

HAWAII'S CHILDREN

Hawaii's Children At a Glance¹

State Population ²	1,374,810	Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ⁵	17.0%
Population, Children Under 18 ³	304,357	Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 ⁶	16.7%
State Poverty Rate ⁴	12.0%	Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁷	16.7%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2011, 1,346 children were victims of abuse or neglect in Hawaii, a rate of 4.4 per 1,000 children, representing a 33.4% decrease from 2010. Of these children, 16.9% were neglected, 13.6% were physically abused, and 6.5% were sexually abused.⁸
- The number of child victims has decreased 35.1% in comparison to the number of victims in 2007.⁹
- Hawaii responds to lower risk, higher safety reports through alternative response services to address family issues. reports were responded to in this way in 2011.¹⁰
- In 2011, 1,122 children in Hawaii lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 1,215 children in 2010. In 2011, 427 of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 114 were 16 or older.¹¹
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has decreased 42.2% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2007.¹²
- Of Hawaii children in out-of-home care in 2011, 6.4% were white, 1.0% black, 3.1% Hispanic, 0.2% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 21.8% Asian or Pacific Islander and 45.0% of more than one race or ethnicity.¹³

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 1,118 children exiting out-of-home care in Hawaii in 2011, 64.0% were reunited with their parents or other family members.¹⁴
- In 2011, 198 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Hawaii, a 8.3% decrease from 216 in 2010.¹⁵
- Of the 1,122 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 288 or 25.7% were waiting to be adopted.¹⁶
- In 2011, approximately 13,558 Hawaii grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.¹⁷
- Of the 1,122 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 521 were living with relatives while in care.¹⁸
- Of all Hawaii children in kinship care in 2010, 1.6% were white, 0.1% black, 0.9% Hispanic, 0.0% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 14.0% Asian or Pacific Islander, and 0.1% of more than one race or ethnicity.¹⁹

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Hawaii increased from 25,400 in 2010 to 27,006 in 2011, an increase of 6.3%. The number of families receiving TANF in 2011 was 9,341, a 3.5% increase from 2010.²⁰
- From 2009-10, for every 100 Hawaii families living in poverty, only 41 received TANF benefits.²¹
- In 2011, \$317,337,786 was spent in Hawaii on TANF assistance, including 23% on basic assistance, 0% on child care, 0% on transportation, and 75% on nonassistance.²²
- In 2011, 23,799,696 was spent on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in Hawaii, serving 36,753 participants.²³

- In 2011, Hawaii distributed \$95,093,455 in child support funds, a 0.2% increase from 2010.²⁴
- In 2011 in Hawaii, 49,820 low income renter households paid more than half their monthly income in housing costs, 36% of them are families with children.²⁵

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2010, Hawaii had a monthly average of 11,200 children served by subsidized child care; 12,000 children received subsidized child care in 2009 and 10,400 in 2008.²⁶
- In 2012, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Hawaii, a family of three could make no more than \$47,124, which is equivalent to 64% of the state's median income.²⁷
- As of early 2012, Hawaii had no waiting list for child care assistance.²⁸
- In 2011, Head Start served 3,187 Hawaii children, a 4.5% increase from 2010.²⁹

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2011, 110,000 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in Hawaii—45% of the total number of enrollees in the state.³⁰
- In 2011, Hawaii had 30,584 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 12.2% increase from 2010, when 27,256 children were enrolled.³¹
- In 2011, Hawaii had 13,000 uninsured children, representing 4% of its child population.³²
- In 2010, 1,584 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in Hawaii.³³
- In 2010, 110 infants under age 1 died in Hawaii.³⁴
- In 2010, the birth rate for teens 15–17 in Hawaii was 13 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 63. This reflects a total rate of 33 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.³⁵
- Cumulative through 2011, 3,391 adults and adolescents, as well as 17 children younger than 13, were reported as having AIDS in Hawaii.³⁶
- In 2009 and 2010, an estimated 7,000 children ages 12–17 and 85,000 adults age 18 and older were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in Hawaii.³⁷

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2011, 95 children aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in Hawaii.³⁸
- In 2011, 7,000 Hawaii teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.³⁹
- In 2011, 21,000 young adults ages 18–24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.⁴⁰
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 3,000 children ages 12–17 in Hawaii needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴¹
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 5,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴²
- In 2010, 10 Hawaii children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 2.96 per 100,000 children.⁴³

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2010, fewer than 10 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Hawaii, as was the case in 2009.⁴⁴
- In 2010, 120 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Hawaii.⁴⁵

CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE⁴⁶

- A 2003 General Accounting Office (GAO) report documented that staff shortages, high caseloads, high worker turnover and low salaries impinge on delivering services to achieve safety, permanence, and well being for children.⁴⁷
- The federal Child and Family Service Reviews have clearly demonstrated that the more time a caseworker spends with a child and family, the better the outcomes for those children and families.⁴⁸
- According to the 2003 GAO report, the average caseload for child welfare/foster care caseworkers is 24–31 children; these high caseloads contribute to high worker turnover and insufficient services being provided to children and families. CWLA recommends that foster care caseworkers have caseloads of 12–15 children.⁴⁹

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR HAWAII'S CHILDREN

- Out of 1,122 children in out-of-home care in Hawaii in 2011, only 470, or 42%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.⁵⁰
- In 2010, Hawaii spent \$127,634,606 for child welfare services. Of this amount, \$60,119,941 was from federal funds, \$67,514,665 from state funds, and \$0 from local funds.⁵¹
- In 2010, of the \$60,119,941 in federal funds received for child welfare, \$38,611,781 was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, \$1,693,124 came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, \$52,632 was from Medicaid, \$8,227,570 came from Social Services Block Grant, \$9,890,000 was from TANF, and \$1,644,834 came from other federal sources.⁵²
- Hawaii received \$21,761,020 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2011, including \$2,938,764 for maintenance payments, \$15,357,034 for administration and child placement, and \$2,532,553 for training.⁵³
- Hawaii received \$15,179,742 in federal funds for IV-E adoption assistance expenditures in 2011, including \$14,572,230 for assistance payments, \$596,812 for administration and child placement, and \$10,700 for staff and provider training.⁵⁴

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House *Energy & Commerce*: Medicaid & Mental Health

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