

The Hawai'i County Early Childhood Community Profile is intended to strengthen our understanding of the wellbeing of families with young children in Hawai'i County. The Community Profile brings together data on key dimensions of child and family wellbeing, including economic conditions, housing, health, early care and education, and the status of key resources that help to support families with young children.

**FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

Children under Age 5

**11,414**

Hawai'i County population 0-4

**21.5% of Hawai'i County's population is made up of children and youth.**

In 2019, 5.7% of the county's population was younger than age 5.

2019 ACS, 1-Yr Estimate

**29.7% of the county population is Native Hawaiian or Native Hawaiian in combination with another race.**

OHA Wiki Native Hawaiian Data 2021

White	33%
Two or more races	30%
Asian	23%
Native Hawaiian*	12%
Other	2%

\*or Pacific Islander

Hispanic/Latino ethnicity	13%
Migrant/foreign born	15%

2019 ACS, 1-Yr Estimate

There are 71,193 households in Hawai'i County. 19,098 households are families raising children under age 18. 2019 ACS, 1-Yr Estimate

Households with children under 5 **7,850**

Households with children under 5 only **2,982**

Households with young children and school-aged children **4,868**

Households with young children (under 5) headed by single parent **931**  
**12%**

834 children live in foster care

Foster children under 5 **380**

FFY2021, HI DHS 2020 Data Book

Grandparents raising children **4,655**

32% of grandparents raising grandchildren are in the workforce.

**8% of grandparents raising grandchildren live in poverty.**

**FAMILY ECONOMICS**

Jobs and economic conditions influence the ability of families to provide for themselves and their children. Economic conditions also contribute to the stress that families experience. Unemployment in Hawai'i County is low, but for many families wages have not kept up with the high cost of living.

Children living in poverty

Age 0-18 **8,284** **19%**

Age 0-5 **2,057** **19%**

Hawai'i County

2019 ACS, 1-Yr Estimate

**Federal Poverty Level (FPL)**

The Federal Poverty Level (FPL) is a measure of income used by the U.S. government to determine who is eligible for subsidies, programs, and benefits.

**ALICE Family Survival Budget**

ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) families are often forced to make difficult choices such as forgoing health care, settling for lower quality childcare, buying less healthy foods, or failing to carry car insurance.

United Way's ALICE project estimates that an income of \$67,600 is needed for families to live in Hawai'i Co.

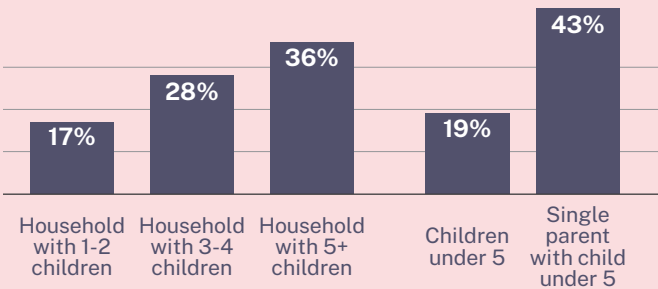
**Close to half of families are living on incomes that fall below the ALICE level**

Families living below ALICE survival budget

HI County	48%
Kau	70%
Pahoa-Kalapana	65%
North Hilo	61%
Keaau-Mountain View	57%

2018 ALICE by Community, United Way Report, NOTE: Municipal level data is for County Subdivisions and relies on 5-year averages.

Households living under Federal Poverty Line

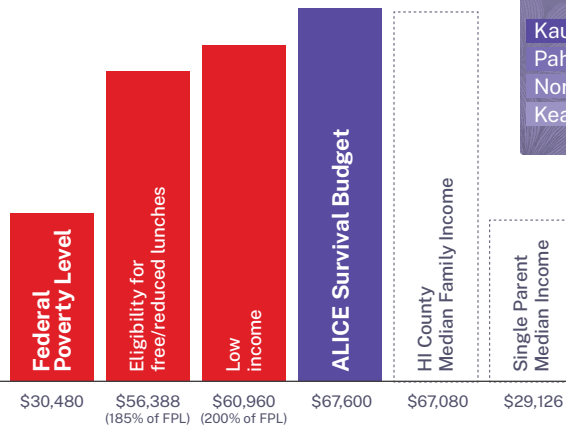


**25% of Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders in Hawai'i County live in poverty.**

Hawai'i County Children Under 5 in Poverty

2019 ACS, 5-Yr Estimate

Hilo	704
Hawaiian Ocean View	507
Mountain View	287
Captain Cook	151
Hawaiian Beaches	131



2021 income levels for a family of four, with children under 18

Families with young children receiving public assistance\* **41%**

Families with children 0-4, HI County \*Supplemental Security Income, cash public assistance, or Food Stamps/SNAP

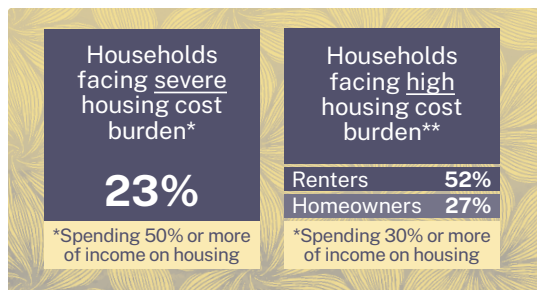
Share of all individuals receiving assistance

HI County	47%
Statewide	45%

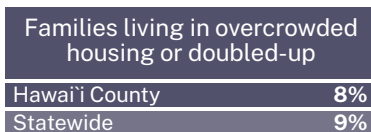
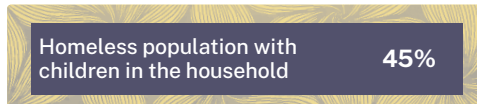
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## HOUSING

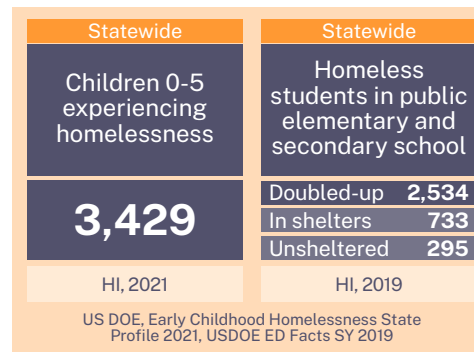
Safe, secure and affordable housing is a core support for families. In Hawai'i County, families with young children face particular challenges when it comes to finding affordable housing.



HI County 2019 ACS, 1-Yr Estimate, countyhealthrankings.org



2019 ACS, 1-Yr Estimate, BTG Homeless PIT Data, State of Hawaii 2020 Data Book

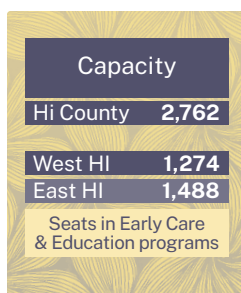


## EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

Child care is a vital support for families with young children. High quality early learning opportunities support early childhood development and school readiness. Child care also is a critical work support, allowing parents to earn a living.



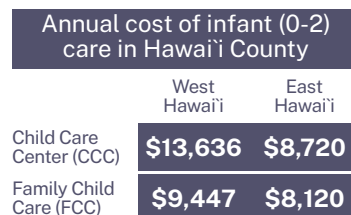
Hawai'i County 2019 ACS, 1-Yr Estimate



PATCH Report, Dec 2021



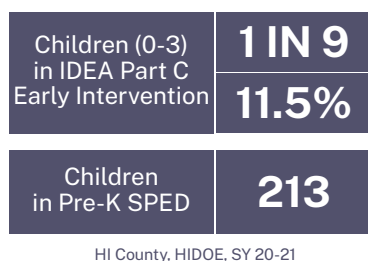
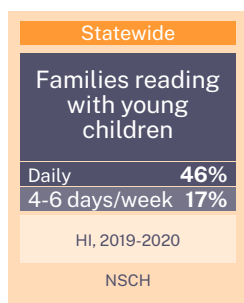
PATCH Child Care Capacity Report Jan 2022, ACS 1-Yr Estimate 2019



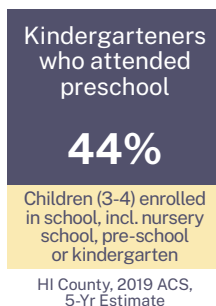
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Hawai'i has one of the highest child care costs in the U.S.  
World Population Review 2021

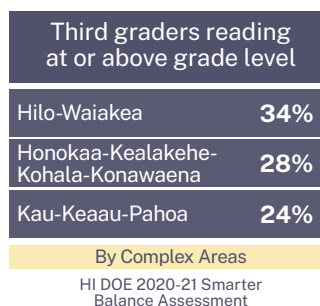
[Read ECAS brief on Child Care Cost in Hawai'i](#)



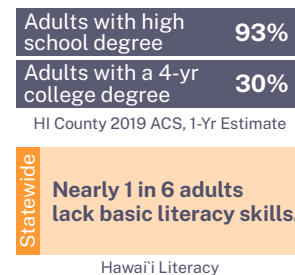
HI County, HIDOE, SY 20-21



HI County, 2019 ACS, 5-Yr Estimate

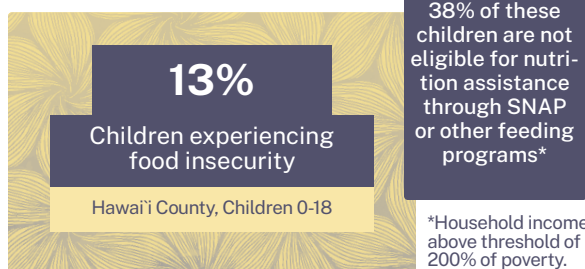


HI DOE 2020-21 Smarter Balance Assessment



## HEALTH & NUTRITION

Health in early childhood contributes to physical, cognitive, social and emotional development, school readiness and overall well-being. Children's health is supported when families have access to health insurance and a regular source of health care. Health is also supported by secure access to nutritious food.



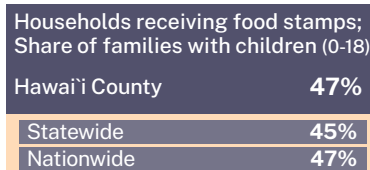
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, 2021, Feeding America



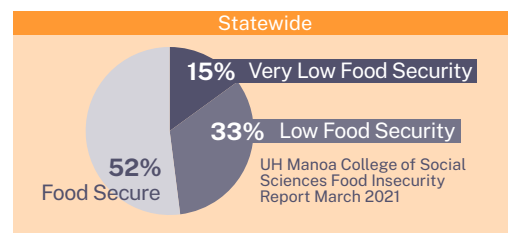
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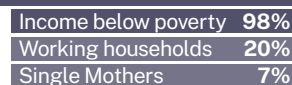
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP), 2019



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Population served by Hawai'i Island Food Basket



2020, Hawai'i Island Food Basket