2014 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Highlights for the State of Hawaii

The U.S. Census Bureau released income, poverty, health insurance, housing and other data from its American Community Survey (ACS) for 2014 on September 17, 2015.

The Census Bureau releases 1-year data for areas with a population size of 65,000 and above. About 2% of Hawaii’s population were surveyed during 2014.

**New in the 2014 ACS**

Data for foreign-born by sex and detailed age, estimates for usual hours worked for the population 65 and over as well as estimates for full-time, year round work by age made its debuts this year.

**State Data**

In 2014, the **median household income** for Hawaii was $69,592, not statistically significant from the 2013 median income of $69,027. Hawaii ranked 6th in the nation in regard to the highest median household income.

Hawaii’s **median family income** in 2014 was $79,187 and was not statistically significant from last year’s median value of $80,992. Among all states in the nation, Hawaii had the 8th highest median family income.

The **percent of people in poverty** increased from 10.8% in 2013 to 11.4% in 2014. This difference, however, was not statistically significant. The State of Hawaii ranked as the 45th lowest in the nation for percent of people in poverty.

The **percent of families in poverty** increased from 7.1% in 2013 to 7.8% in 2014, but the difference was not statistically significant.

The **percent of population with no health insurance coverage** among Hawaii’s civilian population was 5.3% in 2014, a decrease from the 6.7% in 2013. This change was statistically significant. Hawaii tied with D.C. for the third lowest percentage of health insurance coverage in the nation.

Hawaii’s **median housing value** increased from $500,000 in 2013 to $528,000 in 2014. 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** fell from $2,245 in 2013 to $2,173 in 2014. This difference was statistically significant. The State of Hawaii ranked 3rd among all states in regard to highest median cost.
State Rankings

Hawaii’ ranked #1 among all states in our nation (including Washington D.C.) for the following categories:

Percentage of
- Asian race alone population  
  (Hawaii – 37.6; U.S. – 5.2)
- Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders race alone population  
  (Hawaii – 10.4; U.S. – 0.2)
- Mixed population  
  (Hawaii – 23.3; U.S. – 3.0)
- Foreign-born people born in Asia  
  (Hawaii – 78.4; U.S. – 30.1)
- Households that were multigenerational  
  (Hawaii – 7.9; U.S. – 3.8)
- Workers using carpool to go to work  
  (Hawaii – 13.5; U.S. – 9.2)
- Mortgaged owners spending 30% or more of household income on selected monthly owner costs  
  (Hawaii – 40.3 and tied with California; U.S. – 30.7)

Median housing value  
(Hawaii – $528,000; U.S. - $181,200)
Median monthly housing costs for renters  
(Hawaii – $1,448; U.S. - $934)
Occupied housing units with 1.01 or more occupants per room  
(Hawaii – 8.6; U.S. – 3.4)

Source: Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Research and Economic Analysis Division.