

2007 County Population Characteristics for Hawaii

The U.S. Census Bureau released the 2007 County population characteristics on August 7, 2008. The following are the facts for Hawaii:

On July 1, 2007, Asians (alone or in combination) accounted for 54.9% of the state total population; this is decrease from the 58.2% in April 2000. On July 1, 2007, Honolulu County had the largest percentage of Asian (alone or in combination with other races) population at 58.8%, followed by Kauai County at 50.6%, Maui County at 45.0%, and Hawaii County at 44.4%. All counties experienced declining in shares of Asian population over the past seven years.

On July 1, 2007, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders (alone or in combination) shared 21.0% of Hawaii's total population; this is a decrease from the 23.4% in April 2000. Hawaii County had the largest share of Native Hawaiians at 28.6%, followed by Maui County at 23.4%, Kauai County at 22.9%, and Honolulu County at 19.0%. All counties experienced declining in Native Hawaiian population shares in the past seven years.

On July 1, 2007, White alone or in combination accounted for 42.5% of the state total population, up from the 40.3% in April 2000. Hawaii County ranked the first in terms of shares of White population. 56.5% of the total population on the Big Island were white alone or in combination with other races. Maui County had 53.2% of white population and ranked the second, followed by Kauai County at 51.1%, and then Honolulu County at 37.5%. All the counties experienced increase in white population in the past seven years.

White alone population increased from 25.9% of the state total in April 2000 to 29.1% in July 2007. In terms of growth rate, White alone increased at an annual rate of 3.0 percent per year from 2000 to 2006 (as compared with total population growth of 0.9% annual rate during the same period), but the growth reduced to 0.7% in 2007.

On July 1, 2007, the population 65 year and above accounted for 14.3%, while persons 85 years of age and above consisted of 2.3% of the total population. This is significantly higher than April 1, 2000, when the population 65 years and above accounted for 13.3% of the total, and population 85 and above accounted for 1.4% of the total.

Hawaii statewide population 65 years and above increased at 1.9% annually from 2000 to 2007, faster than the growth of the total population which increased 0.8% a year during the same period.

There were slightly more males than female at the statewide, 101.3 males per 100 female in 2007.

There were more females than males for Asians but for other races, there are more males than females.

The Mixed race population on July 1, 2007 was 18.6%, down from the 20.1% on April 1, 2000.

On July 1, 2007, Honolulu had the highest percentage of 65 year+ population at 14.9%, followed by Kauai County at 14.7%. 13.5% of the population on the Big Island was 65 years or above in July 2007 while Maui County had the smallest share of 65 year+ population at 11.9%.

Population in Honolulu County was relatively younger with median age of 37.7 years in July 2007, followed by Hawaii County at 38.0 years, and Maui County at 38.4 years. Median age for population on Kauai was 40.1 years in July 2007.

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