



Hawaii County, Hawaii

Population and Housing Narrative Profile: 2009

Data Set: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

NOTE. Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.

For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES: In 2009 there were 66,000 households in Hawaii County. The average household size was 2.6 people.

Families made up 66 percent of the households in Hawaii County. This figure includes both married-couple families (46 percent) and other families (20 percent). Nonfamily households made up 34 percent of all households in Hawaii County. Most of the nonfamily households were people living alone, but some were composed of people living in households in which no one was related to the householder.

NATIVITY AND LANGUAGE: Nine percent of the people living in Hawaii County in 2009 were foreign born. Ninety-one percent was native, including 58 percent who were born in Hawaii.

Among people at least five years old living in Hawaii County in 2009, 18 percent spoke a language other than English at home. Of those speaking a language other than English at home, 16 percent spoke Spanish and 84 percent spoke some other language; 31 percent reported that they did not speak English "very well."

GEOGRAPHIC MOBILITY: In 2009, 85 percent of the people at least one year old living in Hawaii County were living in the same residence one year earlier; 10 percent had moved during the past year from another residence in the same county, 1 percent from another county in the same state, 3 percent from another state, and less than 0.5 percent from abroad.

EDUCATION: In 2009, 92 percent of people 25 years and over had at least graduated from high school and 27 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. Eight percent were dropouts; they were not enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school.

The total school enrollment in Hawaii County was 43,000 in 2009. Nursery school and kindergarten enrollment was 4,800 and elementary or high school enrollment was 28,000 children. College or graduate school enrollment was 10,000.

DISABILITY: In Hawaii County, among people at least five years old in 2009, 13 percent reported a disability. The likelihood of having a disability varied by age - from 2 percent of people 5 to 15 years old, to 11 percent of people 16 to 64 years old, and to 39 percent of those 65 and older.

INDUSTRIES: In 2009, for the employed population 16 years and older, the leading industries in Hawaii County were Educational services, and health care, and social assistance, 20 percent, and Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services, 16 percent.

OCCUPATIONS AND TYPE OF EMPLOYER: Among the most common occupations were: Management, professional, and related occupations, 31 percent; Sales and office occupations, 26 percent; Service occupations, 23 percent; Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair

occupations, 11 percent; and Production, transportation, and material moving occupations, 9 percent. Sixty-five percent of the people employed were Private wage and salary workers; 20 percent was Federal, state, or local government workers; and 14 percent was Self-employed in own not incorporated business workers.

TRAVEL TO WORK: Seventy-one percent of Hawaii County workers drove to work alone in 2009, 13 percent carpooled, 1 percent took public transportation, and 6 percent used other means. The remaining 9 percent worked at home. Among those who commuted to work, it took them on average 23 minutes to get to work.

INCOME: The median income of households in Hawaii County was \$55,460. Seventy-nine percent of the households received earnings and 21 percent received retirement income other than Social Security. Thirty-three percent of the households received Social Security. The average income from Social Security was \$15,893. These income sources are not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income from more than one source.

POVERTY AND PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS: In 2009, 14 percent of people were in poverty. Twenty percent of related children under 18 were below the poverty level, compared with 8 percent of people 65 years old and over. Ten percent of all families and 18 percent of families with a female householder and no husband present had incomes below the poverty level.

POPULATION OF Hawaii County: In 2009, Hawaii County had a total population of 178,000 - 87,000 (49 percent) females and 91,000 (51 percent) males. The median age was 39.5 years. Twenty-three percent of the population was under 18 years and 14 percent was 65 years and older.

For people reporting one race alone, 35 percent was White; 1 percent was Black or African American; less than 0.5 percent was American Indian and Alaska Native; 23 percent was Asian; 11 percent was Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 2 percent was Some other race. Twenty-seven percent reported Two or more races. Twelve percent of the people in Hawaii County was Hispanic. Thirty-three percent of the people in Hawaii County was White non-Hispanic. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS: In 2009, Hawaii County had a total of 81,000 housing units, 18 percent of which were vacant. Of the total housing units, 77 percent was in single-unit structures, 23 percent was in multi-unit structures, and less than 0.5 percent was mobile homes. Thirty-five percent of the housing units were built since 1990.

OCCUPIED HOUSING UNIT CHARACTERISTICS: In 2009, Hawaii County had 66,000 occupied housing units - 42,000 (63 percent) owner occupied and 24,000 (37 percent) renter occupied. Two percent of the households did not have telephone service and 5 percent of the households did not have access to a car, truck, or van for private use. Multi Vehicle households were not rare. Thirty-eight percent had two vehicles and another 24 percent had three or more.

HOUSING COSTS: The median monthly housing costs for mortgaged owners was \$1,688, nonmortgaged owners \$323, and renters \$1,067. Forty-nine percent of owners with mortgages, 12 percent of owners without mortgages, and 50 percent of renters in Hawaii County spent 30 percent or more of household income on housing.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey

The U.S. Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program produces the [official population estimates for the nation, states, counties and places](#), and the [official estimates of housing units for states and counties](#). The population and housing characteristics included above are derived from the American Community Survey.

Notes:

- Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.
- Percentages are based on unrounded numbers.