

Table 1.04b The Racial/Ethnic Composition of the State of Hawai'i: 2009.

Race/Ethnicity	American Community Survey (U.S. Census): 2009		Hawaii Health Survey (Hawai'i DOH): 2009	
	Population Estimate	Percent	Population Estimate	Percent
Native Hawaiian ^{a,b}	259,866	20.1%	322,812	25.3%
Caucasian	228,510	17.6%	265,527	20.8%
Chinese	180,366	13.9%	not reported	
Filipino	302,675	23.4%	177,080	13.9%
Japanese	289,315	22.3%	306,551	24.0%
Others	–	–	203,965	16.0%
Total	1,295,178		1,275,938	

^a Hawaiian as defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census For the Census 2000 and subsequent Census Bureau work, the question on race was revised to allow respondents the option to self-identify themselves by selecting one or more races to indicate their racial identities. The table uses the "alone or in any combination" totals.

^b Hawaiian as defined by the Hawaii Health Survey (HHS). The Hawaii Health Survey examined the ethnic background of the parents of each individual as provided by that individual. Racial background of each individual is based on the racial composition of his/her parents. Note: The data is based on a sample and is subject to sampling variability.

Source: United States. Bureau of the Census. American Community Survey 2009. Hawai'i State. Department of Health, Hawaii Health Survey. (Honolulu).

- The American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau to supplement their decennial census by providing annual data. The data from the ACS is not as detailed as the decennial data but it does provide current estimates on a variety of population indicators.
- The ACS and HHS provide different measures for the same populations. The difference is due to survey methodology and sampling variability. These and other factors should be considered when selecting which data to use.