SNAPSHOTS OF HAWAI‘I’S YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 0-5)

There are about 105,000 children ages 5 & under in Hawai‘i.

**ECONOMIC SECURITY**

- 34% of young children live below 200% of the federal poverty level.
- 33% of young children live in a family headed by a single parent.
- Each year over 7,600 families experience the birth of a first child.
  - 44% of these new parents are unmarried.
  - 7% of these new mothers do not have a high-school diploma.

**HEALTH & SAFETY**

- 85% of babies are born to women who receive early prenatal care.
- 8% of babies are born at low-birth weight (less than 5.5 lbs.).
- Over 700 young children are confirmed abused and/or neglected each year, of which 46% are one year old or younger.
- 3% of young children are without health insurance.
- 81% of children ages 19 to 35 months have age-appropriate immunizations.
- 5 infants for every 1,000 born die without having celebrated their first birthday.

**EDUCATION**

- 53% of 4-year-old children attend nursery school or preschool.
- Over 2,000 young children are in licensed child care.
- 8% of kindergarten classes have at least three-fourths of all entering children consistently displaying the skills & characteristics necessary for success in school life.
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SNAPSHOTS OF HAWAI‘I’S CHILDREN (AGES 6-11)
THERE ARE ABOUT 100,000 CHILDREN AGES 6 TO 11 IN HAWAI‘I¹

**ECONOMIC SECURITY**

- 52% OF PUBLIC ELEMENTARY-SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE FREE OR REDUCED-COST LUNCHES²
- 40% OF CHILDREN LIVE BELOW 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL³
- 30% OF CHILDREN LIVE IN A HOUSEHOLD HEADED BY A SINGLE PARENT⁴

**HEALTH & SAFETY**

- 7% OF SIXTH GRADERS REPORTED SKIPPING SCHOOL IN THE PAST 30 DAYS BECAUSE THEY FELT UNSAFE⁵
- 4% OF CHILDREN ARE WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE⁶
- OVER 300 CHILDREN A YEAR ARE CONFIRMED ABUSED AND OR NEGLECTED⁷

**EDUCATION**

- 28% OF PUBLIC SCHOOL 4TH GRADERS DO NOT MEET DOE STANDARDS IN MATH⁸
- 36% OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FOURTH GRADERS DO NOT MEET DOE STANDARDS IN MATH⁹
- 5% OF PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE ABSENT ON AN AVERAGE DAY¹⁰

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SNAPSHOTS OF HAWAIʻI’S TEENS (AGES 12-17)
THERE ARE ABOUT 99,000 TEENS AGES 12 TO 17 IN HAWAIʻI

ECONOMIC SECURITY
• 31% OF TEENS LIVE IN A FAMILYヘADED BY A SINGLE PARENT
  • 30% OF TEENS LIVE BELOW 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL
  • 44% OF PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE FREE OR REDUCED-COST LUNCHES
  • 11% OF TEENS AGES 16-19 ARE NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING

HEALTH & SAFETY
• 5% OF TEENS ARE WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE
  • AROUND 350 TEENS A YEAR ARE CONFIRMED ABUSED AND OR NEGLECTED
  • 24 TEENS AGES 15-19 DIED FROM HOMICIDE, SUICIDE, OR ACCIDENT IN 2011
  • 29% OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE HAD AT LEAST ONE DRINK OF ALCOHOL ON ONE OR MORE OF THE PAST 30 DAYS

EDUCATION
• 62% OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS REPORTED THAT THEY DEFINITELY WILL COMPLETE A POST-HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM
  • 28% OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EIGHTH GRADERS DO NOT MEET DOE STANDARDS IN READING
  • 40% OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EIGHTH GRADERS DO NOT MEET DOE STANDARDS IN MATH
  • 8% OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE ABSENT ON AN AVERAGE DAY
  • 95% OF PUBLIC SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATE WITH A DIPLOMA
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