

Table 6.10

Problems Encountered with Cultural Activities: 1984

Cultural Activity	Type of Problem						
	No Interest or Motivation	Health or Physical Inability	Need Schooling or Training	No Time or Conflicting Activities	No Place or Space	Other	All Problems
Canoe Building	0.0%	15.3%	12.0%	0.0%	70.8%	1.8%	1.4%
Canoe Paddling	1.4%	15.8%	66.8%	14.7%	1.4%	0.0%	2.8%
Hawaiian Chanting	0.0%	0.0%	43.3%	35.3%	21.4%	0.0%	1.3%
Hawaiian Dancing	0.0%	0.0%	53.1%	10.2%	36.7%	0.0%	4.6%
Hawaiian Feather Work	1.7%	0.0%	14.4%	43.2%	40.6%	0.0%	2.2%
Hawaiian Food Preservation	82.3%	0.0%	17.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%
Hawaiian Games	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%
Hawaiian Navigation	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.2%	90.8%	0.7%
Hawaiian Net Making	11.0%	0.0%	48.2%	7.9%	19.7%	13.2%	4.6%
Hawaiian Phys Healing	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.6%
Hawaiian Quilt (Kapa)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	78.2%	21.8%	0.0%	2.8%
Hawaiian Singing	0.0%	0.0%	65.8%	20.8%	13.4%	0.0%	4.0%
Hawaiian Weaving	0.0%	0.0%	33.6%	32.8%	33.6%	0.0%	1.7%
Hawaiian Wood Carving	1.5%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	78.5%	0.0%	2.5%
Ho'oponopono	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.1%

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Lei Making	10.2%	0.0%	37.3%	9.8%	11.2%	31.6%	5.1%
Martial Arts (Lua)	0.0%	17.1%	82.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%
Play Musical Instruments	0.0%	0.0%	10.3%	28.1%	37.7%	23.8%	2.3%
Poi Pounding	0.0%	4.7%	0.0%	61.3%	23.8%	10.3%	0.8%
Practice Hawaiian Religion	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.2%
Reading Hawaiian	8.0%	12.3%	6.7%	5.1%	17.9%	50.0%	12.4%
Speaking Hawaiian	6.9%	2.1%	14.0%	5.2%	27.5%	44.4%	13.9%
Study Hawaiian History	16.2%	1.7%	27.8%	23.1%	21.2%	10.0%	5.9%
Surfing	1.0%	28.3%	59.9%	9.8%	1.0%	0.0%	7.6%
Taro Growing	0.0%	0.0%	61.5%	33.3%	0.0%	5.1%	2.6%
Using Hawaiian Fishpond	0.0%	5.1%	94.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.5%
All	0.0%	0.0%	60.6%	35.8%	0.6%	3.0%	6.7%
Total	5.1%	5.5%	39.7%	14.6%	17.7%	17.5%	

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

- Each respondent was asked to indicate the kinds of cultural activities they experienced problems with and to indicate the kinds of problems they encountered. Table 6.10 “shows the distribution of problem activities. The most frequently mentioned activity was 'speaking Hawaiian' (13.9%) (See the All Probs column on the right side of the table.) Next in frequency was 'reading Hawaiian' (12.4%) then 'using Hawaiian fishpond' (10.5%) was next, and then 'surfing' (7.6%) then 'study Hawaiian history' (5.9%) and so on. The top five, i.e. Speak Hawaiian, Read Hawaiian, Using Hawaiian Fishponds, Surfing and Study Hawaiian history accounted for over half of the responses.”

Next were the kinds of problems people were having in practicing these cultural activities. Table 6.10 “shows that the most frequent problem was the person felt they needed more schooling or training because they didn't know how to do the activity (39.7%). The second most frequent problem was the lack of space or a place to engage in the cultural activity (17.7%). Third, was 'other' (17.5%). Fourth was the lack of time or having conflicting activities (14.6%). Poor health and/or physical inability to engage in the activity (5.5%) was fourth and fifth was having no interest or motivation (5.1%).

The most frequent problem with speaking and reading Hawaiian language was 'Other' than those listed specifically. The second most frequent problem was having no place to practice, meaning the lack of a school or classroom. The third most frequent problem was needing school or training for speaking Hawaiian and poor health or inability for reading Hawaiian.

The most frequent problem with using Hawaiian fishponds was needing schooling or training. The second most frequent problem was poor health or inability to do it.

The most frequent problems encountered in studying Hawaiian history were: first, needing schooling or training; seconds not having enough time or having competing activities; third, no place to study it; and fourth, no interest or motivation.

The most frequent problem with surfing was needing training and the second most frequent problem was poor health or inability to do it.” —
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