

# MIRO Analysis Brief

## Native Hawaiian Student Enrollment & Degrees Awarded



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## Key Takeaways

Fall 2021:

- Native Hawaiian student enrollment remains at a record high of 16% among all students.
- 80% of Native Hawaiian students came from O‘ahu.
- Programs that most Native Hawaiian students were enrolled were Hawaiian Studies (N=103) for bachelor’s, Social Work (N=69) for master’s, and Law (N=54) for doctoral students.

Fiscal Year 2021:

- The most degrees awarded to Native Hawaiian students were Elementary Education (N=28) for bachelor’s, Social Work (N=23) for master’s, and Law (N=18) for doctoral students.

This analysis depicts Native Hawaiian students in terms of their enrollment, majors, degrees awarded, and geographic origins that the students are from.

## Student Enrollment

The average enrollment of Native Hawaiian students is 2,800 in the past ten years. The enrollment decreased from 3,048 in fall 2012 to 2,587 in fall 2017, then climbed back to 2,961 in 2021. Like the total Native Hawaiian enrollment, both the undergraduate and graduate Native Hawaiian enrollment decreased from fall 2012 to fall 2017, and gradually increased from fall 2017 to fall 2021. Despite the fluctuations of headcounts, the percentage of Native Hawaiian students has slightly increased in recent years, accounting for 16 % of the total students.

### Native Hawaiian or Part-Hawaiian Student Enrollment

Semester	Total Native Hawaiian Enrollment	Undergraduate Native Hawaiian	Graduate Native Hawaiian	UHM Enrollment	% of Native Hawaiian
Fall 2012	3048	2328	720	20426	15%
Fall 2013	2976	2252	724	20006	15%
Fall 2014	2894	2183	711	19507	15%
Fall 2015	2792	2071	721	18865	15%
Fall 2016	2649	1953	696	18056	15%
Fall 2017	2587	1916	671	17612	15%
Fall 2018	2624	1944	680	17710	15%
Fall 2019	2691	1982	709	17490	15%
Fall 2020	2866	2130	736	18025	16%
Fall 2021	2961	2188	773	19098	16%

In fall 2021, the top three degree programs that the Native Hawaiian undergraduate students were enrolled in were Hawaiian Studies (N=103), Elementary Education (N=84), and Kinesiology & Rehabilitation Science (N=82). The top three graduate degree programs were Social Work (N=69), Curriculum Studies (N=37), and Hawaiian Studies (N=28) for master's students; and Law (N=54), Education (N=51), and Medicine (N=30) for doctoral students. As for the STEM majors (undergraduate and graduate students included), there was a record high of 627 Native Hawaiian students enrolled in fall 2021, which grew by 13% in comparison to the number in fall 2011 (N=554).

### Top 3 Degree Programs Enrolled

	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorates
Top 1	Hawaiian Studies-BA	Social Work-MSW	Law-JD
Top 2	Elementary Education-BED	Curriculum Studies-MEd	Education-PhD
Top 3	Kinesiology & Rehabilitation Science-BS	Hawaiian Studies-MA	Medicine-MD

In fall 2021, the Hawaiian islands that Native Hawaiian students came from were O'ahu (80%), Big Island (8%), Maui (7%), Kauai (4%), Molokai (1%), and Lanai (< 1%). The top three regions students came from were Kaneohe (N=237), Kahala (N=158), and Kailua (N=140) in O'ahu; Hilo (N=80), Puna (N=37), and North Kona (N=33) in Big Island; Wailuku (N=56), Kahului (N=30), and Makawao (N=21) in Maui; and Kawaihau (N=27), Koloa (N=25), and Waimea (N=16) in Kauai; 21 students came from Molokai, and 6 from Lanai.

### Degrees Awarded

In fiscal year 2021, Native Hawaiian students received 486 bachelor's degrees (15% of total bachelor's degrees), 132 master's degrees (16% of total master's degrees), 10 research doctorate degrees (7% of total doctorate degrees), and 39 professional degrees (18% of total professional degrees).

### Degrees Awarded Summary

Fiscal year 2021	Native Hawaiian Students	UHM Students	% of Native Hawaiian
Bachelor's	486	3200	15%
Master's	132	850	16%
Research Doctorates	10	142	7%
Professional Doctorates	39	214	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>4406</b>	<b>15%</b>

A further analysis shows that the top 3 degrees awarded to Native Hawaiian students by degree type were Elementary Education (N=28), Psychology (N=26), and Hawaiian Studies (N=25) for bachelor's; Social Work (N= 23), Curriculum Studies (N=20), and Teaching (N=12) for master's; Law (N=18), Medicine (N=12), and Professional Educational Practice (N=7) for doctorates.

### Top 3 Degrees Awarded by Degree Type

	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorates
Top 1	Elementary Education-BED	Social Work-MSW	Law-JD
Top 2	Psychology-BA	Curriculum Studies-MEd	Medicine-MD
Top 3	Hawaiian Studies-BA	Teaching-MEdT	Professional Educational Practice-EdD

Moreover, 104 STEM-related degrees were awarded to Native Hawaiian students. Among the degrees awarded, 89 were bachelor's degrees, 11 master's degrees, and 4 research doctorate degrees.

For more information, visit MIRO Enrollment webpage

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