

The U.S. Census Bureau released the Vintage 2023 State and County population characteristics on June 27, 2024. Included in the release are age, race, and gender data for the United States, states, and counties for 2020 through 2023. The vintage year refers to the final year of the time series.

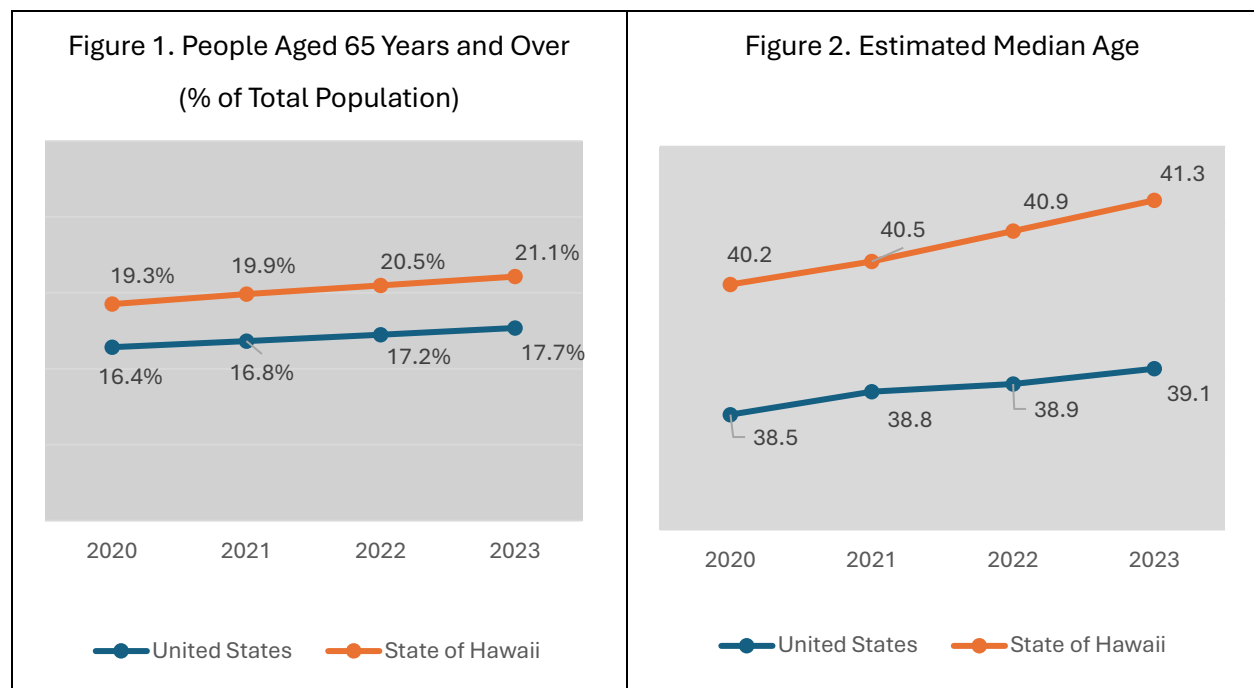
To view Hawaii data, visit [DBEDT Census Population Estimates](#). For original data, visit [U.S. Bureau’s Population and Housing Estimates Tables: 2020-2023](#).

Highlights of Data

Aging Population

The populations of Hawaii and the U.S. continue to age, with Hawaii outpacing the U.S. over the 2020 to 2023 period. As seen in Figure 1, over the period, the percentage of the population over 65 years of age in Hawaii increased from 19.3 percent to 21.1 percent; the U.S. increased from 16.4 percent to 17.7 percent. Hawaii outpaced the U.S. over the period with an average annual percentage point increase of 0.6 percentage points compared to 0.4 percentage points, respectively.

With aging population, the median age also increased for both Hawaii and the U.S. over the 2020 to 2023 period. The median age increased from 40.2 to 41.3 for Hawaii and from 38.5 to 39.1 for the U.S.



The age makeup for all counties was close to the state overall in 2023 with some noticeable differences between counties. Hawaii County had the most people 65 years and over relative to the area’s population at 24.4 percent, while Honolulu County had the lowest at 20.2 percent. Kauai County had the highest percentage of its population under 18 years of age, at 21.1 percent. Honolulu County had the highest ratio of working age adults among the counties.

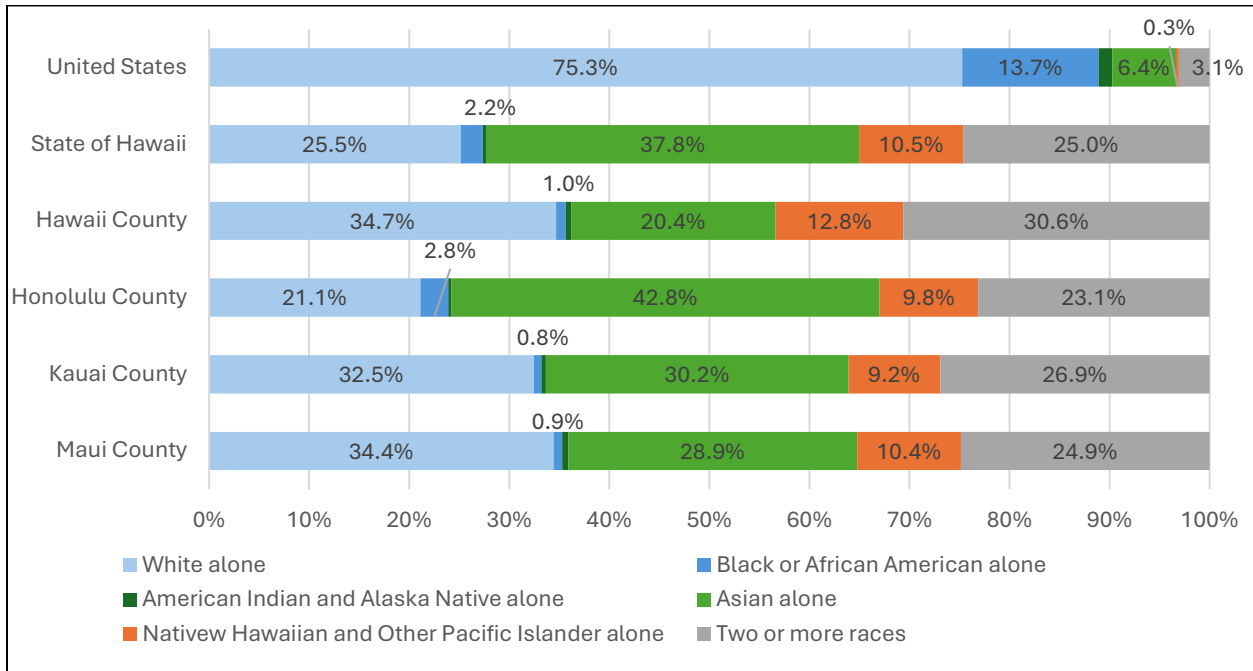
Table 1. Population in Selected Age Groups as Percentage of Total Population: July 1, 2023

Age group	United States	State of Hawaii	Hawaii County	Honolulu County	Kauai County	Maui County
Under 18 years	21.7%	20.5%	20.5%	20.4%	21.1%	20.6%
18 to 64 years	60.6%	58.5%	55.0%	59.5%	55.8%	57.9%
65 years and over	17.7%	21.2%	24.4%	20.2%	23.1%	21.5%

Hawaii Population by Race

In 2023, the largest race in Hawaii was Asian alone at 37.8 percent, followed by White alone and Two or more races. The proportion of Two or more races in Hawaii was about eight times higher than its national counterpart of 3.1 percent. Among the counties in Hawaii, Hawaii County had the highest percentage of Two or more races at 30.6 percent, while the percentage of Asian alone was highest in Honolulu County at 42.8 percent.

Figure 3. Resident Population by Race, Estimates for July 1, 2023



Using Race Alone or in Combination estimates, which include both people who reported a single race and people who reported that race in combination with one or more of other races, the Asian population was Hawaii’s largest race group. While the percentage of Asian alone or in combination population was highest in Honolulu County, White alone or in combination was the largest racial group in the Hawaii and Maui Counties.

It was estimated that Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone or in combination, composed a little over a quarter of Hawaii population in 2023. Hawaii County had a much higher share of this race group compared to the other counties.

The Hispanic population was estimated to be about 10.1 percent of Hawaii’s population in 2023. This proportion is much lower than the 19.5 percent estimated Hispanic population of the U.S.

Table 2. Race Alone or In Combination and Hispanic Origin (% of total population): July 1, 2023

Race alone or in combination and Ethnicity ¹	United States	State of Hawaii	Hawaii County	Honolulu County	Kauai County	Maui County
White	78.0%	43.7%	58.2%	38.6%	52.6%	52.3%
Black or African American	15.1%	3.7%	3.3%	4.2%	2.2%	2.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	2.2%	2.6%	5.2%	2.1%	2.5%	2.6%
Asian	7.5%	57.5%	44.6%	62.1%	51.7%	48.8%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0.5%	27.3%	35.0%	25.6%	27.0%	28.4%
Hispanic, any race	19.5%	10.1%	11.9%	9.6%	10.6%	10.7%

¹ The sum of the individual categories may sum to more than 100% because people who reported more than one race were tallied in each race category.