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# Nevada Education Data Book

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The material contained within the 2009 Nevada Education Data Book represents a compilation of sources that are of potential use to State and local policymakers. The concept for this document was the brainchild of the late Jeanne Botts, formerly of the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB).

The document is organized into sections reflecting topics and programs that have been a continuing source of legislative inquiry. Major sections include those pertaining to school finance, teacher compensation, statewide student testing, and education programs designed to improve student academic achievement. There is also an extensive section describing past, current, and projected demographic characteristics of the education system. The report also contains detailed fiscal and program information with regard to special education, professional development for educational personnel, adult and alternative education, charter schools, and early childhood education. A separate section of key information concerning higher education also is included.

As a rule, the sections present information concerning the State as a whole, district level information, and, when available, comparisons with the United States and the other ten western states surrounding Nevada. The table located on the following page presents general education data profiles for Nevada and comparison states.

The data contained in this document were selected and compiled by the staff of the LCB's Research and Fiscal Analysis Divisions. By necessity, this report represents a snapshot in time, listing the most current data that could be identified with regard to the selected topics. Often, additional information and more up-to-date statistics will become available, and those using the document are cautioned to seek revised information from the cited sources.

The major sources of data utilized for this report include various documents prepared by Nevada's Department of Education, Nevada school districts, the United States Department of Education—National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau, and the Fiscal Analysis Division of the LCB. Other sources include numerous internal reports and surveys conducted by legislative staff in support of the work of the Legislative Committee on Education.