



# Hawaii Kids Count E-BULLETIN

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### [1\) State Level Education Data Updated](#)

The U.S. Department of Education (National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress; NAEP) has recently released new state-level education data.

Some highlights include:

- 33% of Hawaii 4<sup>th</sup> graders scored at or above proficient math level in 2007, an increase from 14% in 2000
- 26% of Hawaii 4<sup>th</sup> graders scored at or above proficient reading level in 2007, compared to 32% of 4<sup>th</sup> graders nationally
- 21% of Hawaii 8<sup>th</sup> graders scored at or above proficient math level in 2007, compared to 31% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders nationally
- 20% of Hawaii 8<sup>th</sup> graders scored at or above proficient reading level in 2007, compared to 29% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders nationally

This, and other education related trend data, is available on the Kids Count state-level data website at: <http://www.kidscount.org/sld/profile.jsp>

### [2\) Report on Preterm Births Now Available](#)

In 2004, one in eight babies in the U.S. was born preterm (i.e., before the 37<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy). This is more than half a million infants—the highest number ever recorded. The percent of babies born preterm has grown steadily from 1990 to 2004, from 10.6 percent to 12.5 percent nationally. While advances in medical care have improved the survival rate for preterm infants, infants who survive face a host of serious health and developmental problems.

Nationally, Hawaii ranks 23<sup>rd</sup> out of 50 (with 1 = best and 50 = worst) for its percentage of preterm births (12.1%; 2, 210 preterm births).

To read this report and view more data, please visit:

[http://www.kidscount.org/sld/snapshot\\_preterm.jsp](http://www.kidscount.org/sld/snapshot_preterm.jsp)

### [3\) 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:

[http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii\\_kids\\_count/ebsurvey.asp](http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii_kids_count/ebsurvey.asp)

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