

Nā Kama a Hāloa Network

Native Hawaiian Keiki in the Child Welfare System State Fiscal Year 2021 FACT SHEET

For Native Hawaiian keiki under 18 in the State of Hawai'i: There are 101,096 Native Hawaiians under the age of 18 in Hawai'i accounting for 7.0% of the total state population (n=1,441,553) and 33.2% of the total population under the age of 18 in Hawai'i (n=304,201).

Source: U.S Census Bureau (2021). American Community Survey 2021 1-Year Estimates. Table S0201 Selected Population Profile in the United States.

Hawaiian & Non-Hawaiian Children in Foster Care SFYs 2017 - 2021										
	SFY 2017		SFY 2018		SFY 2019		SFY 2020		SFY 2021	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Hawaiian	1238	47%	1229	46%	1240	45%	1200	45%	1131	45%
Non-Hawaiian	1392	53%	1458	54%	1544	55%	1479	55%	1392	55%
Total	2630	100%	2687	100%	2784	100%	2679	100%	2523	100%

Hawaiian & Non-Hawaiian Children who Emancipated from Foster Care SFYs 2017 - 2021										
	SFY 2017		SFY 2018		SFY 2019		SFY 2020		SFY 2021	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Hawaiian	29	43%	27	36%	38	45%	26	38%	47	53%
Non-Hawaiian	38	57%	48	64%	46	55%	42	62%	41	47%
Total	67	100%	75	100%	84	100%	68	100%	88	100%

Children in Foster Care & Percentage Change SFYs 2017 - 2021							
REGION	SFY 2017	SFY 2018	SFY 2019	SFY 2020	SFY 2021	% CHANGE 2017 - 2021	
						NUMBER	PERCENT
O'AHU	1313	1343	1456	1287	1239	-74	-5.6%
E HAWAI'I	516	567	545	619	545	29	5.6%
W HAWAI'I	244	292	272	220	182	-62	-25.4%
MAUI	385	331	371	373	381	-4	-1.0%
KAUA'I	172	154	140	180	173	1	0.6%
Statewide	2630	2687	2784	2679	2520	-110	-4.2%

Data Source: DHS, CPSS C12-ZZZ, Child Removal Data for SFY20xx [% change over five years = (SFY2021-SFY2017)/SFY2017] Hawai'i Data Booklet APSR FFY 2023.

Outcomes for ALL of the Native Hawaiian children under the care of the Hawai'i Child Welfare Services:

41% reunified with parent(s) **24%** under Legal Guardianship
26% become adopted **9%** are emancipated from care



We invite you to scan this QR code to take a brief survey on NH keiki in the child welfare system. Your mana'o is greatly appreciated.