



Hawaii Kids Count E-BULLETIN

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1) [Right Start Data Released](#)

The Right Start for America's Newborns: City and State Trends has been released, adding to the birth information the Annie E. Casey Foundation has tracked annually since 1990. After years of improvement, the percent of total births to teens has stalled, while the prevalence of births to unmarried women, babies born at low birthweight and preterm births have continued their steady increase. Positive notes include the continuing decline in the percent of teen births to girls who are already mothers and large decreases in the prevalence of late or no prenatal care and smoking during pregnancy.

Some highlights for Hawaii include:

- Hawaii ranks 24th among all states for the percent of low-birthweight babies (less than 5.5 pounds) at 8.2%, the same as the national average
- Hawaii ranks 21st among all states for the percent of preterm births (less than 37 completed weeks of gestation) at 12.2%, slightly below the national average of 12.7%
- The city of Honolulu ranks 3rd among the largest 50 U.S. cities for the percent of total births to teens at 5.4%, significantly lower than the 50 city average of 11.8%
- The city of Honolulu ranks 7th among the largest 50 U.S. cities for the percent of teen births to women who were already mothers at 16.5%, lower than the 50 city average of 20.9%

The full report is available online at www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/rightstart.jsp

2) [KIDS COUNT State Level Data by Race and Ethnicity](#)

The KIDS COUNT Data Center now includes state-level data by race and ethnicity for the following ten key indicators featured in the annual KIDS COUNT Data Book:

- Infant mortality
- Child deaths
- Teen deaths from all causes
- Teen births
- Low-birthweight babies
- Teens who are high school dropouts

- Children living in families where no parent has full-time, year-round employment
- Children in poverty
- Children in single-parent families

Some highlights for Hawaii include:

- The infant mortality rate for Hispanic or Latinos in Hawaii was 11.1 per 1,000 births in 2005, compared to 6.5 for Asian and Pacific Islanders
- The teen birth rate (per 1,000 births) was 96 for Hispanic or Latinos in Hawaii, compared to 48 for American Indians, 39 for Asian and Pacific Islanders, 23 for Blacks/African Americans, and 23 for Non-Hispanic Whites

To access state-level data for the 5 largest racial and ethnic groups please visit www.kidscount.org/datacenter

Please feel free to contact Jean D' Amico at jdamico@prb.org should you have any questions about the data.

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