



Hawaii Kids Count E-BULLETIN

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[1\) June is Father's Month](#)

June has been proclaimed *Fathers Month* by Governor Linda Lingle, Mayor Mufi Hannemann, and the Honolulu City Council. The Hawaii Coalition for Dads invites the public to join in its 8th Annual *Celebrate Fathers* events and Father-Child Look-Alike contests.

Event details:

- Saturday, June 17th at Windward Mall
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- There will be family friendly activities such as father-child look alike contests, balloons, face painting, musical entertainment, prizes, and information booths for dads, kids, teens, and families

For more information please call the Hawaii Coalition for Dads at 841-2245

[2\) 2005 National Assessment of Educational Progress \(NAEP\) Scores Released](#)

The Institute for Education Sciences and the U.S. Department of Education had released 2005 data from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as "the Nation's Report Card".

2005 Hawaii data indicates that:

- 27% of 4th graders scored at or above the proficient math level, an increase from 23% in 2003
- 23% of 4th graders scored at or above the proficient reading level
- Only 19% of 4th graders scored at or above the proficient science level; this was an increase from 16% in 2000
- Only 18% of 8th graders scored at or above the proficient math level
- Only 18% of 8th graders scored at or above proficient reading level, a decrease from 22% in 2003

- Only 15% of 8th graders scored at or above proficient science level; this was a slight increase from 14% in 2000

To view these data online please visit: <http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/>

[3\) Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System \(YRBSS\) Data Now Available](#)

The Division of Adolescent and School Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, has released the 2005 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System data.

Highlights for Hawaii include:

- 33% of students rode in a car or other vehicle driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol one or more times in the past 30 days
- 13% of students carried a gun, knife, or club on school property on one or more of the past 30 days, a significant decrease from 18% in 1995
- 27% of students engaged in a physical fight one or more times during the past 12 months, a significant decrease from 33% in 1995
- 20% of students seriously considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months, a significant decrease from 25% in 1995
- 13% of students actually attempted suicide one or more times during the past 12 months
- Only 5% of students smoked cigarettes on 20 or more of the past 30 days, a significant decrease from 17% in 1995

To view all of the data, please visit: www.cdc.gov/yrbss

[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 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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