



Hawaii Kids Count E-BULLETIN

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[What's New This Month](#)

1. New *Right Start* Data has been released
2. *City and Rural KIDS COUNT 2004 Data Book* now available
3. *KIDS COUNT/Population Reference Bureau Special Report* on Children in Immigrant Families now available
4. Updated child and family indicator data now available online from the Center on the Family
5. New brochure on parent education programs available from the Center on the Family
6. *Hawaii Kids Count E-Bulletin* subscription information
7. Links to pdf version and archive of e-bulletin

[1\) KIDS COUNT Special Report: Right Start Data](#)

According to a new report on birth outcomes released this month by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Hawaii ranks in the Top 10 on two of eight indicators, while Honolulu ranks in the Top 10 on four of the eight indicators.

The national online report, *The Right Start for America's Newborns: City and State Trends*, has been updated to include 2002 data, adding to the birth information that the report has tracked yearly since 1990. Based on data from the National Center for Health Statistics, the report ranks the 50 largest cities and all states based on best (1) and worst (50) performance on eight measures.

Of all states, Hawaii ranks:

- 2nd for the percent of total births to mothers with less than 12 years of education;
- 6th for the percent of total births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy.

Of the 50 largest cities, Honolulu ranks:

- 2nd for the percent of total births to mothers with less than 12 years of education;
- 3rd for the percent of total births to teens;
- 5th for the percent of total births to unmarried women;
- 7th for the percent of total births to teens who were already mothers.

To read the full report, please visit:

http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii_kids_count/kids_count.asp or
www.aecf.org/kidscount/rightstart2005

[2\) City and Rural KIDS COUNT Data Book](#)

According to a new report released last month by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the poverty rate for Hawaii's urban children (15 percent) and those in rural communities (17 percent) are slightly above the state's rate of 14 percent, and less than or equal to the national rate of 17 percent. This report is the first time the Casey Foundation has published such a comprehensive report that focuses on child well-being in the rural areas of the U.S. as well as in urban areas.

Highlights of the report for Hawaii include:

- The rural population has increased 23% from 1990 to 2000, compared to only a 2% increase in Hawaii's urban population (i.e., Honolulu)
- 68% of low-income rural children and 70% of urban children live in families that spend 30% or more of their income on housing, much higher than the national rate of 61%.
- More than one-fourth of Hawaii's children live in rural areas
- 43% of rural children and 37% of urban children live in families where no parent has full-time, year-round employment (higher than the national rate of 32%)
- 11% of urban children have difficulty speaking English, compared to 7% nationally
- Honolulu ranked #2 of the 50 cities regarding the percent of children living in single-parent families (24% compared to the national city average of 37%)

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http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii_kids_count/kids_count.asp or
<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/>

To request a hard copy (limited supply available), please contact:
Marika Ripke, Hawaii Kids Count Director, at marika@hawaii.edu

[3\) KIDS COUNT/Population Reference Bureau Special Report](#)

Children in Immigrant Families: U.S. and State-Level Findings From the 2000 Census. Part of the KIDS COUNT/Population Reference Bureau series of Reports on Census 2000, this publication focuses on the 13.5 million children growing up in immigrant families in the U.S. The 2000 Census counted 5.2 million more children in immigrant families than in 1990, a 63 percent increase. This publication includes information on a variety of child well-being and demographic indicators for children in immigrant families for the U.S. and the states.

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http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/kc_pubs.htm

[4\) Updated Child and Family Indicator Data Now Available Online](#)

The Center on the Family's online data center has updated the following 12 child and family indicators:

- Early Prenatal Care
- Low Birth-Weight Infants
- Divorce/Annulment Rate
- Teen Birth Rate (15-19)
- Adult Alcohol Abuse
- Adult Cigarette Smoking
- Immunizations by Age 3
- Property Crime Rate
- Violent Crime Rate
- High School Graduates
- College Graduates
- Adult Health Insurance Coverage

To view the latest data, please visit:

http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/Cof_Data/datacenter.asp

[5\) Parent Education Programs in Hawaii Resource Guide](#)

Parent Education Programs in Hawai'i is the first comprehensive collection of the parent education classes and home visitor services offered in Hawai'i. It was developed to serve as a resource for families and to enable interested individuals to assess the array and gaps in offerings. Each program listed in the booklet includes the following: contact information, a brief description of the class or service offered, when sessions and classes are offered, and if fees are required. We hope that *Parent Education Programs in Hawai'i* contributes to the development of a stronger network of supports available to the families in our state.

To request a copy, please contact:

The Center on the Family at 956-4132, or by email at cof@ctahr.hawaii.edu

The booklet can also be downloaded from our Web site at www.uhfamily.hawaii.edu

[6\) Hawaii Kids Count E-Bulletin Subscription Information](#)

This is the inaugural issue of our monthly newsletter. We have assembled our mailing list from several sources within the social services communities. Below are instructions on subscribing and unsubscribing to future issues.

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[7\) Printable and Archived Versions of E-bulletins](#)

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