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Happy Holidays from Hawai'i KIDS COUNT!

As we enter a new year, we offer thanks to those who are working to improve the lives of children and families here in Hawai'i.



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AMERICA'S FAMILIES AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS: 2012

This report from the U.S. Census Bureau provides an updated picture of the composition of families and households in the U.S. and describes trends in living arrangements. The report — which uses data from the Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey and the American Community Survey — also highlights changes in children's living arrangements and their economic well-being following the Great Recession. For example, the economic well-being of households with children declined during this period, as noted by the decline in homeownership and increased unemployment rates among such households. In addition,



the share of stay-at-home mothers declined during the recession and did not return to pre-recession levels until 2012. Hawai'i-specific data in the report include the following:

- Hawai'i was one of the states with the smallest share of one-parent households with children under the age of 18 (20%), compared to the U.S. average of 26%.
- Nationally, the number of households with at least one unemployed parent increased by 33% between 2005 and 2011. Hawai'i was one of the states experiencing a larger than average increase, with the number of such households increasing by 95%.

The report is available for download on the U.S. Census Bureau's website at: <http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/p20-570.pdf>.

KIDS COUNT DATA CENTER UPDATES

New data from the U.S. Census on labor force participation, household income, and children's living arrangements are now available on the KIDS COUNT Data Center. Data and trends for Hawai'i include:

- Between 2008 and 2012, the percentage of children under age 6 with no parent working increased from 8% to 10%, following the national trend.
- Six percent (6%) of children are in the care of grandparents, compared to 4% nationally.
- Hawai'i's child population lives in households that include: married-couple (69%), father only (7%), and mother only (23%), compared with the U.S. at 65%, 8%, and 26%, respectively.

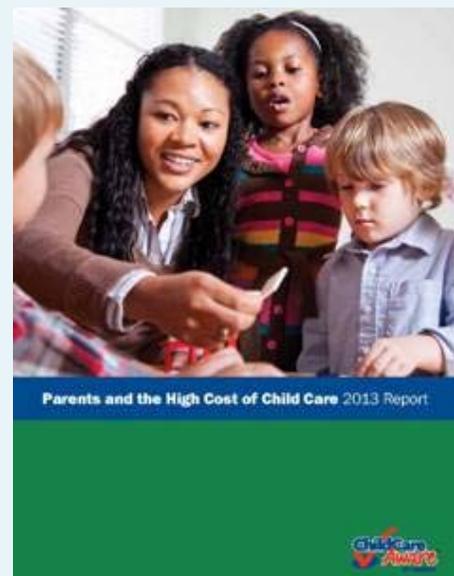
Check out more data and trends for the nation and Hawai'i at: <http://datacenter.kidscount.org>.



PARENTS AND THE HIGH COST OF CHILD CARE 2013

This report by Child Care Aware of America confirms that the cost of child care continues to climb while families struggle to afford quality care. The report uses 2012 data from a survey of Child Care Resource and Referral State Networks and local agencies to show the average fees families are charged for child care centers and family child care homes in every state and the District of Columbia. The report examines why child care is so expensive, why costs are higher in some states than in others, and options for paying for child care. Findings show that:

- Child care fees for two children (an infant and a 4-year-old) in a child care center exceeded annual median rent payments in every state.
- In every region of the U.S., average fees for an infant in a child care center were higher than the average amount that families spent on food.
- In 31 states (including Hawai'i) and the District of Columbia, the average annual cost for an infant in center-based care was higher than a year's tuition and fees at a four-year public college.



The report includes a call for action to federal and state policymakers to make child care a top priority when working on budgets. It also includes a call for parents, concerned citizens, and early care and education professionals to urge federal and state legislators to address the high cost of child care. Data for Hawai'i include:

- Hawai'i ranked as the 8th least affordable state for center-based infant care. In 2012, the average cost

for center-based infant care was \$12,473, which is 44% of the state median income for a single mother and 14% of the median income for a married couple.

- The annual cost of child care for two children (an infant and 4 year-old) attending a center in Hawai'i was calculated at \$20,645. This amount exceeded annual median rent payments (\$15,792) and represented 75% of annual median mortgage payments (\$27,672).
- Hawai'i reported the widest cost disparity between urban and rural costs for an infant in a center. In 2012, families paid nearly 150% more annually for child care in urban compared to rural settings.

The full report is available for download at: http://usa.childcareaware.org/sites/default/files/cost_of_care_2013_103113_0.pdf.

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