## Hawaii Population Characteristics 2016

The U.S. Census Bureau released the 2016 State and County population characteristics on June 22, 2017. The following are some facts about Hawaii's changing population.

## Age characteristics

The total population grew 5.0\% from April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016, with an average growth rate of $0.8 \%$ annually. Comparably, the elderly population, those 65 years and older, grew $25.0 \%$ from April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016, with an average growth rate of $3.6 \%$ annually. The elderly population accounted for $17.1 \%$ of the statewide population in 2016.

The average annual growth rate of those 65 and older between April 1, 2010 and July 1, 2016 was $5.7 \%$ for Hawaii County. Maui County had a comparable average annual growth rate at $5.4 \%$. Kauai County's average annual growth rate was $4.9 \%$. With an average annual growth rate of $2.9 \%$, Honolulu County's percentage of those 65 and older has grown the slowest. Comparable 2010 and 2016 figures for the percentage of the elderly population in each county are shown in the graph below.


The voting age population, those 18 years and over, comprised $78.4 \%$ of the population on July 1, 2016. There were similar percentages across all counties, ranging from $77.7 \%$ to $78.6 \%$ of the total population.

The median age for the state remains the same as it was on April 1, 2010: 38.6 years. The county with the highest median age was Hawaii County at 42.2 years, followed by Kauai County at 41.6 years, and Maui County at 40.8 years. Honolulu County had the lowest median age at 37.4 years.

Between April 1, 2010 and July 1, 2016, Hawaii’s ratio of dependent-age population to the working-age population increased. In 2010, there were 58 dependent-age people for every 100 working-age people. In 2016, there were 63 dependent-age people for every 100 working-age people. The "working-age population" is defined as people between the ages of 18 and 64 . The "dependent-age population" is defined as those under 18 years of age and those 65 years of age and older.

## Gender breakdown

Hawaii's population consisted of $50.2 \%$ males and $49.8 \%$ females. Honolulu County has the highest percentage of males at $50.4 \%$, followed by Maui County at $49.9 \%$, and Hawaii County and Kauai County both at $49.8 \%$.

Changes to our state’s overall age and gender structure between 2000 and 2016 may be seen by comparing the two population pyramids shown on the next page.



## Racial composition

Asians (alone or in combination) accounted for $57.0 \%$ of the total state population. Honolulu County had the largest percentage of Asian population at $61.3 \%$, followed by Kauai County at $51.3 \%$, Maui County at $47.8 \%$, and Hawaii County at $45.1 \%$.

Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders (alone or in combination) accounted for 26.7\% of Hawaii's total population. Hawaii County had the largest share of Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders at $35.1 \%$, followed by Maui County at 28.4\%, Kauai County at 26.0\%, and Honolulu County at $24.7 \%$.

White (alone or in combination) accounted for $43.3 \%$ of the total state population. Hawaii County had the largest percentage of White population at $56.5 \%$. Maui County and Kauai County had the next largest percentage at $51.7 \%$, followed by Honolulu County at $38.7 \%$.

Black or African American (alone or in combination) accounted for $3.6 \%$ of the population in the State of Hawaii, with the largest share of the population in Honolulu County, with $4.2 \%$ of the total county population.

American Indians and Alaska Natives (alone or in combination) made up 2.7\% of the total state population, with the largest share of the population in Hawaii County, with $4.9 \%$ of the total county population.

Mixed race population was $23.7 \%$ of the total state population.
Minority population comprised 77.9\% of our state's total population. By county, Honolulu County was the highest with $81.4 \%$ minority population. Next was Kauai County at $70.4 \%$, followed by Hawaii County at $69.8 \%$ and Maui County at $69.5 \%$. "Minority population" is defined by the U.S. 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 data in this DBEDT analysis are the combined data for Maui County and Kalawao County.

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

