



# Hawaii Kids Count E-BULLETIN

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### [1\) New Report: Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2004](#)

The U.S. Census Bureau recently released *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2004*, containing findings from the Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS includes national and state level data. This report provides data from 2002 to 2004.

Some highlights from the report include:

- Nationally, 13.2% of Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders lived in poverty, compared to 10.5% of Whites, 10.6% of Asians, 22.1% of Hispanics, 24.3% of American Indians and Alaska Natives, and 24.4% of Blacks
- Nationally, 21.8% of Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders lacked health insurance, compared to 14.6% of Whites, 18.0% of Asians, 19.8% of Blacks, 29.0% of American Indians and Alaska Natives, and 32.6% of Hispanics
- Hawaii's poverty rate experienced a 1.5% decrease, falling from 10.3% in 2002-2003 to 8.9% in 2003-2004
- Hawaii experienced a 6.6% increase in median household income, rising from \$51,457 in 2002-2003 to \$54,841 in 2003-2004
- Hawaii's uninsured rate has not changed from 2002 to 2004

To read the full report, please visit:

<http://www.census.gov/prod/2005pubs/p60-229.pdf>

### [2\) New Report: Income, Earnings, and Poverty Data from the 2004 American Community Survey \(ACS\)](#)

The U.S. Census Bureau recently released *Income, Earnings, and Poverty Data from the 2004 American Community Survey (ACS)*. These data pertain to states, as well as counties and cities of 250,000 or more people. The ACS report also includes a comparison of earnings for men and women by selected characteristics, including industry and occupation.

Highlights for Hawaii include:

- Hawaii's median income in 2004 was above the national median income
- Honolulu County made the list of the ten counties and places of 250,000 people or more with the highest estimates of median household income for 2004
- Hawaii's ranked 12 of the 50 states for median earnings of full-time, year round workers 16 and older (for both men and women's earnings)
- Women in Hawaii earn between 78% and 81.9% of what men in Hawaii earn

To read the full report, please visit:

<http://www.census.gov/prod/2005pubs/acs-01.pdf>

### [3\) New Health Insurance Data from the Annie E. Casey Foundation](#)

The Annie E. Casey Foundation has compiled national and state level data on health insurance for children ages 0-18. It includes tables according to federal poverty level, age groups, and parents' working status.

Highlights for Hawaii include:

- 7% of children ages 0-18 lack health insurance
- 17% of children ages 0-18 living under 100% poverty level lack health insurance
- 5% of children ages 0-18 with parent(s) who worked at least 26 weeks the previous year lack health insurance

The file can be viewed and downloaded in PDF format from the Hawaii Covering Kids web site at: [http://www.coveringkids.com/news/Section\\_37.asp](http://www.coveringkids.com/news/Section_37.asp) (scroll down to #3).

### [4\) New Online Resource from the Asian and Pacific Islander Health Forum \(APIAHF\)](#)

The Asian and Pacific Islander Health Forum (APIAHF) website now displays population growth and socioeconomic data on 21 Asian American and Pacific Islander sub-groups as well as the major racial/ethnic groups in the United States. Data from the U.S. Census (1990 and 2000) is presented for national, state, and county levels.

To view this data, please visit: <http://www.apiahf.com/cic/index.asp>

### [5\) National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month Events in Hawaii](#)

September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. The Office of the Lieutenant Governor, in conjunction with the Mayors of each county in Hawaii, will participate in *Join the Voices for Recovery: Healing Lives, Families and Communities* during September. This is the second year Hawaii has participated in the observance of Recovery Month activities.

There are a variety of planned events statewide.

Please visit: <http://www.hawaii.gov/hawaiidrugcontrolstrategy/calendar> for an updated list of events and activities.

### [6\) Reminder: Family Day is September 26<sup>th</sup>](#)

The 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of September has been proclaimed “Family Day: A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children” by the State of Hawaii. This year Family Day is September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Approximately 7 out of 10 families in Hawaii report eating dinner together 5 to 6 times per week.

Benefits of sharing family meals include:

- Parent-child bonding
- Increased parent-child communication
- Reduced youth delinquent behavior, including drug use
- Promotion of healthy eating habits

For online access to the Family Day Brochure, which contains information about planning family meals and the benefits of families eating together regularly, please visit:

<http://www.uhfamily.hawaii.edu/publications/brochures/FamilyDay.pdf>

Hard copies of the brochure will be available at Zippy’s Restaurants on Oahu in September. Neighbor island residents can request a brochure by e-mailing Ann Tom at [tomann@hawaii.edu](mailto:tomann@hawaii.edu) or faxing their request to 956-4147 with their name or agency name, address, phone #, and number of copies needed.

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[http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii\\_kids\\_count/kids\\_count.asp](http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/hawaii_kids_count/kids_count.asp)

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