



Hawaii Kids Count E-BULLETIN

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[1\) Updated State Level Data on Children and Families](#)

Twenty-six indicators in the KIDS COUNT State Level Data Online system have been updated in the categories of Education, Youth Risk Factors and Population and Family Characteristics. These are estimates from the 2005 American Community Survey (ACS) data and the U.S. Census Bureau's Vintage 2005 Population Estimates.

Some highlights for Hawaii include:

- 27% of Hawaii's children live in immigrant families, compared to 21% nationally
- 5% of Hawaii's children live with cohabitating domestic partners, compared to 6% nationally
- 8% of Hawaii's teens (and 8% of teens nationwide) are not in school and not working
- 13% of Hawaii's young adults ages 18-24 are not in school, not working, and have no degree beyond high school, compared to 15% nationally

To view all indicators, please visit: <http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/>

[2\) National Report Finds Hawaii Among Highest States in Homelessness](#)

A new point-in-time study by the National Alliance to End Homelessness found that behind Rhode Island, Hawaii has the 2nd highest percentage of homeless persons per state population, along with California and Colorado. While Rhode Island's homeless population comprises 0.64% of its state population, homeless populations in Hawaii, California, and Colorado's comprise 0.47% of their state's population. Alaska follows closely behind with its homeless population making up 0.41% of its state population.

To read this entire report, please visit:

<http://www.endhomelessness.org/content/general/detail/1440>

[3\) New Report: *From Cradle to Career—Connecting American Education from Birth through Adulthood*](#)

A new *Quality Counts* report from the Editorial Projects in Education (EPE) Research Center tracks state efforts to create a more seamless education system by looking at performance across various sectors, and at states' attempts to define students' "readiness" to succeed from one stage to the next.

This new *Chance-for-Success* index provides a state-focused perspective on the importance of education throughout a person's lifetime. The index is based on 13 indicators that highlight whether young children get off to a good start, succeed in elementary and secondary school, and hit crucial educational and economic benchmarks as adults.

Some highlights for Hawaii include:

- 41% of adults in Hawaii hold a two- or four-year postsecondary degree, compared to 37% nationally
- 68% of adults in the labor force in Hawaii work full-time and year-round, compared to 67% nationally
- 50% of adults in Hawaii have incomes at or above the national median
- Hawaii ranks low (47th out of 50) regarding its children's overall elementary and secondary school performance
- Hawaii ranks 33rd regarding its overall K-12 standards, assessments, and accountability

To view Hawaii's full report online, please visit:

<http://www.edweek.org/media/ew/qc/2007/17shr.hi.h26.pdf>

[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

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

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http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii_kids_count/archive.asp