In 2018, Nevada had 39,560 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 16,250 were referred for investigation.

There were 5,162 child victims of abuse or neglect in Nevada in 2018, at a rate of 7.5 children per 1,000. This translates to a 12.5% increase since 2014.

Of the 5,162 children, 3,280 were first time victims.

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing 881 of the 5,162 cases.

- 88% of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2017 were parents of the child. 12% were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.

- 50% of Nevada’s child victims in 2017 were female while 50% were male.

- In 2018, Nevada reported 12 infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.

- Nevada reported no plans of safe care for screened-in infants.
Child fatalities decreased in 2018 from 21 in 2017 to 19 in 2018.  

Nevada had no reports of child victims of sex trafficking.  

3,260 victims received post-response services while 3,814 non-victims received post-response services as well.  

Foster Care and Adoptions  

7,497 total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2018.  

4,532 were in care on the day of September 30th, 2018.  

3,154 children entered care during the 2018 FY while 2,965 exited during the same year.  

760 of Nevada’s children were adopted while 1,664 were waiting to be adopted.  

There was a 2.8% increase in the number of children in care between 2017 and 2018. Adoptions from the system also increased 2.7% from 2017.  

182 children in Nevada aged out and exited foster care in 2017. This is an increase from 186 in 2016 and represents a 2.2% decrease.  

Children in foster care in 2017 spent an average of 17.2 months in care.  

The average length of stay in Nevada for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is 28.2 months.  

The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2017 was 6.5 years old.  

The average age of adopted children was 5.5 years old.  

2.2%  
Decrease since 2016 in children aging out of foster care.
Data from 2017 shows that 1,995 children in foster care within Nevada were living with non-relatives while 1,720 stayed with a relative.

194 children were staying in group homes while 46 children were classified as runaways.

4% of households in Nevada in 2017 had a grandparent living with a grandchild.

The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was 8.5 months.

Child Poverty
Nevada had 186,000 children in 2017 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing 27% of all children.

33% of Nevada’s children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.

The average number of individuals receiving TANF fell from 24,438 in 2017 to 23,929 in 2018. This represents a 2.1% decrease.

The state spent $25,704,963 on WIC in 2019, serving 58,744 people. This represents a 6.1% decrease in total participants and a 2.1% decrease in spending.

365,160 people in Nevada were food insecure in 2017, including 136,800 children who struggled with hunger.

38.4% of households in Nevada with children received SNAP benefits in 2017.
Health
Nevada had 3,265 low birth-weight babies born in 2017 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to 9.1% of infants born in Nevada in 2017.\textsuperscript{xxxii}

Nevada had a total of 3,616 preterm births in 2018, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. 9.3% of all white babies were born premature while 13% of black babies arrived prematurely in 2018. The total premature birth rate was 10.1%.\textsuperscript{xxxii}

There were 1,906 births to mothers aged 15-19 in Nevada in 2017, representing a rate of 22 in every 1,000 teen girls.\textsuperscript{xxxiii}

208 infants under 1 died in Nevada in 2017, representing an infant mortality rate of 5.8 per 1,000.\textsuperscript{xxxiv}

Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2018

- 7% of Nevada’s children had no health insurance in 2018. This represents 58,000 children.\textsuperscript{xxxvi}
- 476,068 children in Nevada were enrolled in Medicaid in 2018. This represents a 11.9% decrease from 2017.\textsuperscript{xxxvi}
- 71,994 children in Nevada were in the state Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2018. This represents a 10.4% decrease from 2017.\textsuperscript{xxxviii}
Juvenile Justice System
- There were 10,026 total arrests for children under 18 in Nevada in 2018.
- 615 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 1,262 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 1,244 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.
- 588 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Nevada in 2017. This is a decrease from 627 kids in 2015, representing a 6.2% decline.

Teens & Youth
- 13,000 (9%) of Nevada’s youth were both not in school and not working in 2017.
- In 2017, there were no reports of children in Nevada aged 10-14 committing suicide, and 32 reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.
- 43 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Nevada in 2017.

Child Welfare Services Funding
- Nevada spent $215,181,493 on child welfare services in 2016. Child welfare services are all of the direct and administrative services that state agencies provide to children and families.
- $127,794,937 were allocated from the federal government and $87,386,556 came from state and local funds.

Federal Funding Sources

- The breakdown of the $127,794,937 in federal funding received in Nevada in 2016:
  - $16,262,743 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
  - $30,211,985 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
  - Nevada’s sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2017 was $13,548,830.


xxvi Ibid.


xxx Ibid.


