

2022 'IMI PONO WELLBEING SURVEY SELECT FINDINGS

Native Hawaiian perspectives on wellbeing emphasize relationships, interconnections, and balance. 'Imi Pono seeks to provide a fuller picture of wellbeing among Native Hawaiians and Hawai'i residents in order to supplement data from surveys that are narrowly focused or deficit-based. The survey is a partnership among Kamehameha Schools, Lili'uokalani Trust, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Papa Ola Lokahi, and contracted with Marzano Research.

Select findings strongly affirm and celebrate the significance of community to Hawai'i residents. For Native Hawaiians in particular, social relationships and the interconnectedness among all beings are inseparable from individual health and wellbeing. The data also reinforce the prevalence of complex structures and challenges—such as financial insecurity, higher education completion and career pathways, and the continuing impact of historical injustices on Native Hawaiians—that pose risks to Native Hawaiians' overall wellbeing.

Community wellbeing is important, valued, and shared across the islands. Hawai'i residents are civically engaged and connected to their communities.

- 53%** have strong connections to their Geographic or Place- Based Community.
- 88%** planned to vote in the 2022 general election.



The following were reported as "very important" to community wellbeing:



There are differences between how Native Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians engage with their communities.

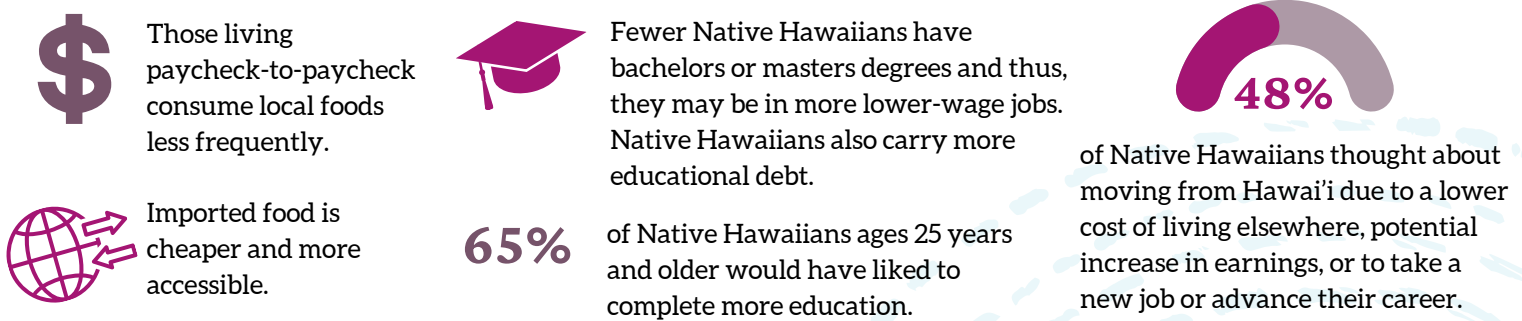
Compared to their counterparts, Native Hawaiians are more likely to...



40% of currently employed Native Hawaiians describe their current job or career as fulfilling their desire to contribute to their community. Moreover, about four out of five (**84%**) are satisfied with their current job or career.

*Indicates statistically significant difference

Financial concerns and insecurity serve as a persistent barrier to various aspects of wellbeing such as food consumption, educational pursuits, and having the option to live in Hawai'i.



Recommendations

- Invest in leaders and organizations that mālama (steward) community assets—especially those that contribute to safe neighborhoods, healthy lifestyles including access to local foods, the preservation of open spaces and cultural resources, increased financial literacy, and educational equity.
- Activate public-private and cross-sector partnerships to address existing gaps in infrastructure, services, and access for Native Hawaiians as well as rural and economically disadvantaged communities.
- Continue to conduct studies, collect holistic data, and evaluate interventions that focus on better understanding and promoting indigenous and community wellbeing.

For complete findings (including publications, data set, data dashboard, and survey) and more info about the 2023 'Imi Pono survey administration visit:

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