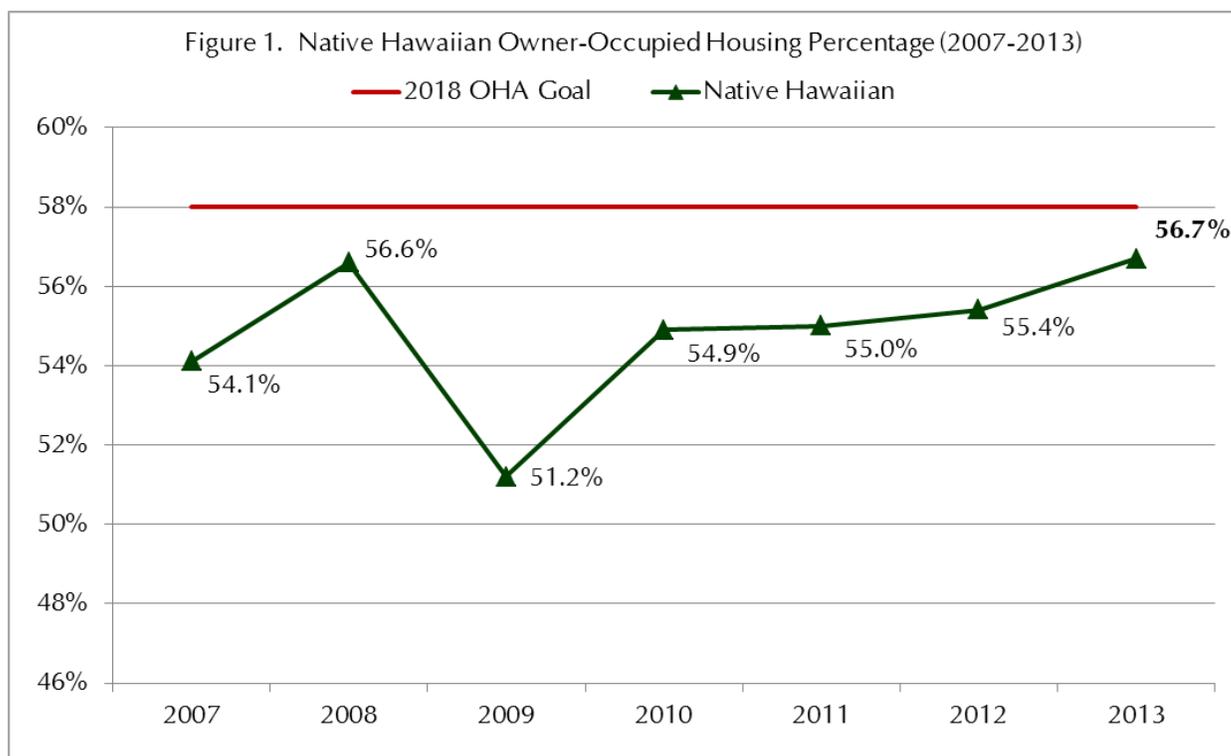


Strategic Priority: Ho'okahua Waiwai (Economic Self-Sufficiency)

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 unique 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.



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

FINDINGS

- Of the 68,670 housing units occupied by Native Hawaiians in 2013, 56.7% were owner-occupied.
- **Are Native Hawaiians making progress in this Strategic Result?** Yes. The Native Hawaiian owner-occupancy rate increased 1.3% from 2012 and surpassed the peak rate of 56.6% in 2008. Additionally, an increase of 1.8% is indicated since the start of OHA's 2010 Strategic Plan.
- **Are Native Hawaiians on track to reach the 2018 goal?** Yes. The Native Hawaiian owner-occupancy rate has steadily progressed for four consecutive years. If the progress made since 2010 continues, the goal of 58% will be reached by 2018.

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).

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, 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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 - Filter State: Hawai'i
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