INTRODUCTION

Hawai‘i nō ka ‘ōi—Hawai‘i the best—is a sentiment shared by many people in our island state. Those who have left and yearn to return home speak movingly about missing the best beaches in the world, delicious local grinds found no-where else, a mix of ethnicities at school, play, and work, and the aloha spirit that infuses even the smallest act. There are so many other things we can point to with pride:

• Hawai‘i has the lowest rates of child deaths and teen deaths in the nation
• Life expectancy is higher in Hawai‘i than anywhere else in the nation
• Three-fourths of Hawai‘i’s families eat dinner together 5 or more times a week
• More than 80% of Hawai‘i’s people feel they can rely on others in their community for help
• The average donation to charity is higher in Hawai‘i at every income level when compared to mainland giving.

There are, of course, many serious problems that require our attention and action. Some of these may seem monumental and insurmountable, such as the problem of drug abuse, but Hawai‘i’s people, working together, have overcome major obstacles in the past and can do so in the future.

This is one of 43 community profiles developed by the Center on the Family that can be used as a resource to improve conditions for children and families in your neighborhood. The profiles provide data and information about the people who live in specific geographic areas encompassed by a public high school and all of its feeder intermediate and elementary schools. Factual information provides a good starting point for making informed decisions and plans for strategic action. We hope that this first-ever presentation of data at the school/community-complex level will provide you with a better understanding of your community and spur you to take action to keep Hawai‘i nō ka ‘ōi.

LAUPĀHOEHOE AREA

The Laupāhoehoe Area, with a population of less than 1,800 people, includes Pāpa‘aloa, Nīnole, and Welokā. The median age of 39 is higher than the State average, reflecting a lower proportion of residents ages 34 and younger and a higher proportion of senior citizens 65 years and older. About 33% of the residents here are Asian, primarily Filipino, and nearly 33% are multi-ethnic. More than 22% of the people in the Laupāhoehoe Area are Hawaiian or Part-Hawaiian.

Although the unemployment rate is among the lowest in the State, the per capita income ($14,996) is lower than in most other communities. The percentage of homes without access to telephone service is more than double the State average. Families participate in the Food Stamps and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) programs at somewhat higher levels than Statewide averages, although at lower levels than the Hawaii County averages. More than 80% of communities in the State have higher percentages of adults with college degrees and/or high school diplomas than in the Laupāhoehoe Area. Just over 50% of parents here report that they help their children with homework, one of the lowest levels of parental involvement in the schools reported Statewide.

The data for other indicators of child and family well being are better. This area has one of the highest percentages in the State of teachers with advanced degrees. More than 97% of teens ages 16-19 are either in school or working. Of high school seniors, 100% graduate—the best graduation percentage in the State. More than 60% of the high school graduates who planned to attend college were accepted in 2002. In addition, neighborhoods are stable, and most children have health insurance.
**Demographics**

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**Population by Age**

- Under 5
- 5 - 19
- 20 - 34
- 35 - 64
- 65 and over
- 85 and over

**Race and Ethnicity**

- Percent choosing only 1 race
  - Caucasian: 69.4% 71.6% 78.6%
  - African-American: 28.9% 31.5% 24.3%
  - Asian: 34.0% 26.7% 41.6%
  - Chinese: 0.6% 1.1% 4.7%
  - Filipino: 19.5% 9.1% 14.1%
  - Japanese: 11.0% 13.6% 16.7%
  - Korean: 0.1% 0.6% 1.9%
  - Other Asian and Asian combinations: 2.9% 2.3% 4.2%
  - Other Pacific Islander: 0.6% 1.5% 2.8%
  - Native Hawaiian: 4.6% 9.7% 6.6%
- Native Hawaiian alone or in combination with 1 or more other races: 22.1% 28.9% 19.8%
- Some other race or choosing 2 or more races: 31.2% 29.6% 22.7%

**Your Neighbors at Work**

- Production, Transportation & Moving: 10.1%
- Armed Forces: 0.0%
- Management & Professional: 32.4%
- Construction, Extraction Maintenance: 10.9%
- Farming, Fishing & Forestry: 2.4%
- Sales & Office: 16.9%
- Service: 27.2%
COMMUNITY

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Per capita income

Laupahoehoe Area: $14,996
Hawai'i County: $18,791
State of Hawai'i: $21,526

Home ownership - owner occupied housing units

Laupahoehoe Area: 79.1%
Hawai'i County: 64.5%
State of Hawai'i: 56.5%

Residential stability - lived in same house from 1995-2000

Laupahoehoe Area: 66.8%
Hawai'i County: 57.7%
State of Hawai'i: 56.8%

Residents who are U.S. citizens born in Hawaii

Laupahoehoe Area: 60.0%
Hawai'i County: 63.3%
State of Hawai'i: 56.9%

New immigrants - foreign-born residents who entered Hawaii since 1990

Laupahoehoe Area: 6.3%
Hawai'i County: 3.8%
State of Hawai'i: 6.0%

Residents over age 5 with language other than English at home

Laupahoehoe Area: 23.6%
Hawai'i County: 18.4%
State of Hawai'i: 26.6%

Population over age 16 in the labor force

Laupahoehoe Area: 818
Hawai'i County: 70,791
State of Hawai'i: 612,773

Civilian Unemployment

Laupahoehoe Area: 4.2%
Hawai'i County: 8.0%
State of Hawai'i: 6.3%

Adults with high school diploma or higher

Laupahoehoe Area: 77.7%
Hawai'i County: 84.6%
State of Hawai'i: 84.6%

Adults with Bachelor's Degree or higher

Laupahoehoe Area: 15.4%
Hawai'i County: 22.1%
State of Hawai'i: 26.2%

Adolescents reporting unsafe neighborhoods

Laupahoehoe Area: N/A
Hawai'i County: 41.4%
State of Hawai'i: 43.9%

Adolescents lacking close neighborhood ties

Laupahoehoe Area: N/A
Hawai'i County: 39.6%
State of Hawai'i: 38.6%

Teachers with 5+ years at their school

Laupahoehoe Area: 60.0%
Hawai'i County: 62.6%
State of Hawai'i: 66.4%

Teachers with advanced degrees

Laupahoehoe Area: 24.0%
Hawai'i County: 23.7%
State of Hawai'i: 19.1%

Teachers reporting a safe school environment

Laupahoehoe Area: 69.0%
Hawai'i County: 71.1%
State of Hawai'i: 68.2%

FAMILY

Number of families

Laupahoehoe Area: 470
Hawai'i County: 36,903
State of Hawai'i: 287,068

Families with children under age 18

Laupahoehoe Area: 36.6%
Hawai'i County: 46.3%
State of Hawai'i: 45.0%

Families with children, headed by married couple

Laupahoehoe Area: 73.8%
Hawai'i County: 66.2%
State of Hawai'i: 74.8%

Average household size

Laupahoehoe Area: 2.9
Hawai'i County: 2.8
State of Hawai'i: 2.9

*Adolescents reporting close family ties

Laupahoehoe Area: N/A
Hawai'i County: 49.4%
State of Hawai'i: 46.2%

Parents report checking child’s homework and other public school involvement

Laupahoehoe Area: 52.9%
Hawai'i County: 60.0%
State of Hawai'i: 63.2%

*Adolescents reporting poor parental supervision

Laupahoehoe Area: N/A
Hawai'i County: 47.2%
State of Hawai'i: 46.3%

Parents feeling positive about students’ safety

Laupahoehoe Area: 62.5%
Hawai'i County: 62.9%
State of Hawai'i: 66.8%

Persons receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Laupahoehoe Area: 6.8%
Hawai'i County: 9.2%
State of Hawai'i: 5.4%

Families receiving food stamps

Laupahoehoe Area: 16.7%
Hawai'i County: 21.5%
State of Hawai'i: 13.2%

Population ages 21-64 with disabilities

Laupahoehoe Area: 18.6%
Hawai'i County: 19.2%
State of Hawai'i: 17.7%

Households lacking telephone service

Laupahoehoe Area: 4.9%
Hawai'i County: 3.3%
State of Hawai'i: 2.0%

*The 2000 Hawaii Student Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use Survey data is not available for this community.
### CHILDREN

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<td>Individuals age 65 &amp; older with a disability</td>
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<td>Grandparents who live in the same household as their grandchildren under age 18</td>
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There are various ways to assess the strength of a community. For this report, nine indicators of child, family, and community strengths were selected. Standard scores were derived for each of the nine indicators and summarized into a cumulative score for each of 42 school complex areas. A 43rd community, Ni‘ihau, was omitted from the index because some data were unavailable. Those communities that scored highest on the protection index are more likely to have children who are nurtured and doing well in school, families that are healthy, and communities which are economically vital.

REFERENCES


