

## Family/Personal Problems in Lincoln County

The top major or medium rated problems by residents were mainly concerns on shortages of cash and the ability to earn it.

- Preparing youth for the work world - 84%
- Medical care - 81%
- Prices of goods and services - 81%
- Unemployment - 80%
- Money to live on - 75%
- Federal policy on local economy - 74%
- Unsightly properties - 72%
- Emergency preparedness - 68%
- Maintaining school quality - 67%

Several topics were of moderate concern: drug and alcohol abuse, adequate water supply, availability of good family recreational activities, solid waste management, affordable housing, health insurance for children and an unattractive town.

Many serious social issues rated at small or no importance (>50%) in the county, such as child abuse and adult suicide/depression, crime and domestic violence. Also of less concern were children being ready for kindergarten and the availability of bilingual education.

One-on-one discussions indicated residents feel safe and go out of their way to help each other. Their lifestyle is one of comfort and ease knowing there are others looking out for you. This is unlike most populations in North America who live in fear of unknown potential dangers.

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# Family & Youth Needs in Lincoln County, Nevada



*The residents views on the family and youth needs in Lincoln County.*

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## Importance of views on family & youth needs

This document contains a list of issues for family and youth that residents of Lincoln County rated as high and medium importance. It also shows areas the residents consider being of little concern. Identifying the areas of importance for families and youth can help policy makers, private companies and service workers focus their activities on the needs of Lincoln County.

## Collection of Data

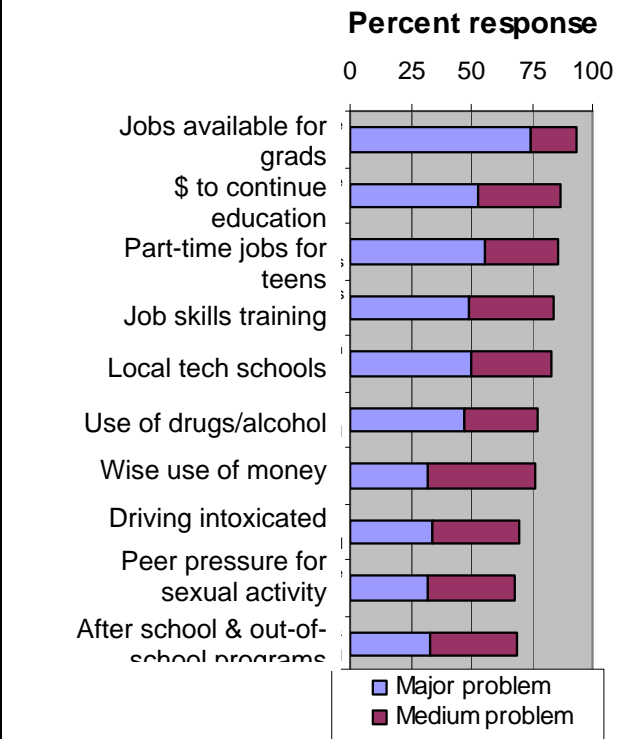
The information in this fact sheet is part of a needs assessment in Lincoln County that studied the type of educational programs desired; the form of preferred program delivery (publications, classes, etc.); community needs, issues or concerns; individual or family concerns; youth concerns; and quality of life. A survey in 2004 followed by one-on-one discussions with key individuals in 2005 were used as tools to collect the opinions of county residents on a full range of issues and to identify the needs in Lincoln County. Surveys were delivered to all post office boxes. Returned surveys represented 358 households and 875 people which equals 23% of the population in Lincoln County.

## Youth Issues

The greatest concerns the community has for youth in the county are predominantly finding a solid career and future, and then alcohol, drugs and sexual activity concerns. The top concerns, with the

highest combined major and medium problem ratings, were related to employment.

### Top Youth Concerns

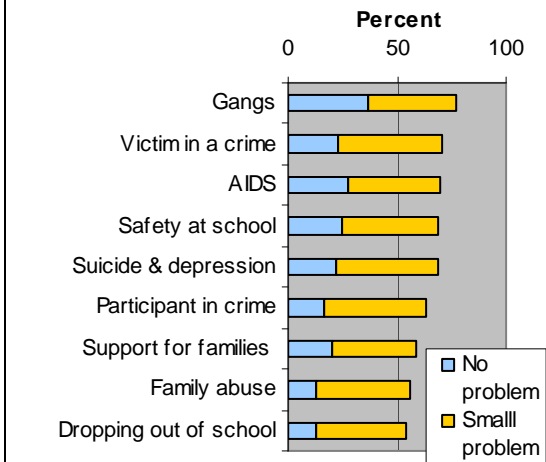


Concern on the wise use of money among youth rated 77% as major and medium. The next set of concerns was mostly related to the usual form of problems facing youth: use of drugs/alcohol 77%, driving under the influence 70%, and peer pressure to be sexually active 68%. After-school and out-of-school programs were rated 69% as major or medium priority.

Of moderate concern for youth were local access to community college, family's ability to pay bills, parental support to continue education, harassment from peers, appropriate adult models, quality of K-12 education, teen pregnancy and parental support of children.

There were a number of issues that were rated as low or very low problems among youth, which were based on child safety, emotional health and staying in school. One-on-one discussions indicated the residents of Lincoln County consider it a safe, happy environment for kids. Family is a high priority.

### Lesser Youth Issues



One-on-one interviewees mentioned there are no jobs available for young people who want to stay and live in the county, and that is the biggest reason to spur on economic development.