Profile of Children Living in Las Vegas

The Annie E. Casey Foundation’s KIDS COUNT Data Center is a “one-stop source” for data on child well-being for the nation, states, territories (Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands), District of Columbia, and 50 most populous U.S. cities. This Newsletter uses the city data to provide a profile of children living in Las Vegas. The data are from the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2011 American Community Survey.

- In 2011, approximately 152,000 children age 17 and under lived in Las Vegas.
- Ninety-five percent of the children were native-born, and 5 percent were foreign-born.
- Forty-two percent of the children lived in immigrant families, that is, they were foreign-born or lived with at least one foreign-born parent.
- Ninety percent of the children who lived in immigrant families were U.S. citizens.
- The median income of families with children was $46,200.
- Twenty-nine percent of the children lived in poverty,
- Thirty percent of the children lived in low-income working families, that is, “(1) the family income was less than twice the federal poverty level; (2) at least one parent worked 50 or more weeks during the previous year.”¹
- Forty-one percent of the children lived in households that were owned with a mortgage or loan or were owned free and clear by someone in their household.
- Twenty-three percent of the children lived in crowded housing, defined as more than one person per room.
- Forty-one percent of the children lived in single-parent families.
- Fifteen percent of the teens did not attend school and did not work.

For a comparison of Las Vegas to the United States on selected indicators, see the following pages.


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