

The KS Impact: *Increasing Access to Quality Educational Experiences*

The Facts

- Hawaiian children are under-represented in K-12 private schools across the country.
- Kamehameha Schools contributes substantially to increasing access for indigenous Hawaiians to private school education.
- In 2000, Kamehameha Schools served roughly five percent of all Hawaiian K-12 children in the state. Without Kamehameha Schools, non-Hawaiian children would be more than twice as likely to attend private schools as Hawaiian children.
- In 2003, more than half (55 percent) of all Hawaiian private school students in Hawai'i were enrolled at Kamehameha Schools.

Background

In the state of Hawai'i, where 180 of 280 schools (64 percent) allegedly failed the No Child Left Behind mandates (see *Honolulu Advertiser*, Sept. 19, 2003), many parents turn to independent schools. Given the cost of private education, however, it is difficult for most low-income families, including Hawaiians, to afford these educational opportunities.

Table 1. The Impact of Kamehameha Schools (2000)*	
Preschool	
19%	of all Hawaiian preschool-age children in Hawai'i attend KS preschools.
12%	of all Hawaiian preschool-age children in the United States attend KS preschools.
34%	of all Hawaiian children enrolled in preschool in Hawai'i attend KS preschools.
K – 12	
13%	of all Hawaiian K-12 students in the state attend private schools, compared to 17% of non-Hawaiian students.
40%	of those Hawaiian private-school students in Hawai'i attend Kamehameha Schools (accounting for 5% of all Hawaiian children in the state).
28%	of all Hawaiian private-school students in the United States attend Kamehameha Schools (accounting for 3% of all Hawaiian children in the nation).
Post-High	
11%	of Hawaiian students in colleges throughout the nation receive financial assistance from Kamehameha Schools.
20%	of Hawaiian students in graduate schools throughout the state receive financial assistance from Kamehameha Schools.

* Source: Census 2000; KS enrollment data 2000

Table 1, which summarizes some key points from the appendix table, indicates that Hawaiian children are under-represented in the state's independent educational institutions. The low number of Hawaiian students is disturbing, given the well-documented and ongoing challenges the public school system faces in meeting the needs of many Hawaiian students (e.g., Kana'iaupuni & Ishibashi, 2003).

Most significantly, Table 1 shows the important role that Kamehameha Schools plays in increasing opportunities for Hawaiian families to attend higher quality private schools. In 2000, more than one-third of all Hawaiian private-school students were enrolled in Kamehameha Schools—five percentage points of the total 13 percent in Hawai'i. Excluding Kamehameha Schools, only eight percent of Hawaiian K-12 students attended private schools (13 – 5 = 8), compared to 17 percent of non-Hawaiians and 20 percent of Japanese and Chinese students in the state (not shown).

In recent years, Kamehameha Schools has significantly expanded the number of students served (see Table 2). Students in preschool and K-12 schools saw a 37 percent to 39 percent increase in the last three years.

Table 2. KS Contributions Are on the Rise: Current Snapshot (2003)*	
Preschool	
39%	increase in number of preschoolers served (from 1,006 in 2000 to 1,399 in 2003).
K – 12	
37%	increase in number of K-12 children served (from 3,530 in 2000 to 4,833 in 2003).
39%	of all Hawaiian private-school students in the nation are currently enrolled at Kamehameha Schools.
55%	of all Hawaiian private-school students in Hawai'i are currently enrolled at Kamehameha Schools.

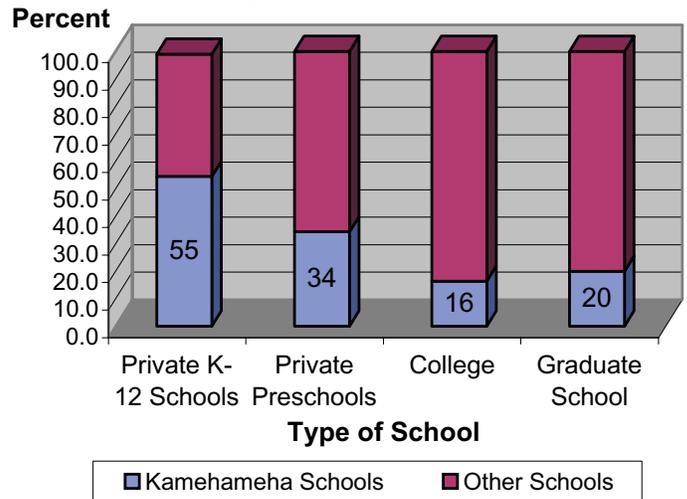
* Source: Based on distributions reported in Census 2000; KS enrollment data 2003

These figures highlight the efforts of Kamehameha Schools to achieve the vision and will of Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop. Having high-quality educational alternatives is critical for Hawaiian students whose needs are not met by a struggling public school system.

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Hawai'i Snapshot: % of Hawaiian Learners Served by Kamehameha Schools in 2003



Appendix: Kamehameha Schools' contributions to Hawaiian education: 2000

	United States					State of Hawai'i				
	Hawaiians			Non-Hawaiians		Hawaiians			Non-Hawaiians	
	Number	Percentage of ...		Number	PCT of	Number	Percentage of ...		Number	PCT of
	Enrolled	Private	Enrolled	Enrolled	Enrolled	Enrolled	Private	Enrolled	Enrolled	
Population (3 years & older)	377,021			269,699,155		226,847			938,513	
Enrolled in Preschool	8,534	100.0		4,949,048	100.0	5,439	100.0		12,470	100.0
Public	4,210	49.3		2,662,396	53.8	2,508	46.1		5,021	40.3
Private	4,324	50.7	100.0	2,286,652	46.2	2,931	53.9	100.0	7,449	59.7
Kamehameha Schools	1,006	11.8	23.3			1,006	18.5	34.3		
Enrolled in K-12	109,233	100.0		54,082,850	100.0	70,054	100.0		153,131	100.0
Public	96,684	88.5		48,277,955	89.3	61,193	87.4		127,506	83.3
Private	12,549	11.5	100.0	5,804,895	10.7	8,861	12.6	100.0	25,625	16.7
Kamehameha Schools	3,530	3.2	28.1			3,530	5.0	39.8		
Enrolled in College	25,232	100.0		14,350,532	100.0	11,580	100.0		54,774	100.0
Public	19,206	76.1		11,135,347	77.6	9,042	78.1		41,446	75.7
Private	6,026	23.9		3,215,185	22.4	2,538	21.9		13,328	24.3
Kamehameha Financial Aid	2,760	10.9				1,902	16.4			
Enrolled in Grad/Prof School	3,320	100.0		3,104,178	100.0	1,450	100.0		11,944	100.0
Kamehameha Financial Aid	406	12.2				290	20.0			

Sources: General enrollment data: Census 2000, Summary File 4 (SF4).
 Kamehameha Schools Preschool data: ECE data files (1999-2000).
 Kamehameha Schools K-12 data: PASE Report Report No. 99-00: 5 (1999-2000).
 Kamehameha Schools Post-secondary data: Post-Secondary Financial Aid database (1999-2000).



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