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## Centenarians and Supercentenarians in Hawai'i, 1896–2000

THE DECENNIAL CENSUS taken in the year 2000 was notable for being the first in U.S. Census history to show age and sex for persons more than 100 years old. Such persons 110 and over are called supercentenarians.

Supercentenarians in 2000 were tabulated by age, sex, race, and geographical area. For Hawai'i, females outnumbered males 194 to 81, and persons aged 100 to 104 accounted for 249 of the 275 persons reporting age.<sup>1</sup>

Centenarians—persons 100 and above—have fluctuated widely in past years. First shown separately for 1890, they ranged from 8 in 1910 and 1950, to 175 in 2000. Further information on Hawai'i's centenarians and supercentenarians is reported in the accompanying tables.<sup>2</sup>

Table 4 presents data on the oldest deaths and centenarian deaths for the last 19 years.

### NOTES

- <sup>1</sup> Ira Rosenwaikē and Leslie F. Stone, "Verification of the Ages of Supercentenarians in the United States: Results of a Matching Study," *Demography*, vol. 40, no. 4 (Nov. 2003) 727–739.
- <sup>2</sup> Robert C. Schmitt, "Extreme Old Age in Hawaii, *Population Report*, 14 (Nov. 1982) 1–10.

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Table 1. Population, Total and 100 Years Old and Over: 1890 to 2000

Year	Total all ages	100 YEARS OLD AND OVER			
		Both Sexes		Males	Females
		Number	Percent		
1890	89,990	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1896	109,020	19	0.017	9	10
1900	154,001	24	0.016	14	10
1910 <sup>1</sup>	191,909	8	0.004	2	6
1920 <sup>1</sup>	255,912	28	0.011	18	10
1930 <sup>1</sup>	368,336	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1940 <sup>1</sup>	423,300	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1950	499,794	8	0.002	5	3
1960	632,772	30	0.005	8	22
1970 <sup>2</sup>	768,561	213	0.028	98	115
1980	964,691	113	0.012	51	62
1990	1,108,229	132	0.012	40	92
2000	1,211,537	275	0.023	81	194

NA Not available

<sup>1</sup> Data include Midway (and, in 1940, other outlying minor islands), not part of the Territory of Hawaii.

<sup>2</sup> The revised state total, not distributed by age, was 769,913.

Source: Official reports of censuses conducted by the Hawaiian government, 1890 and 1896, and the U.S. Census Bureau, 1900 to 2000.

Table 2. Age and Sex of Centenarians, by Counties: 2000

Age and sex	State total	Honolulu	Hawaii	Kauai	Maui & Kalawao
All Centenarians	275	211	23	17	24
Sex:					
Male	81	57	7	9	8
Female	194	154	16	8	16
Age:					
100 to 104	249	190	20	15	24
105 to 109	22	17	3	2	—
110 and over	4	4	—	—	—

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 3. Race of Persons 100 Years Old and Over, by Age: 2000

Race or ethnic group	100 or over	100 to 104	105 to 109	110 and over
All races	277	251	22	4
Specified race alone:				
White	46	42	3	1
Black or African American	1	—	1	—
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	1	—	—
Asian	203	183	17	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	6	6	—	—
Specified race alone or in combination with one or more other races:				
White	56	50	5	1
Black or African American	1	1	—	—
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	1	—	—
Asian	216	194	19	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	18	13	1	—

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 4. Centenarians Deaths: 1982 to 2000  
(Excludes deaths of Hawaii residents out of the state)

Year	All ages	Age 100 and over		Highest age (years)	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
1982	5,123	5	18	102	105
1983	5,409	4	19	106	113
1984	5,571	7	13	110	105
1985	5,751	10	23	114	109
1986	5,788	10	19	106	106
1987	6,147	14	21	107	103
1988	5,970	14	24	102	107
1989	6,380	13	27	104	106
1990	6,687	14	36	105	104
1991	6,696	23	37	109	107
1992	6,846	9	34	104	111
1993	7,226	14	38	106	110
1994	7,206	5	30	104	111
1995	7,488	13	47	108	106
1996	7,803	11	52	106	110
1997	7,710	14	42	105	110
1998	7,969	11	51	105	108
1999	8,125	16	57	112	110
2000	8,163	20	52	106	110

Source: Hawaii State Department of Health, as reported in the *State of Hawaii Data Book*, 1985 to 1999.