

# Nevada

## 2018 Early Education & Care Fact Sheet

### Affordability

Nevada ranks as the least affordable in the nation for the cost of infant care in licensed family child care and the 8th least affordable in licensed centers. The cost of infant care represents **55%** of income for a family of three living at 100% of poverty, and **40%** of income for a family of three living at 140% of poverty. Currently in Nevada, families earning more than 140% of poverty would not qualify for child care subsidy.

#### Annual Average Cost of Care

Licensed Center-Infants	\$11,137
Licensed Center-Pre-K	\$8,835
Licensed Family Care-Infants	\$8,916
Licensed Family Care-Pre-K	\$8,188

#### Median Family Income

All Families w/ Children Under 18	\$55,184
Married Couple Families	\$74,341
Female Head of House, No Husband	\$35,986
Male Head of House, No Wife	\$47,335

#### % of Providers Who Offer Assistance

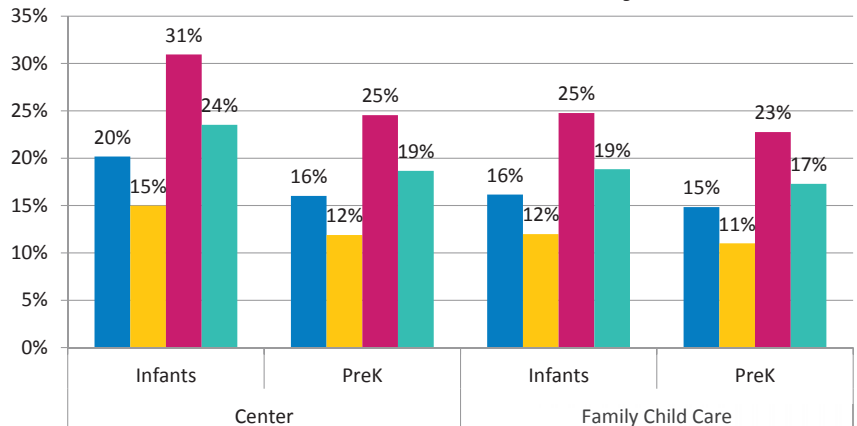
Employer Discount	9%
Military Discount	9%
Multi-Child Discount	33%
Scholarships	5%
Sliding Fee Scale	9%

#### Children on Child Care Subsidy

Number of Children Served-March 2018	9567
Number of Children Served-Annual 2017	13697

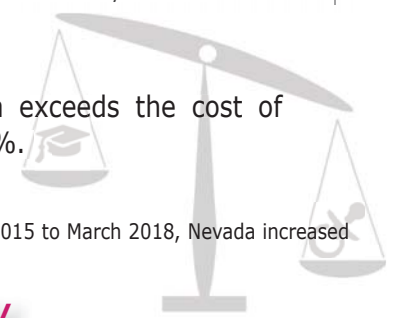
In 2017, Nevada served 5.84% of children living below 200% of poverty on the Subsidy program. From September 2015 to March 2018, Nevada increased the monthly subsidy caseload by 4188 children (an increase of 77.86%).

Cost of Care as a % of Median Family Income



### Did you know...

Center-based infant care in Nevada exceeds the cost of tuition and fees at UNR/UNLV<sup>†</sup> by 30%.  
<sup>†</sup>\$7,764 per year (taking 15 credits both fall and spring semesters).



## Affordability of Licensed Child Care by County

County*	Average Annual Cost of Care				Family Income		Cost of Care as a % of Married Couple Median Income				Cost of Care as a % of Female Household Median Income			
	Center		Family Child Care		Married Couple Median	Female Household Median	Center		Family Child Care		Center		Family Child Care	
	Infants	PreK	Infants	PreK			Infants	PreK	Infants	PreK	Infants	PreK	Infants	PreK
Carson City	\$8,964	\$7,400	-	\$7,821	\$74,226	\$33,833	12%	10%	-	11%	26%	22%	-	23%
Churchill	\$7,769	\$6,878	-	\$8,342	\$64,743	\$19,575	12%	11%	-	13%	40%	35%	-	43%
Clark	\$12,124	\$9,472	\$9,093	\$8,530	\$73,187	\$36,575	17%	13%	12%	12%	33%	26%	25%	23%
Douglas	\$9,255	\$7,959	\$8,277	\$7,473	\$77,182	\$41,772	12%	10%	11%	10%	22%	19%	20%	18%
Elko	\$8,342	\$6,433	\$7,821	\$7,387	\$91,723	\$34,272	9%	7%	9%	8%	24%	19%	23%	22%
Humboldt	-	\$6,909	-	-	\$83,984	\$19,539	-	8%	-	-	-	35%	-	-
Lander	\$6,007	\$5,794	-	-	\$98,750	\$18,833 <sup>a</sup>	6%	6%	-	-	32%	31%	-	-
Lyon	\$8,017	\$7,108	\$8,238	\$7,165	\$63,524	\$29,962	13%	11%	13%	11%	27%	24%	27%	24%
Mineral	\$5,996	\$5,475	\$7,821	\$7,821	\$64,605	\$21,286	9%	8%	12%	12%	28%	26%	37%	37%
Nye	\$8,603	\$7,517	-	-	\$55,700	\$26,329	15%	13%	-	-	33%	29%	-	-
Pershing	\$9,125	\$7,039	-	-	\$57,434	\$20,259	16%	12%	-	-	45%	35%	-	-
Washoe	\$10,957	\$8,760	\$8,909	\$8,098	\$80,726	\$36,274	14%	11%	11%	10%	30%	24%	25%	22%
White Pine	\$6,691	\$5,692	-	-	\$72,182	\$23,224	9%	8%	-	-	29%	25%	-	-

\*Four counties in Nevada did not have licensed child care programs at the time of the market rate study: Esmeralda, Eureka, Lincoln, and Storey. <sup>a</sup>See separate citation in Data Sources (page 4).



A single mom with two children earning the median family income would spend 56% of her income to access center-based care for her infant and preschooler in Nevada. In Clark County, she would have to spend 59% of her income and in Washoe County, 54% of her income.

According to Child Care Aware of America, the cost of center-based child care exceeds the annual cost of transportation in every state. It also exceeds the average cost that families spend on food.

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**Need** Need is defined as the number of children living in households where all parents work. These are children living in single-working parent and dual-earner households.

65.1% of Nevada's children ages 0-5 live in households where all parents work; up 7.8% since 2008.

70.1% of Nevada's children ages 6-12 live in households where all parents work; up 3.3% since 2008.

Nevada Counties	Total Children		All Parents Work	
	Ages 0-5	Ages 6-12	Ages 0-5	Ages 6-12
Carson City	3369	4331	54.9%	78.8%
Churchill	1929	1913	64.3%	63.8%
Clark	156572	182623	65.6%	70.3%
Douglas	2425	3459	61.7%	75.4%
Elko	4453	5574	45.7%	64.5%
Esmeralda	39	99	48.7%	41.8%
Eureka	101	131	45.5%	67.0%
Humboldt	1495	1806	65.7%	75.5%
Lander	486	679	62.8%	71.3%
Lincoln	380	384	70.8%	66.5%
Lyon	3436	4295	65.5%	64.7%
Mineral	287	278	89.9%	60.0%
Nye	2166	2855	52.6%	49.4%
Pershing	363	409	49.6%	67.3%
Storey	153	207	86.3%	85.6%
Washoe	31342	36880	67.5%	71.0%
White Pine	647	709	38.0%	54.6%
NEVADA	209643	246632	65.1%	70.1%

**Supply** Nevada's early childhood capacity meets 23% of the need for child care for children ages 0-5 and 35% of the need for children ages 0-5 living in households where all parents are in the workforce.

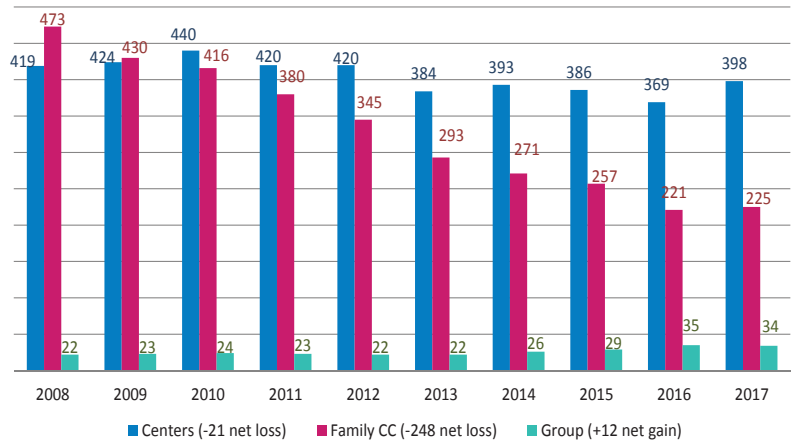
Early Education & Care (EEC) *	Sites	Capacity
Centers (Licensed, Tribal, Head Start, & Pre-K, and Department of Defense)	742	57341
Head Start (Tribal, Early & HS)	65	3297
School District Pre-K (All funding sources (e.g., Part B, PDG, Title I, Zoom, Victory))	317	16115
Licensed Family Child Care Homes	225	1286
Licensed Group Child Care Homes	34	406
School-Age Programs (21 CCLC, parks & rec; Boys & Girls clubs, before & after school care)	337	35874
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1338</b>	<b>94907</b>

\*Does not include accommodation facilities or institutions. \*Two counties in Nevada, Esmeralda and Eureka, do not have formal early childhood programs (Licensed, Tribal, Head Start, District Pre-K, or Department of Defense).

Early Intervention & Early Childhood Special Education	
Children Ages 0-3 in IDEA <sup>a</sup> Part C programs	3274
Children Ages 3-5 in IDEA <sup>a</sup> Part B programs	5187

<sup>a</sup>IDEA: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - Federal law requires states to provide educational services to children with disabilities. Part B number above excludes Kindergarten. With Kindergarteners, there are 8984 children in Part B.

Change in the Number of Licensed<sup>§</sup> Programs: 2008-2017



<sup>§</sup> Excludes school district Pre-K, Tribal, and Department of Defense as these programs are not licensed by child care licensing.

From 2008 to 2017, Nevada experienced a 52% decline in licensed family child care programs and a 5% decline in licensed centers. During the same period, Nevada's overall licensed capacity has declined by 4891 slots (-10.5%); however, over the last two years a small net gain of 924 slots (2.2%) has occurred in centers and group family care.

Licensed Child Care Care by County	Carson City		Churchill		Clark		Douglas		Elko		Humboldt		Lander		Lyon		Mineral		Nye		Pershing		Washoe		White Pine	
	Programs	Capacity	Programs	Capacity	Programs	Capacity	Programs	Capacity	Programs	Capacity	Programs	Capacity	Programs	Capacity	Programs	Capacity	Programs	Capacity	Programs	Capacity	Programs	Capacity	Programs	Capacity	Programs	Capacity
Centers	16	796	5	241	230	28126	11	838	11	623	3	194	2	60	7	496	0	0	3	227	1	54	106	8326	3	140
Family Child Care	1	6	1	6	81	486	3	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	36	1	6	0	0	0	0	132	728	0	0
Group Family Child Care	2	36	3	36	18	216	0	0	2	24	2	24	1	12	2	24	0	0	2	24	0	0	2	22	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>28828</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>9076</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>140</b>

## Quality

Nevada's Quality Rating & Improvement System (QRIS) is a voluntary continuous improvement system available to licensed child care and district Pre-K programs. 48% of Nevada's licensed child care centers and 20% of all district Pre-K programs participate in QRIS. For more information visit [www.nvsilverstatestars.org](http://www.nvsilverstatestars.org).



Star Level	Rating	Ctr	Dist	FCC	Total
★★★★★★	Highest Quality	8	4	-	12
★★★★★	Quality Plus	16	11	-	27
★★★★	Quality	14	11	-	25
★★★	Progressing Star	34	9	-	43
★★	Rising Star	6	2	-	8
Initial Coaching	Initial Coaching, Not Rated	77	31	7	115
Waiting List	Waiting for QRIS Coaching	38	-	4	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total Participating</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>272</b>

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National Accreditation <sup>s</sup>	Centers	FCC/Grp
Accredited Programs	51	4

<sup>s</sup>Three of the accredited centers are school district Pre-K programs. Accreditation agencies include: National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC), National Accreditation Commission for Early Education and Care Programs (NAC), National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA), and Council on Accreditation (COA).

## Workforce

The median wage of an early childhood teacher working in a licensed setting in Nevada is \$11.50 an hour—equivalent to a full-time wage of \$23,920 a year. This is \$11,003 less than Nevada's median income for workers (\$34,923).

Workforce	#
Center/Preschool Director/Administrator	472
Assistant Director/Program Director	210
Infant/Toddler Director	32
Infant/Toddler Asst. Director	17
Lead/Head Teacher	2484
Assistant Teacher/Aide	1784
Floater/Breaker/Substitute	561
District Early Childhood Teachers <i>(estimate based on 1:10 ratio, no aides included)</i>	1670
Licensed Family Home Care Provider	235
Licensed Group Home Care Provider	28
Family, Friend and Neighbor (Subsidy Only)	1023
<b>Total</b>	<b>8516</b>

Licensed Center   Wages Excludes Head Start & Pre-K Wages	Average Starting	Average	Median Reported to NV Registry
Aides	\$9.49	\$10.28	\$10.00
Teachers	\$10.90	\$12.57	\$11.50
Director	\$17.50	\$19.20	\$15.00

Licensed Providers   Benefits <sup>‡</sup>	Centers	FCC/Group
Health Insurance	18%	2%
Paid Vacation	35%	18%
Paid Sick Leave	33%	13%
Retirement	10%	0%
Fees for Training	11%	1%

<sup>‡</sup>Benefits reflect only what has been reported to The Nevada Registry.

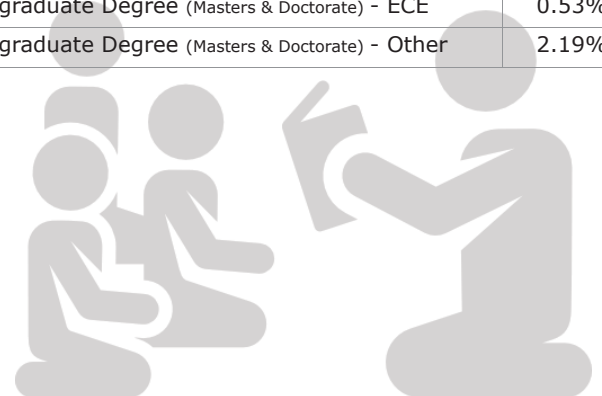
Licensed Child Care Longevity	In Field	At Current Site
10 Years Plus	31%	15%
6-9 Years	12%	9%
4-5 Years	9%	13%
1-3 Years	35%	34%
Less Than 1 Year	13%	29%

### Licensed Child Care | Center Staff Turnover

Annual Turnover rate of Center-Based Staff	23%
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### Licensed Child Care | Highest Educational Attainment

No High School Diploma or education not reported to The Nevada Registry	50.03%
High School Diploma	15.55%
Some College	14.95%
Associate's Degree - ECE	3.51%
Associate's Degree - Other	2.88%
Bachelor's Degree - ECE	3.67%
Bachelor's Degree - Other	6.69%
Postgraduate Degree (Masters & Doctorate) - ECE	0.53%
Postgraduate Degree (Masters & Doctorate) - Other	2.19%



# Data Sources

## Affordability

Median Family Income	United States Census Bureau. (2018). <i>2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates: Table S1903 Median income in the past 12 months (in 2016 inflation-adjusted dollars)</i> [Data file]. Available from the Census website: <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a> . <i>†Lander County median income for single female heads of household is from 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates: Table S1903 as this was the last year reliable results were available for this county.</i>
Average Cost of Licensed Care	The Children's Cabinet, Inc. (2018). <i>2018 Market Rates and Child Care Attributes Survey</i> [Data file]. Reno, NV: Author.
Average Cost of Care in NV vs. US	Child Care Aware of America (2017). <i>Parents and the high cost of child care: 2017 Report</i> . Retrieved from the Child Care Aware of America website: <a href="http://usa.childcareaware.org/costofcare">http://usa.childcareaware.org/costofcare</a> Washington, DC: Author.
Annual Cost for Tuition and Fees at UNR & UNLV	University of Nevada, Reno. (2018). Tuition and Fee Cost Calculator. Retrieved July 5, 2018 from <a href="http://www.unr.edu/tuition-and-fees/cost-calculator">http://www.unr.edu/tuition-and-fees/cost-calculator</a> . The cost of room, board and books not included. Tuition and fees only.
Providers - Financial Assistance	The Children's Cabinet, Inc. (2018). <i>2018 Market Rates and Child Care Attributes Survey</i> [Data file]. Reno, NV: Author.
State Subsidy	Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Child Care and Development Program. (2018). March 2018 caseload [datafile]; Total unduplicated children on Subsidy in 2017 [ad hoc data request]. Carson City, NV: Author.
State Subsidy Percentage	Total unduplicated children ages 0-11 on subsidy in 2017 divided by number of children ages 0-11 living under 200% of poverty from: United States Census Bureau. (2018). <i>2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates: Table B17024 Age by ratio of income to poverty in the last 12 months</i> . Available from the Census website: <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a> . Only 0-11 used to match age groups in Census data.

## Need

Total Children in Nevada	United States Census Bureau. (2018). <i>2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-year estimates: Table B09001-Population under 18 years by age</i> . Available from the Census website: <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a>
Children Living in Households Where all Parents Work	United States Census Bureau. (2018). <i>2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-year estimates: Table B23008-Age of own children under 18 years in families and subfamilies by living arrangements by employment status of parents</i> . Available from the Census website: <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov">http://factfinder.census.gov</a>

## Supply

Licensed Child Care and Licensed Capacity	Nevada Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance Child Care Licensing. (2018, Jan). <i>Statewide Annual Report 2017</i> . Carson City, NV: Author. The Children's Cabinet, Inc. (2018). <i>2018 Market Rates and Child Care Attributes Survey</i> [Data file]. Reno, NV: Author.
Net Loss from 1-2008 to 1-2014	Nevada Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance Child Care Licensing. (2018, Jan). <i>Statewide Annual Reports: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017</i> . Carson City, NV: Author. Calculations performed by The Children's Cabinet to determine the net loss of licensed providers over eight years.
Head Start	Nevada Department of Education (2018). <i>Head Start Programs and Capacity in Nevada</i> . [Data file]. Retrieved July 9, 2018 from Patti Oya.
Pre-K	The Children's Cabinet (2018). <i>2017-2018 School Year Pre-K Sites, Classrooms and Capacity by Funding Source</i> [Data file]. Data compiled with the assistance of Cindy Johnson, Stacey Joyner, Anna Severens and Sherry Halley from the Nevada Department of Education.
Nevada Early Intervention Services	Department of Health & Human Services, IDEA Part C Office (2018). December 1, 2017 Child Count number retrieved on July 17, 2018 via email from Sheri Fyfe, Development Specialist IV.
Early Childhood Special Ed.	Nevada Department of Education (2018). October 1, 2017 student count data requested and retrieved from Daina Loeffler on July 6, 2018.

## Quality

QRIS Silver State Stars	Nevada Department of Education (2018, July). QRIS Participation Report. [Data file]. Retrieved July 6, 2018 from Q-Star datasystem. Contact Cindy Johnson at NDE for access to these data.
Accreditation	Accreditation program search performed on June 8, 2018 through the following accrediting entities: National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) <a href="http://www.naeyc.org">http://www.naeyc.org</a> , National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC) <a href="http://nafcc.org">http://nafcc.org</a> , National Accreditation Commission for Early Education and Care Programs (NAC) <a href="http://naccp.org">http://naccp.org</a> , National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA) <a href="http://www.necpa.net">http://www.necpa.net</a> , and Council on Accreditation (COA) <a href="http://www.coanet.org/accreditation/">http://www.coanet.org/accreditation/</a>

## Workforce

Nevada's Median Income	Bureau of Labor Statistics (2018). <i>May 2017 Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates: Nevada</i> . Retrieved July 17, 2018 from the Bureau of Labor Statistics website: <a href="https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nv.htm">https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nv.htm</a>
Workforce	The Nevada Registry. (July 2018). <i>Nevada Child Care Workforce Characteristics</i> [Data file]. Retrieved 7/13/18 from Shelly Nye, The Nevada Registry. The Children's Cabinet, Inc. (2018). <i>2018 Market Rates and Child Care Attributes Survey</i> [Data file]. Reno, NV: Author.
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Wages	The Nevada Registry. (July 2018). <i>Nevada Child Care Workforce Characteristics</i> [Data file]. Retrieved 7/13/18 from Shelly Nye, The Nevada Registry. The Children's Cabinet, Inc. (2018). <i>2018 Market Rates and Child Care Attributes Survey</i> [Data file]. Reno, NV: Author.
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