



The American Community— Pacific Islanders: 2004

INTRODUCTION

This report presents a portrait of the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander population in the United States.¹ It is part of the American Community Survey (ACS) report series. Information on demographic, social, economic, and housing characteristics in the tables and figures is based on data from the 2004 ACS Selected Population Profiles and Detailed Tables.² The data for the Pacific Islander population are based on responses to the 2004 ACS question on race, which asked all respondents to report one or more races.³

The 2004 ACS estimated the number of Pacific Islanders to be about 743,000, or 0.26 percent of the U.S. household population (Table 1).⁴ The number of individuals who reported Pacific Islander as their only race was about 404,000, or 0.14 percent of the population. About another 339,000 reported their race as Pacific Islander and

¹ In the federal government, the category “Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander” refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of the Pacific Islands (for example, Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or Tonga). It includes people who indicated their race or races as “Native Hawaiian,” “Guamanian or Chamorro,” “Samoan,” or “Other Pacific Islander,” or wrote in entries such as Tahitian, Mariana Islander, or Chuukese.

² The 2004 ACS datasets, including Selected Population Profiles and Detailed Tables, are available online in the American FactFinder at <<http://factfinder.census.gov>>.

³ For further information on the content and format of the questionnaire, see <www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/SQuest03.pdf>.

⁴ This report discusses data for the United States, including the 50 states and the District of Columbia; it does not include data for Puerto Rico.

Table 1.
Household Population by Race and Hispanic Origin: 2004

(Data based on sample limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/exp_acs2004.html)

Race and Hispanic origin	Population	Percent of total population	Margin of error ¹ (±)
Total	285,691,501	100.00	(X)
White alone, not Hispanic	192,362,875	67.33	0.01
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	403,832	0.14	0.01
Not Hispanic	364,656	0.13	0.01
Hispanic	39,176	0.01	—
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone or in combination	743,314	0.26	0.01
Not Hispanic	653,707	0.23	0.01
Hispanic	89,607	0.03	—
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander in combination	339,482	0.12	0.01
Not Hispanic	289,051	0.10	0.01
Hispanic	50,431	0.02	—

(X) Not applicable.
— Rounds to 0.00.

¹ This number, when added to and subtracted from the estimate, produces the 90-percent confidence interval around the estimate.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2004 American Community Survey, Selected Population Profiles, S0201.

one or more other races. The Pacific Islander-alone-or-in-combination population included about 90,000 Hispanics, and the Pacific Islander-alone population included about 39,000 Hispanics.⁵

Data are reported for both the Pacific Islander-alone and the Pacific Islander-alone-or-in-combination populations. In this report,

⁵ The estimates in this report are based on responses from a sample of households. Estimates may vary from the actual values because of sampling error and other factors. All comparative statements have undergone statistical testing and are significant at the 90-percent confidence level unless otherwise noted.

respondents who reported Pacific Islander and no other race are included in the single-race or Pacific Islander-alone population (i.e., including those who reported their race as one or more detailed Pacific Islander groups but no non-Pacific Islander race). Respondents who reported Pacific Islander either alone or with one or more other race categories are included in the Pacific Islander-alone-or-in-combination population. The report also includes data for the non-Hispanic segments of these populations.

The term “Pacific Islander” is used to refer to the Native Hawaiian and