In 2020, Nevada had 37,973 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 14,739 were referred for investigation.\(^\text{i}\)

There were 5,016 child victims of abuse or neglect in Nevada in 2020, at a rate of 7.2 children per 1,000. This translates to a 2.7% increase since 2016.\(^\text{ii}\)

Of the 5,016 children, 3,316 were first time victims.\(^\text{iii}\)

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing 831 of the 5,016 cases.\(^\text{iv}\)

- 84% of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2020 were parents of the child. 16% were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.\(^\text{vi}\)
- 52% of Nevada’s child victims in 2020 were female while 48% were male.\(^\text{vii}\)

### Child Victims by Race or Ethnicity, 2020

- **African American**: 25%
- **American Indian or Alaska Native**: 6%
- **Asian**: 5%
- **Hispanic**: 30%
- **Multiple Race**: 2%
- **Pacific Islander**: 1%
- **White**: 1%
- **Unknown**: 1%

### Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2020

- **Medical Neglect**: 74%
- **Neglect**: 18%
- **Other**: 7%
- **Physical Abuse**: 1%
- **Psychological Maltreatment**: 0%
- **Sexual Abuse**: 0%
- **Sex Trafficking**: 0%
- **Unknown**: 0%

### Plans of Safe Care

- In 2020, Nevada reported zero infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.\(^\text{ix}\)

- Nevada reported zero plans of safe care for screened-in infants.\(^\text{x}\)
Child fatalities decreased in 2020 from 20 in 2019 to 14 in 2020.\textsuperscript{xii}

Nevada had zero reports of child victims of sex trafficking.\textsuperscript{xiii}

3,148 victims received post-response services while 5,206 non-victims received post-response services as well.\textsuperscript{xiv}

Foster Care and Adoptions

- **7,281** total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2020.
- **4,372** were in care on the day of September 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2020.
- **2,788** children entered care during the 2020 FY while **2,909** exited during the same year.
- **796** of Nevada’s children were adopted while **1,702** were waiting to be adopted.\textsuperscript{xv}

There was a **3.72\%** decrease in the number of children in care between 2019 and 2020. Adoptions from the system also decreased **1.12\%** from 2019.\textsuperscript{xvi}

**162** children in Nevada aged out and exited foster care in 2019. This is an increase from **136** in 2018 and represents a **19.1\%** increase.\textsuperscript{xvii}

- Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average of **18.3** months in care.\textsuperscript{xviii}
- The average length of stay in Nevada for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is **28.8** months.\textsuperscript{xix}
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2020 was **6.4** years old.\textsuperscript{xx}
- The average age of adopted children was **5.8** years old.\textsuperscript{xxi}
Data from 2019 shows that 1,962 children in foster care within Nevada were living with non-relatives while 1,849 stayed with a relative (See Pie Chart). xxii

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

4% of households in Nevada in 2020 had a grandparent living with a grandchild. xxiv

The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was 9.5 months. xxv

Child Poverty
Nevada had 178,000 children in 2019 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing 26% of all children. xxvi

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

The average number of individuals receiving TANF fell from 20,877 in 2019 to 20,174 in 2020. This represents a 3.37% decrease. xxviii

The state spent $21,496,698 on WIC in 2021, serving 56,971 people. This represents a 3.9% decrease in total participants and a 8.5% decrease in spending. xxix

373,370 people in Nevada were food insecure in 2019, including 122,450 children who struggled with hunger. xxx

35.5% of households receiving SNAP benefits in Nevada in 2019 had children. xxxi
Health
Nevada had 3,077 low birth-weight babies born in 2019 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to 8.8% of infants born in Nevada in 2019.xxxiv

Nevada had a total of 3,742 preterm births in 2019, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. 9.48% of all white babies were born premature while 14.05% of black babies arrived prematurely in 2019. The total premature birth rate was 10.67%.xxxv

There were 1,668 births to mothers aged 15-19 in Nevada in 2019, representing a rate of 19 in every 1,000 teen girls. xxxvi

201 infants under one died in Nevada in 2019, representing an infant mortality rate of 5.7 per 1,000. xxvii

Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2020
8% of Nevada’s children had no health insurance in 2019. This represents 58,000 children.xxxix

376,794 children in Nevada were enrolled in Medicaid in 2020. This represents a 2.34% decrease from 2019. xi

65,832 children in Nevada were in the state Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2020. This represents a 10.0% decrease from 2019. xli
Juvenile Justice System
- There were 10,818 total arrests for children under 18 in Nevada in 2019.
- 1,216 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 1,246 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 1,778 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.xlii
- 546 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Nevada in 2019. This is a decrease from 588 kids in 2017, representing a 7.1% decline.xliii

Teens & Youth
- 13,000 (9%) of Nevada’s youth were both not in school and not working in 2019.xliv
- In 2020, there were no reports of children in Nevada aged 10-14 committing suicide, and 30 reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.xlv
- 48 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Nevada in 2020.xlvi

Child Welfare Services Funding
- Nevada spent $259,701,920 on child welfare services in 2018. Child welfare services are all of the direct and administrative services that state agencies provide to children and families.
- $102,147,032 were allocated from the federal government and $157,369,943 came from state and local funds.xlvii

The breakdown of the $102,147,032 in federal funding received in Nevada in 2018: xlviii
- $19,197,813 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
- $35,844,130 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.xlix
- Nevada’s sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2020 was $13,001,819. l
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Based on Calculations from the CWLA


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