

The U.S. Census Bureau released the 2018 State and County population characteristics on June 20, 2019. The following are some facts about Hawaii's changing population.

## Age Characteristics

Hawaii's total population grew by 4.4% between April 1, 2010 and July 1, 2018. The average annual growth rate was 0.5%. Comparatively, the elderly population, those 65 years and older, grew 33.7% in that same period and had an average growth rate of 3.6% annually.

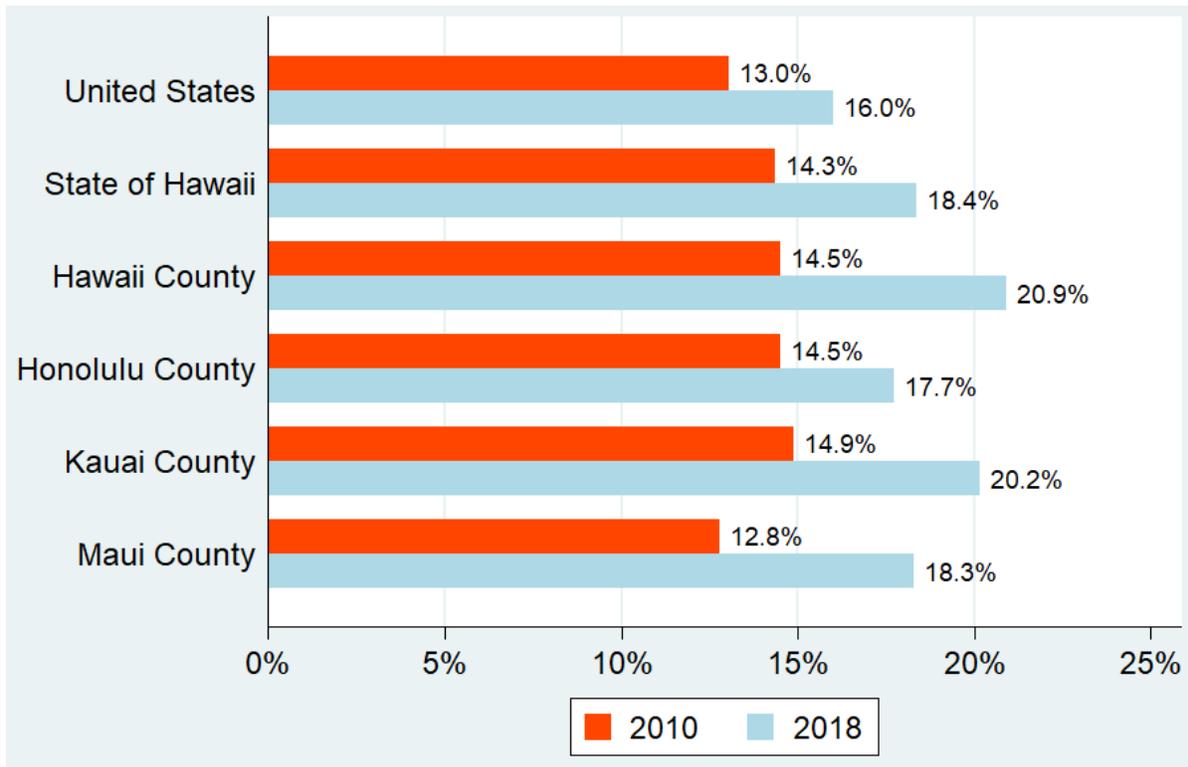
Hawaii's population is aging at a greater rate than the U.S. as a whole. The United States' population grew by 6.0% between April 1, 2010 and July 1, 2018 with an average annual growth rate of 0.7%. The U.S.'s elderly population grew by 30.2% with an average annual growth rate of 3.3%. The elderly population in Hawaii accounted for 18.4% of the statewide population in 2018. Hawaii ranked 7<sup>th</sup> among the 50 states and the District of Columbia in terms of the percentage of the population aged 65 and over.

The average annual growth rate of those 65 and over between April 1, 2010 and July 1, 2018 was 5.6% in Hawaii County. It was 5.4% in Maui County, 4.7% in Kauai County, and 2.8% in Honolulu County. Comparable 2010 and 2018 figures for the percentage of the elderly population in each county, as well as for the state and the country, are shown in Figure 1.

Hawaii's population aged 18 years and over comprised 78.6% of the population on July 1, 2018. There were similar percentages across all counties, ranging from 78.2% to 78.8%. The median age for Hawaii has increased slightly from April 1, 2010—from 38.6 years in 2010 to 39.2 years in 2018. This was higher than the U.S. median age of 38.2 on July 1, 2018. Of Hawaii's counties, Hawaii County had the oldest median age on July 1, 2018 at 42.7 years. Honolulu County had the youngest median age at 38.1. Kauai County's median age was 42.1 and Maui County's was 41.3.

Between April 1, 2010 and July 1, 2018, Hawaii's ratio of dependent-age population to working-age population increased. In 2010, there were 58 dependent-age people for every 100 working-age people. In 2018, there were 66 dependent-age people for every 100 working-age people. Comparatively, the ratio for the U.S. on July 1, 2018 was 63 dependent-age people for every 100 working-age people. The "working-age population" is defined here as people between the ages of 18 and 64. The "dependent-age population" is defined here as those under 18 years of age and those 65 years of age and older.

Figure 1. Percentage of Population 65 Years and Older, 2010 and 2018



## Gender Breakdown

Hawaii's population consisted of 50.1% males and 49.9% females. Honolulu County had the highest percentage of males at 50.3%, followed by Maui County at 49.7%, Hawaii County at 49.6%, and Kauai County at 49.4%. Changes to our state's overall age and gender structure between 2010 and 2018 may be seen by comparing the two population pyramids shown in Figures 2 and 3. Similar population pyramids are also presented for the United States in Figures 4 and 5.

Figure 2: State of Hawaii, Male and Female Population by Age, 2010

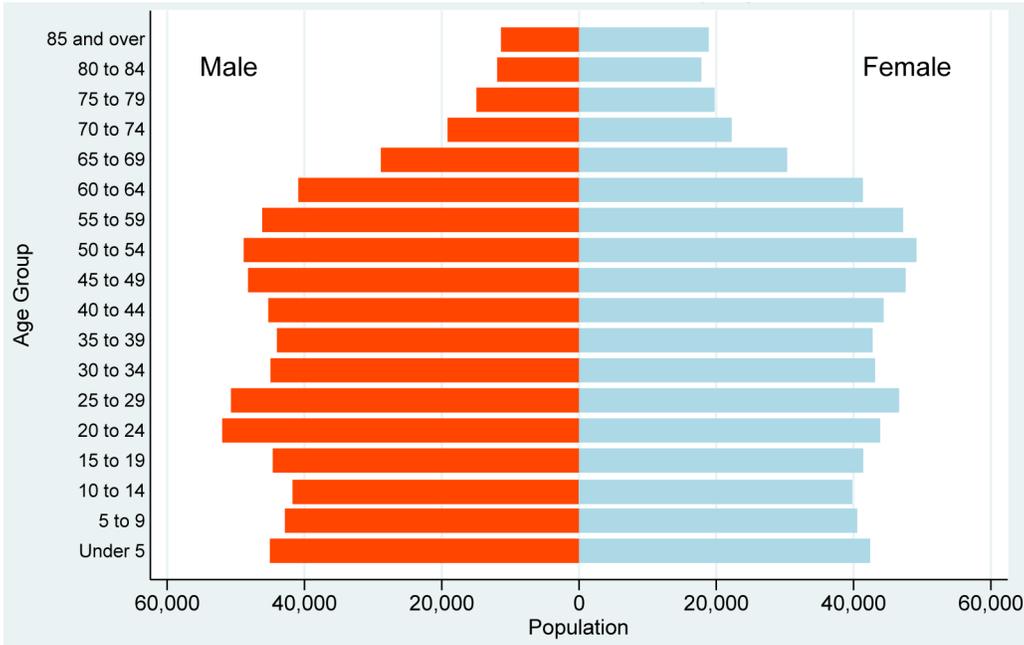


Figure 3: State of Hawaii, Male and Female Population by Age, 2018

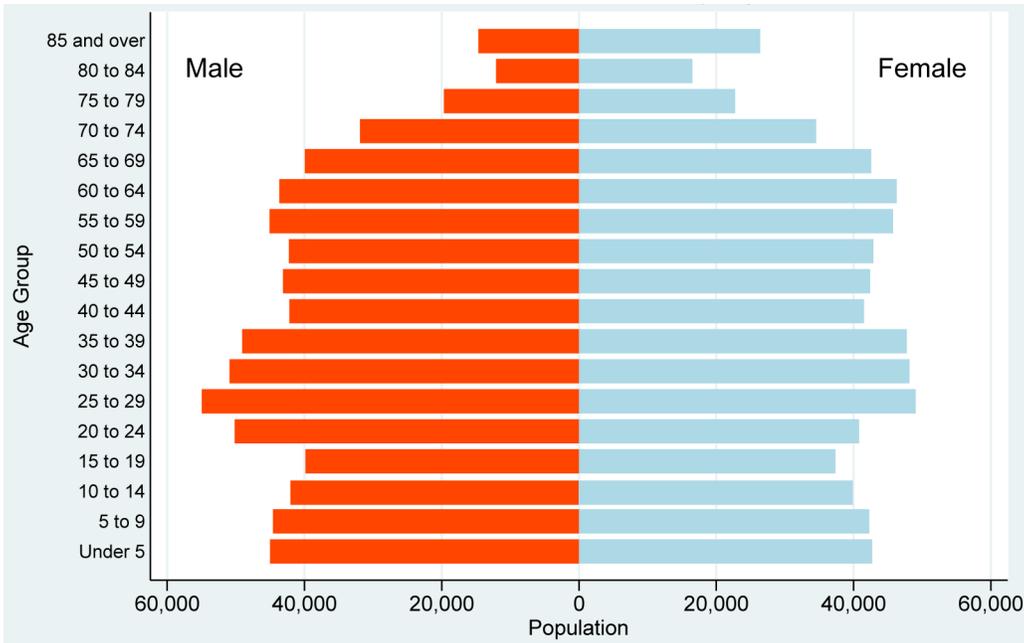


Figure 4: United States, Male and Female Population by Age, 2010

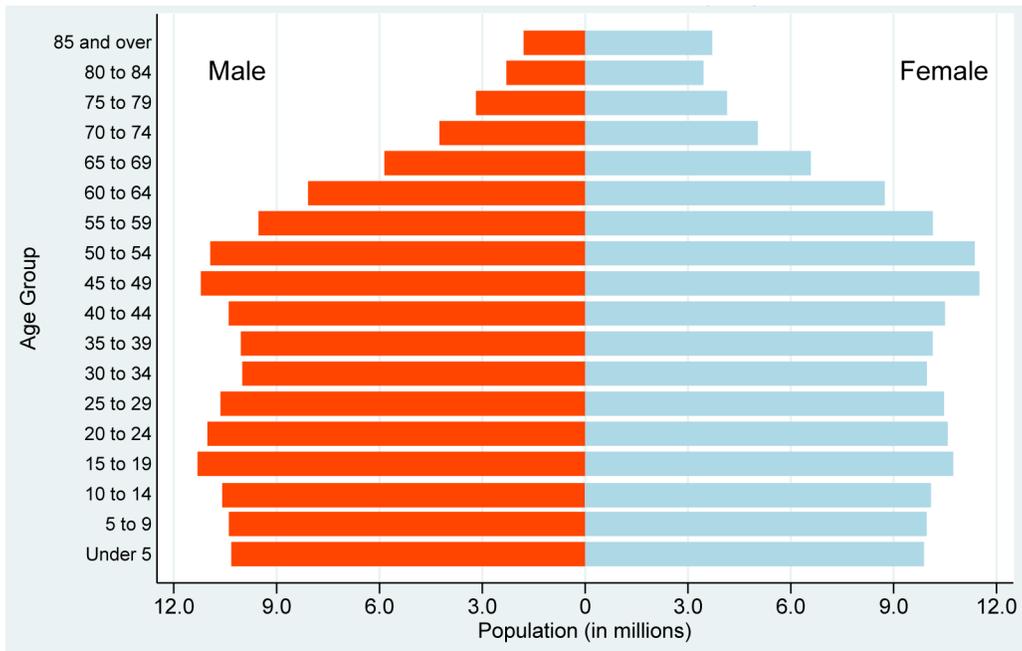
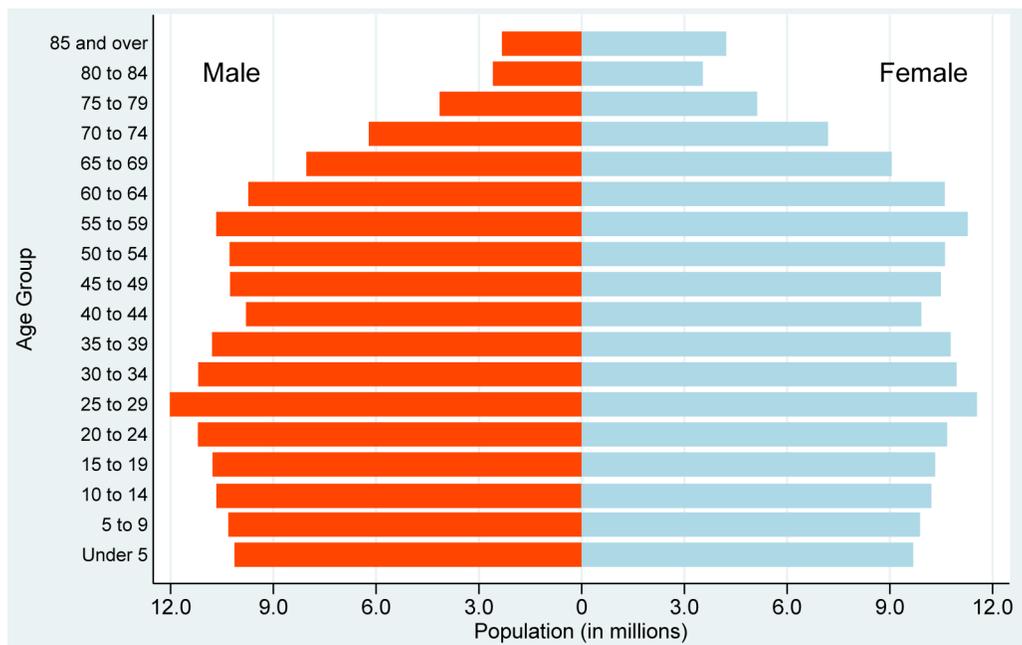


Figure 5: United States, Male and Female Population by Age, 2018



## Racial Composition

People self-identifying alone or in part as *Asian* accounted for 57.2% of the total state population. Comparatively, they accounted for 6.9% of the U.S. population on July 1, 2018. Honolulu County had the largest percentage of Asian population at 61.6%, followed by Kauai County at 51.5%, Maui County with 48.1%, and Hawaii County with 45.0%

People self-identifying alone or in part as *White* accounted for 43.4% of the total state population, compared to 78.9% in the U.S. as a whole. Hawaii County had the largest percentage of White population at 57.1%, followed by Maui County and Kauai County, both with 51.9%. The population was 38.5% of Honolulu County's total population.

People self-identifying alone or in part as *Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander* accounted for 26.9% of the total state population. They accounted for only 0.5% of the U.S. population on July 1, 2018. Hawaii County had the largest share of Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders at 35.3%. Maui County's population was comprised of 28.2% Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders, followed by 26.4% in Kauai County and 25.0% in Honolulu County.

People self-identifying alone or in part as *Black or African American* accounted for 3.6% of the total state population. Comparatively, they accounted for 14.6% of the U.S. population. The largest share among Hawaii's counties was 4.3% in Honolulu County, followed by 2.5% of the population in Hawaii County, 1.9% in Kauai County, and 1.8% in Maui County.

People self-identifying alone or in part as *American Indian and Alaska Native* made up 2.7% of the total state population. Similarly, 2.1% of the U.S. population was American Indian and Alaska Native. Hawaii County had the largest percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives at 4.8%, followed by Kauai and Maui counties at 2.7% each and 2.2% in Honolulu County.

People self-identifying as *multi-racial* made up 24.0% of Hawaii's total population. Comparatively, only 2.7% of the U.S. population was multi-racial. Hawaii County had the largest multi-racial population at 30.3%, followed by Kauai County at 25.6%, Maui County at 23.9%, and Honolulu County 22.6%.

The *minority population* comprised 78.2% of the total state population. In the United States as a whole, the minority population comprised 39.6% of the population. By county, Honolulu County had the largest minority population at 82.0%. Kauai County's minority population was 70.6%, followed by Maui County at 69.9% and Hawaii County at 69.7%. The "minority population" is defined by the Census Bureau as the population identifying their race and ethnicity as something other than non-Hispanic White race alone.

*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 returns, and the results from the American Community Survey. These estimates tend to change when more information becomes available.*

*Maui County includes Kalawao County for analysis.*

To view Hawaii data, visit [DBEDT Census Population Estimates](#). For original data, visit [U.S. Census Bureau's Population and Housing Estimates Tables: 2010-2018](#).