

Children's Defense Fund

Children in Hawaii

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301,989 children live in Hawaii:

- 40,368 are White, non-Hispanic
- 4,033 are Black
- 44,454 are Hispanic
- 119,255 are Asian/Pacific Islander
- 325 are American Indian/Alaska Native
- 126,595 are two or more races

In Hawaii:

- A child is abused or neglected every 5 hours.
- A child dies before his or her first birthday every 3 days.

Hawaii Ranks:*

29th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is South Dakota; worst state is Mississippi

12th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is New Hampshire; worst is the District of Columbia

12th among states in per pupil expenditures.

The District of Columbia is best; Utah is the worst state

[*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)	41,230 (13.9%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	21,313 (7.2%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	26,904
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$610

Child Health in Hawaii

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured)	6,854 (2.2%)
Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	27,256
CHIP eligibility: 300 percent of federal poverty (\$79,530 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	114,736
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	41.6%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	91.8%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	19.8%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	27.1%

Child Hunger in Hawaii

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	56,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	78%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	115,694
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	3,169
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)	36,753

Early Childhood Development in Hawaii

Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force	64.2%
Number of children served by Head Start	3,735
Average monthly 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	\$7,300
Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	8.4%
Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	14.5%

Education in Hawaii

Annual expenditure per public school pupil	\$12,399
Percent of public school fourth graders: unable to read at grade level	72.8%
unable to do math at grade level	60.3%
Percent of public school eighth graders: unable to read at grade level	74.0%
unable to do math at grade level	70.0%
Number of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school	2,929

Child Welfare in Hawaii

Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect	1,744
Number of children in foster care	1,215
Number of children adopted from foster care	216
Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	12,349

Youth at Risk in Hawaii

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	4.3%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	75.3%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	26.5%
Number of juvenile arrests	6,420
Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	130
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.72

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For data sources and methodological notes, please visit: www.childrensdefense.org/cits.**

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