Child Maltreatment

In 2020, Hawaii had 5,357 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 2,716 were referred for investigation.\(^1\)

There were 1,294 child victims of maltreatment in Hawaii in 2020, at a rate of 4.4 children per 1,000. This translates to an 2.2% decrease since 2016.\(^6\)

Of the 1,294 children, 1,004 were first time victims.\(^3\)

The largest age group of victims was children under one, representing 185 of the 1,294 cases.\(^4\)

Types of Maltreatment Victims, 2020

- 67% Medical Neglect
- 17% Neglect
- 5% Other
- 7% Physical Abuse
- 1% Psychological Maltreatment
- 1% Sexual Abuse
- 2% Sex Trafficking
- 1% Unknown

- 88% of child maltreatment perpetrators in 2020 were parents of the child. 12% were non-parents or had an unknown relationship.\(^6\)

- 53% of Hawaii child victims in 2020 were female while 46% were male.\(^7\)

Plans of Safe Care

- In 2020, Hawaii reported 27 infants who were screened-in with prenatal substance abuse exposure.\(^9\)

- Hawaii reported no plans of safe care for screened-in infants.\(^x\)
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- Hawaii had zero Child fatalities in 2020. A decrease from 4 in 2019.\textsuperscript{xi}
- Hawaii reported 16 total child victims of sex trafficking.\textsuperscript{xii}
- 898 victims received post-response services while 647 non-victims received post-response services as well.\textsuperscript{xiii}

**Foster Care and Adoptions**

- 2,682 total children were served by the foster care system in FY 2020.
- 1,593 were in care on the day of September 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2020.
- 1,029 children entered care during the 2020 FY while 1,089 exited during the same year.
- 206 of Hawaii’s children were adopted while 273 were waiting to be adopted.\textsuperscript{xv}

There was a 6.6\% decrease in the number of children in care between 2019 and 2020. Adoptions from the system decreased 0\% from 2019.\textsuperscript{xvi}

73 children in Hawaii aged out and exited foster care in 2019. This is an increase from 71 in 2018 and represents an 2.8\% increase.\textsuperscript{xvii}

- Children in foster care in 2020 spent an average of 17.2 months in care.\textsuperscript{xviii}
- The average length of stay in Hawaii for children waiting to be adopted from foster care is 32.6 months.\textsuperscript{xix}
- The average age of children waiting to be adopted in 2020 was 8 years old.\textsuperscript{xx}
- The average age of adopted children was 4.3 years old.\textsuperscript{xxi}

2.8\% increase since 2018 in children aging out of foster care
Data from 2019 shows that 716 children in foster care within Hawaii were living with non-relatives while 771 stayed with a relative. xxii

75 children were staying in group homes while 26 children were classified as runaways. xxiii

7% of households in Hawaii in 2019 had a grandparent living with a grandchild. xxiv

The average length of time a child in care spent living with their current relative foster family was 12.1 months. xxv

Child Poverty
Hawaii had 72,000 children in 2019 who lived with parents who lacked secure employment, representing 24% of all children. xxvi

38% of Hawaii’s children lived in households with a high housing cost burden. xxvii

The average number of individuals receiving TANF rose from 21,031 in 2020 to 21,088 in 2021. This represents a 0.3% increase. xxviii xxix

The state spent $12,882,049 on WIC in 2021, serving 25,907 people. This represents a 1.2% increase in total participants and a 14.8% decrease in spending. xxx

162,220 people in Hawaii were food insecure in 2019, including 54,700 children who struggled with hunger. xxxi

32.7% of households in Hawaii that received SNAP benefits in 2019 had children. xxxii
Health
Hawaii had 1,410 low birth-weight babies born in 2019 which is constituted as babies weighing less than 5.5 pounds. This translates to 8.4% of infants born in Hawaii in 2019.xxxiii

Hawaii had a total of 1,775 preterm births in 2019, meaning less than 37 completed weeks of gestation. 8.3% of all white babies were born premature while 13.5% of black babies arrived prematurely in 2019. The total premature birth rate was 10.6%.xxxiv

There were 584 births to mothers aged 15-19 in Hawaii in 2019, representing a rate of 16 in every 1,000 teen girls.xxxv

85 infants under 1 died in Hawaii in 2017, representing an infant mortality rate of 5.1 per 1,000.xxxvi

Public Health Insurance Coverage for Children, 2020

2.8% of Hawaii’s children had no health insurance in 2019.xxxviii

144,370 children in Hawaii were enrolled in Medicaid in 2020. This represents 1.5% increase from 2019. xxxix

27,611 children in Hawaii were in the state Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 2020. This represents an 9.5% decrease from 2019. xl
Juvenile Justice System

- There were 1,849 total arrests for children under 18 in Hawaii in 2019.
- 274 of these arrests were for Disorderly Conduct.
- 297 arrests were made for Property Crimes.
- 274 were arrested under the charge of Drug Abuse Violations.
- 63 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Hawaii in 2019. This is a increase from 60 kids in 2017, representing a 5% increase.

Teens & Youth

- 6,000 (10%) of Hawaii’s youth were both not in school and not working in 2019.
- In 2019, there were zero reports of children in Hawaii aged 10-14 committing suicide, and 24 reports of suicide among children aged 15-24.
- zero children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Hawaii in 2019.

Child Welfare Services Funding

- Hawaii spent $89,217,224.99 on child welfare services in 2018. Child welfare services are all of the direct and administrative services that state agencies provide to children and families.
- $47,886,576.22 were allocated from the federal government and $40,403,190.55 came from state and local funds.

Federal Funding Sources

The breakdown of the $47,886,576.22 in federal funding received in Hawaii in 2018.

- $1,307,653 as part of the Title IV-E Foster Care Program.
- $15,013,673 as part of the Title IV-E Adoption Assistance Program.
- Hawaii’s sum of expenditures for Social Service Block Grants in 2020 was $26,318,969.
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xvi Based on Calculations from the CWLA


xv Ibid.

xvi Ibid.


xxiii Ibid.


xxiv Ibid.


xxvii Ibid.
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