



# Hawaii Kids Count E-BULLETIN

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### [1\) Aloha United Way \(AUW\) Quality of Life in Hawaii: 2005 Report](#)

The Aloha United Way recently released the *Quality of Life in Hawaii 2005 Report*, developed by the Center on the Family at the University of Hawaii. This inaugural report on the well-being of Hawaii's population covers key social, health, safety, educational, economic and environmental indicators for the state, as well as by individual counties.

This year's focus area is *Homelessness in Hawaii*. The report includes narrative information, graphs, and demographic data on Hawaii's homeless population.

Other highlights of the biennial report include:

- Data highlighting the gap between the rich and poor;
- Volunteer and registered voter data;
- Adult obesity and physical activity data;
- Drug and crime data;
- Child and adult education data.

To download the full report as a pdf, please visit:

[http://www.auw.org/pdf/quality\\_of\\_life.pdf](http://www.auw.org/pdf/quality_of_life.pdf) or <http://www.uhfamily.hawaii.edu>.

To request a hard copy of the report, please call 536-1951.

### [2\) Snapshot of Hawaii's Children and Teens: Fact Sheets](#)

Hawaii Kids Count announces the release of three fact sheets containing the most recent state-level data on Hawaii's children and youth in three domains of well-being: economic security, health and safety, and education.

Fact sheets may be downloaded as pdf files from the Hawaii Kids Count website at:

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

### [3\) New State and National Level Health Data on Children](#)

State and national level data on children's health from the National Survey of Children's Health is now available.

Highlights for Hawaii include:

- 7% of Hawaii children ages 6-17 have repeated a grade, compared to 11% nationally;
- 83% of Hawaii children ages 6-17 participate in one or more activities outside of school, compared to 81% nationally;
- 84% of Hawaii children live in neighborhoods their parents describe as supportive, compared to 81% nationally;
- 64% of Hawaii children had both medical and dental preventative care visits, compared to 59% nationally;
- 10% of Hawaii children were affected by asthma in the past year, compared to 8% nationally;
- 87% of Hawaii's children have very good or excellent health, compared to 84% nationally.

To access this report online, please visit: <http://nschdata.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?topic=states>

### [4\) New Voting and Voter Registration Data for November 2004 Election](#)

The Census Bureau recently released voting and voting registration data from the November 2004 Election. National and state level data are presented by sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age.

Some highlights regarding Hawaii include:

- Only 58% of Hawaii's 18 and over citizen population are registered to vote, compared to 72% nationwide. This is the lowest of any state.
- Only 51% of Hawaii's 18 and over citizen population voted in 2004, compared to 64% nationwide. This is the lowest of any state.
- 44% of 25 - 44 year olds in Hawaii are registered to vote and 38% voted in 2004, compared to 60% and 52% respectively nationwide.
- 56% of people in Hawaii aged 75 and over registered to vote and 48% voted in 2004, compared to 77% and 67% respectively nationwide.
- In Hawaii, 43% of Asians (alone or in combination with another race) voted in 2004, compared to 56% of Whites (alone or in combination with another race).

To access these data, please visit:

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/voting/cps2004.html>

Note that Tables 4a, 4b, and 4c contain state level data.

### [5\) New Report: The Impact of State Income Taxes on Low-Income Families in 2004](#)

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities has released a report assessing the impact of state income taxes on low income families in 2004. This report concludes that poor and near-poor families in Hawaii are hit harder by the state income tax than those in most states.

This report also concluded that, out of the 42 states with state income taxes, Hawaii has the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest ranking for income taxes on:

- Families of three with incomes at the poverty line;
- Families of four with incomes at the poverty line;
- Families of three with minimum wages earnings;
- Families of three with incomes at 125% of poverty line;
- Families of four with incomes at 125% of poverty line.

This report can be accessed at: <http://www.cbpp.org/4-12-05sfp.htm>

### [6\) USDA State Fact Sheets on Population, Income, Education, Employment, and Agricultural Data](#)

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Economic Research Service (ERS) recently released state and county level data on population, income, poverty, education, employment, farm characteristics, farm financial indicators, and top commodities and exports.

Highlights for Hawaii include:

- The percent of persons age 25 and over not completing high school dropped from 26% in 1980 to 15% in 2000;
- The percent of persons age 25 and over completing college increased from 20% in 1980 to 26% in 2000;
- Hawaii's poverty rate has increased slightly from 9.9% in 1979 to 11% in 2002.

This report can be accessed at: <http://ers.usda.gov/StateFacts/>

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