



# Hawaii Kids Count E-BULLETIN

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### [1\) State Legislative District Data Now Available Online](#)

For the first time ever, data are now available for all 7,000 state legislative districts in the nation, including Hawaiian Home Lands. The State Legislative District data are incorporated into the KIDS COUNT Census Data Online, which allows users to create customized data reports with user-friendly tools for any state legislative district or rank all the legislative districts within a state on any number of dimensions of child and family well-being.

This online data system can be accessed at <http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/census/>

### [2\) 3 New Kids Count Working Papers: State Rankings on the Well-Being of Children in Low-Income Families; Indicators and Indices of Well-Being: A Brief History; and City Profiles of Child Well-Being](#)

Three new working papers by the Annie E. Casey Foundation's KIDS COUNT network provide: a) state level data from the 2003 American Community Survey on the well-being of children in low-income families; b) a history of the use of indicators of child well-being from the Social Indicators Movement of the 1960s through today; and c) profiles of well-being for children living in the 50-largest cities in the U.S. using data from the American Community Survey.

Some highlights for Hawaii include:

- Hawaii is one of 10 states where state rankings for the well-being of low-income children are substantially lower than the state rankings for middle and high-income children
- At 35.5%, Hawaii ranks 22<sup>nd</sup> out of the 50 states for the percent of children in families with incomes under 200 percent of poverty
- 17% of children in Honolulu live in poverty, compared to 28% for the U.S. 50 largest city average
- 25% of Honolulu teens live in single-parent families, compared to 43% for the U.S. 50 largest city average

These papers can be viewed and downloaded in PDF format at:

[http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/pubs/state\\_rankings.pdf](http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/pubs/state_rankings.pdf)  
[http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/pubs/indicators\\_indices.pdf](http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/pubs/indicators_indices.pdf)  
[http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/pubs/city\\_profiles.pdf](http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/pubs/city_profiles.pdf)

### [3\) New and Updated Indicators to the Kids Count State-Level Online Data System](#)

The Kids Count State-Level Online Data System now includes the latest release of the National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP). Reading and math scores for 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are now available for all states and the District of Columbia. A new profile focusing on children's health insurance coverage has also been added. Additionally, over 40 indicators have been updated with the 2004 American Community Survey data.

To access this new data, please visit: <http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/sld/index.jsp>

### [4\) 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](http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii_kids_count/ebsurvey.asp)

### [5\) New "Basic Family Budget" Data from the Economic Policy Institute](#)

The ability of families to meet their most basic needs is an important measure of economic stability and well-being. While poverty thresholds are used to evaluate the extent of serious economic deprivation in our society, family budgets—that is, the income a family needs to secure safe and decent living standards in the community in which it resides—offer a broader measure of economic welfare.

The Economic Policy Institute's *Basic Family Budgets* calculations take into account differences in both geographic location and family type. Basic budgets for over 400 U.S. Communities and six family types (either one or two parents with one, two, or three children) can be accessed online. That budgets differ by location is important, since certain costs, such as housing, vary significantly depending on where one resides. This geographic dimension of family budget measurements offers a comparative advantage over using poverty thresholds, which only use a national baseline in its measurements.

Some highlights for Hawaii include:

- A family budget for a two parent, two child family in Honolulu is \$49,824
- A family budget for a one parent, one child family in rural Hawaii is \$37,320
- 63,000 people statewide live in families with incomes less than their respective family budgets

To access this data, please visit: [http://www.epi.org/content.cfm/datazone\\_fambud\\_budget](http://www.epi.org/content.cfm/datazone_fambud_budget)



### [6\) New Immigration Policy Brief: A Lifeline to Renewal: The Demographic Impact of Immigration at State and Local Levels](#)

This research brief, written by Rob Paral of the American Immigration Law Foundation, outlines state-level changes in immigration and its impact on population growth from 2000 to 2004. For example, immigration was a factor for between 27.6 and 55.2 percent of all population growth in Hawaii over the last four years. To access the full report, please visit:

[http://www.aif.org/ipc/policybrief/policybrief\\_2005\\_lifeline.htm](http://www.aif.org/ipc/policybrief/policybrief_2005_lifeline.htm)

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

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

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