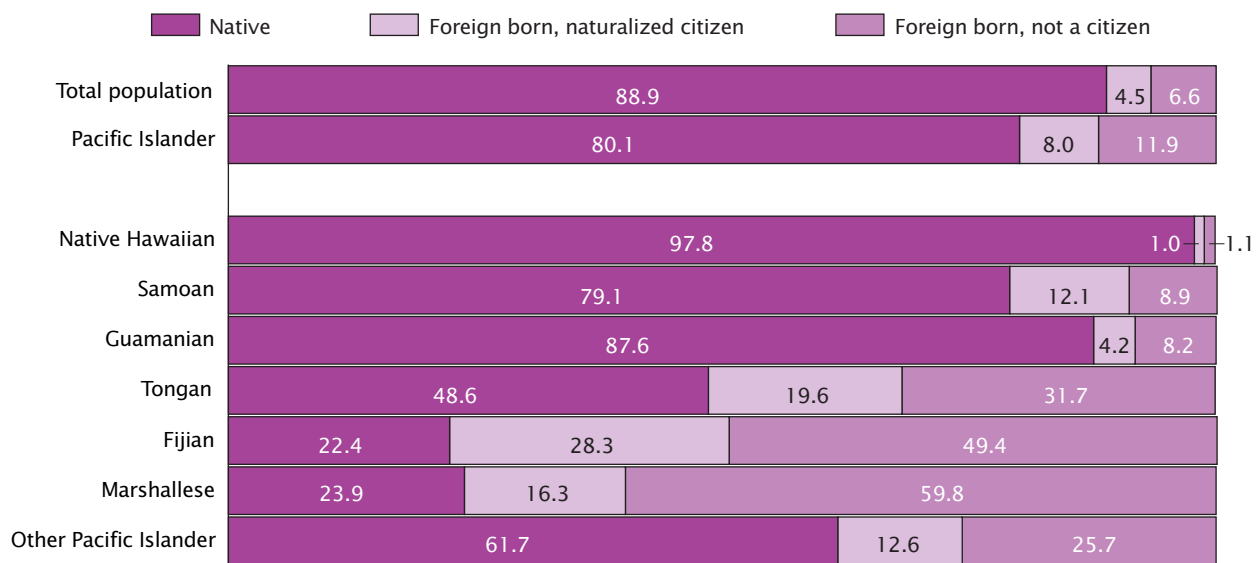


Eight of ten Pacific Islanders were native to the United States.

- People born in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, certain U.S. Island Areas (Guam, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, or the U.S. Virgin Islands), and Puerto Rico are automatically U.S. citizens. While people born in American Samoa, Guam, or Hawaii are native by definition, most people born in other Pacific Islands—Fiji, the Marshall Islands, Western Samoa, or Tonga—are not natives by birth. In 2000, about 89 percent of the total population and 80 percent of Pacific Islanders were natives. Native Hawaiians had the highest percent native (98 percent). Eighty-eight percent of Guamanians and 79 percent of Samoans were also native.
- Fijians and Marshallese had the highest percentages of foreign born among the detailed Pacific Islander groups.
- A lower percentage of Pacific Islanders were naturalized citizens (8 percent) than noncitizens (12 percent). The Samoan population had a higher proportion of naturalized citizens than noncitizens.

Figure 6.
Nativity and Citizenship Status: 2000

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



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