

# CENSUS DATA HIGHLIGHTS

Hawaii State Data Center, September 15, 2016

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2015 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY 1-YEAR DATA FOR HAWAII

The U.S. Census Bureau released income, poverty, health insurance, housing and other data from its American Community Survey (ACS) for 2015 on September 15, 2016. The Census Bureau releases 1-year data for areas with a population size of 65,000 and above. About 1.8% of Hawaii's population were surveyed during 2015.

### State Data

In 2015, the **median household income** for Hawaii was \$73,486 which was an increase from the inflation-adjusted 2014 median income of \$69,615. This change was statistically significant. Hawaii was the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest median household income in the nation.

Hawaii's **median family income** in 2015 was \$83,823, an increase from last year's inflation-adjusted median value of \$79,271. This change was statistically significant. Among all states in the nation, Hawaii had the 8<sup>th</sup> highest median family income.

The **percent of people in poverty** decreased from 11.4% in 2014 to 10.6% in 2015. This difference, however, was not statistically significant. The State of Hawaii ranked as the 45<sup>th</sup> lowest in the nation for percent of people in poverty.

The **percent of families in poverty** decreased from 7.8% in 2014 to 6.9% in 2015. The difference was not statistically significant.

The **percent of population with no health insurance coverage** among Hawaii's civilian population was 4.0% in 2015, a decrease from the 5.3% in 2014. This change was statistically significant. Hawaii was the fourth lowest in percentage of no health insurance coverage in the nation.

Hawaii's **median housing value** increased from \$528,000 in 2014 to \$566,900 in 2015. This increase was statistically significant. Hawaii remained #1 in the ranking with the highest median housing value in the U.S.

The **median housing costs for owners with a mortgage** rose from \$2,175 in 2014 to \$2,248 in 2015. This difference was statistically significant. The State of Hawaii ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> highest among all states in regard to median cost.

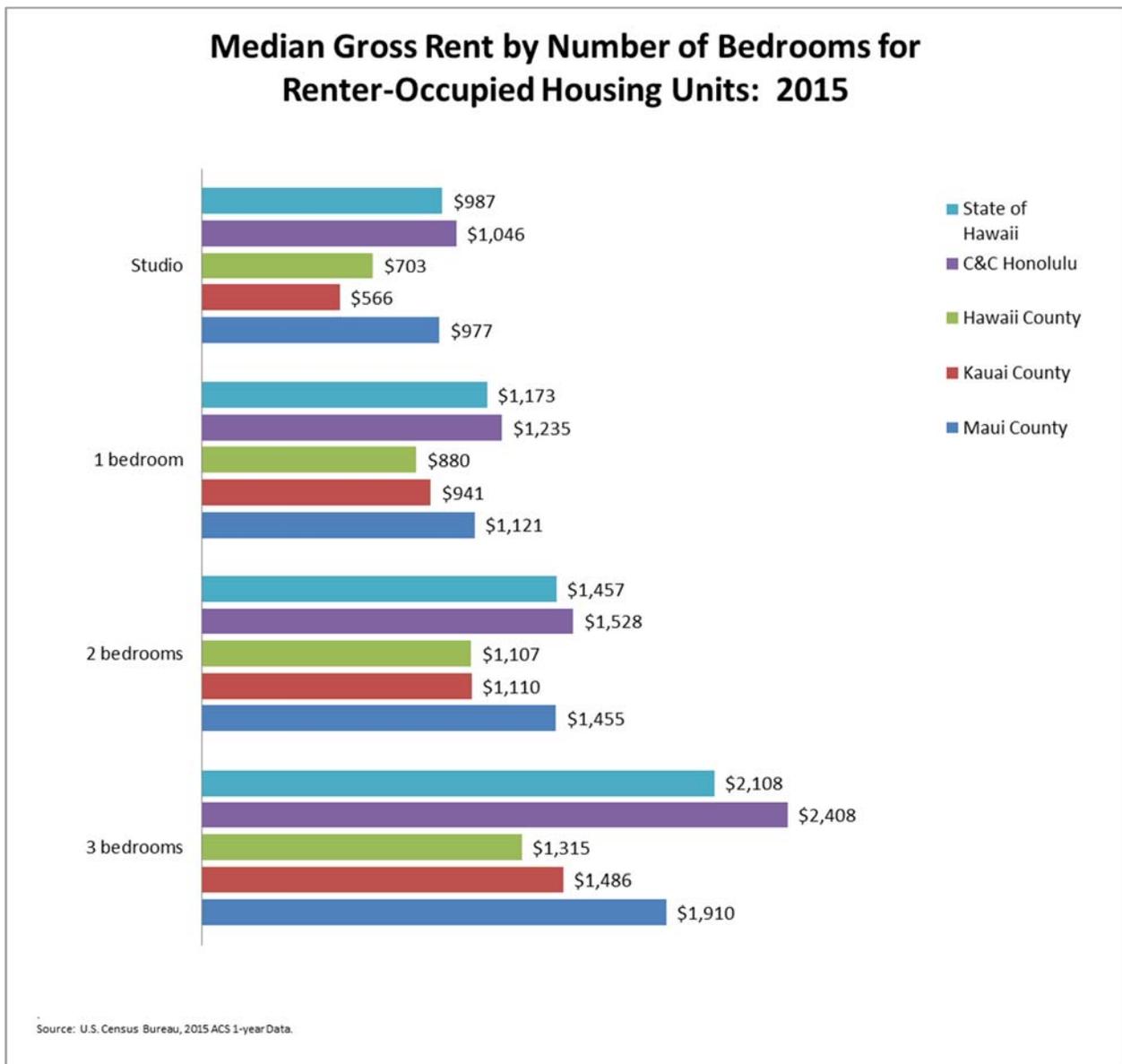
The state's **median housing costs for renter-occupied housing units** increased from \$1,448 in 2014 to \$1,500 in 2015. This increase was statistically significant. Hawaii remained #1 in the ranking for median gross rent in the U.S.



## New in the 2015 ACS

This year, new data on living arrangements by age for adults 18 years and over as well as data on median gross rent by number of bedrooms for renter-occupied housing units were introduced. In addition, 3 new tables relating to the subject areas of computer & internet use, health insurance, and bachelor's field of degree were premiered.

A graph depicting the new renter data relating to median gross rent is shown below.<sup>1</sup> The chart below shows that the C & C Honolulu had the highest median rent in all bedroom categories with Maui County consistently the second in regard to highest median rent. The full information is available for this variable on the Census Bureau website.



Another housing data change related to the value of owner-occupied housing units. The top value category of \$1 million or more was separated into 3 categories.

**OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS WITH VALUES OF  
\$1 MILLION OR MORE, BY COUNTY: 2015**

Value	State total	City and County of Honolulu	Hawaii County	Maui County
Total owner-occupied units	252,435	164,770	43,524	30,523
Total \$1,000,000 or more	29,510	24,276	1,175	2,904
\$1,000,000 to \$1,499,999	18,638	15,708	606	1,807
\$1,500,000 to \$1,999,999	5,675	4,432	197	615
\$2,000,000 or more	5,197	4,136	372	482
Percentage of owner-occupied units				
Total \$1,000,000 or more	11.7	14.7	2.7	9.5
\$1,000,000 to \$1,499,999	7.4	9.5	1.4	5.9
\$1,500,000 to \$1,999,999	2.2	2.7	0.5	2.0
\$2,000,000 or more	2.1	2.5	0.9	1.6

The 2015 data revealed that of the 29,510 owner-occupied housing units valued at \$1 million or more, over 5,000 of them were worth \$2 million or more.<sup>2</sup> Among the three counties shown, the C & C Honolulu had the highest proportion of owner-occupied housing units in the \$2 million or more category, followed by Maui County, then Hawaii County.

There was no data for Kauai County.

*Note: Kalawao County is included in the state total, but not shown separately. Rankings are for the 50 states and the District of Columbia.*

<sup>1</sup> Gross rent data above is the contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities (electricity, gas, and water and sewer) and fuels (oil, coal, kerosene, wood, etc.) if these are paid by the renter (or paid for the renter by someone else).

<sup>2</sup> A housing unit may be a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms or a single room that is occupied (or, if vacant, intended for occupancy) as separate living quarters.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Data and the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Research and Economic Analysis Division.

