

CENSUS DATA HIGHLIGHTS

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2016 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 2016 on September 14, 2017. 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 2016.

State Data

In 2016, the **median household income** for Hawaii was \$74,511 which was an increase from the inflation-adjusted 2015 median income of \$74,451. This change was not statistically significant. Hawaii had the 6th highest median household income in the nation.

Hawaii's **median family income** in 2016 was \$86,768, an increase from last year's inflation-adjusted median value of \$84,668. This change was not statistically significant. Among all states in the nation, Hawaii had the 7th highest median family income.

The **percent of people in poverty** decreased from 10.6% in 2015 to 9.3% in 2016. This difference was statistically significant. The State of Hawaii ranked as the 2nd lowest in the nation for percent of people in poverty.

The **percent of families in poverty** decreased from 6.9% in 2015 to 6.0% in 2016. The difference was not statistically significant.

The **percent of population with no health insurance coverage** among Hawaii's civilian population was 3.5% in 2016, a decrease from the 4.0% in 2015. This change was not statistically significant. Hawaii was the second lowest in percent of population with no health insurance coverage in the nation.

Hawaii's **median housing value** increased from \$566,900 in 2015 to \$592,000 in 2016. This increase was statistically significant. Hawaii remained #1 in the ranking with the highest median housing value in the U.S.

The **median monthly housing costs for owners with a mortgage** decreased from \$2,266 in 2015 to \$2,239 in 2016. This difference was not statistically significant. The State of Hawaii ranked 3rd highest among all states in regard to median cost.

The state's **median monthly housing costs for renter-occupied housing units** decreased from \$1,515 in 2015 to \$1,483 in 2016. This decrease was not statistically significant. Hawaii remained #1 in the ranking for median gross rent in the U.S.



New and Modified Tables

Some of the language categories in the ACS preset tables were changed to reflect the most commonly spoken languages today. This included displaying data for the “Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or other Austronesian languages” category.

The Internet use and computer questions were revised in 2016 to reflect current technology. For presence and type of Internet subscription in households, a separate “cellular data plan for smartphone or other mobile devices” category was included as well as the combining of broadband (high speed) Internet services such as cable, fiber optic or DSL service into a single category. Also, the two separate type of computer categories of “smartphone” and “tablet and other portable wireless computer” were added.

The State of Hawaii had a slightly higher percentage of households with an Internet subscription than the U.S. as a whole, 84% versus 82%. This was especially true for broadband subscriptions such as cable, fiber optic or DSL with Hawaii at 73% and the U.S. at 67%.

INTERNET SUBSCRIPTIONS IN HOUSEHOLD: 2016

	Hawaii	U.S.
Number of households	455,868	118,860,065
With an Internet subscription	380,863	97,307,412
Dial-up alone	1,690	510,666
Broadband such as cable, fiber optic, or DSL	334,692	80,017,971
Satellite Internet service	15,780	7,450,939
Other service	2,906	1,349,500
Internet access without a subscription	18,333	3,542,094
No Internet access	56,672	18,010,559
Percent	100.0	100.0
With an Internet subscription	83.5	81.9
Dial-up alone	0.4	0.4
Broadband such as cable, fiber optic, or DSL	73.4	67.3
Satellite Internet service	3.5	6.3
Other service	0.6	1.1
Internet access without a subscription	4.0	3.0
No Internet access	12.4	15.2

Note: Calculation by DBEDT.



There were computers in over 91% of households in the State of Hawaii in 2016. This is just slightly above the U.S. percentage of 89%. By county, computers in households ranged from 89% in Hawaii County to 92% in Maui County. About 82% of households in the state had a desktop or laptop while about 83% of households had a smartphone, tablet or other portable wireless computer, or other computer.

COMPUTER USE IN HOUSEHOLD: 2016

	State total 1/	City and County of Honolulu	Hawaii County	Kauai County	Maui County
Number of households	455,868	309,169	69,818	23,214	53,612
Has one or more types of computing devices	415,144	283,107	61,869	20,706	49,407
Desktop or laptop	371,581	256,493	53,788	17,942	43,303
Desktop or laptop alone	37,627	21,821	10,095	2,353	3,358
Smartphone, tablet or other portable wireless computer or other computer	377,517	261,286	51,774	18,353	46,049
Smartphone, tablet or other portable wireless computer or other computer, no desktop or laptop	43,563	26,614	8,081	2,764	6,104
No Computer	40,724	26,062	7,949	2,508	4,205
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Has one or more types of computing devices	91.1	91.6	88.6	89.2	92.2
Desktop or laptop	81.5	83.0	77.0	77.3	80.8
Desktop or laptop alone	8.3	7.1	14.5	10.1	6.3
Smartphone, tablet or other portable wireless computer or other computer	82.8	84.5	74.2	79.1	85.9
Smartphone, tablet or other portable wireless computer or other computer, no desktop or laptop	9.6	8.6	11.6	11.9	11.4
No Computer	8.9	8.4	11.4	10.8	7.8

1/ Includes Kalawao County, although county not shown separately.

Note: Rankings are for the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Data and the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Research and Economic Analysis Division.

