

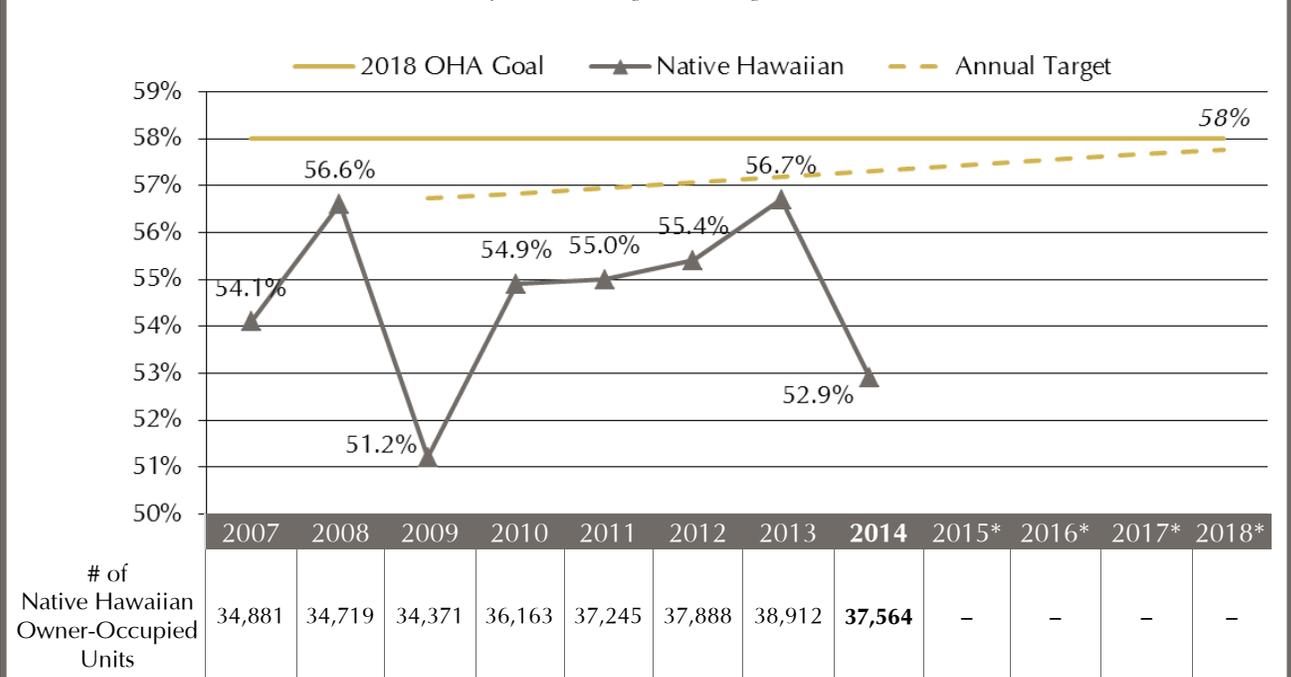
Strategic Priority: Ho‘okahua Waiwai (Economic Self-Sufficiency)

Strategic Result — Increase the percent of Native Hawaiians who improve their capacity to own or rent a home by:

- increasing the percent of Native Hawaiian owner-occupied housing from 56.62% to 58%.

BACKGROUND. Typically, homeownership is a sign of economic prosperity and security, but for Native Hawaiians, homeownership is unique as it also provides the opportunity to reaffirm and perpetuate ancestral ties to one’s kulaiwi (homeland). The owner-occupancy rate is calculated by dividing the number of owner-occupied units by the total number of units.

FIGURE 1. Native Hawaiian Owner-Occupied Housing Percentage (2007-2014)



Source. U.S. Census Bureau (2015). Note. * No data currently available. The 2007 data is included to indicate pre-recession statistics.

FINDINGS

- Of the 71,006 housing units occupied by Native Hawaiians in 2014, 52.9% were owner-occupied.
- **Are Native Hawaiians making progress in this Strategic Result?** No. The Native Hawaiian owner-occupancy rate decreased 3.8 percentage points from 2013. However, the number of Native Hawaiian households increased 3.4% and the number of Native Hawaiian renter-occupied housing units increased 3.7 percentage points.
- **Are Native Hawaiians on track to reach the 2018 goal?** Undetermined. Although there was a positive trend over the past 5 years, 2014 shows a decrease in homeownership. This leaves a 5.1 percentage point gap between 2014 and OHA’s target goal of 58%.

TERMS

American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing statistical survey by the U.S. Census Bureau sent to approximately 295,000 addresses monthly (or 3.5 million per year).

Owner-Occupied: A housing unit is owner-occupied if the owner or co-owner lives in the unit, even if it is mortgaged or not fully paid for. The owner or co-owner must live in the unit and usually is Person 1 on the (ACS) questionnaire. The unit is "Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan" if it is being purchased with a mortgage or some other debt arrangement such as a deed of trust, trust deed, contract to purchase, land contract, or purchase agreement. The unit is also considered owned with a mortgage if it is built on leased land and there is a mortgage on the unit. Mobile homes occupied by owners with installment loan balances are also included in this category (U.S. Census Bureau, 2014).

Native Hawaiian: Includes respondents who indicate their race as "Native Hawaiian" or report entries such as Part Hawaiian or Hawaiian. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2014).

REFERENCES

U.S. Census Bureau. (2014). *American Community Survey (ACS). 1-year Estimates: 2007-2014.*

- Site: http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_14_1YR_S0201&prodType=table
- Report: S0201 Selected Population Profile in the United States, 2014 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates
- Filter State: Hawai'i
- Ethnic Group Code #062: Native Hawaiian alone or in any combination (500-503) & (100-299) or (300, A01-Z99) or (400-999).
- Row/Subject: HOUSING TENURE: Occupied housing units: Owner-occupied housing units

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