

Native Hawaiians experience high rates of intimate partner violence.

• Like other Indigenous and marginalized peoples, Native Hawaiians in the State of Hawai'i report relatively high rates of intimate partner violence when compared to non-Hawaiians and the total state population. It is important to note that limited access to culturally based medical and mental health care, increased economic stresses, experiences of historical trauma, denial of self-determination, and racialized structures of inequality linked to legacies of colonization, imperialism, and dispossession of land are important parts of the context in which these choices are made.⁴

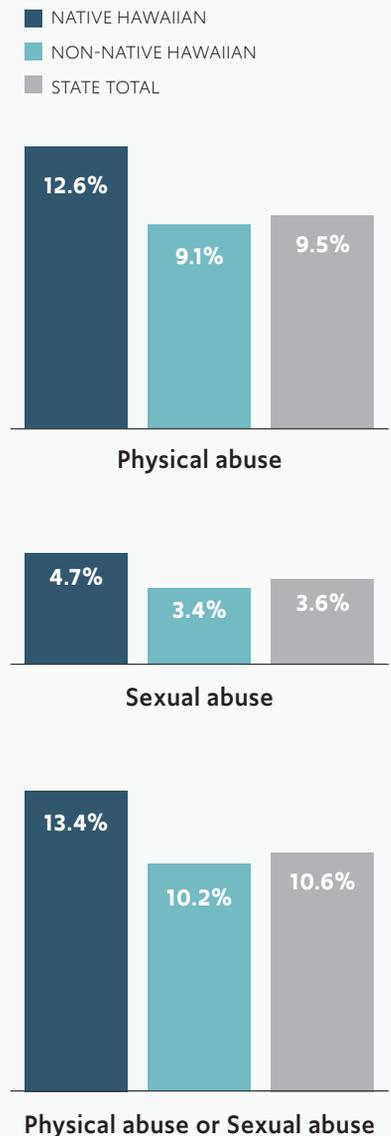
• In 2013, **12.6%** of Native Hawaiian adults report experiencing physical abuse by an intimate partner, compared to 9.1% of non-Hawaiian adults and 9.5% of the total State of Hawai'i adult population.

• **4.7%** of Native Hawaiian adults report experiencing sexual abuse by an intimate partner, compared to 3.4% of non-Hawaiian adults and 3.6% of the total State of Hawai'i adult population.

• **13.4%** of Native Hawaiian adults report experiencing physical or sexual abuse by an intimate partner, compared to 10.2% non-Hawaiian adults and 10.6% of the total State of Hawai'i adult population.

• Although rates of intimate partner violence are high among Native Hawaiians, when data are compared with other specific ethnicities, rates are higher among White/Caucasian and Pacific Islander ethnicities in Hawai'i.

Figure 1. Native Hawaiian adults experience intimate partner violence at greater rates than the rest of the population of Hawai'i, 2013⁵



⁴ Oneha, M., Magnussen, L., & Shultz, J. (2010). The Voices of Native Hawaiian Women: Perceptions, Responses and Needs Regarding Intimate Partner Violence. California Journal of Health Promotion. 8(1): 72-81; available at <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3392177/>; and Asian Pacific Institute. (February 2020). Domestic Violence, Sexual Violence, and Human Trafficking in Native Hawaiian Communities Factsheet available at <https://s3.amazonaws.com/gbv-wp-uploads/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/22194925/DVFactSheet-Native-Hawaiians-Jan->

⁵ Hawai'i Department of Health, Hawai'i Health Data Warehouse, 2013 Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Report. This is the most recent data available. Questions on domestic violence were not included in surveys conducted between 2014 and 2018. Additionally, significance testing was not conducted for this analysis.