NATIVE HAWAIIAN ADULT OBESITY

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CHRONIC CONDITIONS: Obesity

Adult BMI Status-Obese (BMI>=30) in Hawai‘i: 2011-2016

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RISK BEHAVIORS: Diet and Exercise

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 ABOUT THE DATA
Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS): The BRFSS is an ongoing telephone survey of adults (18 years and over). The BRFSS in Hawai‘i is conducted by the Hawai‘i State Department of Health and coordinated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (CDC)

Notes: Body Mass Index (BMI): Body Mass Index (BMI) is a person’s weight in kilograms divided by the square of height in meters. A high BMI can be an indicator of high body fatness. BMI can be used to screen for weight categories that may lead to health problems but it is not diagnostic of the body fatness or health of an individual. (CDC)

Weight Status:
Obese: BMI of 30.0 and Above
Overweight: BMI of 25.0-29.9
Normal Weight: BMI of 18.5-24.9
Underweight: BMI Below 18.5

Adult Diet and Exercise in Hawai‘i: 2015

Physical activity - met federal guidelines
Adults who eat 2 or more fruits per day
Adults who eat 2+ fruits and 3+ vegetables per day

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The most common contributors of obesity are overeating and physical inactivity. Other factors are the results of genetics, metabolism, environment, behavior, and culture.

Health risks associated with obesity include: Insulin resistance, Type 2 (adult-onset) diabetes, High blood pressure (hypertension), High cholesterol, Stroke, Heart attack, Congestive heart failure, Cancer, Gallstones, and Osteoarthritis.
**BIRTHS AND DEATHS: Obese Mothers**

- **9.0%** of Native Hawaiian mothers had gestational diabetes, in 2014.
- **10.5%** of Native Hawaiian infants were born prematurely, in 2014.

**ABOUT THE DATA**

Source: Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS): The Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) is a questionnaire survey on maternal attitudes and experiences before, during, and shortly after pregnancy to improve the health of mothers and infants by reducing adverse outcomes. It is a surveillance project of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state health departments.

Notes: Maternal obesity can result in negative outcomes for both women and fetuses. The maternal risks during pregnancy include gestational diabetes and high blood pressure. The fetus is at risk for stillbirth, birth defects, or born prematurely.

**SOCIAL DETERMINANTS: Education**

- **40.8%** of Native Hawaiian Adults with 4 years of college or more were obese, in 2016.

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Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS):

Notes: Generally, education is considered a protective factor against negative health outcomes. But, it is not universally true.

** The data have been suppressed because the total number of responses to the question is less than 50 or the relative standard error is greater than 0.30.