

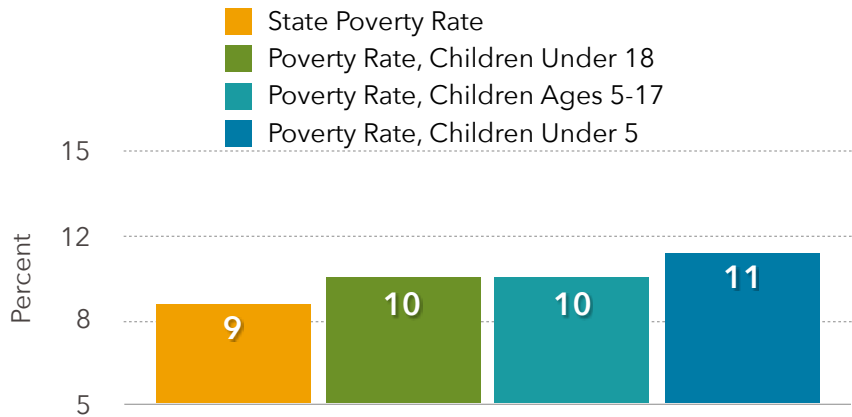
HAWAII'S CHILDREN 2018

State Population: 1,413,673 | Population of Children Under 18: 301,115

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the **906** children exiting out-of-home care in 2016 in Hawaii, 66% were reunited with their parents or primary caretakers.¹⁵
- **129** children were legally adopted through a public child welfare agency in Hawaii in 2016, a decrease of 26.7% from **176** in 2015.¹⁶
- Of the **1,605** children in out-of-home care in 2016, there were **177** or 11.03% waiting to be adopted.¹⁷
- In 2016, approximately **13,239** grandparents in Hawaii had the primary responsibility of caring for their grandchildren.¹⁸
- **608** of the children in out-of-home care in 2015 were living with relatives while in care.¹⁹

Poverty Rates



CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2016, Hawaii had 5,286 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 2,082 reports were referred for investigation.⁸
- In 2016, there were 1,491 victims of abuse or neglect in Hawaii, a rate of 4.8 per 1,000 children, a decrease of 1.0% from 2015. Of these children, 14.3% were neglected, 10.3% were physically abused, and 5.0% were sexually abused.⁹
- The number of child victims has decreased 1% in comparison to the number of victims in 2015.¹⁰

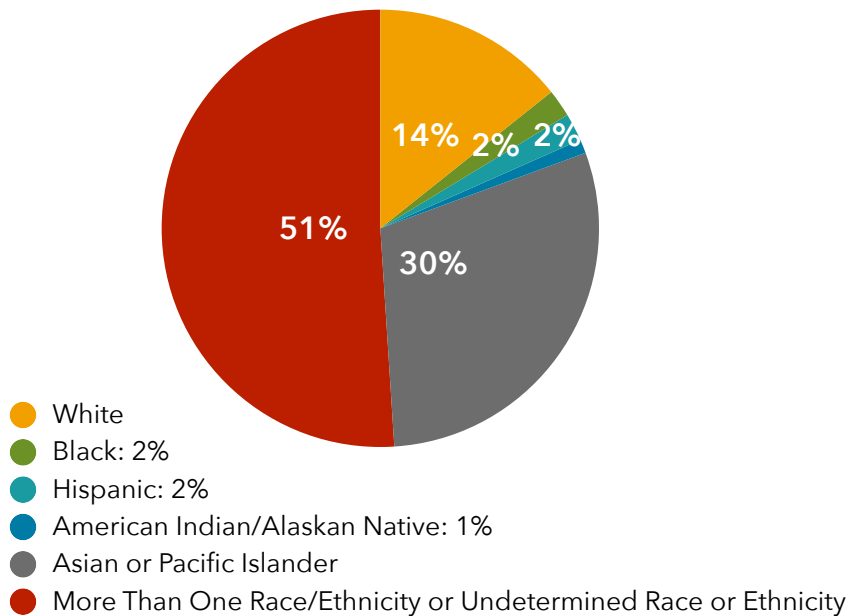


CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2015, Hawaii had a monthly average of 6,800 children served by subsidized child care. An average of 7,900 children received subsidized child care per month in 2014 and 9,100 were recipients in 2013.²⁸
- In 2016, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Hawaii, a family of three could make no more than \$47,124 at application, which is equivalent to 65% of the state's median income.²⁹
- As of early 2016, Hawaii had no children on it's waiting list for child care assistance.³⁰
- In 2016, Head Start served 3,040 children in Hawaii, a decrease of 5.5% from 2015.³¹
- Through federal grants from the Home Visiting Program, in fiscal year 2015, home visitors in Hawaii made 5,496 home visits to 1,224 parents and children in 611 families, as well as enrolled 498 new parents and children to the program.⁶⁵

- In 2016, there were 4 child deaths resulting from abuse or neglect reported in Hawaii.¹¹
- 1,605 children in Hawaii lived apart from their families in out-of-home care in 2016, compared with 1,360 children in 2015.¹²
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has increased 18% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2015.¹³

Children in Out-of-Home Care 2015



CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The monthly average number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Hawaii decreased from 21,735 in 2015 to 18,066 in 2016, a 20.3% change. There was a 6,425 monthly average of families received TANF in 2016, a decrease of 18.1% from 2015.²⁰
- In 2016, for every 100 poor families with children, only 38

received TANF cash assistance.²¹

- \$205,848,598 was spent in 2016 on TANF assistance in Hawaii, including 5.5% on basic assistance and 1.1% on transportation.²²
- \$11,191,384 was spent in 2016 on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in Hawaii, serving 30,117 participants.²³
- 20.1% of households in Hawaii were food insecure in 2015, meaning that the family experienced difficulty providing enough food due to lack of resources at some point during the year.²⁷

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 149,452 children in Hawaii were enrolled in Medicaid in 2016, an increase of 4.5% from 2015.³²
- In 2016, Hawaii had 25,780 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a decrease of 5.4% from 2015, when 27,239 children were enrolled.³³
- In 2016, Hawaii had 8,133 uninsured children.³⁴
- 1,537 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in Hawaii in 2016.³⁵
- 110 infants under age 1 died in Hawaii in 2016.³⁶
- In 2015, the birth rate for teens ages 15 to 17 in Hawaii was 7.8 births per 1,000 girls. The rate was 40.7 for teens ages 18 to 19. This reflects a total rate of 21 births for girls ages 15 to 19.³⁷
- Cumulative through 2016, there were 3,577 adults and adolescents and 18 children younger than 13 reported as having HIV/AIDS in Hawaii.³⁸
- In 2015, health care costs related to opioid abuse in Hawaii reached \$84,803,596.³⁹

YOUTH WHO ARE VULNERABLE

- 48 children in Hawaii aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in 2015.⁴²

- 5,000 teens ages 16 to 19 in Hawaii were not enrolled in school and not working in 2016.⁴⁴
- 16,000 young adults ages 18 to 24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school in 2016.⁴⁵
- In 2016, there were no reports of children in Hawaii aged 10 to 14 committing suicide, and 11 reports of suicide among children aged 15 to 19.⁴⁷

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- less than 10 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Hawaii in 2016, compared to less than 10 in 2015.⁴⁸
- 3,597 children younger than 18 were arrested in Hawaii in 2016. Violent crimes were the reason for 175 of the arrests in 2016.⁴⁹
- 51 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Hawaii in 2015.⁵⁰

CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE

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.⁵²

- According to a 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.⁵³
- Average turnover rates for child welfare agencies range from 20% to 40%.⁵⁴ Turnover rates at around 10% are considered to be optimal in any agency.⁵⁵

Caseworker turnover has negative outcomes for children in the child welfare system, including placement disruptions and increased time in out-of-home care.⁵⁶

- According to the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being II baseline report, 75% of caseworkers earned a salary between \$30,000 and \$49,999.⁵⁷
- The majority of caseworkers hold a bachelor's degree (52.3%) or a bachelor of social work degree (21.9%). Only 25% of caseworkers hold a master's degree.⁵⁸

SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

- In 2014, Hawaii's sum of expenditures for services totaled \$23,037,421. The most utilized service in Hawaii was Protective Services for Children totaling \$8,873,178.⁶⁰

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR HAWAII'S CHILDREN

- In 2014, Hawaii spent \$113,258,459 for child welfare services. Child welfare services are all direct and administrative services the state agency provides to children and families. Of this amount, \$44,750,290 was from federal funds and \$147,350,866 was from state and local funds.⁶¹
- In 2014, of the \$134,535,982 in federal funds received for child welfare, 29.8% was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, 8.2% came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, 34.4% was from Medicaid, 14.3% came from Social Services Block Grant, 11.2% was from TANF, and 2.0% came from other federal sources.⁶²
- Hawaii received \$13,160,850 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2014, including \$2,475,756 for maintenance payments and \$10,685,094 for administration, child placement, the statewide automated child welfare information system, and training.⁶³

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