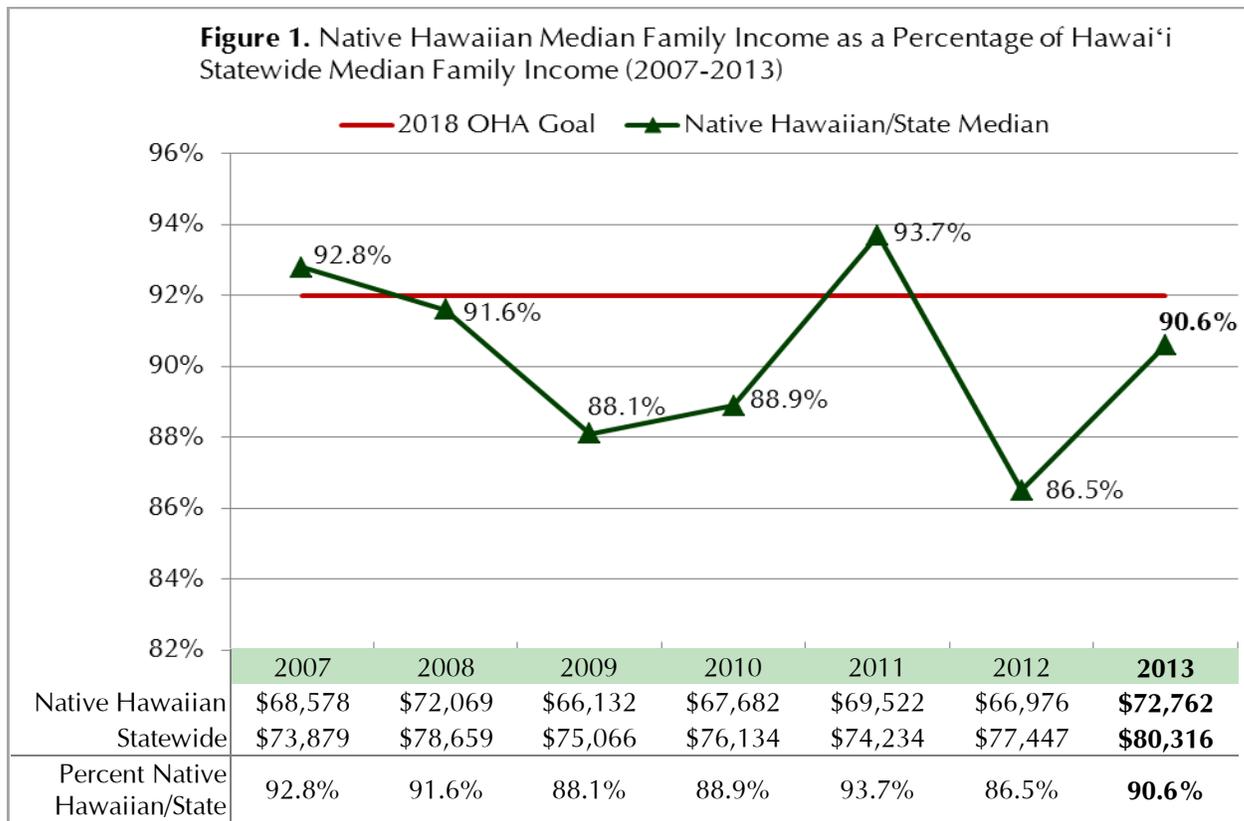


Strategic Priority: Ho‘okahua Waiwai (Economic Self-Sufficiency)

Strategic Result — Native Hawaiian Median Family Income will be equal to, or greater than 92% of the Statewide Median Family Income.

BACKGROUND. Median Family Income, or MFI, provides a measure of average family income in which 50% of incomes are higher, and 50% of incomes are lower. Income includes all earnings, assistance payments, pensions or any other sources of income received regularly for a 12 month period, for all family members. For this strategic result, MFI data of Native Hawaiian is divided by the comparable Hawai‘i State MFI statistic.

Figure 1. Native Hawaiian Median Family Income as a Percentage of Hawai‘i Statewide Median Family Income (2007-2013)



Source. U.S. Census Bureau (2014).

FINDINGS

- As of 2013, the Native Hawaiian MFI increased to \$72,762, which is equal to 90.6% of the Statewide MFI.
- **Are Native Hawaiians making progress in this Strategic Result?** Yes. Compared to 2012, Native Hawaiian MFI as a percent of the Statewide MFI increased by 4.1 percentage points. Although the peak of 93.7% in 2011 has not been reached again, progress has been made since the start of the OHA strategic plan in 2010.
- **Are Native Hawaiians on track to reach the 2018 goal?** Undetermined. Although 2013 signifies an increase in Native Hawaiian MFI, a trend over the past 4 years is not apparent. Additional indicators of income should be assessed to determine progress on this result.

TERMS

American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing statistical survey by the U.S. Census Bureau sent to approximately 295,000 addresses monthly (or 3.5 million per year).

Income: Total income is the sum of the amounts reported separately for wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, or tips; self-employment income from own nonfarm or farm businesses, including proprietorships and partnerships; interest, dividends, net rental income, royalty income, or income from estates and trusts; Social Security or Railroad Retirement income; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); any public assistance or welfare payments from the state or local welfare office; retirement, survivor, or disability pensions; and any other sources of income received regularly such as Veterans' payments, unemployment compensation, child support, or alimony (U.S. Census Bureau, 2013).

Family Income: In compiling statistics on family income, the incomes of all members 15 years old and over related to the householder are summed and treated as a single amount. Although the family income statistics cover the past 12 months, the characteristics of individuals and the composition of families refer to the time of interview. Thus, the income of the family does not include amounts received by individuals who were members of the family during all or part of the past 12 months if these individuals no longer resided with the family at the time of interview. Similarly, income amounts reported by individuals who did not reside with the family during the past 12 months but who were members of the family at the time of interview are included. However, the composition of most families was the same during the past 12 months as at the time of interview (U.S. Census Bureau, 2013).

Median Income: The median divides the income distribution into two equal parts: one-half of the cases falling below the median income and one-half above the median. For households and families, the median income is based on the distribution of the total number of families including those with no income. Median income is computed on the basis of a standard distribution and is rounded to the nearest whole dollar. Median income figures are calculated using linear interpolation (U.S. Census Bureau, 2013).

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.

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