

Hawaii Population Characteristics 2012

The U.S. Census Bureau released the 2012 National, State and County population characteristics on June 13, 2013. The following are a few facts about Hawaii.

On July 1, 2012, Asians (alone or in combination) accounted for 56.9% of the state total population (ranked #1 in the nation in terms of shares of Asians in total population; ranked second was California at 15.8%). On July 1, 2012, Honolulu County had the largest percentage of Asian (alone or in combination with other races) population at 60.9%, followed by Kauai County at 51.4%, Maui County at 47.7%, and Hawaii County at 45.7%.

On July 1, 2012, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders (alone or in combination) accounted for 26.2% of Hawaii's total population (ranked #1 in the country in terms of shares of this race group in the total population). Hawaii County had the largest share of Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders at 34.3%, followed by Maui County at 27.5%, Kauai County at 25.8%, and Honolulu County at 24.4%.

On July 1, 2012, White (alone or in combination) accounted for 43.0% of the state total population (ranked on the bottom in terms of shares of this race group in the total population with Washington D.C. ranked second lowest having 44.8% of its population in this category). Within the state, Hawaii County ranked the first in terms of shares of White population. 56.2% of the total population on the Island of Hawaii was White alone or in combination with other races on July 1, 2012. Maui County had 52.3% of White population and ranked the second, followed by Kauai County at 51.3%, and then Honolulu County at 38.3%.

On July 1, 2012, Hawaii had 48,532 people with a Black or African American (alone or in combination) racial background. There were also 36,408 people who were American Indian and Alaska Native (alone or in combination) in Hawaii on July 1, 2012.

On July 1, 2012, the population 65 year and above accounted for 15.1% (ranked 9th in the nation), while persons 85 years of age and above shared 2.5% of the total population (5th place in the nation).

Minority population comprised 77.2% of our state's population. "Minority" is defined by the U.S. Census Bureau as the population identifying their race and ethnicity as something other than non-Hispanic White race alone. By county, Honolulu County was the highest with an 80.6% minority population. Next was Kauai County with a 69.9% minority population, followed by Hawaii County with 69.3% and Maui County with 68.4%.

Hawaii's population 65 years and above increased by 4.1% from July 1, 2011 to July 1, 2012 while our total population increased 1.0% a year during the same period.

On July 1, 2012, Kauai County had the highest percentage of 65 year + population at 16.1% followed by Hawaii County with 15.9%. 15.1% of the population in Honolulu County was 65 years or above in July 2012 while Maui County had the smallest share of 65 year + population at 14.0%

Population in Honolulu County was relatively younger with median age of 37.3 years in July 2012, followed by Maui County at 40.2 years, and Hawaii County at 41.3 years. Median age for population on Kauai was 41.8 years in July 2012. Statewide median age in July 2012 was 38.3 years, which was lower than last year's median age of 38.5 years.

On July 1, 2012, Hawaii's total population consisted of 50.4% males and 49.6% females.

Mixed race population in Hawaii was 23.0% on July 1, 2012, while the percentage of mixed race population in the nation on the same day was only 2.4%.

School age population (5-17 years) decreased by 1,399 between the 2011 to 2012 period.

The population and its characteristics are estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau based on the 2010 Census population, vital statistics, administrative records, Federal tax return, and the results from the American Community Survey. These estimates tend to change when more information become available.