
Hawaii Population Characteristics 2014

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The U.S. Census Bureau released the 2014 State and County population characteristics on June 25, 2015. The following are some facts about Hawaii.

What did the racial composition of our population look like on July 1, 2014?

Asians (alone or in combination) accounted for 56.2% of the state total population. Honolulu County had the largest percentage of Asian (alone or in combination with other races) population at 60.2%, followed by Kauai County at 50.8%, Maui County at 47.1%, and Hawaii County at 45.0%.

Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders (alone or in combination) accounted for 26.0% of Hawaii's total population. Hawaii County had the largest share of Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders at 34.4%, followed by Maui County at 27.7%, Kauai County at 25.7%, and Honolulu County at 24.1%.

White (alone or in combination) accounted for 43.6% of the state total population. Within the state, Hawaii County ranked the first in terms of shares of White population. 56.3% of the total population on the Island of Hawaii was White alone or in combination with other races on July 1, 2014. Maui County had 52.2% of the White population and ranked the second, followed by Kauai County at 51.8%, and then Honolulu County at 39.1%.

Black or African American (alone or in combination) accounted for 3.8% of the population in the State of Hawaii while the *American Indian and Alaska Native (alone or in combination)* group made up 2.6% of the state's population.

Mixed race population in Hawaii was 23.0%.

Minority population comprised 77.0% of our state's population. By county, Honolulu County was the highest with an 80.4% minority population. Next was Kauai County with a 69.9% minority population, followed by Hawaii County with 69.4% and Maui County with 68.7%. "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.

What did the age breakdown of our population look like on July 1, 2014?

The population 65 year and above accounted for 16.1% of the total population in 2014.

The population 65 years and over grew from 195,138 on April 1, 2010 to 228,154 on July 1, 2014, an average annual growth rate of 3.7%. This age group grew about 4 times faster than the total population which increased over the same time period by 1.0% annually.

On July 1, 2014, Hawaii County had the highest percentage of 65 year + population at 17.5% followed closely by Kauai County with 17.4%. 15.8% of the population in Honolulu County was 65 years or above in July 2013 while Maui County had the smallest share of 65 year + population at 15.1%

Between April 1, 2010 and July 1, 2014, Hawaii's ratio of the dependent population to the working population increased. In 2010, there were 58 dependent people to every 100 working-age population. In 2014, there were 61 dependent people to every 100 working-age population. The "working population" are people between the ages of 18 and 64, while the "dependent population" are those either under 18 years of age or those age 65 and over.

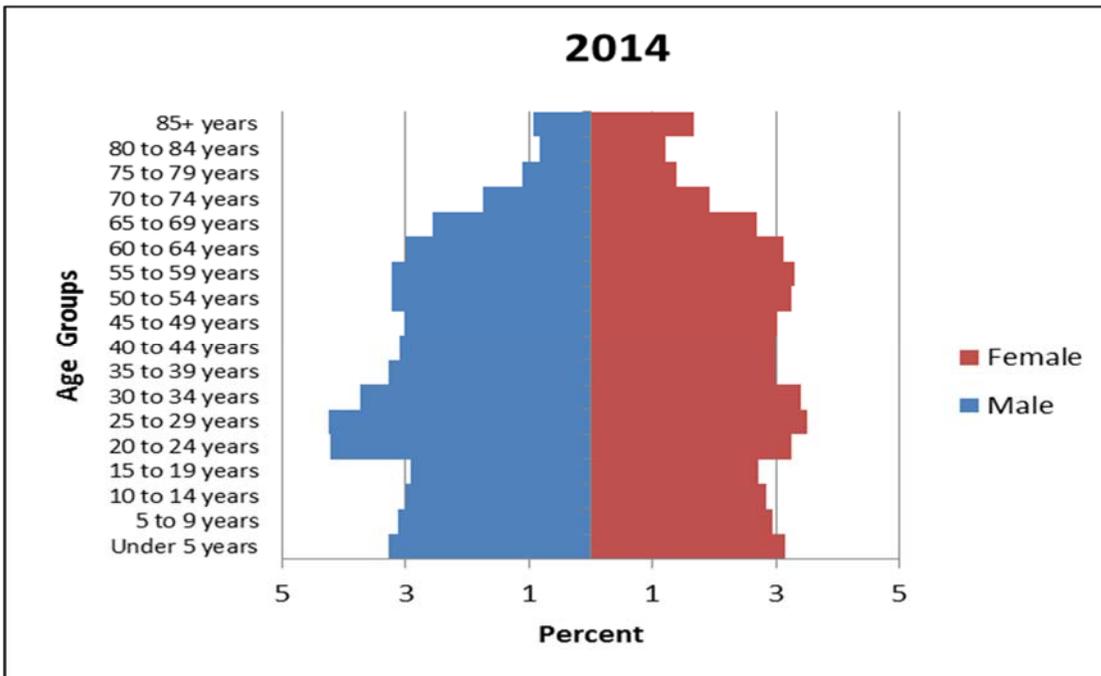
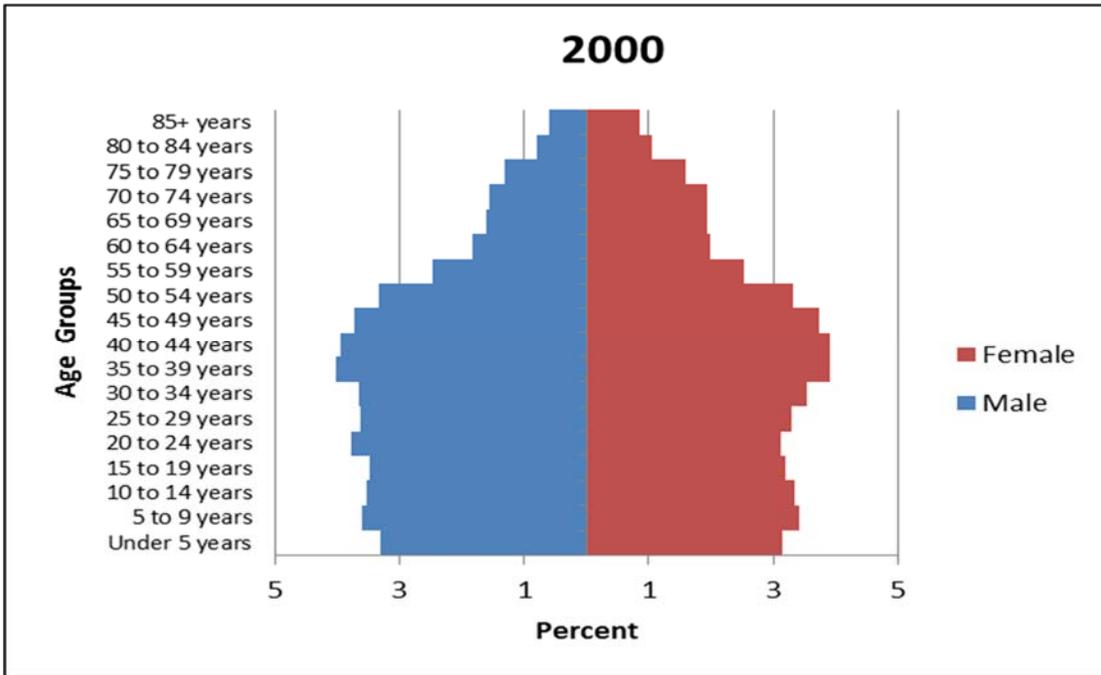
What did the gender breakdown of our population look like on July 1, 2014?

Hawaii's total population consisted of 50.6% males and 49.4% females.

Some highlights regarding age were discussed above. Changes to our state's overall age structure between 2000 and 2014 may be seen by comparing the two age pyramids shown below.

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.

Population Pyramid for the State of Hawaii, 2000 vs. 2014



Source: Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Research and Economic Analysis Division.