

# WHAT'S NEW WITH KIDS?

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## Profile of Black (African American) Children in Nevada

In 2000, 8.0 percent of the population ages 17 and under in Nevada was black (African American). In 2012, the percentage was 8.3, a 3.8 percent or 0.3 percentage point increase from 2000. This *Newsletter* provides a profile of black (African American) 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, 8.3 percent of the population ages 17 and under in Nevada was black (African American), making blacks the third largest racial/ethnic group in Nevada.
- Among the 17 counties in Nevada, in 2012, Clark County had the highest percentage of black (African American) children/youth (10.5).

### *Health Conditions and Health Care*

- About 13 percent of births to black mothers were low-birthweight in 2011. This figure is the highest among the racial/ethnic groups.
- Nearly 12 percent of births to black (African American) teens ages 15 to 19 in 2011 were low birthweight.
- Blacks (African Americans) had the highest teen birth rate. From 2009-2011, the average teen birth rate for black (African American) teens was 65.9 per 1,000 females ages 15 to 19.
- Black (African American) teens ages 15 to 19 were the third most likely among the racial/ethnic groups to delay prenatal care in 2011. About 36 percent of the teens had delayed care, and 15.0 percent received no prenatal care.
- As of enrollment beginning January 2013, 3.8 percent of the children ages 18 and under enrolled in Nevada Check Up were black (African American).

### *Economic Well-Being*

- Thirty-six percent of black (African American) children under age 18 lived in poverty during 2011.<sup>1</sup>

### *Education*

- In 2011-2012, 42,347 black (African American) children and youth were enrolled in prekindergarten through twelfth grade in Nevada public schools. At 9.6 percent, black (African American) students were the third largest segment of the school population. The largest segment was Hispanic (39.6 percent), followed by white (37.4 percent).
- The high school dropout rate for blacks was 6.3 percent in 2010-2011.

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<sup>1</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 AECF KIDS COUNT Data Center, <http://www.datacenter.kidscount>.

## Profile of Black (African American) Children and Youth in Nevada

	Blacks (African Americans)	All Racial/ Ethnic Groups
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>		
Total population ages 19 and under: 2012	63,623	760,516
Total population ages 17 and under: 2012	57,298	687,520
<b>HEALTH CONDITIONS AND HEALTH CARE</b>		
Percent low-birthweight babies (all mothers): 2011	13.1%	8.2%
Percent low-birthweight babies (for teens ages 15-19): 2011	11.9%	9.6%
Average teen birth rate: 2009-2011 (births per 1,000 females ages 15-19)	65.9	40.4
<b>ECONOMIC WELL-BEING</b>		
Percent of children under age 18 in poverty: 2011*	36.0%	22.0%
<b>EDUCATION AND ACHIEVEMENT</b>		
PK** - 12 enrollment 2011-2012	42,347	439,277
High school dropout rate: 2010-2011 (class of 2011)	6.3%	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 AECF KIDS COUNT Data Center (poverty).

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