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
⁶ Hawaii Department of Health, Hawaii Health Survey, 2003
⁷ Hawaii Department of Human Services, Child Abuse and Neglect in Hawaii, 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
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