

Hawai'i's Teens

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In Hawai'i, there are over 98,600 teens who are 12 to 17 years old.

Each day, 365 days a year...

- 12,528 live in poverty
- 26,634 live with only one parent
- 9,865 of those aged 16-19 are not in school *and* are not working
- 10,446 under the age of 18 are in school *and* are working
- 23,500 or more are reading well, above average on the S.A.T.
- 27,000 or more do well in math, above average on the S.A.T.
- 7,227 receive assistance through special education programs
- 3,266 speak limited English and receive assistance through special classes
- 9,569 are absent from public schools
- 31,516 vigorously exercise
- 20,814 eat a good diet, including fruit
- 16,227 smoke
- 2,269 drink alcohol daily, and 32,060 drink beer or wine at some time each month
- 5 seniors drop out of school
- 4 girls under the age of 18 learn that they are pregnant
- 2 are abused and/or neglected
- 8 are arrested for serious crimes, and 28 are arrested in all, of which half are for curfew violations or for running away