

Table 6.03

Have a Hawaiian Lifestyle and Definition: 1984

Definition	Not Have a Hawaiian Lifestyle	Have a Hawaiian Lifestyle	Total
Easy Going, Generous	26.0%	19.5%	21.5%
Live Off Land, Sea	10.5%	20.9%	17.7%
Traditional Respect for Elders	41.8%	39.4%	40.1%
Hawaiian Language, Culture, Food, Religion	16.5%	10.2%	12.2%
Close to Family, Friends	2.1%	2.3%	2.3%
Other	3.1%	7.7%	6.3%
Total	31.0%	69.0%	100.0%

Source: Hawai'i State, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Population Survey/Needs Assessment Final Report. (Honolulu, 1986)

- This question focused on a “person’s perceptions regarding whether they have a Hawaiian lifestyle and how they define a Hawaiian lifestyle. Each adult was asked if they have a Hawaiian lifestyle, and how they define a Hawaiian lifestyle. Whatever the person said regarding a definition of a Hawaiian lifestyle was recorded, then these responses were grouped.”

In the study, “69% of persons responding to the question said they think they have a Hawaiian lifestyle and only 31% said they did not. If we look at the respondent’s definition of a Hawaiian lifestyle, we see that both those who feel they do and those who feel they don’t have a Hawaiian lifestyle most often said that a Hawaiian lifestyle is having traditional respect for elders. Those who said they did not have a Hawaiian lifestyle defined a Hawaiian lifestyle as being easy going and generous second, using Hawaiian language, culture, food and religion third, and living off the land or sea fourth most frequent. Those who said they have a Hawaiian lifestyle, said living off the land or sea and being easy going or generous were second and third most frequent and using Hawaiian language, culture, food and religion was fourth. Thus we see some, but not a great difference in how Hawaiians define a Hawaiian lifestyle based upon whether they feel they have one or not.” — Population Survey/Needs Assessment Final Report.