



# 2011 Nevada Education Data Book





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## Introduction

# Chapter 1

The material contained within the *2011 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 Division. 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 the 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.

## Education Data Profiles for the State of Nevada and Surrounding States

**School Year 2008-2009**

STATES	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS					TOTAL STUDENTS	TOTAL TEACHERS	PUPIL-TEACHER RATIO
	Total Schools	School Type						
		Regular	Special Ed	Voc Ed	Alternative			
United States	98,706	88,801	2,289	1,409	6,207	49,053,786	3,221,917	15.2
Arizona	2,186	1,908	20	172	86	1,085,822	54,696	19.9
California	10,029	8,451	145	76	1,357	6,240,184	303,647	20.8
Colorado	1,779	1,672	10	5	92	817,605	48,692	16.8
Idaho	735	629	11	11	84	274,672	15,148	18.2
Montana	830	823	2	0	5	141,899	10,467	13.6
Nevada	617	579	7	1	30	433,371	21,993	19.7
New Mexico	853	808	6	1	38	328,420	22,825	14.5
Oregon	1,304	1,261	3	0	40	556,380	30,152	18.5
Utah	1,029	849	81	6	93	559,687	23,657	23.7
Washington	2,321	1,883	106	12	320	1,037,018	54,428	19.1
Wyoming	360	332	3	0	25	87,153	7,000	12.5

**Source:** U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Common Core of Data, 2008-2009*.