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#### CLASP DATA FINDER



The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) developed *DataFinder*, a custom, user-friendly data tool that provides demographic information as well as administrative data on programs that serve low-income people and families. The CLASP *DataFinder* currently includes state and national data on: child care assistance spending and participation, Head Start and Early Head Start participation, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) expenditures, young child demographics and poverty. Users can create and download custom tables that present a national

picture, a state picture or a comparative look at states and communities. The tool also provides community-level statistics on education, demographics and youth violence. Hawai'i data from the *DataFinder* include:

- In 2010, the number of children who received child care subsidies was 11,200. Almost half (48%) were served in a family home setting, 25% in center-based care and 26% in the child's home.
- Of the 3,505 families that were served by Head Start in 2011, 42% were headed by single-parents and 58% by two-parents.
- Of all of the services that are provided to parents by Head Start, health (45%) and parent education (47%) services were most widely used.
- In Hawai'i, over one quarter (27%) of children under age 6 are from immigrant families.

To view the *DataFinder*, go to: <http://www.clasp.org/data/>

#### OPPORTUNITY INDEX

Measure of America – a project of the Social Science Research Council – partnered with Opportunity Nation to develop the *Opportunity Index*. This index measures county- and state-level indicators that contribute to economic opportunity



and mobility. The index presents three primary dimensions of opportunity (economy, education, and community health/civic life) that demonstrate a connection to promoting or hindering economic mobility. The *Opportunity Index* produces an overall opportunity score and grade for all 50 U.S. states plus Washington, D.C. The Index also provides a grade for over 2,400 U.S. counties. Hawai'i-specific data included in the index are:

- Two-thirds (69%) of Hawai'i's households have high-speed Internet, which is slightly higher than the national average of 67%.
- Over one third (39%) of adults 25 and over have an Associate's degree or higher, higher than the national average of 36%.
- One-quarter (28%) of adults 18 and over report membership to social, civic, sports and religious groups, which is lower than the national average of 34%.

Locate more Hawai'i state and county-level data on the *Opportunity Index* website: <http://opportunityindex.org/>

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## THE WORLD FAMILY MAP

For the first time ever, data are available on family well-being across high and low income countries around the world. The *World Family Map* report summarizes a large body of data on family strengths and challenges as well as important educational outcomes for children and youth. The report explores the social, economic, familial and cultural factors that tend to strengthen or undermine family life.

Child Trends partnered with scholars at the University of Virginia and the University of Maryland, and with universities and think tanks around the world, to track central indicators of family well-being – i.e., indicators of family structure, family economic well-being, family processes and family culture – around the globe. The report's highlights include:



- In the majority of middle- and higher-income countries, children in two-parent families have more positive educational outcomes compared to children living with one parent or neither parent, even after accounting for the socioeconomic differences of each group. However, in lower-income countries, children in single-parent families often do just as well or better on a number of educational outcomes than those living with two parents.
- Two-parent families are becoming less common in many parts of the world, especially higher income countries, as marriage rates fall around much of the globe. Nevertheless, a majority of the world's children still live in homes with two parents. In this study, children were most likely to live with two parents in Jordan, where 92% lived with two parents.
- Most adults believe that working mothers can establish just as good relationships with their children as stay-at-home mothers, with those holding this view ranging from 47% in Jordan to 84% in Sweden.

The inaugural report can be downloaded at:

<http://worldfamilymap.org/2013/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/WFM->

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