

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Hawaii



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290,361 children live in Hawaii:
 2,256 are American Indian/Alaska Native
 13,724 are Black
 43,508 are Hispanic
 54,469 are White, non-Hispanic
 85,406 are two or more races
 115,424 are Asian/Pacific Islander

In Hawaii:

A child is abused or neglected every 4 hours.
 A child dies before his or her first birthday every 3 days.

Hawaii Ranks:*

20th among states in its infant mortality rate.
 Best state is Washington; worst is the District of Columbia
 16th among states in per pupil expenditures.
 Best state is New Jersey; worst state is Utah
 21st among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
 Best state is Alaska; worst state is Mississippi
 [*1st represents the best state for children and 51st represents the worst state for children in the country]

Child Poverty in Hawaii

Number of poor children (and percent poor)	39,241 (13.8%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	14,839 (5.2%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	24,447
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$570

Child Health in Hawaii

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	14,000 (4.7%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**	24,691***
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$76,080 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	93,440*
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	91.3%
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	44.0%*
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	19.0%*
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	33.1%

*Medicaid data for Hawaii not available, so data included here is from FY2007

**States may have a different name for CHIP

***The number of enrolled children throughout the year rather than on a given day

Child Hunger in Hawaii

Number of children who receive food stamps	38,777
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	71%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program (free and reduced price only)	48,220
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	4,960
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	34,050

Early Childhood Development in Hawaii

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	69.4%
Number of children served by Head Start	3,311
Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG	12,000
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$7,536
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	9.2%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	14.3%

Education in Hawaii

Annual expenditure per prisoner	\$37,599
Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$9,876
Percent of public school fourth graders:	
unable to read at grade level	74%
unable to do math at grade level	63%
Percent of public school eighth graders:	
unable to read at grade level	78%
unable to do math at grade level	75%
Number of high school students who drop out of school annually	4,775

Child Welfare in Hawaii

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	2,072
Number of children in foster care	1,455
Number of children adopted from foster care	279
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	12,621

Youth at Risk in Hawaii

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school who are not high school graduates	7.4%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	76.0%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	23.2%
Number of juvenile arrests	11,341
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	129
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.8
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 0 0 homicides; 0 suicides; 0 accidents; and 0 undetermined	

Compiled from the most up-to-date data available as of January 2011. For data sources, please visit www.childrensdefense.org/cits

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