



# Hawaii Kids Count E-BULLETIN

## February 2007 Issue

Center on the Family • University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

### [What's New This Month](#)

1. *Kids Count in Hawaii* Brochure
2. Updates to the Center on the Family's Online Data Center
3. New Report: *Health and Well-Being of Children in Rural Areas: A Portrait of the Nation*
4. Feedback Wanted: *Hawai'i Kids Count E-Bulletin* Feedback Survey
5. *Hawai'i Kids Count E-Bulletin* subscription information
6. Links to pdf version and E-bulletin archive

### [1\) Kids Count in Hawaii Brochure](#)

Hawaii Kids Count, the Center on the Family, and the Aloha United Way have released a new report entitled *Kids Count in Hawaii*. This report presents state level data on 29 indicators in three areas (economic security, health and safety, and education/preparation for adulthood), focusing on those indicators for which there is substantial room for improvement. This brochure also offers suggestions for what family and community members can do to help Hawai'i's children and families improve in these areas.

Some highlights from the report include:

- 1 in 3 children (34%) under age 18 is living in a family in which no parent has full-time, year-round employment
- 1 in 4 children (66,397) ages 0-14 lives in a household that lacks the ready availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods
- An average of 11 infants (under age 1) die each month due to accidents, neglect, maltreatment, or other causes
- 1 in 4 children (27%) ages 10-17 is overweight or obese
- Half (51%) of children ages 6-17 do not exercise regularly
- 10% of children under age 18 have asthma problems
- 11% of youth ages 12-17 report binge alcohol drinking in the past month
- 44% of young adults ages 18-25 report binge alcohol drinking in the past month
- Approximately 130 youth under age 21 are incarcerated on any given day

To request free hard copies of this report, please send an email to

[cof@ctahr.hawaii.edu](mailto:cof@ctahr.hawaii.edu) with your address and number of copies requested. To access this brochure online, please visit:

<http://www.uhfamily.hawaii.edu/publications/relatedReports/kidsCountInHawaii2007.pdf>

## [2\) Updates to the Center on the Family's Online Data Center](#)

The following nine indicators have been updated to the Center on the Family's Online Data Center:

- Idle teens (not in school and not working)
- Children in single parent families
- Child and teen poverty (ages 0-17)
- Poverty
- Population (ages 0-5)
- Population (ages 0-17)
- Population (ages 18-64)
- Population (ages 65 and over)
- Total resident population of Hawaii

To view these and other indicators, please visit:

[http://www.uhfamily.hawaii.edu/Cof\\_Data/cfi/family\\_indicators.asp](http://www.uhfamily.hawaii.edu/Cof_Data/cfi/family_indicators.asp)

## [3\) New Report: \*The Health and Well-Being of Children in Rural Areas: A Portrait of the Nation\*](#)

This new report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, based on the National Survey of Children's Health, indicates that children in urban and in rural areas are reported to be equally healthy, with about 84% in both groups reported in excellent or very good health.

However, compared to children living in urban areas, children living in rural areas are:

- Less likely to be breastfed
- Less likely to receive preventive health care
- Somewhat more likely to be overweight
- More likely to live in households with a smoker

To view the full report online, please visit: <http://mchb.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/>

## [4\) Feedback Wanted: \*Hawai'i Kids Count E-bulletin Feedback Survey\*](#)

Hawaii Kids Count is collecting feedback to help ensure that our products and services meet the needs of our users. Please take a moment to follow the link below and complete a quick, online survey. All responses will remain confidential. We appreciate your participation.

You may access the survey at:

[http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii\\_kids\\_count/ebsurvey.asp](http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii_kids_count/ebsurvey.asp)

### [5\) Hawai'i Kids Count E-Bulletin Subscription Information](#)

Below are instructions on subscribing and unsubscribing to future issues.

#### ***SUBSCRIBING:***

If this newsletter was forwarded to you by a colleague and you would like to receive future editions, you may subscribe to this newsletter by sending an email to [cof@ctahr.hawaii.edu](mailto:cof@ctahr.hawaii.edu) with the phrase "Subscribe Hawaii Kids Count Newsletter" in the subject field.

#### ***UNSUBSCRIBING:***

If we have reached you in error, or if you would prefer not to hear from us in the future, simply send an email to [cof@ctahr.hawaii.edu](mailto:cof@ctahr.hawaii.edu) with the phrase "Unsubscribe Hawaii Kids Count Newsletter" in the subject field.

### [6\) Printable and Archived Versions of E-bulletins](#)

A printable version of this e-bulletin can be accessed as a pdf file at:  
[http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii\\_kids\\_count/kids\\_count.asp](http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii_kids_count/kids_count.asp)

Archived versions of e-bulletins can be found at:  
[http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii\\_kids\\_count/archive.asp](http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii_kids_count/archive.asp)