

Where We Stand in Early Childhood

Alignment of National Indicators and Key Policies for Nevada's Early Childhood System

Each year, multiple national organizations compile data on the status of children and grade or rank states based on where they stand compared to the other states. The purpose is not to shame states that are doing poorly, but to identify where states have opportunities to improve, as well as to identify key policies and strategies – utilizing data and examples from high performing states – on what can be done to improve these measures. This analysis looks at five of these national reports addressing indicators focused on the early childhood population in Nevada.



Nevada's Grade:



The *State of Babies Yearbook: 2023* is part of ZERO TO THREE's *Think Babies™*. ZERO TO THREE created *Think Babies* to make the potential of every baby a national priority. The data and indicator analysis in the *Yearbook* are powered by Child Trends, the nation's leading nonprofit research organization focused exclusively on improving the lives and prospects of children, youth, and their families.

<https://stateofbabies.org/state/nevada/>

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prenatal-to-3 policy

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2023 Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap

The Prenatal-to-3 State Policy Roadmap guides state leaders on the most effective investments to ensure all children thrive from the start. Grounded in the science of the developing child and based on the most rigorous evidence available, the Roadmap details the state action that foster the nurturing environments infants and toddlers need, and that reduce longstanding racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities in access and outcomes. <https://pn3policy.org/pn-3-state-policy-roadmap-2023/nv/>

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Nevada's Status:

- 3 of 12 Effective Policies & Strategies
- 24th – Impact of Policy Choices on Family Resources



NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR EARLY EDUCATION RESEARCH



The State of Preschool Yearbook has annually tracked state-funded preschool program funding, access, and policies since the 2001-2002 school year. The Yearbook seeks to improve the public's knowledge and understanding of state efforts to expand the availability of high-quality education to young children. https://nieer.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Nevada_YB2022.pdf

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Nevada's Rankings:

| ACCESS RANKINGS | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 4-YEAR-OLDS | 3-YEAR-OLDS |
| 38 | Not Served |
| RESOURCE RANKINGS | |
| STATE SPENDING | ALL REPORTED SPENDING |
| 9 | 15 |



THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION

2023 KIDS COUNT® DATA BOOK

The 34th edition of the Annie E. Casey Foundation's *KIDS COUNT® Data Book* describes how the country's lack of affordable and accessible child care negatively affects children, families and U.S. businesses. This year's publication continues to present national and state data across four domains — economic well-being, education, health and family and community — and ranks states in overall child well-being. The report includes pre-pandemic figures as well as more recent statistics, and shares the latest information of its kind available.

Nevada's Ranking:



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2023 HEALTH OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN REPORT

Nevada's Ranking:

The United Health Foundation is proud to present the *2023 Health of Women and Children Report*. Building on the *America's Health Rankings®* platform's longstanding commitment to better understand the comprehensive health and well-being of women of reproductive age and children, the report analyzes the latest data encompassing 122 measures from 34 distinct data sources. <https://assets.americahealthrankings.org/app/uploads/unitedstates-all-hwc2023.pdf>

Overall Rank

40

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Early Education and Care

Quality preschools, child care, and early education and intervention programs to support cognitive and social development. This includes programs such as Head Start and Early Head Start, Child Care Subsidy, and Nevada Ready! PreK, among others.

| Domains | Indicators Blue = NV doing better compared to other states Black = NV doing average compared to other states Red = NV doing poorly compared to other states | Policies & Strategies Blue = NV has implemented this policy or strategy |
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| Parent Engagement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent reads to baby every day (ZTT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ % Children <3 not read to daily (PN3) • Parent sings to baby every day (ZTT) | No identified policies/strategies |
| Access to Quality Early Learning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % Income eligible infants/toddlers with Early Head Start access (ZTT) • Low/Moderate income infants/toddlers in CCDF-funded care (ZTT) • Infant child care cost (AHR) • % Providers not participating in QRIS (PN3) • % Children without access to EHS (PN3) • Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school (KC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ % of 3 year olds enrolled in public ECE (NIEER) • Per pupil expenditures for state preschool program (NIEER) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult/Child Ratio (EHS standards) (ZTT) • Level of Teacher Qualification Required by the State Beyond a High School Diploma (ZTT, NIEER) • Group Size (EHS standards) (ZTT) • Infant/Toddler Professional Credential (ZTT) • Families Above 200% FPL Eligible for Child Care Subsidy (ZTT) • Child Care Subsidies (PN3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Income Eligibility at 85% SMI ◦ Limit Family Copayments ◦ Equitable Reimbursement Rates • State Reimburses Center-Based Child Care (ZTT) • State Funding for Early Head Start (PN3) • State Funding for Head Start (NIEER) • Quality Benchmarks (NIEER – see report) |
| Early Intervention Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developmental screening received (ZTT) • % of Children <3 not receiving developmental screening (PN3) • Developmental screening (AHR) • Percentage of infants/toddlers receiving IDEA Part C services (ZTT) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At-risk Children Included in Part C Eligibility Definition (ZTT) • Early Intervention Services (PN3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Very Low Birthweight Qualification ◦ At-Risk Qualification |
| Workforce | No identified indicators | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Eliminate Family Fees No identified policies/strategies |

Health, Mental Health, and Nutrition

Access to health and mental health screenings, regular medical check-ups, immunizations, and related health services to ensure both pregnant persons and children are healthy and growing well. This also includes programs to ensure pregnant persons and young children have access to proper nutrition. This includes program such as Medicaid and Nevada Check Up, WIC, NV Immunization Program, Nevada Early Intervention Services and more.

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| Health Care Coverage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligibility limit (% FPL) for pregnant women in Medicaid (ZTT) Medical home (ZTT) Children without health insurance (KC, AHR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uninsured low-income infants and toddlers (ZTT) % of Low-Income Women Uninsured (PN3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> % of women who are uninsured (AHR) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicaid Expansion State (ZTT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand Income Eligibility for Health Insurance (Medicaid) to 138% FPL CHIP Maternal Coverage for Unborn Child Option (ZTT) Postpartum Extension of Medicaid Coverage (ZTT) |
| Maternal Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late or no prenatal care received (ZTT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate prenatal care (AHR) % of Births to women not receiving adequate prenatal care (PN3) Teen births per 1,000 (KC) Mothers reporting less than optimal mental health (ZTT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> % Children <3 whose mother reports fair/poor mental health (PN3) Maternal mortality rate per 100,000 live births (AHR) % of women who report smoking during pregnancy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pregnant Workers Protection (ZTT) State Medicaid Policy for Maternal Depression Screening in Well-Child Visits (ZTT) Group Prenatal Care (PN3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced Medicaid Reimbursement Rate State Funding Community Based Doula's (PN3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicaid Funding Fund Training & Credentialing |
| Children's Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Babies born preterm (ZTT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> % Babies born preterm, <37 weeks (PN3) Babies with low birthweight (ZTT, KC, AHR) Infant mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 live births) (ZTT, PN3, AHR) Preventative dental care received (ZTT) Preventative dental care (AHR) Preventative medical care received (ZTT) Received recommended vaccines (ZTT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> % Children <3 not up to date on immunizations (PN3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicaid Plan Covers Social-Emotional Screening for Young Children (ZTT) Medicaid Plan Covers IECMH Services at Home (ZTT) Medicaid Plan Covers IECMH Services at pediatric/family medicine practices (ZTT) Medicaid Plan Covers IECMH Services in Early Childhood Education Settings (ZTT) |
| Nutrition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infants breastfed at 6 months (ZTT) % Children whose mother reported never breastfeeding (PN3) WIC Coverage (AHR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WIC Coverage for infants, one-year olds, and two-year olds (ZTT) | No identified policies/strategies |
| Workforce | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rate of health care providers -women's & pediatric (AHR) | No identified policies/strategies |

Family Supports

Programs to assist parents and caregivers in providing a nurturing and supportive environment for their children. This includes parenting education programs, home-visiting programs, family resource centers, child abuse prevention programs and others.

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| Parenting Education & Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> % Children <3 whose parent lacks parenting support (PN3) % Children <3 whose parent reports not coping very well (PN3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive Screening & Connection Program (PN3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statewide Goal Medicaid & State Funding |
| Home-Visiting Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential home visiting beneficiaries served (ZTT) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs Funded by Medicaid (PN3) |
| Child Welfare | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Resilience (ZTT) Two+ adverse childhood experiences (ZTT) % Children <3 not nurtured daily (PN3) Maltreatment Rate per 1,000 children <3 (PN3) | No identified policies/strategies |

Economic Well-Being

Programs to provide financial support to families, as well as programs that focus on long-term economic stability. This includes programs such as credit counseling, job placement and training services, SNAP, TANF, and housing and utility assistance, among other programs.

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| Basic Needs Supports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TANF benefits receipt among families in poverty (ZTT) % Eligible Families with children <18 not receiving SNAP (PN3) Housing instability (ZTT) Crowded housing (ZTT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> % Children <3 in Crowded Households (PN3) Children living in households with a high housing cost burden (KC, AHR) Unsafe Neighborhoods (ZTT) Low or very low food security (ZTT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> % Households reporting child food insecurity (PN3) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TANF Work Exemption (ZTT) Reduce Administrative Burden for SNAP (PN3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12-month certification period Simplified Income Reporting Online Case Management |
| Economic Stability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> % Children <3 in poverty (PN3) Children in poverty (KC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paid Family Leave (ZTT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paid Family Leave Program of at Least 6 Weeks (PN3) Paid Sick Time (that covers care for child) (ZTT) State Child Tax Credit (ZTT) State Earned Income Tax Credit (ZTT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refundable State Earned Income Tax Credit of at Least 10% (PN3) State Minimum Wage of \$10.00 or Greater (PN3) |

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| Employment & Training | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % Children <3 without any full-time working parent (PN3) • Children whose parents lack secure employment (KC) • Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma (KC) | No identified policies/strategies |
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