

Differences in Reporting for the Nevada Report card and Nevada's Accountability System (the NSPF)

The [Nevada Report Card](#) reports on Nevada statutory reporting requirements and expressed ESSA reporting requirements. ESSA requires states to count students differently across the state's Accountability System (the NSPF) and the State Report Card. Data associated with a school's star rating under the NSPF must be based on students who have been enrolled in a given school for at least half of the school year, and the rates exclude Recently-Arrived ELs for assessments. The Nevada Report Card includes results for all students (it includes students who have been enrolled for less than half a year and it includes Recently-Arrived ELs). Comparing rates reported in the NSPF to rates reported within the Nevada Report Card can be problematic due to the differences between the sets of students included in the NSPF and Report Card. Some of the main differences are outlined below.

Chronic Absenteeism

District and School Chronic Absenteeism Rates as they appear on the [Nevada Report Card](#) include all K-12 students who were enrolled for ≥ 10 days. School and District rates are based on the days absent calculated for federal reporting (MDP codes are included in these calculations). Starting in 2024-25 an additional requirement for a federal Chronic Absenteeism rate was introduced. The federal value for 'percent chronically absent students' is calculated by number of chronically absent students (EDFacts FS195), based on the federal definition of days absent, divided by number of students in the school—or 'membership' in the school (EDFacts FS052). Interpretation of results should consider inconsistencies between the datasets

The following table summarizes the differences between the three chronic absenteeism rates that currently appear:

Level	NSPF, Nevada Report Card, EDFacts	Student Population	Days Enrolled	Federal or State Definition of Chronic Absenteeism
District Rate	Nevada Report Card	K-12	≥ 10	Federal (includes MDP codes); Numerator and Denominator come from the Chronic Absenteeism file.
District Rate	NSPF	K-12	≥ 91	Federal (includes MDP codes); Numerator and Denominator come from the Chronic Absenteeism file.
School Rate	Nevada Report Card	K-12	≥ 10	Federal (includes MDP codes); Numerator and Denominator come from the Chronic Absenteeism file.
School Rate	NSPF	K-12	≥ 91	State (excludes MDP codes and the first 5 REL coded days); Numerator and Denominator come from the Chronic Absenteeism file.
State Rate	Nevada Report Card	K-12	≥ 10	Federal (includes MDP codes); Numerator and Denominator come from the Chronic Absenteeism file.

Level	NSPF, Nevada Report Card, <i>EDFacts</i>	Student Population	Days Enrolled	Federal or State Definition of Chronic Absenteeism
State, District, and School	<i>EDFacts</i>	K-12	≥ 10	Federal (includes MDP codes); Numerator comes from <i>EDFacts</i> Chronic Absenteeism file, Denominator is <i>EDFacts</i> Membership file enrollment.

Please note that NSPF Days Enrolled are prorated based on the total number of instructional days at a school. A business rule change for calculating unduplicated state and district rates was introduced for the 2023-24 school year. In prior years, if a student showed up in the file at two, three, or more schools, the student record was duplicated within the file. The unduplicated rate that appears for 2023-24 combines those student records at the district and state level to ensure that students only appear once. This does lower the rates, and thus comparisons of 2023-24 and prior year's data should be done with caution.

Assessment Results

Assessment Proficiency results as they appear on the Nevada Report Card may or may not match NSPF business rules depending on the page. When looking at data that is broken down by Elementary, Middle, and High School levels, the data follows NSPF business rules (school level results follow the 95% participation rules outlined in the NSPF handbook). This includes the ELA and Math Proficiency results found on the “At a Glance” pages:

ELA Proficiency



41.4%
Elementary

35.4%
Middle

43.4%
High

Math Proficiency



37.4%
Elementary

27.6%
Middle

20.1%
High

When looking at the “At a Glance” page for the entire state, assessment results follow NSPF business rules except for YIS and YID (all students are included) and 95% participation rules.

When drilling into the data sets via the interactive “Data Interaction” pages found following the “Assessment Results” pages, the assessment results do **NOT** follow NSPF business rules.

Note that Federal EdFacts reporting also requires different Participation rules compared to those found in the NSPF. As a result, there are separate participation rules used/reported to the US Department of Education via EdFacts.

These differences are summarized in the following table:

NSPF or Nevada Report Card Assessment Results	Year in School (YIS)/ Year in District (YID)	New in Country (NIC)/NIC_Y2	95% Participation Rules	Rules for a “Participant” in Participation/”% Tested” Calculations
Nevada Report Card; Data Interaction Pages	Includes all students	Includes all students	Percentages do not factor in 95% participation rules	Participants are students who received a proficiency level; participation for ELA and Math is determined separately
Nevada Report Card; At a Glance Pages (District / School level Math / ELA results)	Follows YIS/YID rules per NSPF handbook	Follows NIC/NIC_Y2 rules per NSPF handbook	School Level Results follow 95% participation rules per NSPF handbook	Not Applicable
Nevada Report Card; At a Glance Pages (State level Math / ELA results)	Includes all students	Follows NIC/NIC_Y2 rules per NSPF handbook	Percentages do not factor in 95% participation rules	Not Applicable
NSPF	Follows YIS/YID rules per NSPF handbook	Follows NIC/NIC_Y2 rules per NSPF handbook	Follows 95% participation rules per NSPF handbook	Follows rules per NSPF Handbook
Federal EdFacts Assessment Participation	Does not include YIS/YID	Excludes NIC students	Percentages do not factor in 95% participation rules	Participants are students who received a proficiency level; participation for ELA and Math is determined separately

High School Science

One of the main differences between assessment results in the NSPF and the Nevada Report Card appears for the High School Science exam. The HS Science proficiency data on the Nevada Report Card does **NOT** bank prior year 9th grade results in the same way as the NSPF.

NSPF or Nevada Report Card	HS Science results
Nevada Report Card; Data Interaction Pages	Results include all 9 th and 10 th grade HS Science exam takers in the reported year
NSPF	Results include prior year 9 th grade HS Science exam takers, current year 10 th grade HS Science exam takers, and current year 11 th grade NAA Science exam takers.

COVID Reporting for Report Card and the NSPF

Due to the COVID Pandemic, the publication of the NSPF and the Nevada Report Card was disrupted.

Year	NSPF or Nevada Report Card	Data Provided?	Notes
2019-2020	Nevada Report Card	Partial	<u>Lagged data sets, data collected prior to Covid-19 interruptions, and adjusted data sets were released. Release of some data sets was waived per USED Covid Waivers.</u>
2019-2020	NSPF	No	NSPF was waived per USED Covid Waivers.
2020-2021	Nevada Report Card	Yes	Data was released but some data sets were substantially affected
2020-2021	NSPF	No	NSPF was waived per USED Covid Waivers.
2021-2022	Report Card	Yes	N/A
2021-2022	NSPF	Yes	NSPF was released with some variations/modified data sets; no Star Ratings per USED Covid Waivers

Contact

For more information on the NSPF, the Nevada Report Card, and the business rules that are used for the reports, please contact the NDE Accountability Office at ADAMinfo@doe.nv.gov.