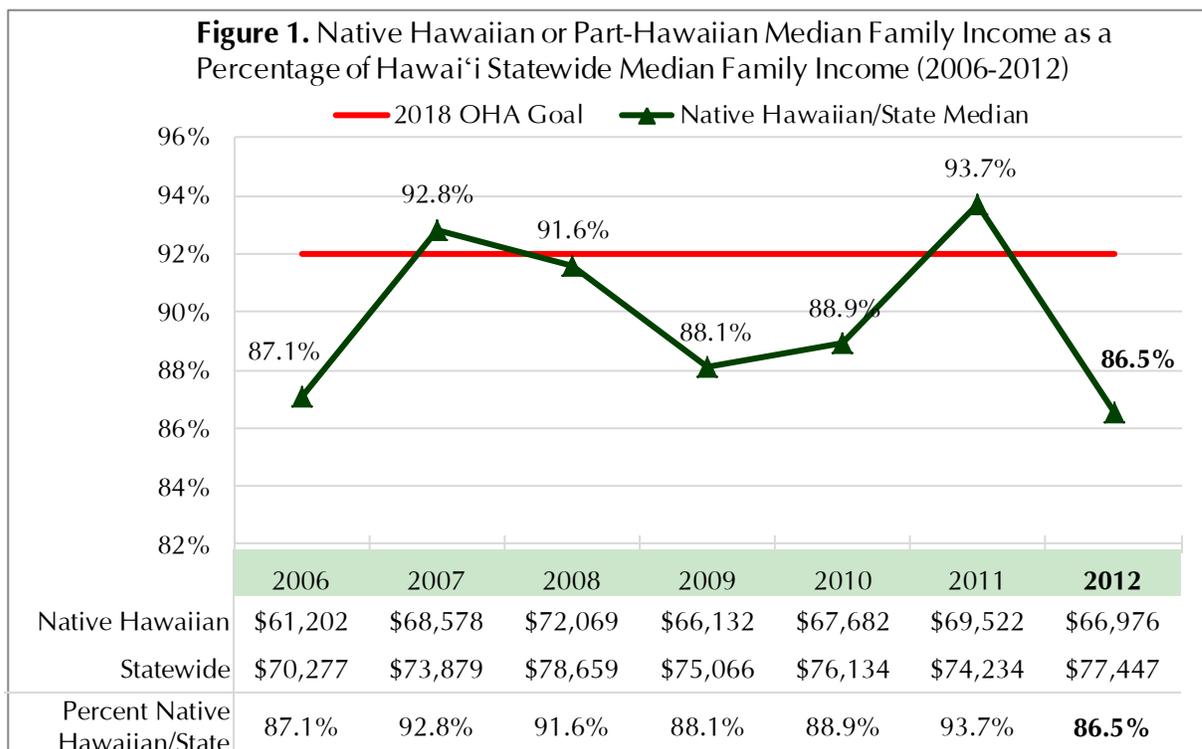


Strategic Priority: Ho‘okahua Waiwai (Economic Self-Sufficiency)

Strategic Result — Native Hawaiian Median Family Income will be equal to, or greater than 92% of the Statewide Median Family Income.

BACKGROUND. The Median Family Income, or MFI, provides a population measure of average family income in which 50% of incomes are higher, and 50% of incomes are lower. Income includes all earnings, assistance payments and pensions for a 12 month period, for all those in the family who are age 15 or older. For this strategic result, MFI data of Native Hawaiian and Part-Hawaiian is divided by the comparable Hawai‘i State MFI statistic.



Source. U.S. Census Bureau (2013).

FINDINGS

- As of 2012, the Native Hawaiian MFI decreased to \$66,976, which equals to 86.5% of the Statewide MFI.
- **Are Native Hawaiians making progress in this Strategic Result?** No, compared to 2011, the 2012 Native Hawaiian MFI as percent of the Statewide MFI fell by 7.2 percentage points to 86.5%, the indicator’s lowest mark in seven years.
- **Are Native Hawaiians on track to reach the 2018 goal?** No, 2012 signifies the only year in the past six in which the Native Hawaiian MFI decreased while the Statewide MFI increased, a trend that must reverse in order to reach OHA’s 2018 goal.

TERMS

American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing statistical survey by the U.S. Census Bureau sent to approximately 250,000 addresses monthly (or 3 million per year).

Family: A group of two or more people who reside together and who are related by birth, marriage, or adoption (U.S. Census Bureau, n.d.).

Household: A household includes all the people who occupy a housing unit as their usual place of residence (U.S. Census Bureau, n.d.).

Income: "Total income" is the sum of the amounts reported separately for wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, or tips; self-employment income from own nonfarm or farm businesses, including proprietorships and partnerships; interest, dividends, net rental income, royalty income, or income from estates and trusts; Social Security or Railroad Retirement income; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); any public assistance or welfare payments from the state or local welfare office; retirement, survivor, or disability pensions; and any other sources of income received regularly such as Veterans' payments, unemployment compensation, child support, or alimony (U.S. Census Bureau, n.d.).

Median Income: The amount which divides the income distribution into two equal groups, half having incomes above the median, half having incomes below the median. This includes the income of the householder and all other individuals 15 years old and over in the household, whether they are related to the householder or not. For households and families, the median income is based on the distribution of the total number of households and families including those with no income. Median income for households, families, and individuals is computed on the basis of a standard distribution. Because many households consist of only one person, average household income is usually less than average family income (U.S. Census Bureau, n.d.).

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.

- Code used for selecting statistics was #062: Native Hawaiian (alone or in any combination (ACS Code #602) 500-503) & (100-299) or (300, A01-Z99) or (400-999).

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