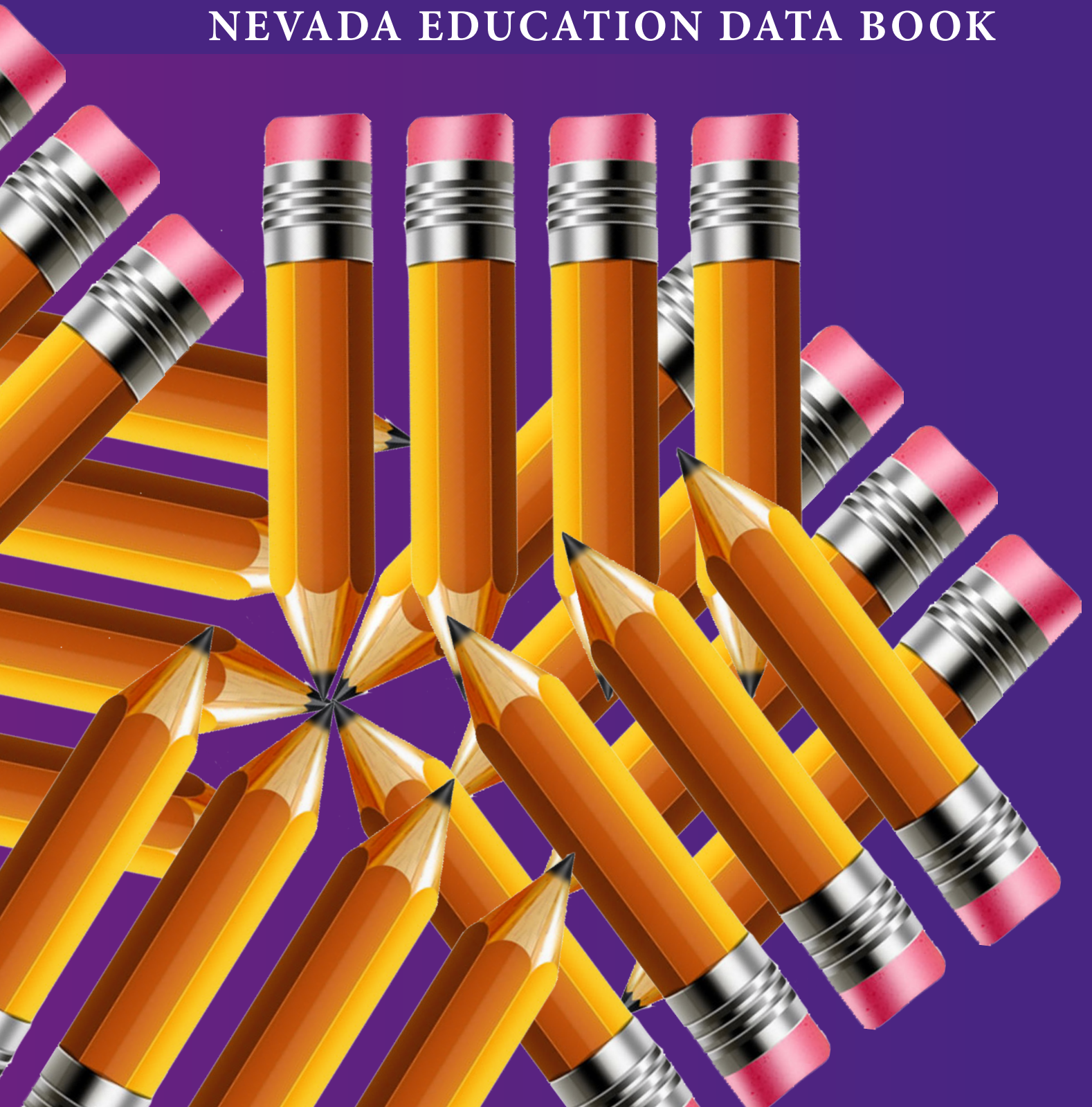


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The material contained within the *2017 Nevada Education Data Book* represents a compilation of sources that are of potential use to State and local policymakers and anyone seeking data about education in Nevada. The concept for this book was the brainchild 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, teachers and leaders, 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 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 relating to the State as a whole, district level information, and, when available, comparisons with the United States and the other western states. The table 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 available for the selected topics. Often, additional information and more up-to-date statistics will become available, and those using this book are cautioned to seek revised information from the cited sources.

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

**EDUCATION DATA PROFILES FOR NEVADA AND SURROUNDING STATES—  
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

**School Year 2014–2015**

STATES	TOTAL OPERATIONAL SCHOOLS	TOTAL PUPILS	TOTAL TEACHERS (FTE)	PUPIL-TEACHER RATIO
Arizona	2,281	1,111,695	48,124	23.1
California	10,303	6,312,161	267,685	23.6
Colorado	1,843	889,006	51,388	17.3
Idaho	742	290,885	15,609	18.6
Montana	824	144,532	10,234	14.1
<b>Nevada</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>459,189</b>	<b>21,656</b>	<b>21.2</b>
New Mexico	885	340,365	22,411	15.2
Oregon	1,242	601,318	27,850	21.6
Utah	1,020	635,577	27,375	23.2
Washington	2,398	1,073,638	59,555	18.0
Wyoming	367	94,067	7,615	12.4

**Source:** U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Selected Statistics From the Public Elementary and Secondary Education Universe: School Year 2014–15* (NCES 2016-076), September 2016, p. 7.