
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2019-2023 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY 5-YEAR DATA FOR HAWAII

The U.S. Census Bureau [released](#) its 2019-2023 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates on December 12, 2024. A total of 43,211 households in Hawaii were surveyed between the 2019 to 2023 period, which is 8,642 households per year on average. The households surveyed during this five-year period were 8.8% of total households in Hawaii during the period.

The Census Bureau included several new tables with this release. New housing tables provide housing costs as a percentage of household income by race and insurance costs of homeowners by mortgage status. More information on the new tables can be found [here](#).

Hawaii-specific data are available for download on the State Data Center's [ACS site](#). The downloads include Data Profiles for Hawaii's most common geographies, including counties, census tracts, census designated places, and zip codes. The full 2019-2023 ACS data release is available at <https://data.census.gov>, and geography guide can be found in [READ's Small Area Data Guide](#).

Selected small area rankings

From this release, census tract ranking tables were created for fourteen topics including total population, average household and family sizes, median incomes, poverty rates, homeownership and housing value, educational attainment, foreign born populations, and populations who speak a language other than English at home. These ranking tables are based on the 424 census tracts in Hawaii which had a population during the 2019-2023 period. The following tables are a subset of the ranking tables available. For reference, state and county estimates are also included. The numbers presented below are averages over the 2019-2023 period. Tables included in these highlights display only the top-ranking census tracts. For the complete list and for the margin of errors, see the accompanying [Excel file](#).



Civilian unemployment rate

The State of Hawaii had a civilian unemployment rate of 5.0%. Hawaii County had the highest rate of unemployment at 6.2% and Kauai County had the lowest at 3.9%.

Fourteen census tracts had a civilian unemployment rate at least 15.0%. Eleven tracts were on Oahu, two were on the island of Hawaii, and one was on Maui. The Navy Exchange Mall was the tract with the highest civilian unemployment rate in the state at 32.6%.

**Table 1. Civilian Unemployment Rate,
State of Hawaii, Ranked by Census Tract: 2019-2023**

[In percent, Average over the 5-year period. Based on survey data and subject to sampling variability.
See full table for census tract margins of error]

Rank	Geography/ Island	Census tract	Name	Percent
	State of Hawaii			5.0
	Hawaii County			6.2
	Honolulu County			4.8
	Kauai County			3.9
	Maui County			5.6
1	Oahu	70.01	Navy Exchange Mall	32.6
2	Oahu	9813	Mapunapuna Industrial	32.5
3	Maui	303.07	La Perouse Bay	19.2
4	Oahu	20.05	Ala Wai-Niu Street	19.0
5	Oahu	9820	Fort Shafter	18.7
6	Oahu	86.29	Kekuilani Loop	18.4
7	Oahu	56.01	Likelike Elementary School	17.3
8	Oahu	18.01	Koa Avenue	17.1
9	Hawaii	205	Hilo: University-Houselots	16.3
10	Oahu	34.12	Makiki Cemetery	16.2
11	Oahu	95.07	Schofield: McCarthy Field	16.0
12	Oahu	9400.07	Pacific Shopping Mall	15.7
13	Hawaii	211.01	Kalapana-Kapoho	15.6
14	Oahu	54	Mayor Wright Housing	15.2
16	Hawaii	217.07	Waikoloa - South Kohala	14.4
16	Oahu	71	Nimitz Elementary School	14.4
18	Hawaii	212.03	Kau	14.3
19	Maui	307.12	Kulanihakoi St.	14.1
19	Maui	311.07	Maui Lani Parkway - Kuihelani Highway, South	14.1
25	Kauai	406.04	Omao-Kukuiula	12.2



Foreign-born population

Approximately 18.1% of the state of Hawaii's population was foreign-born. At the county level, Honolulu County had the most foreign born and Kauai County had the least.

Ten census tracts had a foreign-born population of at least 50.0% with the top twenty tracts on all on Oahu. At the top of the list was Palama, where the tract's population was largely foreign-born.

**Table 2. Foreign-born Population,
State of Hawaii, Ranked by Census Tract: 2019-2023**

[Percent of total population in the area. Average over the 5-year period. Based on survey data and subject to sampling variability. See full table for census tract margins of error]

Rank	Geography/ Island	Census tract	Name	Percent
	State of Hawaii			18.1
	Hawaii County			12.5
	Honolulu County			19.6
	Kauai County			14.6
	Maui County			17.4
1	Oahu	55	Palama	64.2
2	Oahu	52	Chinatown	60.7
3	Oahu	56.02	Farrington High School	60.1
4	Oahu	60	Umi Street	58.1
5	Oahu	54	Mayor Wright Housing	55.3
6	Oahu	58	Waiakamilo Road	52.9
7	Oahu	89.37	Farrington Highway-Leoku Street	52.8
8	Oahu	61	Kalihi Waena	52.5
9	Oahu	64.01	Gulick Avenue-Likelike	52.3
10	Oahu	51	Foster Botanical Garden	50.1
11	Oahu	56.01	Likelike Elementary School	49.5
11	Oahu	87.05	Waipahu Intermediate School	49.5
13	Oahu	88.01	Paiwa Street-Hiapo Street	47.0
14	Oahu	20.06	Ala Wai-Olohana Street	46.9
15	Oahu	87.02	St. Joseph School	46.5
16	Oahu	87.07	Waipahu District Park	46.1
17	Oahu	34.1	Wilder Avenue-Kewalo Street	45.3
18	Oahu	37.02	Ward Village Shops	45.2
19	Oahu	57	Iwilei-Anuenue	45.0
20	Oahu	20.03	Seaside Avenue	43.9
28	Maui	314.05	Lahainaluna	41.5
55	Kauai	408	Kaumakani-Hanapepe	33.0
75	Hawaii	211.07	Kilauea- Pahoa	29.8



Non-English speakers at home

About a quarter of the State’s population spoke a language other than English at home. In Honolulu County, more than a quarter of the population spoke a language other than English at home. People speaking a non-English language at home was the least frequent in Kauai County. There were 26 tracts in which most of the area’s population, 50% or more, spoke a non-English language at home. These tracts were mostly in Honolulu County, with 72.3% of Palama’s population speaking non-English at home.

**Table 3. People Speaking Non-English Language at Home
State of Hawaii, Ranked by Census Tract: 2019-2023**

[Percent of population aged 5 and over in the area. Average over the 5-year period. Based on survey data and subject to sampling variability. See full table for census tract margins of error]

Rank ¹	Geography/ Island	Census tract	Name	Percent
	State of Hawaii			25.1
	Hawaii County			25.3
	Honolulu County			26.1
	Kauai County			18.0
	Maui County			22.2
1	Oahu	55	Palama	72.3
2	Oahu	54	Mayor Wright Housing	71.6
3	Oahu	56.02	Farrington High School	70.5
4	Oahu	89.37	Farrington Highway-Leoku Street	67.9
5	Oahu	58	Waiakamilo Road	66.5
6	Oahu	60	Umi Street	65.9
7	Oahu	52	Chinatown	65.2
8	Oahu	64.01	Gulick Avenue-Likelike	64.4
9	Oahu	56.01	Likelike Elementary School	63.5
10	Oahu	53	Aala	62.4
11	Oahu	62.02	Linapuni Street	60.9
12	Oahu	87.05	Waipahu Intermediate School	58.9
13	Oahu	62.03	Fern Elementary School	58.8
14	Oahu	89.38	Pacific Supermarket	58.3
15	Oahu	61	Kalihi Waena	58.2
16	Oahu	87.02	St. Joseph School	57.0
17	Oahu	51	Foster Botanical Garden	56.3
18	Oahu	87.07	Waipahu District Park	55.5
19	Oahu	63.02	Kalena Drive	53.9
20	Oahu	22.03	Ala Wai Community Park	53.8
20	Lanai	316.01	Lanai	53.8
52	Hawaii	211.07	Kilauea- Pahoia	40.3
56	Kauai	408	Kaumakani-Hanapepe	39.9



People with Higher Education

Of the State's population age 25 and over, 35.5% had a bachelor's degree or higher. About 37.7% of the population aged 25 and over in Honolulu County had a bachelor's degree or higher, whereas the other counties had between 30.0% and 31.0%. Over three quarters of the population in the Portlock area had a bachelor's degree or higher, the highest percentage of people in a tract with higher education.

**Table 4. People with Bachelor's Degree or Higher
State of Hawaii, Ranked by Census Tract: 2019-2023**

[Percent of total population aged 25 and over in the area. Average over the 5-year period. Based on survey data and subject to sampling variability. See full table for census tract margins of error]

Rank	Geography/ Island	Census tract	Name	Percent
	State of Hawaii			35.5
	Hawaii County			30.9
	Honolulu County			37.7
	Kauai County			30.2
	Maui County			30.1
1	Oahu	1.14	Portlock	80.7
2	Oahu	17	Kapiolani Park	73.8
3	Oahu	4.02	Waialae Iki	72.6
3	Oahu	29	East Manoa	72.6
5	Oahu	1.17	Mariner's Ridge	72.0
5	Oahu	31.04	Woodlawn Drive-Alani Drive	72.0
7	Oahu	34.12	Makiki Cemetery	71.4
8	Oahu	37.03	Ala Moana Shopping Center	71.2
9	Oahu	1.21	Kuapa Pond	70.6
10	Oahu	112.02	Lanikai	69.2
11	Oahu	1.15	Hahaione Valley Neighborhood Park	68.8
11	Oahu	110	Maunawili	68.8
13	Oahu	9.05	Maunalani Community Park	68.7
14	Oahu	6	Diamond Head	68.5
15	Oahu	78.14	Nahele Neighborhood Park	67.5
16	Oahu	31.02	Upper Manoa	67.1
17	Oahu	9811	Bellows Air Force Base	66.7
18	Oahu	116	Tantalus	66.3
19	Oahu	1.16	Kuapa Preschool	65.4
20	Oahu	30	Judd Hillside-Lowrey Avenue	65.3
25	Kauai	401.06	Princeville	63.9
47	Maui	303.07	La Perouse Bay	57.2
91	Hawaii	216.07	Holualoa	47.6

