



# Hawaii Kids Count E-BULLETIN

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### [1\) Hawaii Kids Count Online Data Book Has Been Updated](#)

Hawaii Kids Count has updated its online data book. Thirty-five indicators are presented within four domains: family composition and resources, health and safety, infancy and preschool years, and youth and adolescence.

Some highlights include:

- 27% of Hawai'i's children live in single-parent families, compared to 32% nationally.
- 94% of Hawai'i's children have health insurance, compared to 89% nationally.
- 92% of Hawai'i's adults have health insurance, compared to 86% nationally.
- Hawai'i's violent crime rate is 260 per 100,000 residents, compared to 466 per 100,000 residents nationally.

To view the entire online data book, please visit:

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

### [2\) Center on the Family's Online Data Center Has Been Updated](#)

Fourteen child and family indicators have been updated on the Center on the Family's online data center. These indicators include child abuse & neglect by various age breakdowns, household income, average daily school attendance, residential stability, graduating seniors, student suspensions, math proficiency, and SAT math and reading scores.

These new data reveal:

- From 1998 to 2005, child abuse and neglect in Hawai'i have increased from a rate of 6.7 per 1,000 children to 8.8 per 1,000 children.
- Hawai'i County has the highest rate of child abuse and neglect, with a rate of 14.2 per 1,000 children, while Kaua'i County has the lowest rate at 6.1 per 1,000 children.
- Very young children (birth to age 5) have the highest rate of child abuse and neglect, with a rate of 11.7 per 1,000 children.

- Residential stability (defined as the percentage of children who begin and end the school year in the same school) has decreased slightly since 1998, with a rate just above 90%.
- Over 95% of high school seniors graduated at the end of their senior year in 2006.
- 5.4% of public school students were disciplined by suspension in 2006. Hawai'i County had the highest percentage at 9.4% and Maui County the lowest at 4.5%.
- In 2006, 38.8% of the state's elementary students and 22.7% of the intermediate students scored above average on the SAT math proficiency tests.
- 21.1% of elementary and 19.3% of intermediate students scored above average on the SAT reading proficiency tests in 2006.

To view these and other data online, please visit:

[http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/cof\\_data/datacenter.asp](http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/cof_data/datacenter.asp)

### [3\) 2007 National Kids Count Data Book Scheduled for July 25 Release](#)

The Annie E. Casey Foundation will release its 18<sup>th</sup> annual *Kids Count Data Book* on July 25. Each year, the KIDS COUNT Data Book provides information and statistical trends on the well-being, needs, and conditions of America's children and families. This year's essay focuses on children in the United States who spend time in foster care each year and what can be done to build and strengthen the family relationships that these children need. This report will be available online beginning July 25 at

[www.aecf.org](http://www.aecf.org)

To request hard copies of this report, please send an email to the Hawaii Kids Count Project Director, Marika Ripke, at [marika@hawaii.edu](mailto:marika@hawaii.edu) with your address and the number of copies requested.

### [4\) 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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