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#### 1. Updated KIDS COUNT Data: 2008 American Community Survey (ACS) Poverty Estimates

The online KIDS COUNT Data Center now offers key indicators, derived from the above survey, for the U.S., states, D.C., and the 50 largest cities. This includes the following:

Indicators	Hawaii	United States
Children under 18 in poverty (household incomes below 100% of federal poverty level*)	10%	18%
Children under 18 in poverty, by race:		
• Non-Hispanic White	8%	11%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	11%	12%
• Hispanic/Latino	17%	28%
Children in extreme poverty (incomes below 50% of federal poverty level*)	5%	8%
Children under age 5 in poverty	12%	21%
Persons 18 to 24 in poverty	19%	22%
Single-parent families with related children that are below poverty	20%	32%
Married-couple families with related children that are below poverty	4%	6%
Total population in poverty	9%	13%

Other new data available online: children under 18 below 150% poverty; children under 18 below 200% poverty; children under age 6 in poverty; and families with related children that are below poverty.

\* The federal poverty level, defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, places a family of two adults and two children in the "poverty" category if their annual income for calendar year 2008 fell below \$21,834.

For more information, visit

<http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/acrossstates/Default.aspx>

## 2. Updated KIDS COUNT Data: 2009 Nation's Report Card in Mathematics

This newly released report indicates that, compared to 2007, average math scores for public school students showed increased proficiency at grades 4 and 8 in 4 states and the District of Columbia, at grade 4 only in 3 states, at grade 8 only in 10 states (including Hawai'i), and had no significant change at either grade in 30 states and jurisdictions.

The following four key indicators (2008 data) can now be accessed online at the KIDS COUNT Data Center:

- **Percentage of 4th graders who scored below basic math level**  
Hawai'i: 23%; United States: 18%
- **Percentage of 4th graders who scored at or above proficient math level**  
Hawai'i: 37%; United States: 39%
- **Percentage of 8th graders who scored below basic math level**  
Hawai'i: 35%; United States: 27%
- **Percentage of 8th graders who scored at or above proficient math level**  
Hawai'i: 25%; United States: 34%

Note: The basic and proficiency levels in mathematics are as measured and defined by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

For more information, visit <http://nationsreportcard.gov>

## 3. Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS) Report on School System Referrals to Substance Abuse Treatment

The above national report indicated that, irrespective of gender, adolescents and children referred to substance abuse treatment through the educational system showed a greater tendency than those referred by the criminal justice system to report primary alcohol abuse. However, they were less likely to report primary marijuana abuse.

Hawai'i was the state with the highest proportion of admissions aged 17 or younger referred by the educational system (34% vs. 12% nationally), and the lowest proportion of school-aged criminal justice referrals (10% vs. 48% nationally).

For more information, visit

<http://ncadistore.samhsa.gov/catalog/productDetails.aspx?ProductID=18184>

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