Community Profile: Kauaʻi

Hale/ʻOhana

Population

- 15,978 Native Hawaiians reside on Kauaʻi.
- 24% of the total island population is Native Hawaiian.
- 6% of all Native Hawaiians in the State of Hawaiʻi live on Kauaʻi.

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<th>Region</th>
<th>Total Population</th>
<th>Native Hawaiian Population</th>
<th>Percent of Kauaʻi Residents who are Native Hawaiian</th>
<th>Percent of Native Hawaiians in Hawaiʻi who live on Kauaʻi</th>
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<tr>
<td>Kekaha-Waimea</td>
<td>5,561</td>
<td>2,069</td>
<td>37%</td>
<td>0.7%</td>
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<td>Kōloa/Poʻipū</td>
<td>5,683</td>
<td>1,189</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>0.4%</td>
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<td>Kapaʻa</td>
<td>8,385</td>
<td>2,176</td>
<td>26%</td>
<td>0.8%</td>
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<td>Wailua/Anahola</td>
<td>12,607</td>
<td>3,920</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>1.4%</td>
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<td>Other Regions</td>
<td>34,685</td>
<td>6,624</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>2.4%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Kauaʻi Island</td>
<td>66,921</td>
<td>15,978</td>
<td>24%</td>
<td>5.7%</td>
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- 34% of school-age kamaliʻi (ages 5-17) in public school on Kauaʻi are Native Hawaiian.
- 7% of Native Hawaiian school-age kamaliʻi (ages 5-17) in the State of Hawaiʻi attend public school on Kauaʻi.

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<th>School-Age (5-17)</th>
<th>Percent of Public School Kamaliʻi on Kauaʻi who are Native Hawaiian</th>
<th>Percent of Public School Kamaliʻi Statewide who are Native Hawaiian</th>
<th>Percent of Native Hawaiian Kamaliʻi in Hawaiʻi who attend School on Kauaʻi</th>
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<td></td>
<td>34%</td>
<td>28%</td>
<td>7%</td>
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1 Data by region from Ka Huakaʻi: 2014 Native Hawaiian Educational Assessment
• 60% of Native Hawaiian preschool-age kamaliʻi on Kauai are enrolled in preschool.

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<th>Estimated Number of 3- and 4-Year-old Kamaliʻi on Kauaʻi who are Native Hawaiian</th>
<th>Estimated Number of 3- and 4-Year-old Native Hawaiian Kamaliʻi on Kauaʻi who are in Preschool</th>
<th>Estimated Percent of 3- and 4-Year-old Native Hawaiian Kamaliʻi on Kauaʻi who are in Preschool</th>
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<td>Preschool age (3-4)</td>
<td>725</td>
<td>432</td>
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Birth to Teens

• The birth rate for teenage girls (ages 15-19) that are Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander is 11%, compared to the statewide rate of 2% for all ethnicities.
• The birth rate for teenage girls (ages 15-19) on Kauaʻi is 3%, compared to the statewide rate of 2%.

Kumu Waiwai

Income & Poverty

• The median family income for Native Hawaiians in Maui & Kauaʻi County is $72,790, compared to $79,100 for non-Hawaiians in Maui & Kauaʻi County between 2012-2016.
• The poverty rate for Native Hawaiians in Maui & Kauai County is 8%, compared to 12% of all Native Hawaiians statewide in 2006-2010.
  o The poverty rate for Native Hawaiian kamaliʻi ages 5-17 statewide is 17%, compared to 14% for all kamaliʻi statewide.
  o The poverty rate for Native Hawaiian kamaliʻi ages 0-4 statewide is 22%, compared to 16% for all kamaliʻi statewide.

Employment

• 74% of Native Hawaiian adults in Maui & Kauaʻi County between the ages of 25-66 are employed, compared to 75% for non-Hawaiians in Maui & Kauaʻi Counties.

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2 Hawaiʻi Health Data Warehouse: Live Births in Hawaiʻi to Females Aged 15-19 Years, 2015
3 Data by PUMA from American Community Survey: 2012-2016 (Data for smaller geographic regions are not available.)
4 Data by region from Ka Huakaʻi: 2014 Native Hawaiian Educational Assessment
5 Data by PUMA from American Community Survey: 2012-2016
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- 72% of Native Hawaiian males statewide between the ages of 25-66 are employed, compared to 79% of all males statewide.
- 69% of Native Hawaiian females statewide between the ages of 25-66 are employed, which is the same as 69% of all females statewide.
- 51% of Native Hawaiian youth in Maui & Kauaʻi County between the ages of 16-24 are employed, compared to 54% of non-Hawaiian youth in the same region.

Shelter/Housing

- Each month, 20% of Native Hawaiian household incomes in Maui & Kauaʻi County go toward owner costs (e.g. mortgage, utilities), compared to 24% for non-Hawaiians in Maui & Kauaʻi County.
- Each month, 29% of both Native Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian household incomes in Maui & Kauaʻi County go toward rent.

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<th>Maui &amp; Kauaʻi County</th>
<th>Native Hawaiian</th>
<th>Non-Hawaiian</th>
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<tr>
<td>Homeownership with/without mortgage</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>59%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Median monthly mortgage</td>
<td>$1,502</td>
<td>$1,832</td>
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<tr>
<td>Median monthly owner cost as % of household income</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Median monthly rent</td>
<td>$1,362</td>
<td>$1,316</td>
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<td>Median gross rent as a % of household income</td>
<td>29%</td>
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Homeless Count

- 412 homeless individuals (115 sheltered, 297 unsheltered) are from Kauaʻi, with 7,220 homeless individuals statewide.
- Statewide, 87 homeless are unaccompanied Native Hawaiian youth 24 years old and younger, with 29 being from islands other than Oʻahu.

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6 Data by PUMA from American Community Survey: 2012-2016
7 State of Hawaiʻi Homeless Point in Time Count Report 2017 (This is a low estimate for the unaccompanied youth knowing that this population is harder to count).
ʻImi ‘Ike

Educational Attainment (Adults)  

- 85% of Native Hawaiian young adults ages 18-24 in Maui & Kaua‘i County completed high school (or passed a high school equivalency exam), compared to 90% of non-Hawaiians in the same region.
- 92% of Native Hawaiian adults ages 25-65 in Maui & Kaua‘i County completed high school (or passed a high school equivalency exam), compared to 93% of non-Hawaiians in the same region.
- 12% of Native Hawaiian adults ages 25-65 in Maui & Kaua‘i County have a 4-year college degree or higher, compared to 30% of non-Hawaiians in the same region.

K-12 Achievement  

- In grades 3 and 5, reading proficiency for Native Hawaiian kamali‘i on Kaua‘i are lower than the Native Hawaiian statewide rates. Reading proficiency for Native Hawaiian kamali‘i in grades 8 & 10 are equal to or slightly higher than the Native Hawaiian statewide rate.

Reading Proficiency: (Percentage of Students Tested)  

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<th>Native Hawaiian Statewide</th>
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<td>57</td>
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<td>10</td>
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8 Data by PUMA from American Community Survey: 2012-2016
9 Data by Region from Ka Huaka‘i: 2014 Native Hawaiian Educational Assessment
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- In grades 3 and 5, mathematics proficiency for Native Hawaiian kamali‘i on Kaua‘i are lower than the Native Hawaiian statewide rates. Mathematics proficiency in grades 8 and 10 are higher than the Native Hawaiian statewide rates.

*Mathematics Proficiency: (Percentage of Students Tested)*

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<td>8</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>23</td>
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**DOE School Quality Indicators**

- 34% of **teachers** on Kaua‘i **have a graduate degree**, compared to 35% of teachers statewide.
- The positive response rates from Kaua‘i **students** on the DOE School Quality Survey for satisfaction with the school is 76%, compared to 82% statewide.
- The positive response rates from Kaua‘i **parents** on the DOE School Quality Survey for satisfaction with the school is 84%, compared to 86% statewide.
- The positive response rates from Kaua‘i **teachers** on the DOE School Quality Survey for satisfaction with the school is 88%, which is the same as 88% statewide.

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<th>Indicators</th>
<th>Kaua‘i Students</th>
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<th>Kaua‘i Teachers</th>
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<td>School support for student</td>
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<td>79</td>
<td>85</td>
<td>85</td>
<td>91</td>
<td>91</td>
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<td>Teamwork in schools</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>78</td>
<td>79</td>
<td>86</td>
<td>87</td>
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<td>Professionalism &amp; capacity</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>85</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>92</td>
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<td>School Safety</td>
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<td>85</td>
<td>85</td>
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<td>Satisfaction with school</td>
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<td>84</td>
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10 Data by Region from Ka Huaka‘i: 2014 Native Hawaiian Educational Assessment
Ola Kino

Health Status: Adults\textsuperscript{11}

General Health

- 50\% of adults on Kaua’i report having excellent or very good health, compared to 49\% of adults statewide.
- 41\% of Native Hawaiian adults statewide report having excellent or very good health, compared to 49\% of all adults statewide.

Physical Health

- 66\% of adults on Kaua’i report having good physical health in the past 30 days, compared to 69\% of all adults statewide.
- 65\% of Native Hawaiian adults statewide report having good physical health in the past 30 days, compared to 69\% of all adults statewide.

Mental Health

- 71\% of adults on Kaua’i report having good mental health in the past 30 days, which is the same as 71\% of all adults statewide.
- 65\% of Native Hawaiian adults statewide report having good mental health in the past 30 days, compared to 71\% of all adults statewide.

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<th>Physical Health</th>
<th>Mental Health</th>
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<td>Hanalei-Kapa’a</td>
<td>58%</td>
<td>67%</td>
<td>66%</td>
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<td>Līhuʻe-Waimea</td>
<td>44%</td>
<td>65%</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kaua’i Island</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>66%</td>
<td>71%</td>
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Health Care

- 9\% of Native Hawaiian adults on Kaua’i report that they needed to see a doctor in the past 12 months, but could not because of the cost, which is the same as 8\% of adults statewide.
- 10\% of Native Hawaiian adults statewide report that they needed to see a doctor in the past 12 months, but could not because of the cost, compared to 8\% of all adults statewide.

\textsuperscript{11} Hawai’i Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) 2015 Results
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Health Status: Youth

General Health

• 64% of Native Hawaiian high schoolers on Kauaʻi report having a doctor’s check-up in the past 12 months, compared to 63% of all high schoolers on Kauaʻi.
• 74% of Native Hawaiian high schoolers on Kauaʻi report having a dentist check-up in the past 12 months, compared to 75% of all high schoolers on Kauaʻi.

Mental Health

• 33% of Native Hawaiian high schoolers on Kauaʻi report feeling depressed in the past 12 months, compared to 29% of all high schoolers in Kauaʻi.
• 13% of Native Hawaiian high schoolers on Kauaʻi report having suicidal thoughts in the past 12 months, compared to 14% of all high schoolers in Kauaʻi.
• 24% of Native Hawaiian middle schoolers on Kauaʻi report self-harm, compared to 21% of all middle schoolers on Kauaʻi. (Note, this question is not asked in the high school survey.)
• 85% of Native Hawaiian high schoolers on Kauaʻi report that they have an adult or teacher they can talk to about things that are important to them, either at home or school, compared to 81% of all high schoolers on Kauaʻi.

Safety

• 10% of Native Hawaiian high schoolers on Kauaʻi report that they skipped school in the past 30 days because they felt unsafe, which is the same as 10% of all high schoolers on Kauaʻi.

Educational aspirations

• 57% of Native Hawaiian middle schoolers on Kauaʻi report that they definitely will complete high school, compared to 64% of all middle schoolers on Kauaʻi. (Note, this question was not asked in the high school survey.)

Naʻau

Wellbeing

Happiness

• 40% of Native Hawaiian adults on Kauaʻi report that they are either extremely happy or very happy with their lives, compared to 54% of non-Hawaiians on Kauaʻi.

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12 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) County Level Reports, 2015
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Community connections

• 90% of Native Hawaiian adults on Kaua‘i either agree or strongly agree that they know and trust their neighbors, compared to 82% of non-Hawaiians on Kaua‘i.
• 69% of Native Hawaiian adults on Kaua‘i report that they volunteered with a non-profit within the past year, compared to 58% of non-Hawaiians on Kaua‘i.

Environment

• 44% of Native Hawaiian adults on Kaua‘i either agree or strongly agree that the environment in their community was better 5 years ago, compared to 51% of non-Hawaiians on Kaua‘i.
• 31% of Native Hawaiian adults on Kaua‘i report that they believe the quality of the ocean in their community is either excellent or good, compared to 49% of non-Hawaiians on Kaua‘i.
• 68% of Native Hawaiian adults on Kaua‘i report that they believe the quality of the air in their community is either excellent or good, compared to 82% of non-Hawaiians on Kaua‘i.

Culture

• 62% of Native Hawaiian adults on Kaua‘i report that they identify with a specific culture, compared to 37% of non-Hawaiians on Kaua‘i.
• 52% of Native Hawaiian adults on Kaua‘i report that culture in everyday life is very important, compared to 27% of non-Hawaiians on Kaua‘i.
• 30% of Native Hawaiian adults on Kaua‘i report that they participate in cultural practices everyday, compared to 15% of non-Hawaiians on Kaua‘i.
• 89% of Native Hawaiian adults on Kaua‘i either agree or strongly agree that people in their community respect cultural differences, compared to 82% of non-Hawaiians on Kaua‘i.
• 45% of Native Hawaiian adults on Kaua‘i report that they attend religious services at least once a week, compared to 29% of non-Hawaiians on Kaua‘i.