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1. Predicting State Child Poverty Rates for 2010

First Focus and the Brookings Institution published this brief by Julia Isaac to provide policy-makers and child advocates with predictions of child poverty, by state, ten months before the actual statistics for 2009–2010 are due for release in September 2011. This paper, titled Child Poverty During the Great Recession, is based on 2009 ACS (American Community Survey) data.

Nationally, the number of poor children is expected to rise from 14.7 million in 2009 to 15.6 million children in 2010. Data and predictions for Hawai‘i are as follows:

- Hawai‘i’s pre-recession child poverty rate (i.e., in 2000–2007) was the 11th lowest among the 50 states and DC at 13.0%; the corresponding U.S. national rate was 17.8%
- Hawai‘i’s 2009 poverty rate was 13.8%; the U.S. rate was 20.0%
- Hawai‘i’s predicted 2010 poverty rate is 15.0%; the predicted U.S. rate is 21.3%

The complete brief can be accessed at:

2. National and State-By-State Data on Head Start Programs in 2009

The CLASP online DataFinder database was recently updated with national and state-by-state data on Head Start Programs in 2009. The data is based on Head Start Program Information Reports (PIR), which all grantees are required to submit to the federal government on an annual basis. CLASP also published national and state fact sheets containing analyses of Head Start PIR data for 2009, along with data on Head Start participants, families, staff, and programs.

Data highlights for Hawai‘i include the following:
• Total actual enrollment: 3,311
  o Total children enrolled: 3,237
  o Total pregnant women enrolled: 74
• Head Start Participants served, by program option:
  o Center-based: 88% (U.S. 92%)
  o Home-based: 10% (U.S. 5%)
  o Family child care: 1% (U.S. 1%)
• Teacher education level
  o No degree or credential 1% (U.S. 5%)
  o CDA 25% (U.S. 18%)
  o A.A. 41% (U.S. 33%)
  o B.A. 33% (U.S. 37%)
  o Graduate Degree 1% (U.S. 7%)
• Primary Language Spoken by Participants in the Home:
  o English 83% (U.S. 70%)
  o Pacific Island Languages 9% (U.S. <1%)
  o East Asian Languages 5% (U.S. 1%)
  o Spanish 2% (U.S. 26%)

The following CLASP resources are accessible via the Internet.
CLASP DataFinder main webpage: http://www.clasp.org/data/
Hawai‘i Head Start by the Numbers 2009 PIR Profile in PDF: http://www.clasp.org/admin/site/publications_states/files/hsdata2009hi.pdf

3. Updated Economic Well-Being Section in the KIDS COUNT Online Data Center

The Economic Well-Being category in Data Across States now includes estimates from the 2009 American Community Survey. The following are some examples of the newly updated indicators for data at the national and state levels (for some indicators, city data for Honolulu are available as well):
• Children below 250% poverty
• Children in low-income working families by age group
• Children living in families where no parent has full-time, year round employment, by race (U.S. and states only)
• Median family (with child) income
• Children in low-income working families by children in immigrant families
• Children living without secure parental employment by children in immigrant families
• Children in low-income families living in households without a telephone
• Children without a vehicle at home.

The above information is accessible by clicking on the “Economic Well-Being” category at the “Data Across States” page of the KIDS COUNT online Data Center: http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/acrossstates/Default.aspx
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