SNAPSHOTS OF HAWAI‘I’S TEENS (AGES 12-17)

THERE ARE ABOUT 99,000 TEENS AGES 12 TO 17 IN HAWAI‘I

**ECONOMIC SECURITY**

- 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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