

NATIVE HAWAIIANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS
The Data Scene: An Overview

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WHO WE ARE

Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders

Defined in US Census:

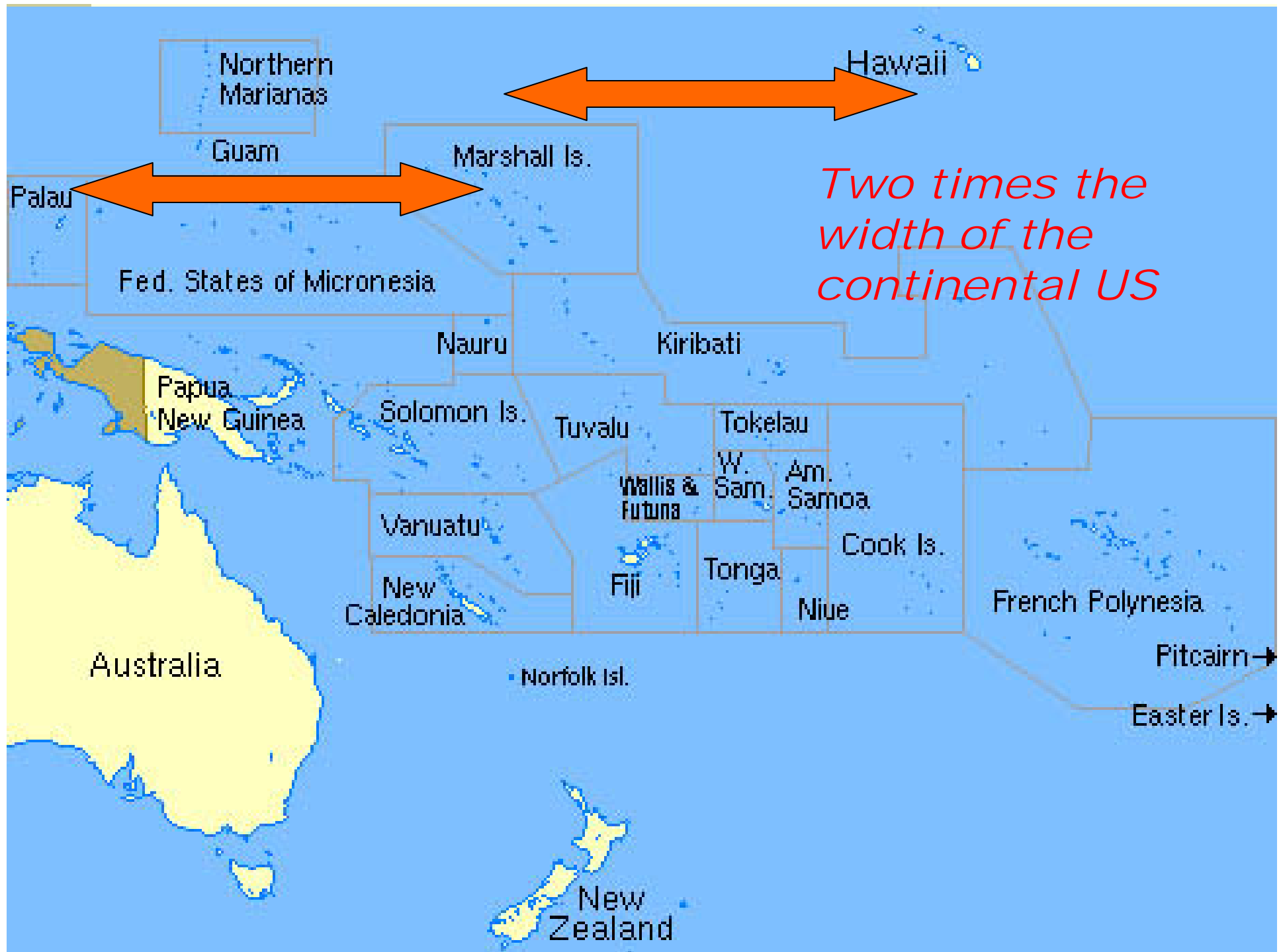
- *The term “Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander” refers to people having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. Pacific Islanders include diverse populations that differ in language and culture. They are of Polynesian, Micronesian, and Melanesian cultural backgrounds.*

WHO WE ARE

Defined by the community:

We are called Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders. Modern day voyaging has taken hold of many of our family members and dispersed us to lands beyond our homelands to the Americas, Europe, and Asia, but we remain the Indigenous Peoples from the islands and seas that surround them within the great ocean *Moananuiloa*.

We are referred to as Polynesians, Micronesians, and Melanesians; we have brothers and sisters called Aborigines, Carolinians, Chamorros, Chuukese, Fijians, Hawaiians, Kosraeans, Marshallese, Belauans, Pohnpeians, Rarotongans, Samoans, Tongans, Tuvaluans, Yapese and many more. But we know ourselves from whence we come – we are of the land (*kama`aina, honua, vanua, enua*) – and we call ourselves *Maori, Ma Ori, Maoli, Vaka-viti* or something similar which has the connotation of joy, life, health, happiness, and authenticity.



Regions of the Pacific:

The Pacific regions are traditionally grouped by cultural/ethnic relationships among its inhabitants and environmental/geologic characteristics found in the area:

Melanesia

Micronesia

Polynesia

Regions of the Pacific(con)

Melanesia: Includes new Guinea and the independent nations of Vanuatu (New Hebrides), Fiji, and the Solomon Islands. New Caledonia is a French possession in this area as well. The major influx of people from this region come from Fiji and may be of Indian descent as opposed to Pacific Islander origin.

Aboriginee (Australia/Torres Strait Islanders)

Fijian (Fiji)

Kanak (New Caledonia)

Papua New Guinean (Papua New Guinea)

Solomon Islander (Solomon Islands)

Vanuatuan (Vanuatu)

— International boundary
 — Island group divider
 ★ Suva National capital
 ● Pago Pago City

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Island group divider

✻ Suva

National capital

- Pago Pago

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A map of the Pacific Ocean regions. The Pacific is divided into three main color-coded areas: Micronesia (yellow), Melanesia (red), and Polynesia (orange). Surrounding landmasses include North America, Australia, New Zealand, and parts of Asia and South America. Specific islands and groups are labeled: Mariana Is., Hawaiian Is., New Caledonia, Samoa, Fiji, Tahiti, Easter I., and Tasmania. The map includes latitude and longitude markings.

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Regions of the Pacific (con)

Micronesia: Includes the independent nations of Belau, Nauru, Kiribati (Gilbert Islands) and the Federated States of Micronesia-consisting of 607 islands around the islands of Yap, Pohnpei (Ponape), Kosrae, and Chuuk (Truk). Other islands include the US territories of Wake and Guam.

- Carolinian (Fed. States of Micronesia)

- Chamorro (Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana, Guam)

- Chuukese (Chuuk-Fed. States of Micronesia)

- Kosraen (Kosrae-Fed. States of Micronesia)

- Kiribati Islander (Kiribati)

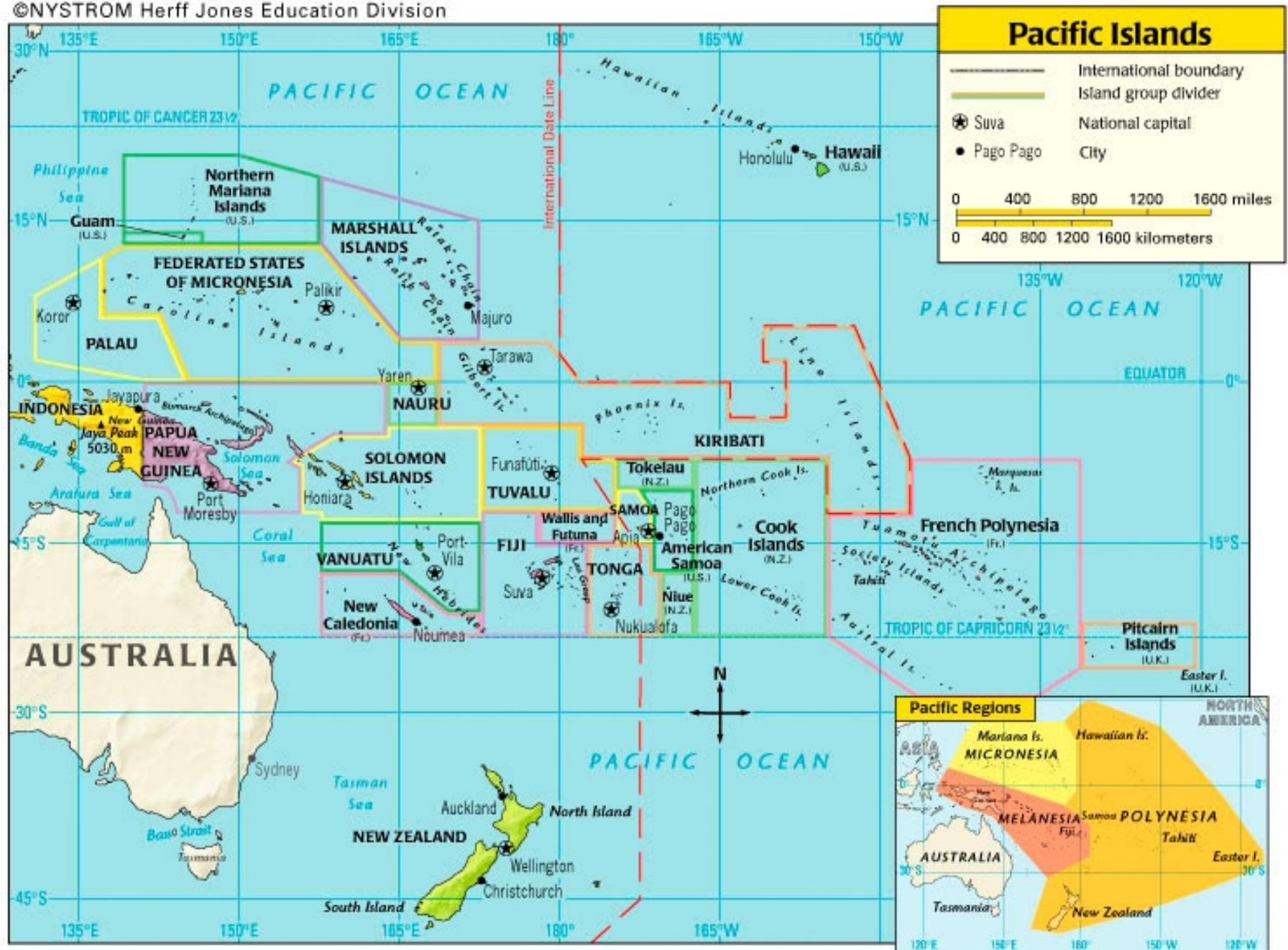
- Nauruan (Nauru)

- Belauan/Palauan (Republic of Belau)

- Pohnpeian (Pohnpei-Fed. States of Micronesia)

- Saipanese (Saipan-Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana)

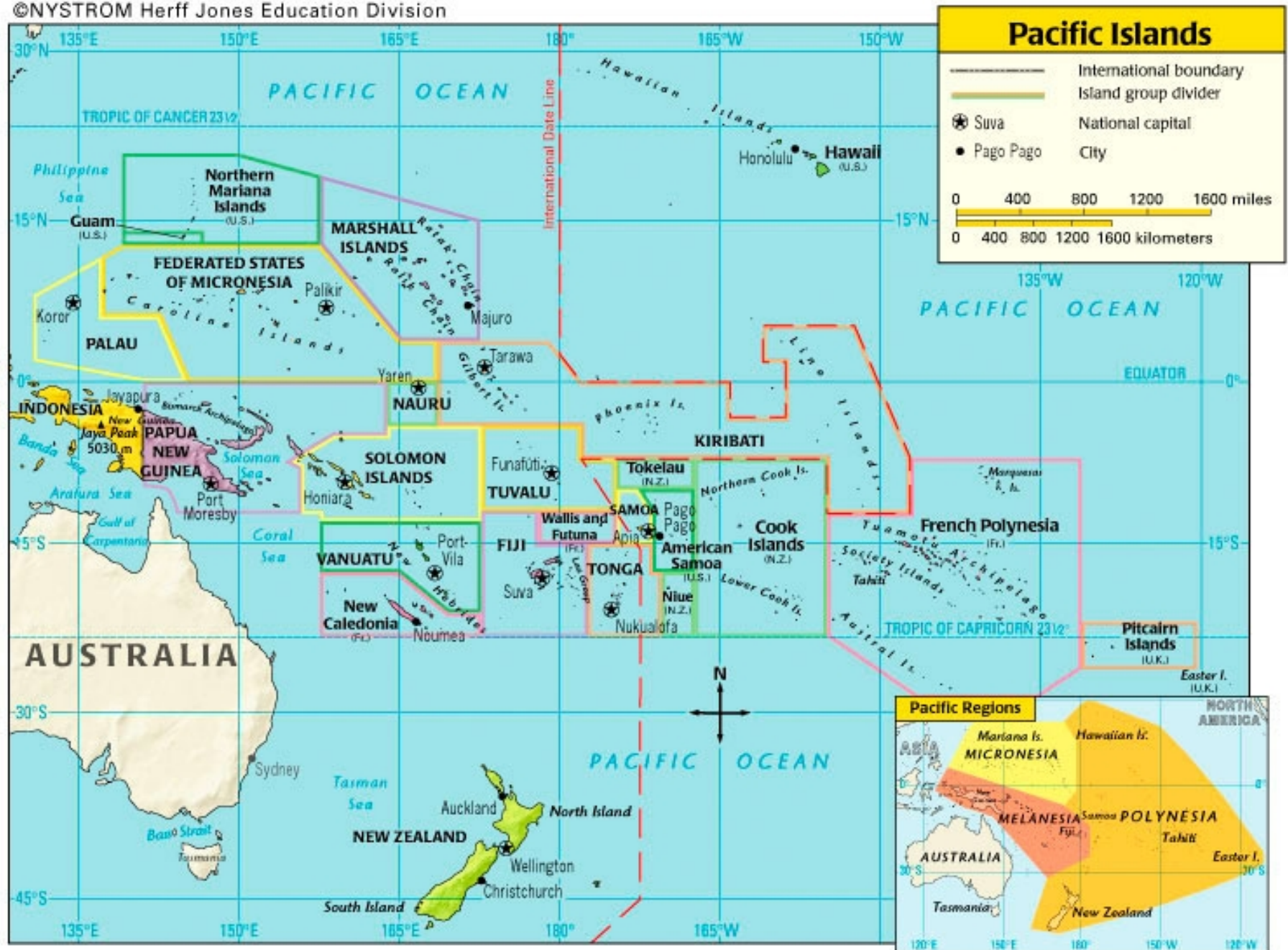
- Yapese (Yap- Fed. States of Micronesia)



Regions of the Pacific (con)

Polynesia: Includes the independent nations of New Zealand, Samoa, Tonga, the Cook Islands, and Tuvalu and the island states of French Polynesia (Tahiti, Marquesas, Austral, Tuamotu), Niue and the Tokelau Islands, Rapanui (Chile) and the British Crown Colony of Pitcairn Island.

- Cook Islander (Cook Islands)
- Kapingamirangian (Kapingamirangi)
- Maori (Aotearoa/New Zealand)
- Marquesan (Marquesas Islands)
- Native Hawaiian/Kanaka Maoli (Hawaiian Islands)
- Niuean (Niue)
- Nukuoran (Nukuoru)
- Pitcairn Islanders (Pitcairn Island)
- Rapanui (Rapa Nui)
- Rotuman (Rotuma)
- Samoa (American Samoa, Samoa)
- Tahitian (Society Islands)
- Tokelauan (Tokelau Islands)
- Tongan (Tonga)
- Tuamotuan (Tuamotu Islands)
- Tubuaian (Tubuai Islands)
- Tuvaluan (Tuvalu)
- Wallisan/Futunan (Wallis Futuna Islands)



WE HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE US FABRIC FOR MANY YEARS



- 1798: George Kaumualii:
 - left Hawai'i at the age of 6 in 1798 – worked in on farms in the US East coast.
 - joined the US Navy in 1815 and fought in the War of 1812.
 - went to school in Guilford and Cornwall, CT with fellow Hawaiians
 - returned to Hawai'i with 1st company of missionaries in 1820
(other Hawaiians included Henry Opukaia (Obookiah), Thomas Hopu (Hopoo), William Kenoe (Tennooe), John Honuli (Honooree))

Fabric for Many Years (con)

- 1830s-1840s: Native Hawaiians migrate to Pacific Northwest and work for Hudson Bay Company...place names a legacy to their efforts (Aloha)
- 1849-1860: More than 2,000 Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders drawn to California and Oregon
- 1860s: More than 50 Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders participate in the US Civil War (*CSS Shenandoah episode*)
- 1880s-1890s: At least 10 Native Hawaiians participate in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show – across the US and in Europe

Fabric for Many Years (con)

- 1920s-present: Many Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders excel in sports and athletics
(Duke Kahanamoku/Charles Teetai Ane/Henry “Honolulu” Thomas Hughes, Jr.)



Kenny Niumatalolo

Junior Seau

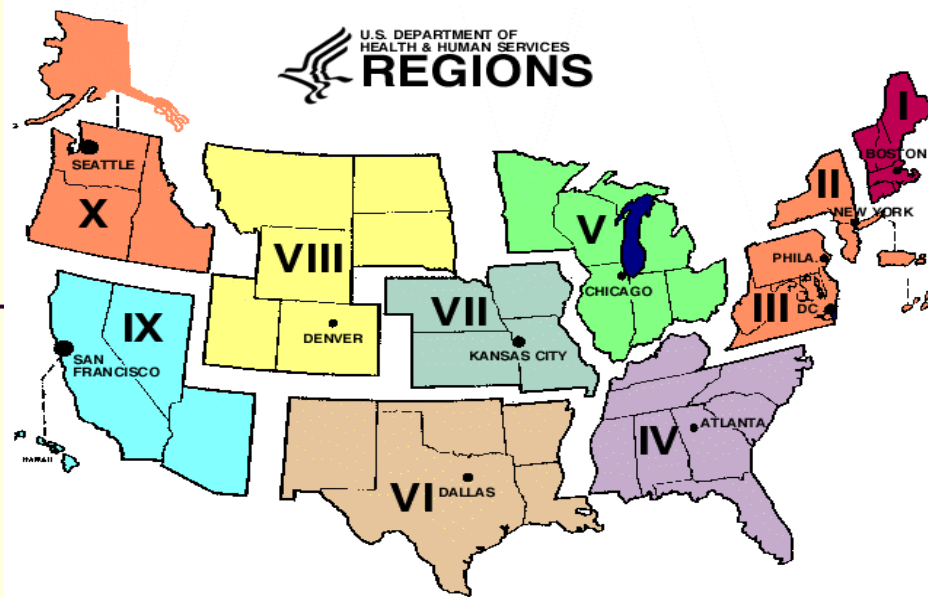


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How NHPI is Ennumerated

- Prior to 1977: No specific identified category
- 1977: OMB issued its Statistical Policy Directive No. 15 which for the 1st time identified 'Pacific Islanders' as part of an "Asian Pacific Islander (API)" cohort
- 1997: OMB revised its standards and disaggregated the old "API" into separate "Asian" and "Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander" categories



NHPI is a national population:

	NH	PI	TOTAL
Region 1	3,033	13,407	16,440
Region 2	5,259	33,418	38,677
Region 3	6,956	19,786	26,742
Region 4	14,399	44,459	58,858
Region 5	10,624	30,028	40,652
Region 6	12,536	31,116	43,652
Region 7	3,859	9,822	13,681
Region 8	8,733	25,160	33,893
Region 9	312,873	220,901	533,774
Region 10	22,890	44,252	67,142
TOTAL	401,162	473,252	874,414

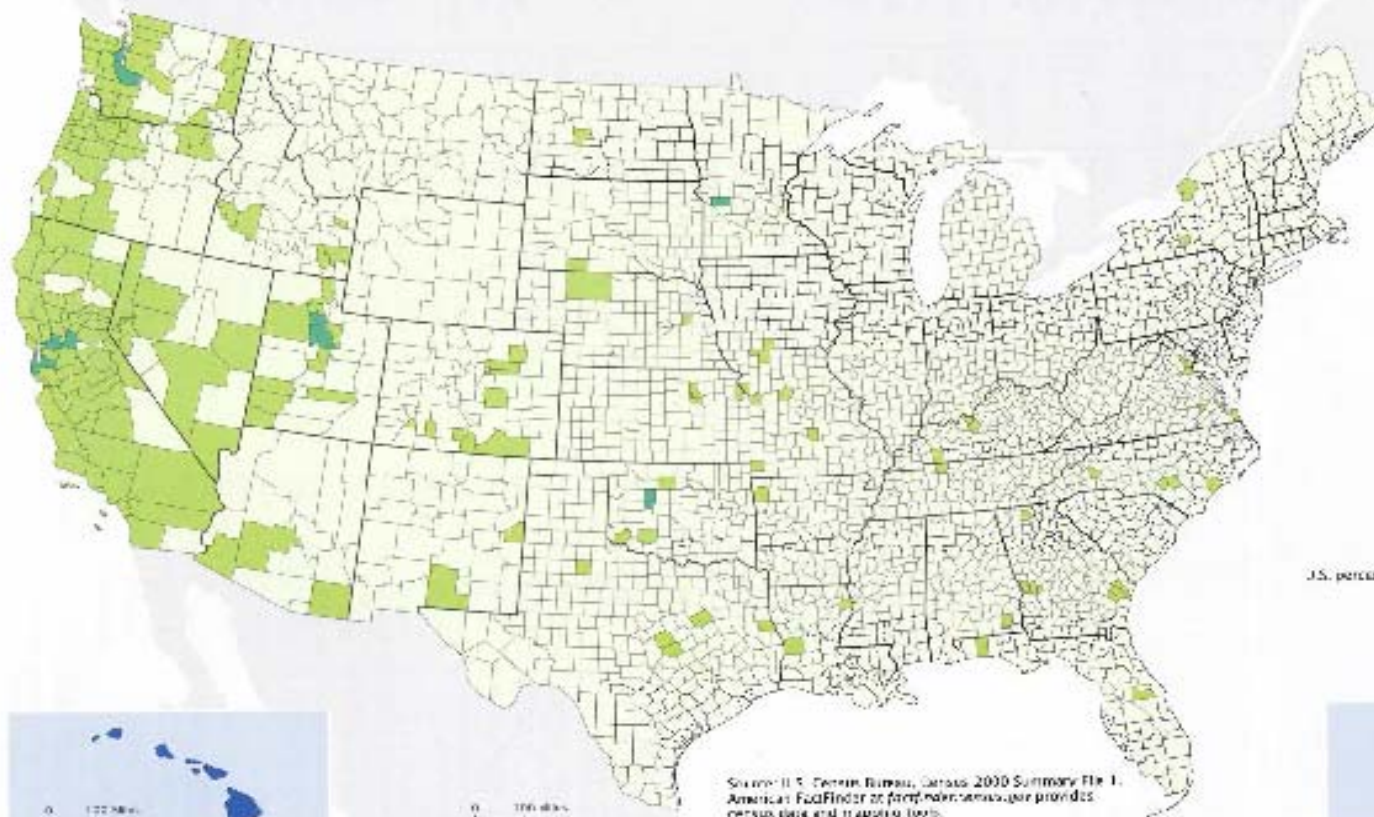
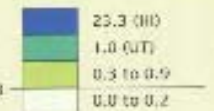


Figure 3.
Percent Native Hawaiian and
Other Pacific Islander Alone
or In Combination: 2000

(For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and statistical data, see www.census.gov/prod/2006/docr/r1.pdf)



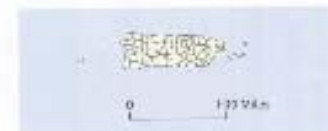
People indicating
one or more races
including NHOP as
a percent of total
population by state



People indicating
one or more races
including Native
Hawaiian and
Other Pacific
Islander (NHOP)
as a percent of
total population
by county



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1.
 American FactFinder at factfinder.census.gov provides
 census data and mapping tools.



Why Disaggregation ?(con)

- NHPI need accurate data profiles:
 - “...the indigenous peoples of Hawaii, Native Hawaiians have a life expectancy about six years lower than the state (Hawaii) average and one of the highest mortality rates of breast cancer in the nation. Native Hawaiians are one ethnic group subsumed, and inadvertently concealed, in the rubric, “Asian and Pacific Islander.” – *JoAnn Tsark*
 - “The failure to make the distinctions among specific ethnic groups can only lead to faulty conclusions about important health needs...” - *David Takeuchi and Kathleen Young*

Why Disaggregation? (con)

- “...Asians and Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders do not have the same health status. By aggregating these two distinctly different populations, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders are silenced. The aggregate disease reporting, which is limited and inaccurate, precludes advocacy efforts and the political power to intervene, and stifles the ability to create change and improvements in these populations.” – *Maile Taulii*
- “...Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are two distinct and very heterogeneous population groups...continued aggregate reporting of Asian and Pacific Islander data misrepresents and masks the severe cancer burden borne by many Asian American and Pacific Islander ethnic subpopulation groups.” – *Susan Shinagawa*

Why Disaggregation? (con)

- There was a time when the aggregation of Asian and Pacific Islander data (inc. Native Hawaiian) was convenient for data collectors.
- Times have changed. Continued aggregation:
 - Is harmful to those NHPI groups which have special relationships with the United States;
 - Has resulted in large data gaps for NHPI in national, state, and local studies;
 - Has resulted in NHPI communities not being a part of the national healthcare discussion;
 - Has resulted in NHPI not being represented in advisory boards/groups undertaking federal data studies; and
 - Has resulted in the private sector (foundations) not being aware of NHPI health issues.

NHPI Special Relationships with the US

- It is Critical to know the different “political status” of NHPI groups. Native Hawaiians, American Samoans, and Chamorro are all recognized classes of peoples having a special relationship with the United States and are included in the Secretary of Health and Human Services’ Consultation Policy (January 2005).
 - Native Hawaiians – only Pacific Island peoples who are Indigenous to what is now a state in the United States (thus, on-going linkages with American Indians/Alaska Natives-Federal trust responsibilities).
 - Pacific Islanders – have three distinct relationships with the US: American nationals, free access, or immigrants.
 - Samoans from American Samoa and Chamorro from Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are American Nationals.
 - Citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Belau, and the Federated States of Micronesia are not American nationals nor American citizens but do have emigration rights and privileges to the US.
 - Citizens from other independent nations like Cook Islands, New Zealand, Tonga, Tahiti and French Polynesia, Fiji, etc. are immigrants to the US.

Major NHPI Populations in the US (2000 Census)

■ US INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS:

■ Native Hawaiians	401,162
■ Samoans	133,281
■ Chamorro	92,611
■ TOTAL	627,054

■ IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS:

■ Tongans	36,840
■ Micronesians	114,914
■ Melanesian	18,566
■ Fijian (Indian)	13,581
■ TOTAL	247,360

NHPI Health Status

(Hawai`i)

Prevalence of Risk Factors

Risk Factor	Native Hawaiians	Total State
Cigarette Smoking**	33.8 61%↑	21.0
Diabetes**	7.2 24%↑	5.8
Overweight (25 ≤ BMI < 30)*	38.1 6%	36.0
Obese (BMI ≥ 30)**	37.5 119%↑	17.1
Hypertension*	15.0 13%↑	13.3
High Cholesterol*	12.2 9%↓	13.3

*2001 HHS Data Report – Papa Ola Lōkahi

** 2002 BRFSS Data – Department of Health

Five Leading Causes of Death

(age-adjusted rates/100,000)

Cause of Death	Native Hawaiians	Total State Population
Circulatory Disease	↑43% 497.7	283.0
- Heart Disease	↑46% 395.4	212.7
- Cerebrovascular	74.9	57.3
- Other Circulatory	27.4	13.0
Cancer	↑34% 230.9	151.9
Diabetes	↑62% 42.5	15.9
Accidents	↑23% 33.7	26.1
Influenza /Pneumonia	↑33% 32.3	21.5

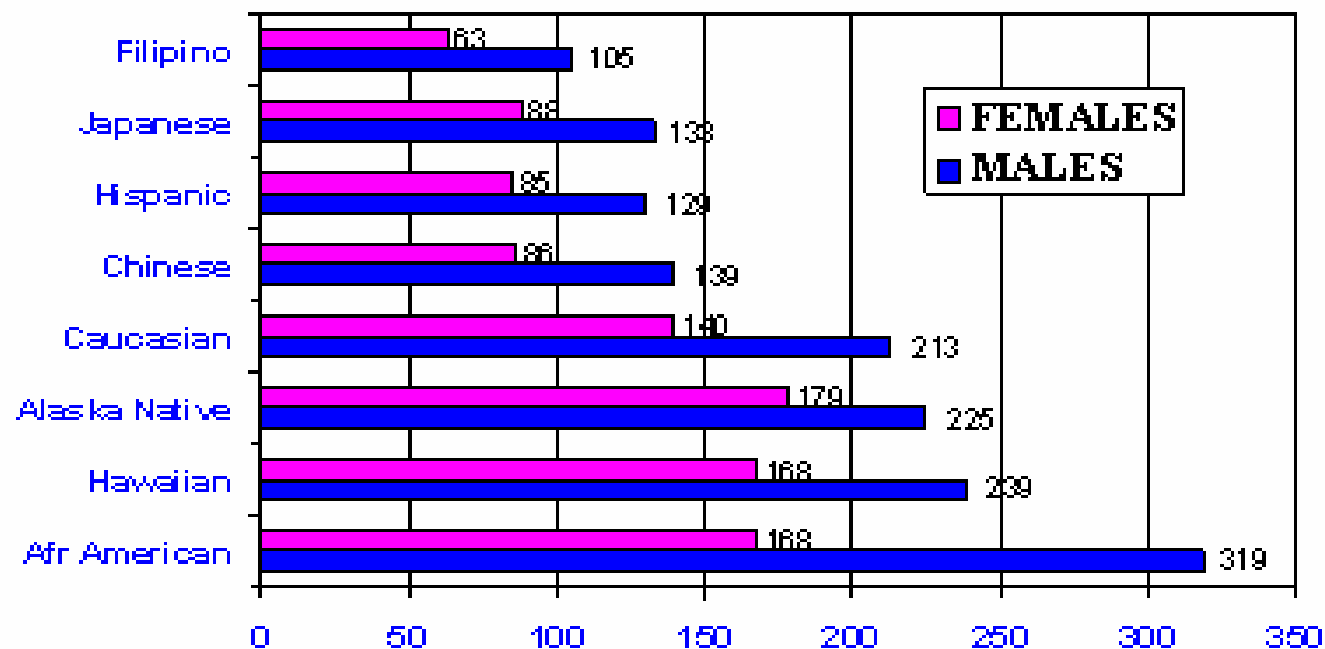
Source: 2002 DOH OHSR

NHPI Health Status (con)

(National US)

National Comparison U.S. Mortality Rates for All Cancers by Ethnicity 1988-1992

(per 100,000, age adj. To 1970 US Standard)



SOURCE: NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE SEER PROGRAM 1988-1992 (1996)
FROM: 12/10/99, 2000

Access to CHC Services (con)

- Top 5 States with NH/PI CHC Clients (n=1002 CHC grantees) - 2006:

- Native Hawaiian:

■ Hawai'i:	28,417	
■ California:	3,887	
■ Florida:	411	
■ Colorado:	372	
■ Washington:	339	
■ Total US NH Clients:		35,362

- Pacific Islander:

■ Hawai'i:	13,371	
■ California:	10,382	
■ Washington:	4,887	
■ New York:	3,119	
■ New Jersey:	1,656	
■ Total US PI Clients:		105,256

Access to CHC Services (con)

- Top 5 States with CHC Clients as percentage of total NH or PI population (n=1002 CHC grantees) - 2006:

- Native Hawaiian:

■ Louisiana: 152/850	17.88%
■ New Hampshire: 43/266	16.17%
■ Hawai'i: 28,417/239,655	11.85%
■ Alabama: 78/833	09.36%
■ Colorado: 372/3,990	09.32%
■ National Average: 35,362/401,162	08.81%

- Pacific Islander:

■ Delaware: 290/531	54.61%
■ Alaska: 1,604/3,637	44.11%
■ Hawai'i: 13,371/43,012	31.08%
■ Rhode Island: 342/1,472	23.23%
■ New jersey: 1,656/8,564	19.34%
■ National Average: 105,256/473,252	22.24%

Access to CHC Services (con)

- Top 5 States Serving NHPI Clients Combined as percentage of total clients(n=1002 CHC grantees) – 2006:

■ Hawai'i: 41,788/98,536	42.41%
■ Alaska: 1,734/80,329	2.16%
■ Delaware: 290/26,581	1.09%
■ Washington: 5,226/591,581	.88%
■ California: 14,269/2,155,126	.66%

Future Actions for CHCs

- Data collection
 - Do you collect data specifically on NHPI clients?
- Cultural competency of professional staff
 - How many NHPI are on your staff?
 - What training is provided about NHPI culture, history, and life to your staff?
- Knowledge of NHPI community (ies)
 - Do you know the NHPI community in your region, service area, state?
 - Do you know how to locate the NHPI in your community?
 - Hawaiian Civic Club, churches, hula halau, canoe clubs)
- Linkages with NGOs and government programs focusing on NHPI health
 - Do you know any national NHPI organizations/institutions?
 - Do you know any national institutions affiliated with NHPI?
 - Do you know any NHPI institutions in the Pacific?

Resource Organizations

- National NHPI Organizations:
 - `Ahahui O Na Kauka (Native Hawaiian Physicians Association)
 - Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC)
 - Guam Society of America
 - National Association for the Advancement of Pacific Islanders (NAAPI)
 - National Association for the Advancement of Chamorro People (NOACP)
 - National Office of Samoan Affairs (NOSA)
 - Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Alliance
 - Papa Ola Lokahi / Native Hawaiian Health Board (POL)
 - Samoan Federation of America
 - Samoan National Nurses Association (SNNA)

Resource Organizations (con)

- National Organizations affiliated with NHPI:
 - Asian Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF)
 - Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)
 - Asian Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (APIP)
 - Out of Many, One

Resource Organizations (con)

- NHPI Organizations in the Pacific:
 - Micronesian Human Resource Center
 - Micronesian Seminar
 - Pacific Islands Health Officers Association (PIHOA)
 - Pacific Islands Primary Care Association (PIPCA)