Child Maltreatment
In 2018, Hawaii had 4,778 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 2,055 were referred for investigation.¹

There were 1,265 child victims of abuse or neglect in Hawaii in 2018, at a rate of 4.2 children per 1,000. This translates to an 5% decrease since 2014.²

Of the 1,265 children, 1,042 were first time victims.³

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing 229 of the 1,265 cases.⁴

Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2018
- 86% of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2017 were parents of the child. 14% were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.⁶
- 48% of Hawaii’s child victims in 2017 were female while 52% were male.⁷

Plans of Safe Care
- In 2018, Hawaii reported 26 infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance exposure.⁹
- Hawaii reported no plans of safe care for screened-in infants.⁰
Child fatalities decreased in 2018 from 4 in 2017 to 1 in 2018.\textsuperscript{xii}

Hawaii reported 1 total child victim of sex trafficking with 1 female victim.\textsuperscript{xiii}

857 victims received postresponse services while 323 non-victims received postresponse services as well.\textsuperscript{xiv}

Foster Care and Adoptions

- 2,730 total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2018.
- 1,687 were in care on the day of September 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2018.
- 1,224 children entered care during the 2018 FY while 1,093 exited during the same year.
- 189 of Hawaii's children were adopted while 290 were waiting to be adopted.\textsuperscript{xv}

There was a 4.9\% increase in the number of children in care between 2017 and 2018. Adoptions from the system also increased 24.3\% from 2017.\textsuperscript{xvi}

66 children in Hawaii aged out and exited foster care in 2017. This is an increase from 47 in 2016 and represents a 40.4\% increase.\textsuperscript{xvii}

- Children in foster care in 2017 spent an average of 15.6 months in care.\textsuperscript{xviii}
- The average length of stay in Hawaii for children waiting to be adopted from foster care in 33.0 months.\textsuperscript{xix}
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2017 was 8.3 years old.\textsuperscript{xx}
- The average age of adopted children was 4.2 years old.\textsuperscript{xxi}
Data from 2017 shows that 685 children in foster care within Hawaii were living with non-relatives while 718 stayed with a relative.

- 70 children were staying in group homes while 27 children were classified as runaways.xxii
- 8% of households in Hawaii in 2017 had a grandparent living with a grandchild.xxiii
- The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was 10.5 months.xxiv

**Child Poverty**

Hawaii had 81,000 children in 2017 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing 26% of all children.xxv

36% of Hawaii’s children lived in households with a high housing cost burden.xxvi

The average number of individuals receiving TANF fell from 14,640 in 2017 to 12,562 in 2018. This represents a 14.2% decrease.xxvii

The state spent $16,886,101 on WIC in 2019, serving 24,415 people. This represents a 2.7% decrease in total participants and a 3.5% decrease in spending.xxviii

161,270 people in Hawaii were food insecure in 2017, including 53,540 children who struggled with hunger.xxix

33.8% of households in Hawaii with children received SNAP benefits in 2017.xxx
Health

Hawaii had 1,491 low birth-weight babies born in 2017 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to 8.5% of infants born in Hawaii in 2017.\textsuperscript{xxxi}

Hawaii had a total of 1,744 preterm births in 2018, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. 7.6% of all white babies were born premature while 13.2% of black babies arrived prematurely in 2018. The total premature birth rate was 10.28%.\textsuperscript{xxxii}

There were 714 births to mothers aged 15-19 in Hawaii in 2017, representing a rate of 19 in every 1,000 teen girls.\textsuperscript{xxxiii}

92 infants under 1 died in Hawaii in 2017, representing an infant mortality rate of 5.3 per 1,000.\textsuperscript{xxxiv}

Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2018

\begin{itemize}
  \item 2.6% of Hawaii’s children had no health insurance in 2018. This represents 8,000 children. Hawaii is a Medicaid expansion state.\textsuperscript{xxxvi}
  \item 145,454 children in Hawaii were enrolled in Medicaid in 2018. This represents a 3.1% decrease from 2017. \textsuperscript{xxxvii}
  \item 29,375 children in Hawaii were in the state Chip Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2018. This represents an 6.5% increase from 2017. \textsuperscript{xxxviii}
\end{itemize}
Juvenile Justice System
- There were 1,762 total arrests for children under 18 in Hawaii in 2018.
- 18 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 309 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 337 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.
- 60 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Hawaii in 2018. This is an increase from 51 kids in 2015, representing a 17.6% increase.

Teens & Youth
- 6,000 (9%) of Hawaii’s youth were both not in school and not working in 2017.
- In 2017, there were 0 reports of children in Hawaii aged 10-14 committing suicide, and 0 reports of suicide among children aged 15-19.
- 0 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Hawaii in 2017.

Child Welfare Services Funding
- Hawaii spent $112,050,875 on child welfare services in 2016. Child welfare services are all of the direct and administrative services that state agencies provide to children and families.
- $48,291,040 were allocated from the federal government and $63,759,835 came from state and local funds.

Federal Funding Sources
- The breakdown of the $48,291,040 in federal funding received in Hawaii in 2016:
  - $13,104,696 for Title IV-E funding.
  - Hawaii’s sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2017 was $5,205,486.


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