



# We the People: Pacific Islanders in the United States

This report provides a portrait of the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander population in the United States and discusses the largest detailed Pacific Islander groups at the national level: Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Guamanian or Chamorro, Fijian, Tongan, and Marshallese.<sup>1</sup> It is

part of the Census 2000 Special Reports series that presents several demographic, social, and economic characteristics collected from Census 2000. The terms “Pacific Islander” and “Guamanian,” when used in the text, graphics, and tables of this report, refer to the Native Hawaiian and Other

Pacific Islander population and the Guamanian or Chamorro category, respectively.

In Census 2000, a total of 861,000 people, or 0.3 percent of the total population, reported they belonged to the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander population. Of this number, 378,800 people, or 44 percent, reported only Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; and 482,200 people, or 56 percent, reported Native

<sup>1</sup> The text of this report discusses data for the United States, including the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Data for Pacific Islanders residing in the U.S. Island Areas of

Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands or in Puerto Rico are not included.

Table 1.  
**Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Population by Detailed Group: 2000**

(Data based on sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf4.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf4.pdf))

Detailed group	Detailed Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander group alone			Detailed Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander group alone or in combination		
	Number	Percent of U.S. population	90-percent confidence interval	Number	Percent of U.S. population	90-percent confidence interval
<b>Total.....</b>	<b><sup>1</sup>378,782</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.13–0.14</b>	<b><sup>2</sup>860,965</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.30–0.31</b>
Native Hawaiian.....	139,495	0.05	*	400,435	0.14	*
Samoan.....	85,243	0.03	*	128,183	0.05	0.04–0.05
Guamanian.....	55,130	0.02	*	91,380	0.03	*
Tongan.....	27,686	0.01	*	36,982	0.01	*
Fijian.....	10,265	-	*	14,159	0.01	0.00–0.01
Marshallese.....	5,843	-	*	6,899	-	*
Other Pacific Islander....	<sup>3</sup> 55,120	0.02	*	<sup>4</sup> 208,991	0.07	0.07–0.08

- Rounds to zero.

\* Confidence interval rounds to percentage shown.

<sup>1</sup> Includes people who reported Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander only, regardless of whether they reported one or more detailed Pacific Islander groups.

<sup>2</sup> Includes people who reported one detailed Pacific Islander group, people who reported two or more detailed Pacific Islander groups, and people who reported one or more Pacific Islander groups and one or more races other than Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. The total is less than the sum of the rows because most people who reported two or more detailed Pacific Islander groups, such as Samoan and Tongan, are tabulated once in each category, but only once in the total. People who reported two or more detailed Pacific Islander groups not listed above (e.g., Carolinean and Ni-Vanuatu) are tabulated once in the Other Pacific Islander category.

<sup>3</sup> Includes people who reported one Pacific Islander group not listed above and people who reported two or more Pacific Islander groups (and no other race), as well as people who checked only the Other Pacific Islander response category on the census questionnaire or wrote in the generic term “Pacific Islander.”

<sup>4</sup> Represents the number of people who reported one or more Pacific Islander groups excluding the groups listed above. The total of 208,991 includes 46,628 people who reported a Pacific Islander group not listed above (e.g., Tokelauan), 3,027 people who reported two or more Pacific Islander groups not listed above (e.g., Carolinean and Ni-Vanuatu), 144,773 people who reported a Pacific Islander group not listed above and one or more races other than Pacific Islander (e.g., Chuukese and White), and 14,563 people who reported two or more Pacific Islander groups not listed above and one or more races other than Pacific Islander (e.g., Chuukese and Tokelauan and Black).

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 special tabulation.