

Table 6.09

Cultural Activities Participation in: 1984

Cultural Activity	Frequency of Participation			Total	
	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Row %	Col %
Canoe Building	23.9%	15.5%	60.7%	100.1%	0.8%
Canoe Paddling	6.8%	55.6%	37.5%	99.9%	3.9%
Hanai	39.2%	49.0%	11.8%	100.0%	1.4%
Hawaiian Chanting	15.5%	67.0%	17.5%	100.0%	2.2%
Hawaiian Dancing	16.6%	69.4%	14.0%	100.0%	6.1%
Hawaiian Feather Work	11.1%	46.8%	42.1%	100.0%	1.5%
Hawaiian Food Preservation	41.5%	50.5%	8.0%	100.0%	6.7%
Hawaiian Games	19.0%	37.1%	43.9%	100.0%	1.8%
Hawaiian Navigation	7.2%	59.2%	33.6%	100.0%	1.0%
Hawaiian Net Making	28.8%	42.4%	28.8%	100.0%	3.4%
Hawaiian Phys Healing	10.3%	63.6%	26.1%	100.0%	2.0%
Hawaiian Quilt (Kapa)	15.6%	52.8%	31.6%	100.0%	3.3%
Hawaiian Singing	26.3%	60.7%	13.0%	100.0%	10.4%
Hawaiian Weaving	14.7%	52.9%	32.4%	100.0%	2.0%
Hawaiian Wood Carving	18.5%	55.5%	26.0%	100.0%	1.2%
Ho'oponopono	28.0%	45.1%	26.9%	100.0%	1.4%
Lei Making	23.5%	59.1%	17.4%	100.0%	11.7%
Make Musical Instrument	15.5%	63.8%	20.7%	100.0%	1.7%
Martial Arts (Lua)	0.7%	64.1%	35.2%	100.0%	0.9%
Play Musical Instrument	32.8%	58.9%	8.3%	100.0%	7.5%
Poi Pounding	8.6%	29.2%	62.2%	100.0%	1.4%
Practice Hawaiian Religion	35.5%	33.2%	31.3%	100.0%	1.7%
Reading Hawaiian	26.2%	49.4%	24.4%	100.0%	4.6%
Speaking Hawaiian	35.5%	36.6%	27.9%	100.0%	4.8%
Star Charting	12.4%	2.5%	85.1%	100.0%	0.2%
Studying Hawaiian History	29.8%	45.8%	24.3%	99.9%	5.3%
Surfing	19.0%	46.7%	34.2%	99.9%	6.5%
Taro Growing	38.1%	44.1%	17.8%	100.0%	3.1%
Using Hawaiian Fishpond	54.1%	22.7%	23.2%	100.0%	1.4%
Other, Unspecified	68.4%	25.1%	6.5%	100.0%	0.1%
Total	25.0%	52.3%	22.6%	99.9%	

Total may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding.

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

- The next question asked in conjunction with a list of cultural activities from which respondents were to select those in which they participated. They were also asked to indicate how frequently they participated in activities they selected. Table 6.09 shows the distribution of answers to this question.

“By looking at 'Col%' in the Total column we see the percentages of persons who participated in each activity listed in the table. We can see that 'Lei making' was the most common activity (11.7%), second was 'singing Hawaiian songs' (10.4%). Third most common was 'playing musical instruments' (7.5%), fourth was 'Hawaiian food preservation' (6.7%). Fifth was 'surfing' (6.5%) and sixth was 'Hawaiian dancing' (6.1%). Sixth was 'study Hawaiian history' (5.3%). Seventh was 'speak Hawaiian' (4.8%) and eighth was 'read Hawaiian' (4.6%). Ninth was 'Hawaiian net making' (3.4%) and tenth was 'Hawaiian quilting' (3.3%). 'Taro growing' (3.1%) was eleventh. It is apparent that the most common Hawaiian cultural activities being participated in are artistic/recreational, rather than practical.

If we look at the frequency of engaging in activities, overall the 'occasionally' category was most often selected followed by 'Frequently,' then 'Rarely,' although 'Frequently' and 'Rarely' were almost equally chosen.

Looking at how frequently each of the most commonly mentioned activities are engaged in we see that 59.1% of persons participating in 'lei making' said they did it occasionally and 23.5% said frequently. For 'singing Hawaiian songs' 26.3% said they did it frequently and 60.7% said occasionally. Those who said they 'play musical instruments,' 32.8% of respondents said they did it frequently and 59.9% occasionally. Of those engaged in 'Hawaiian food, preservation,' 41.5% said they do it frequently and 50.5% occasionally. 'Surfing' had only 19% doing it frequently and 46.7% occasionally. Of those doing 'Hawaiian dancing' only 16.6% said they did it frequently and 69.4% said occasionally. Of those who engaged in 'Studying Hawaiian history' 29.8% said frequently and 45.8% occasionally. Of those 'Speaking Hawaiian language' 35.5% said frequently and 36.6% occasionally. Of those who engaged in 'Reading Hawaiian' 26.2% said frequently and 49.4% occasionally. Of these most common cultural activities all but those who make leis, go surfing, and do Hawaiian dancing said 'frequently' more often than the overall average. This indicates that not only more people do these activities but those that do generally participate in them more frequently.” — Population Survey/Needs Assessment Final Report