

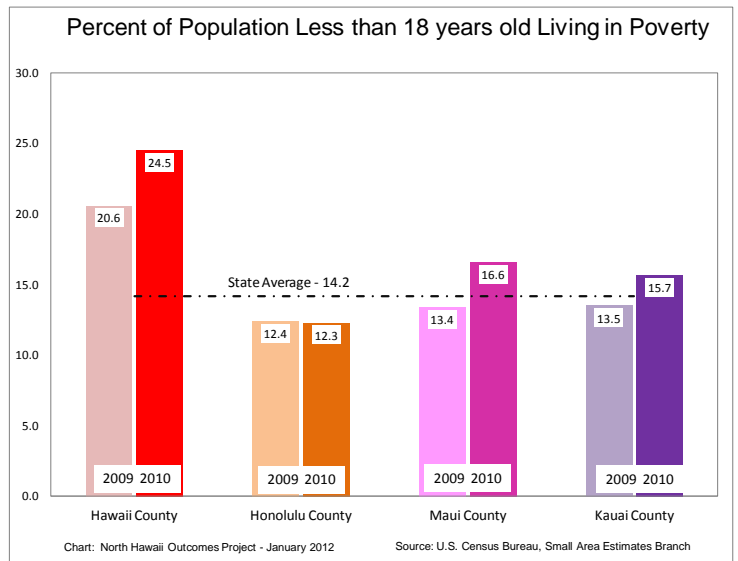
Health Status - Children

Vision: *Children are safe, healthy and ready to succeed in school.*

More Children Living in Poverty in Hawaii County

In 2010, nearly one in four Hawaii County children under 18 years old were estimated to be living in poverty. In 2010, 24.5% of children under 18 years old in Hawaii County lived in poverty, compared to 12.3% in the City and County of Honolulu, according to the U.S. Census estimates. Between 2009 to 2010, Hawaii County had an increase in children in poverty from 20.6% to 24.5% (see Figure 44).

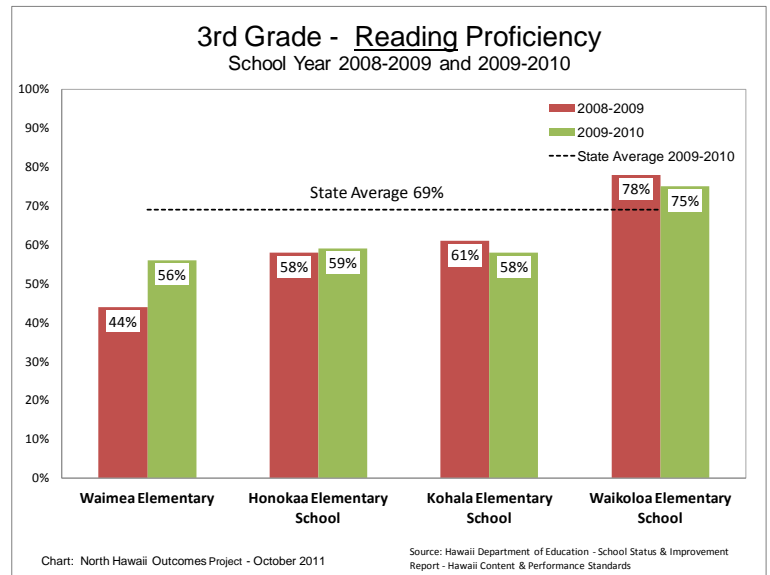
Figure 44



North Hawaii 3rd Grade Reading Below State Average

Since education is correlated with health and with adult success as noted on page 7, reading proficiency is a relevant indicator. Data from the Department of Education website on 3rd grade reading proficiency and math proficiency shows the Hawaii County Public Schools in North Hawaii have a lower reading proficiency than the state average, except for Waikoloa Elementary school in 2009-2010, which was higher (see Figure 45).

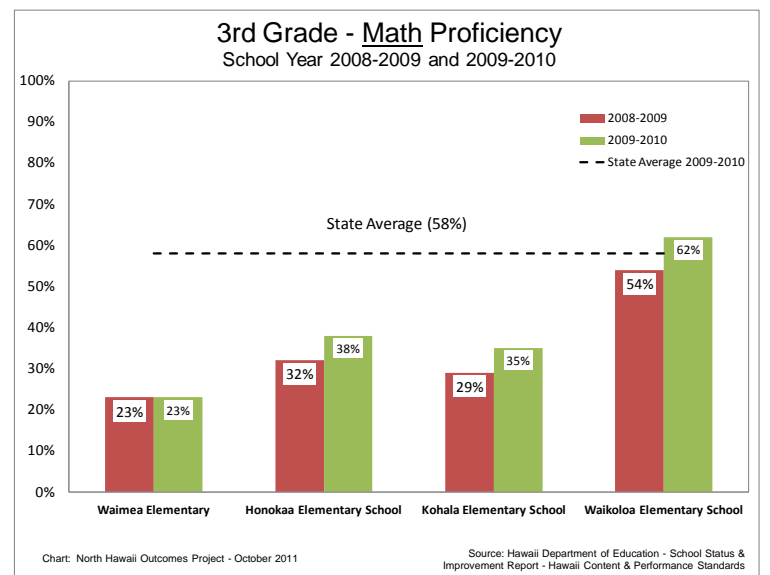
Figure 45



North Hawaii 3rd Grade Math Below State Average

Third grade math proficiency in North Hawaii schools was generally much lower than the state average for 2009-2010, except for Waikoloa Elementary School (see figure 46).

Figure 46



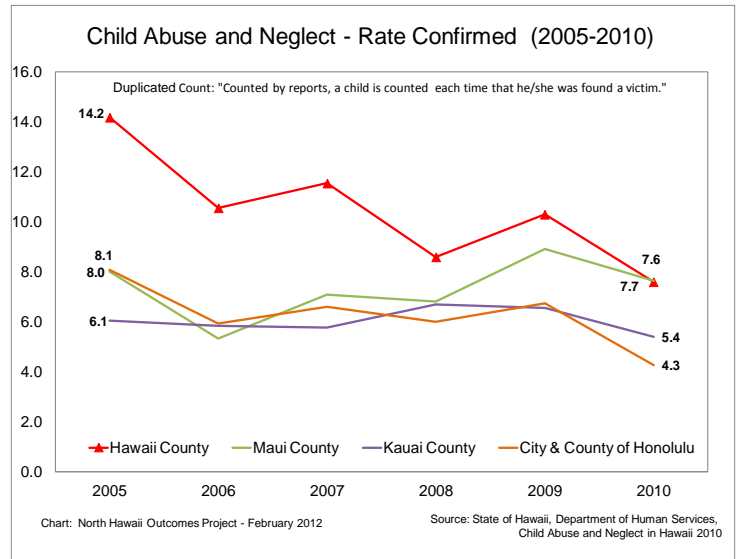
Note:

Improving the health of the people in Hawaii County will require mobilizing resources to support children to have proficient reading skills by grade four, graduate from high school and complete at least a 13th year of school.

Higher Rate of Confirmed Child Abuse and Neglect in Hawaii County

Hawaii County has a consistently higher rate of confirmed child abuse and neglect compared to all of the other counties in Hawaii. However, the Hawaii County rate appears to be improving (see Figure 47).

Figure 47

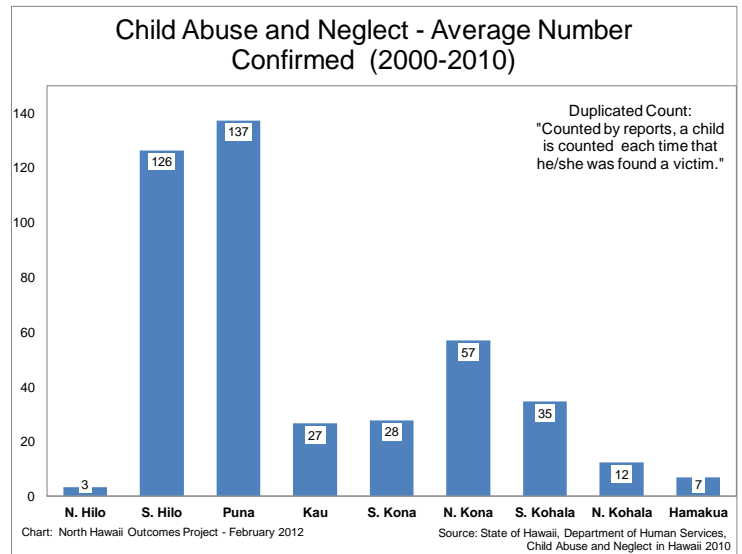


Higher Number of Confirmed Child Abuse and Neglect in Puna and South Hilo

Within Hawaii County, there are higher numbers of confirmed child abuse in Puna and South Hilo (see Figure 48).

Note: Child abuse is a critical indicator to improve, in part because victims of child abuse and neglect have significantly more mental illness and chronic diseases and require substantially more support. Victims of child abuse are also less likely to receive the nurturing necessary for optimal development and health.

Figure 48



Keiki Fest Waimea - 2006