

CENSUS DATA HIGHLIGHTS

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2019 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY, 1-YEAR ESTIMATES

The U.S. Census Bureau released the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year estimates today. The release includes income, poverty, employment, housing, and other data for areas with populations of 65,000 or more. For Hawaii, this includes: the State; Hawaii, Honolulu, Maui, and Kauai counties; Hawaii’s 10 Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAs); the Urban Honolulu CDP; Hawaii’s congressional districts; and select metropolitan, micropolitan, and urbanized areas. Kalawao County does not meet the population threshold for 1-year estimates; however, it is included in the State total.

About 1.9% of Hawaii’s households were surveyed in 2019. Data for the 2019 ACS were collected prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, and therefore do not reflect the economic changes that began in February 2020.

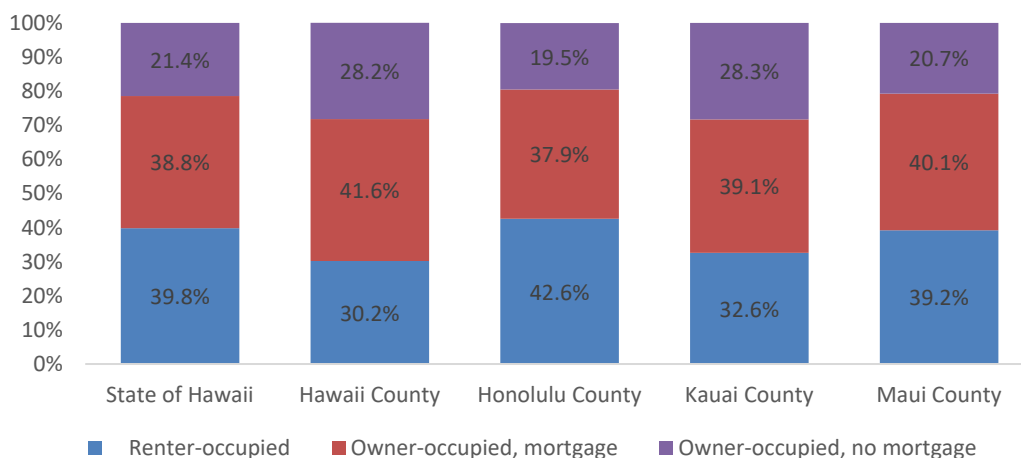
State and county data

Households

The State of Hawaii had 465,299 households—60.2% of which were owner-occupied and 39.8% of which were renter-occupied. The state ranked 47th in the nation for homeownership. Hawaii County had the lowest percentage of renter households, at 30.2% of all households. In Kauai and Hawaii counties, just over 28% of households were occupied by people who owned their homes without a mortgage.

Hawaii’s average household size was 2.95 people, and 8.5% of households were overcrowded.¹ Kauai and Maui counties had the highest rates of overcrowding at just under 10%.

Household Tenure, by County



¹ Overcrowding is defined here as more than one occupant per room.

Average Household Size and Occupancy, by County

	State of Hawaii	Hawaii County	Honolulu County	Kauai County	Maui County
Total households	465,299	71,193	316,456	22,898	54,744
Average household size (number of persons)	2.95	2.79	2.97	3.12	3.01
Occupants per room					
1.00 or less	91.5%	92.5%	91.5%	90.4%	90.1%
1.01 to 1.50	4.9%	4.3%	4.8%	6.0%	5.8%
1.51 or more	3.6%	3.2%	3.7%	3.6%	4.1%

Income

At \$83,102, the State of Hawaii’s median household income ranked the 5th highest in the nation. Household income includes the incomes of all people living in the home, whether they are related or not. Because many households consist of only one person—12.7% in Hawaii—average household income is usually less than average family income. Hawaii’s median family income was \$96,462 and ranked 7th in the nation.

Since 2015, Hawaii’s median household income has increased by \$3,888. Hawaii’s median family income increased by \$6,237. During the same time period, the rate of people in poverty decreased by 1.3% points— from 10.6% in 2015 to 9.3% in 2019.

Median Household Income, by Family Status and County

	State of Hawaii	Hawaii County	Honolulu County	Kauai County	Maui County
Median household income	\$83,102	\$67,075	\$87,470	\$81,971	\$80,754
Median family income	\$96,462	\$82,400	\$101,922	\$96,284	\$90,983
Median nonfamily income	\$51,343	\$41,821	\$57,554	\$48,182	\$50,666

New and modified tables

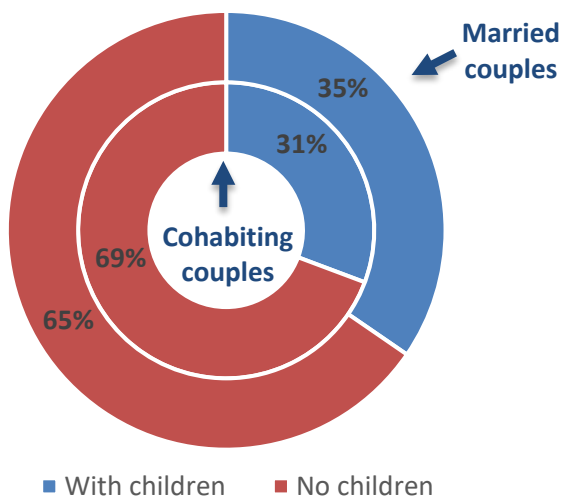
A new place of birth table provides estimates of foreign-born populations who entered the U.S. before and after 2010. These estimates are made for the nine largest country of birth populations: China/Hong Kong/Taiwan, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, India, Mexico, Philippines, and Vietnam. Additionally, foreign-born population tables were modified to include more country of birth groups, including Micronesia.

There were numerous changes to the reporting of households and families, including two new detailed tables. A new table includes information about cohabiting couples that live with biological children, stepchildren, or adopted children. Another new table provides information about the presence of own children in households for married couples, cohabiting couples, and female and male householders without a partner present. Some of the data from the new table are illustrated below, showing that slightly more married couples lived with their children under 18 than unmarried couples (34.6% vs. 30.7%). Among householders without a partner present, more women lived with their own children under 18 than men did (14.6% vs. 4.9%).

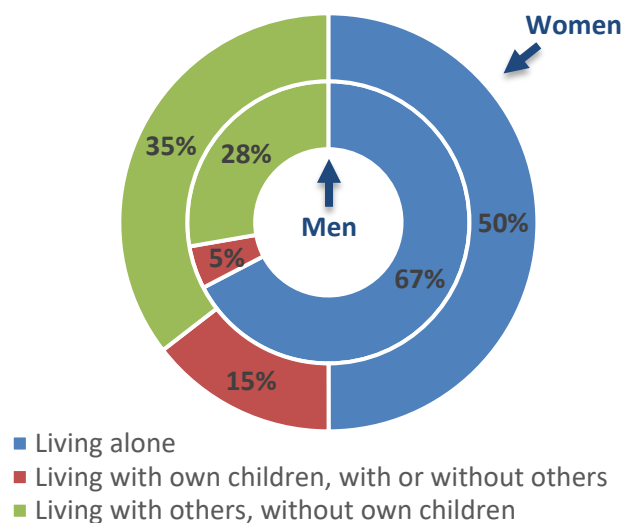
Additionally, language describing relationships was updated to replace “husband/wife” with “spouse.” These changes were made for all applicable tables in the ACS. Multiple tables added detailed information on married couple households by the sex of the householder and sex of the spouse. Where applicable, there is now detailed information for opposite-sex spouses, same-sex spouses, opposite-sex unmarried partners, and same-sex unmarried partners.

A new health insurance subject table includes information on subsidized marketplace coverage estimates for the civilian noninstitutionalized population. Lastly, for quality measures, a new detailed table provides unweighted total population samples for the nation, states, counties and places.

Presence of Children in Home by Type of Couple, for the State of Hawaii



Living Dynamics for Householders without a Partner Present by Gender, for the State of Hawaii



Note: Rankings are for the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Income figures have been adjusted for inflation.
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey 1-Year Data and the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Research and Economic Analysis Division. View more Hawaii census data at <https://census.hawaii.gov/acs/acs-2019>.