



Hawaii Kids Count E-BULLETIN

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[1\) Homeless Service Utilization Report: Hawai'i 2007 Now Available](#)

The Center on the Family at the University of Hawai'i in collaboration with the Homeless Programs Branch of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority recently released its second annual report on homeless service utilization in Hawaii. This report provides state- and county-level data about the demographic characteristics of individuals, families, and households who accessed homeless support services during the 2006 fiscal year from agencies that enter data in the Homeless Management and Information System (HMIS). Information from both Shelter Stipend Programs (i.e., emergency and transitional shelter services) and Outreach Programs (i.e., mobile street outreach and drop-in centers) are included in the report.

Some highlights of the report:

- Children ages 17 years and younger constituted nearly 30% of the population served.
- 61% of individuals who accessed outreach services and 35% of individuals who accessed shelter services were lifetime residents of Hawai'i
- Of the single parent households, approximately 85% were headed by a female.
- The most frequently reported cause of homelessness was financial problem, followed by family conflict, and substance abuse.
- The vast majority of individuals accessing homeless services were U.S. citizens (85% of shelter and 96% of outreach services). Individuals from Compact of Free Association states comprised 9% of the Shelter Stipend and 2% of Outreach Program clients.
- Approximately 10-20% of the individuals in both shelter and outreach programs reported they had a physical disability, abused alcohol or drugs, or suffered from mental illness.

The full report can also be accessed online at

<http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/publications/brochures/HomelessServiceUtilization2007.pdf>

To obtain hard copies of the report, please email Marika Ripke at marika@hawaii.edu and indicate the number of copies requested and mailing address.

[2\) 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:

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