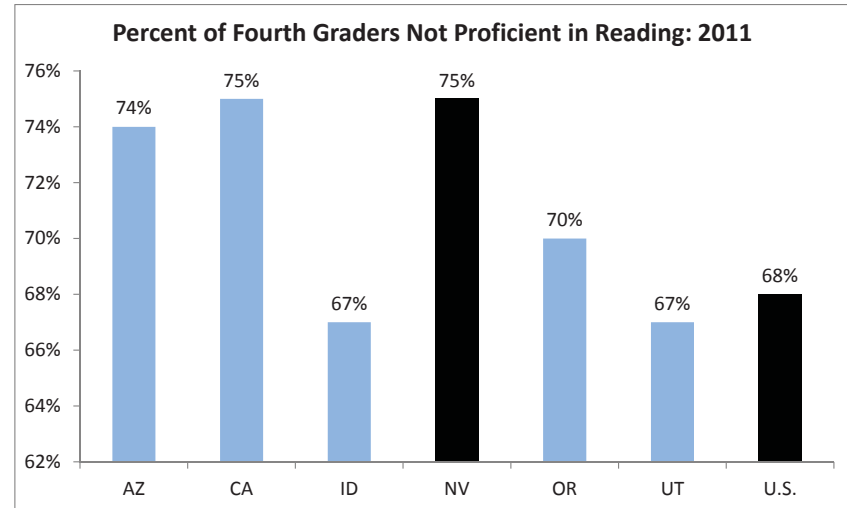
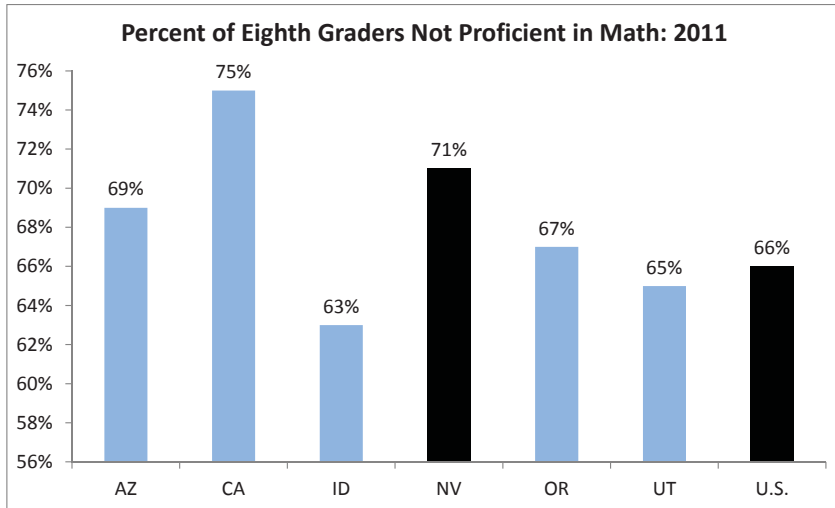
For more information, see the figures on the following pages.

# Economic Well-Being



*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

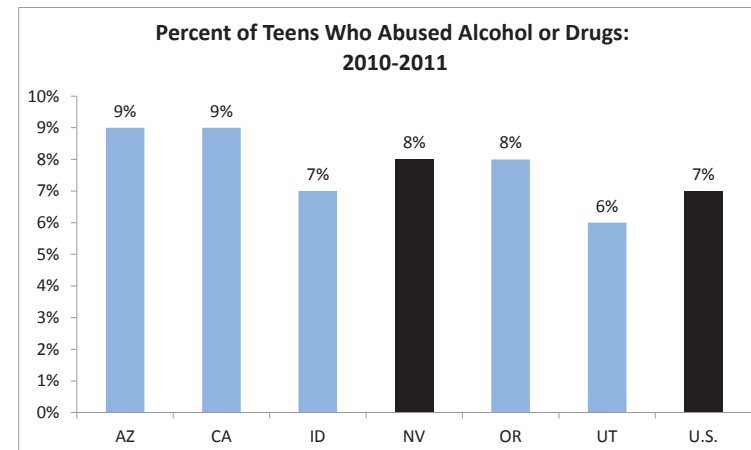
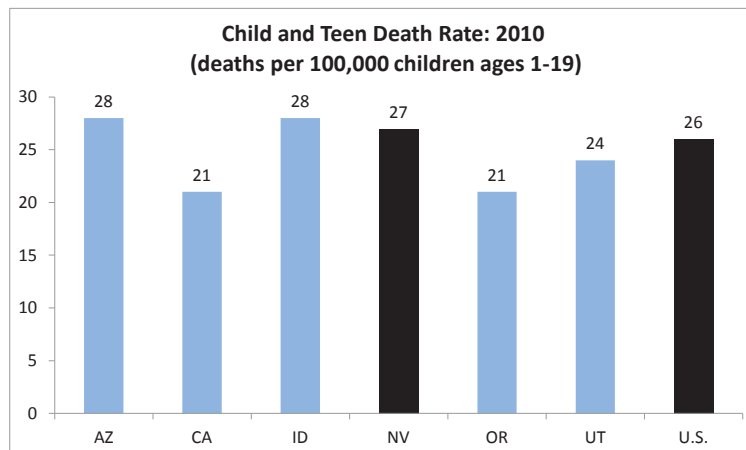
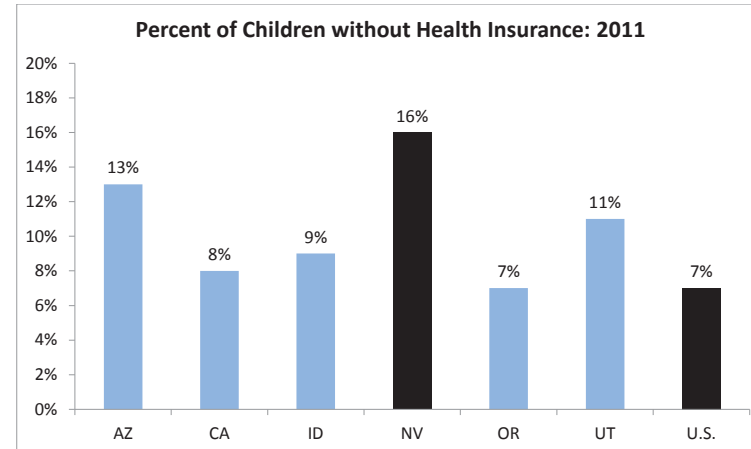
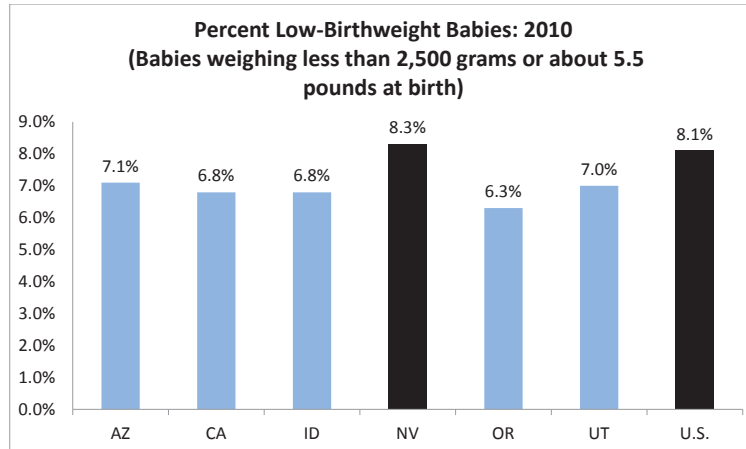


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*Data Sources:* U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (children not attending preschool); U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (fourth graders not proficient in 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

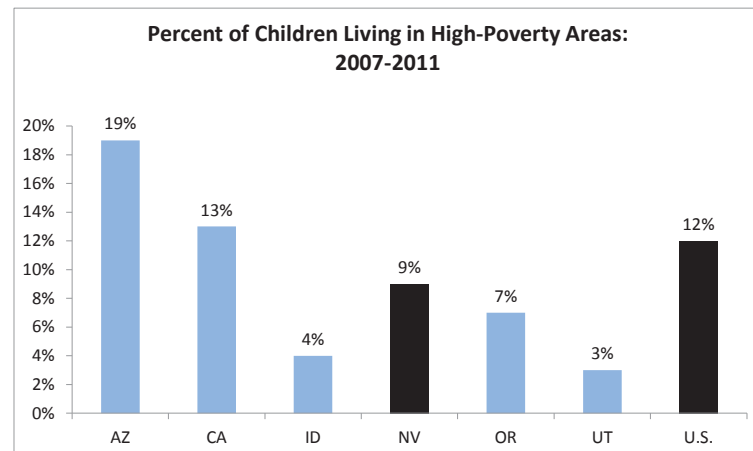
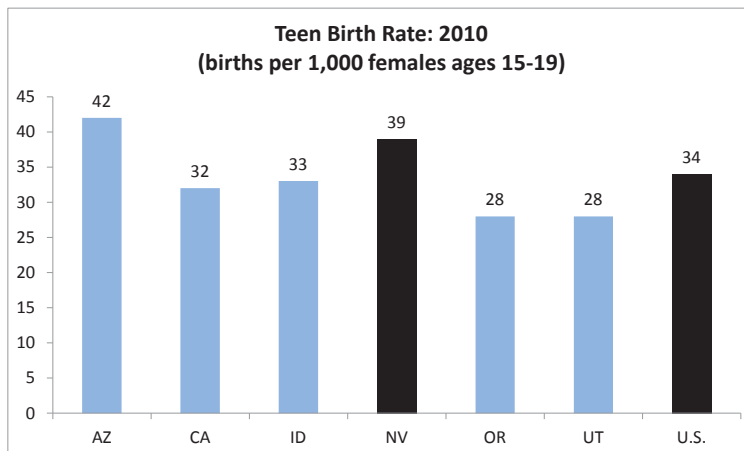
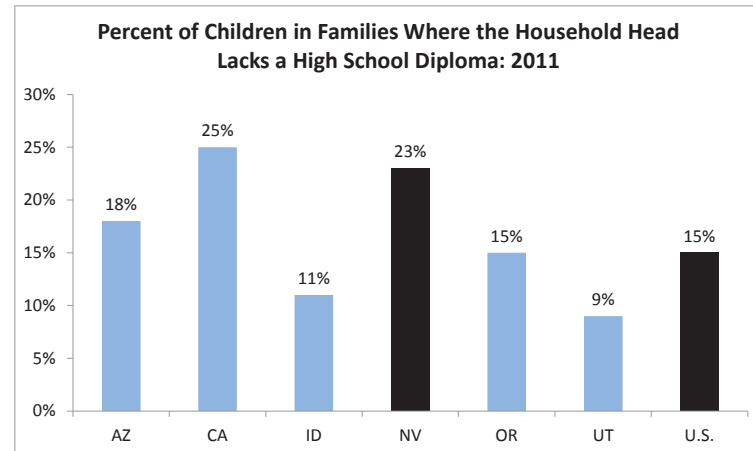
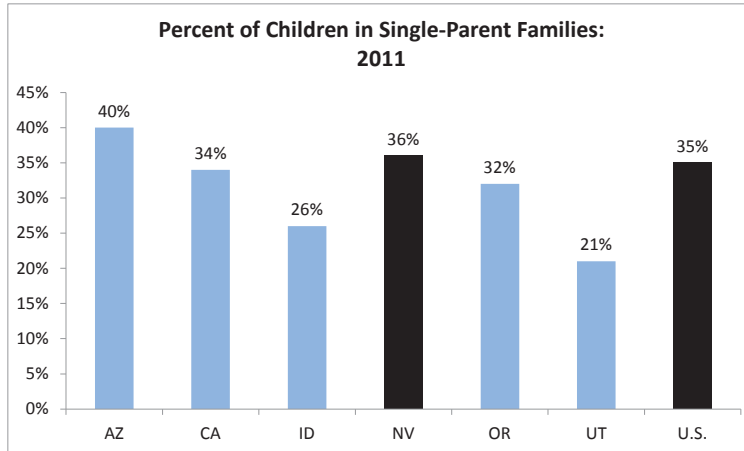


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*Data Sources:* U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (children without health insurance); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, Vital Statistics (low-birthweight babies and child and teen deaths);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

# Family and Community



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*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).