

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2020-2024 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY 5-YEAR DATA FOR HAWAII

The U.S. Census Bureau released its 2020-2024 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates on January 29, 2026. Their press release can be viewed on their website at: <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2026/acs-5-year-gains-educational-attainment.html>. A total of 44,043 households in Hawaii were surveyed between the 2020 to 2024 period, which is 8,809 households per year on average. The households surveyed during this five-year period were 8.9% of total households in Hawaii during the period.

The Census Bureau released several new tables for the White and Black or African American populations. Included in these new tables are data for detailed White and Black or African American groups for the respective alone or in any combination race group categories. More information on the new tables can be found at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/technical-documentation/table-and-geography-changes/2024/5-year.html>.

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 2020-2024 ACS data release is available at <https://data.census.gov>, and geography guide can be found at <https://dbedt.hawaii.gov/economic/small-area-data/>

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 2020-2024 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 2020-2024 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

Over the 2020-2024 period, the State of Hawaii had a civilian unemployment rate of 4.9%. Among counties, Hawaii County had the highest unemployment rate at 6.0%, while Kauai County had the lowest at 3.8%.

Among the top 20 census tracts, 15 were located on Oahu, three on the island of Hawaii, and two on Maui. 15 census tracts had a civilian unemployment rate at least 15% during the period. Hana on Maui was the tract with the highest civilian unemployment rate in the state at 22.7%.

**Table 1. Civilian Unemployment Rate,
State of Hawaii, Ranked by Census Tract: 2020-2024**

[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			4.9
	Hawaii County			6.0
	Honolulu County			4.7
	Kauai County			3.8
	Maui County			5.5
1	Maui	301	Hana	22.7
2	Oahu	9820	Fort Shafter	22.4
3	Oahu	95.07	Schofield: McCarthy Field	21.7
4	Oahu	70.01	Navy Exchange Mall	21.1
5	Oahu	9818.02	Mokapu Point	20.2
6	Maui	303.07	La Perouse Bay	19.6
7	Oahu	34.12	Makiki Cemetery	19.2
7	Oahu	54	Mayor Wright Housing	19.2
9	Oahu	9400.07	Pacific Shopping Mall	17.5
10	Oahu	18.01	Koa Avenue	16.8
11	Oahu	9813	Mapunapuna Industrial	16.7
12	Hawaii	205	Hilo: University-Houselots	15.9
13	Oahu	71	Nimitz Elementary School	15.5
13	Oahu	86.29	Kekuilani Loop	15.5
15	Oahu	95.11	Solomon Elementary School	15.4
16	Hawaii	211.01	Kalapana-Kapoho	14.8
17	Hawaii	212.03	Kau	14.6
18	Oahu	20.05	Ala Wai-Niu Street	14.2
19	Oahu	9400.06	Nanakuli Beach Park	14.1
20	Oahu	95.12	Waianae Avenue	13.2
48	Kauai	406.04	Omao-Kukuiula	10.3

Foreign-born population

Approximately 17.9% of the state of Hawaii's population was foreign-born. At the county level, Honolulu County had the highest proportion of foreign-born residents at 19.6%, while Hawaii County had the lowest at 14.4%.

Aside from Lahainalua on Maui, the top twenty tracts were located on Oahu, with nine tracts reporting foreign-born populations of at least 50%. At the top of the list was Farrington Highway-Leoku Street, where the tract's population was largely foreign-born.

**Table 2. Foreign-born Population,
State of Hawaii, Ranked by Census Tract: 2020-2024**

[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			17.9
	Hawaii County			11.8
	Honolulu County			19.6
	Kauai County			14.4
	Maui County			17.1
1	Oahu	89.37	Farrington Highway-Leoku Street	63.9
2	Oahu	55	Palama	63.6
3	Oahu	56.02	Farrington High School	59.0
4	Oahu	60	Umi Street	57.4
5	Oahu	52	Chinatown	56.0
6	Oahu	58	Waiakamilo Road	53.7
7	Oahu	61	Kalihi Waena	52.0
8	Oahu	56.01	Likelike Elementary School	51.0
8	Oahu	87.05	Waipahu Intermediate School	51.0
10	Oahu	54	Mayor Wright Housing	49.6
11	Oahu	87.07	Waipahu District Park	49.1
12	Oahu	51	Foster Botanical Garden	48.1
13	Oahu	64.01	Gulick Avenue-Likelike	47.5
14	Oahu	34.1	Wilder Avenue-Kewalo Street	47.4
15	Oahu	20.03	Seaside Avenue	46.0
16	Oahu	62.02	Linapuni Street	45.1
17	Maui	314.05	Lahainaluna	44.5
18	Oahu	89.38	Pacific Supermarket	44.4
19	Oahu	37.01	Hawaii Convention Center	44.2
20	Oahu	87.02	St. Joseph School	43.3
87	Kauai	404.01	Lihue-Kukui Grove Mall	27.3
133	Hawaii	217.07	Waikoloa - South Kohala	22.4

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.

At the census tract level, all top 20 tracts had populations in which 50% or more of residents spoke a non-English language at home. All of these tracts, with the exception of the Lanai tract, were located in Honolulu County. The census tract encompassing Farrington Highway–Leoku Street had the highest share, with 76.4% of its population speaking a non-English language at home.

Table 3. People Speaking Non-English Language at Home
State of Hawaii, Ranked by Census Tract: 2020-2024

[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			24.7
	Hawaii County			22.6
	Honolulu County			26.0
	Kauai County			11.9
	Maui County			18.3
1	Oahu	89.37	Farrington Highway-Leoku Street	76.4
2	Oahu	55	Palama	72.1
3	Oahu	56.02	Farrington High School	69.3
4	Oahu	54	Mayor Wright Housing	64.8
5	Oahu	60	Umi Street	64.7
6	Oahu	56.01	Likelike Elementary School	64.6
7	Oahu	34.1	Wilder Avenue-Kewalo Street	63.1
8	Oahu	63.02	Kalena Drive	62.9
9	Oahu	52	Chinatown	61.6
10	Oahu	58	Waiakamilo Road	59.9
11	Oahu	62.02	Linapuni Street	58.4
12	Oahu	87.05	Waipahu Intermediate School	58.1
13	Oahu	53	Aala	57.6
14	Oahu	61	Kalihi Waena	56.8
15	Oahu	62.03	Fern Elementary School	56.5
16	Oahu	64.01	Gulick Avenue-Likelike	55.8
17	Oahu	87.07	Waipahu District Park	55.6
18	Lanai	316.01	Lanai	53.2
19	Oahu	51	Foster Botanical Garden	53.1
20	Oahu	89.38	Pacific Supermarket	52.3
37	Maui	314.05	Lahainaluna	45.3
46	Hawaii	217.06	Waimea - Pu'u Anahulu	42.6
113	Kauai	404.01	Lihue-Kukui Grove Mall	32.1