

# HAWAII'S CHILDREN 2003

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## State Population (2001)<sup>1</sup>

1,224,398\*

## State Population, Children Under 18 (2000)<sup>2</sup>

295,767\*

## State Poverty Rate (2001)<sup>3</sup>

9.8%

## State Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 (2001)<sup>4</sup>

15.5%

## State Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 (2001)<sup>5</sup>

14.6%

\*Estimated

## CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2000, 3,298 children were reported as abused or neglected and referred for investigation in Hawaii, a rate of 11.2 per 1,000 children.<sup>6</sup>
- In 2000, 3,533 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in Hawaii, a rate of 11.9 per 1,000 children—a 32% increase from 1999. Of every 1,000 children, 1.7 were neglected, 1.6 were physically abused, and 0.8 were sexually abused.<sup>7</sup>
- In 2000, 3 children died as a result of abuse or neglect.<sup>8</sup>
- On September 30, 2000, 2,379 children in Hawaii lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 2,203 children on September 30, 1999. In 2000, 37.3% of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 11.9% were 16 or older.<sup>9</sup>

## CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individual TANF recipients in Hawaii declined from 32,996 in December 2001 to 28,988 in June 2002, a decrease of 12.1%. The number of families receiving TANF in June 2002 was 10,659, a 10.4% decrease from December 2001.<sup>10</sup>
- In 2001, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in Hawaii was 25% below the federal poverty level.<sup>11</sup>
- In 2000, Hawaii spent \$161,047,400 in TANF funds, including 87.5% on cash assistance.<sup>12</sup>
- In 2000, 2,616 children needed paternity determination services to receive child support.<sup>13</sup>
- In 2002, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Hawaii was \$870 per month, or 103.6% of the average monthly income for a worker earning the state minimum wage.<sup>14</sup>

## CHILD CARE, HEALTH, AND FAMILY SUPPORT

- In 1999, 7,110 Hawaii children were in subsidized child care—9% of all eligible children.<sup>15</sup>
- In 2001, 3,073 Hawaii children were served by Head Start, a 5.1% increase from 2000.<sup>16</sup>
- In 1999, 87.4% of high school seniors graduated in Hawaii, compared with 84.6% in 1998.<sup>17</sup>
- In 1998, 87,249 children under 21 were enrolled in Medicaid—47.8% of the state's total enrollees.<sup>18</sup>
- In 2001, Hawaii had 7,137 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program—a 68.4% increase from 2000, when 2,256 children were enrolled.<sup>19</sup>
- In 2000, the rate of births to teen mothers was 47 for every 1,000 girls ages 15–19.<sup>20</sup>
- As of December 2001, 2,569 adults and adolescents, as well as 16 children under age 13, were living with HIV/AIDS in Hawaii.<sup>21</sup>
- In 2000, an estimated 16,838 residents age 12 or older needed alcohol or substance abuse treatment in Hawaii.<sup>22</sup>

**P E R M A N E N T F A M I L I E S F O R C H I L D R E N**

- Of the 1,768 children exiting out-of-home care in 2000, 59.7% were reunited with their birthfamilies.<sup>23</sup>
- Of the 2,379 children in out-of-home care in 2000, 38.0% were living with relatives while in care.<sup>24</sup>
- In 2001, 297 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Hawaii.<sup>25</sup>
- In 2001, more than 16,063 Hawaii grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.<sup>26</sup>

**For additional child welfare statistics, references, and pertinent notes, visit CWLA's National Data Analysis System at <http://ndas.cwla.org>.**

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