



Hawaii Kids Count E-BULLETIN

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[1\) 2006 KIDS COUNT Data Book Released](#)

The Annie E. Casey Foundation has released the *2006 KIDS COUNT Data Book*. This annual data book presents state and national level social indicator data regarding the well being of children and families. This year, Hawaii ranked 21st out of 50 in the nation overall (with 1 = best ranking and 50 = worst ranking), an improvement from last year's ranking of 24th. The 2006 *KIDS COUNT Data Book* reveals that Hawaii improved on four of the study's 10 measures of child well-being, experienced setbacks on five measures, and saw no change on one measure (idle teens) since 2000. This year's essay focuses on the early childhood experiences of young children, including a special focus on children under age six who are in family based child care.

Highlights for Hawaii include:

- Hawaii ranks 3rd in the nation for the percent of teens who are high school dropouts, with only a 4% dropout rate in 2004
- Hawaii's teen death rate increased from 2000 to 2003, from 41 deaths per 100,000 teens aged 15 -19 to 54 deaths; however, Hawaii still ranks favorably on this indicator at 8th in the nation
- Hawaii's teen birth rate decreased from 46 births per 100,000 females aged 15-19 in 2000 to 37 births in 2003
- Although the percent of Hawaii's children living in families where no parent has full-time, year round employment improved from 41% in 2000 to 36% in 2004, this is Hawaii's worst ranking indicator at 36th in the nation

To order a copy of the 2006 KIDS COUNT DATA BOOK, please send an email request to marika@hawaii.edu and indicate the number of copies desired and your mailing address.

To view the data online please visit:

<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/databook.jsp>

[2\) KIDS COUNT Working Paper on Vulnerable Youth](#)

KIDS COUNT has a new working paper available online entitled *Vulnerable Youth: Recent Trends*. This paper focuses attention on America's "disconnected and vulnerable" youth and identifies groups of young people having difficulty transitioning to adulthood. This paper provides national and state-level trend data on an expanded set of groups of vulnerable youth.

Highlights for Hawaii include:

- The number of youths ages 15-17 who have been victims of maltreatment increased by 27% from 2000 (n = 326) to 2003 (n = 413)
- The number of youths ages 15-19 living in foster care increased by 12% from 2000 (n = 424) to 2003 (n = 475)
- 129 youths ages 15-19 lived in juvenile justice residential facilities in 2003, a slight decrease from 135 in 2000
- The number of youths ages 15-19 who were TANF recipients decreased 37% from FY 1998 (n = 5,106) to FY 2002 (n = 3,243)

To access this paper online please visit:

http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/pubs/vulnerable_youth.pdf

[3\) Economic Data from USDA Economic Research Service \(ERS\)](#)

The USDA ERS has updated its state fact sheets to include 2004 data on income, employment, population, farms and farm related jobs, and agricultural and export commodities. County level data are also available.

Highlights for Hawaii include:

- The 2004 state population estimate is 1,275,194; this includes 369,928 people living in rural areas and 905,266 people living in urban areas
- Average earnings per job in 2004 was \$40,841 for the state, \$33,027 for jobs in rural Hawaii and \$43,809 for jobs in urban Hawaii
- The 2003 state poverty rate was 10.8% for the state, 11.5% for rural areas and 10.5% for urban areas

To view all of the data, please visit: www.ers.usda.gov/statefacts/Hi.htm

[4\) Child Care and Early Education Online Resource](#)

Research Connections is an online child care and early education resource stocked with fact sheets and briefs, executive summaries, data, statistics, state data tools, policy links, and information on federal funded research.

To access this resource online, please visit: www.childcareresearch.org

[5\) 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 follow the link below and take a moment to 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

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