



Snapshot of Hawaii's Teens (ages 12 - 17)

*There are about 112,000 teens ages 12 to 17 in Hawaii.*¹

Economic Security

- ✓ 31% live below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level²
- ✓ 21% live in a household headed by a single parent¹
- ✓ 31% of high-school students are certified for free or reduced-cost lunches³
- ✓ 10% of teens ages 16 -19 are not attending school and not working⁴

Health

- ✓ 11% are without health insurance¹
- ✓ 843 girls a year under age 18 become pregnant⁵
- ✓ 11% of 15 to 17 year olds have asthma⁶

Safety

- ✓ 900 a year are confirmed abused and/or neglected⁷
- ✓ 36 teens ages 15 -19 died from homicide, suicide, or accident in 2003⁸
- ✓ 15% of adolescents report exposure to illicit drug use⁹

Education

- ✓ 82% of 9th graders graduate in four years¹⁰
- ✓ 7% of secondary-school students are absent on an average day¹¹
- ✓ 75% of public-school seniors have college plans³
- ✓ 45% of adolescents report a lack of interest in school¹¹
- ✓ 28% of 8th graders score below the basic reading level¹²
- ✓ 33% of 8th graders score below the basic math level¹²

¹ U.S. Census Bureau DataFerrett, CPS, 2004

² U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

³ Hawaii Department of Education, School Status and Improvement Reports, 2000

⁴ Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2004 KIDS COUNT Data Book Online, 2001 Data

⁵ Hawaii Department of Health, Vital Statistics Report, 2003

⁶ Hawaii Department of Health, Hawaii Health Survey, 2003

⁷ Hawaii Department of Human Services, Child Abuse and Neglect in Hawaii, 2003

⁸ Hawaii Department of Health, Vital Statistics special request, 2003

⁹ Hawaii Department of Health, ATOD Survey special request, 2000

¹⁰ Hawaii Department of Education, special request, 2003

¹¹ Hawaii Department of Education, School Status and Improvement Reports, 2001

