

**Table 6.01****"What Are the Most Important Issues Facing Hawaiians Today?"**

Issues	Native Hawaiian	Others
Land Rights	26%	23%
Education	20%	12%
Unity	15%	12%
Other	14%	13%
Sovereignty	11%	15%
Don't Know	11%	23%
Health	7%	4%
Housing	7%	2%
Employment	7%	2%
Economy	5%	8%
Preserve Culture	2%	6%

**Source:** Hawai'i State, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, 1999 OHA Public Opinion Survey. (Honolulu, 1999)

- “According to the 1999 OHA survey, the most important issue facing the Hawaiians is land. Hawaiians (26.2%) and other state residents (23.2%) agree that land issues such as land rights and homelands were of particular concern. Hawaiians felt that education was also important issue facing Hawaiians (19.6%). In contrast non-Hawaiians felt sovereignty was more of priority for Hawaiians (14.5%). All citizens recognized that unity (14.8% of Hawaiians and 12.0% of non-Hawaiians) was a problem in the Hawaiian community that needed attention. Unity was voiced in several ways. In most cases the idea was for Hawaiians to work towards agreement among its peoples, agencies, policies, and philosophies.” — 1999 OHA Public Opinion Survey

In the 1999, of all the issues presented in the survey, only 2% thought that the preservation of Hawaiian culture was an important issue.