



# Hawaii Kids Count E-BULLETIN

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### [1\) New Report: School Readiness in Hawaii](#)

The Aloha United Way and the Center on the Family at the University of Hawaii have recently released *School Readiness in Hawaii*, a reporting outlining the different facets of school readiness and providing recommendations to promote children's healthy development and school success. The focus of the report is on children from birth through age five.

Questions addressed in this report include:

- What is a school-ready child?
- Which children are most at risk?
- What is a school-ready family?
- What does quality encompass in formal child care settings?
- Why are high quality early educators necessary?
- Can early childhood education reduce social disparities?

To obtain hard copies of the report, please contact Barbara DeBaryshe at [debarysch@hawaii.edu](mailto:debarysch@hawaii.edu) and include your mailing address and the number of copies requested.

To view this report online, please visit:

<http://www.uhfamily.hawaii.edu/publications/brochures/SchoolReadinessHawaii.pdf>

### [2\) Updated Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\)](#)

The U.S. Census Bureau has recently released its 2005 county-level income and poverty estimates. These estimate tabulations are one of the criteria used to allocate federal funds to local jurisdictions. For the first time, the Census Bureau has produced these estimates by using results from its American Community Survey (ACS).

Estimates for Hawaii include:

- There are approximately 120,000 individuals living in poverty in Hawaii; this encompasses 10% of the total population
- Hawaii county has the highest percentage of individuals living in poverty at 14%
- 18% of children under age 18 in Hawaii county live in poverty, compared to 11% in Honolulu county, and 13% for the state overall
- The median household income is highest in Honolulu County (\$60,000), followed by Kauai County (\$57,000), Maui County (\$54,500) and Hawaii County (\$47,000)

To access these data online, please visit:

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe/county.html>

### [3\) Feedback Wanted: Hawaii 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 here:

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

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