Strategic Priority: Hoʻokahua Waiwai (Economic Self-Sufficiency)

Strategic Result — Increase the percent of Native Hawaiians who improve their capacity to own or rent a home by
  - increasing the percent of Native Hawaiian owner-occupied housing from 56.62% to 58%.

BACKGROUND. Typically, homeownership is a sign of economic prosperity and security, but for Native Hawaiians, homeownership is uniquely special as it also provides the opportunity to reaffirm and perpetuate ancestral ties to one’s kulaiwi (homeland). The owner occupancy rate is calculated by dividing the number of owner occupied units by the total number of units.

**Figure 1.** Native Hawaiian Owner Occupied Housing Percentage (2006-2012)

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**Source.** U.S. Census Bureau (2013).

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TERMS.

Native Hawaiian: Any descendant of the aboriginal peoples inhabiting the Hawaiian Islands which exercised sovereignty and subsisted in the Hawaiian Islands in 1778, and which peoples thereafter have continued to reside in Hawai‘i.

- Code used for selecting statistics was #062: Native Hawaiian (alone or in any combination (ACS Code #602) 500-503) & (100-299) or (300, A01-Z99) or (400-999).

Owner Occupied: A housing unit is owner occupied if the owner or co-owner lives in the unit even if it is mortgaged or not fully paid for. The owner or co-owner must live in the unit and usually is Person 1 on the (ACS) questionnaire. The unit is “Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan” if it is being purchased with a mortgage or some other debt arrangement such as a deed of trust, trust deed, contract to purchase, land contract, or purchase agreement. The unit is also considered owned with a mortgage if it is built on leased land and there is a mortgage on the unit. Mobile homes occupied by owners with installment loan balances are also included in this category (U.S. Census Bureau, 2006).

REFERENCES.

- Site: http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?prodType=table
- Filter State: Hawai‘i
- Ethnic Group Code #062: Native Hawaiian alone or in any combination (500-503) & (100-299) or (300, A01-Z99) or (400-999).
- Row/Subject: Gross Rent as a percentage of Household Income in the past 12 months (less than 30%; 30% or greater)