

CENSUS DATA HIGHLIGHTS

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2017 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 2017 on September 13, 2018. The Census Bureau releases 1-year data for communities with populations of 65,000 or more. About 1.7% of Hawaii's population was surveyed in 2017.

State Data

In 2017, the **median household income** for Hawaii was \$77,765, the fourth highest among the fifty states and District of Columbia. It was a 2.4% increase from 2016 in real terms, but the increase was not statistically significant.

Hawaii's **median family income** was \$91,460. This was a statistically significant increase of 3.0% from 2016 in real terms. Hawaii's median family income was the sixth highest in the United States.

The **percent of people in poverty** in Hawaii was 9.5%, which was not statistically different than the previous year. Hawaii ranked the third lowest in the nation for percent of people in poverty in 2017.

In 2017, the **percent of families in poverty** was 7.4%. This was a statistically significant increase from the 6.0% of Hawaii families in poverty in 2016.

The **percent of the civilian population with no health insurance coverage** was 3.8%, which ranks Hawaii the second lowest in the nation for the civilian uninsured rate. The 2017 rate was not statistically different than in 2016.

Hawaii has had the highest **median housing values** in the nation since 2007. In 2017, Hawaii's median housing value was \$617,400. Compared to 2016, there was a statistically significant increase of 4.3% in real terms.

In 2017, the **median monthly housing costs for owners with mortgages** was \$2,337, which was not statistically different from 2016 after adjusting for inflation. Among the states, Hawaii had the third highest median housing costs for owners with mortgages.



Hawaii remained the state with the highest **median monthly housing costs for renter-occupied units**. The state’s median renter costs were \$1,573 in 2017. Adjusting for inflation, this was a statistically significant increase of 4.4% from the previous year’s renter costs of \$1,506.

New and Modified Tables

There were modifications to multiple health insurance tables, including a change to the classification of the age group for children; the category now includes age 18. For health insurance tables relating to employment and work experience, the working age population is now defined as ages 19 to 64.

Two new tables on income and earnings were added. The tables provide estimates for the number of earners per family and the median earnings for the total population 16 years and over who worked full-time, year-round in the past 12 months. Median earnings for full-time, year-round workers in Hawaii were \$46,978 in 2017. This was slightly more than the United States median of \$46,881. The median full-time, year-round earnings were \$48,730 in the City and County of Honolulu, \$44,779 in Maui County, \$42,384 in Kauai County, and \$42,048 in Hawaii County.

The number of earners in families for the state and its counties are shown in the table below. In 2017, 39.5% of families in the state of Hawaii were two earner families. The City and County of Honolulu had the highest percentage of three or more earner families at 17.8%.

Number of Earners in Families: 2017

	State total 1/	City and County of Honolulu	Hawaii County	Kauai County	Maui County
Number of families	320,336	220,038	46,962	16,928	36,397
No earners	44,747	27,374	9,564	3,022	4,776
1 earner	95,722	65,354	15,633	4,081	10,654
2 earners	126,484	88,061	16,075	7,402	14,946
3 or more earners	53,383	39,249	5,690	2,423	6,021
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
No earners	14.0	12.4	20.4	17.9	13.1
1 earner	29.9	29.7	33.3	24.1	29.3
2 earners	39.5	40.0	34.2	43.7	41.1
3 or more earners	16.7	17.8	12.1	14.3	16.5

1/ Includes Kalawao County, although county is not shown separately.
Note: Calculations by DBEDT.



There were also modifications to tables relating to age and sex, foreign born population, grandparents, income and earnings, industry, and marital history. Additionally, there were new tables relating to group quarters, the citizen voting-age population, and health insurance. For a full list and explanation of the new and modified tables, see the [Table and Geography Changes](#) section of the 2017 ACS Technical Documentation.

Note: Rankings are for the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Where applicable, 2016 figures have been adjusted for inflation.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Data and the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Research and Economic Analysis Division.

