Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders represent the smallest share of all students enrolled in higher education. Due to the size of this population, we still lack precise, national data on many educational outcomes for Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander students. The data we can observe show troubling equity gaps in educational and labor-market outcomes for Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders when compared with other groups. This infographic highlights data from *Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education: A Status Report* to provide an overview of the educational journeys of Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander students enrolled in postsecondary education.

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Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders represented 0.3% of the total U.S. population.

Attainment of Associate Degree or Higher (Adults Ages 25 and Older)

- Total U.S. population: 44.4%
- Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders: 35.1%

*2017
Undergraduate Enrollment Across Sectors

- Undergraduate Enrollment by Gender
  - All undergraduates: 43.5% (men), 56.5% (women)
  - Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander undergraduates: 41.7% (men), 58.3% (women)

- Undergraduate Enrollment Across Sectors
  
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56.9% of Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander undergraduates were enrolled in public two-year institutions, 11 percentage points higher than that of undergraduate students overall.

1. Institutions were categorized into sectors based upon control of the institution and the length of the predominant award granted.
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander Students

**Graduate Enrollment**

0.2% of all graduate students were Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.

**Graduate Enrollment by Gender**

- All graduate students: 40.7% male, 59.3% female
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander graduate students: 41.5% male, 58.5% female

Nearly 6 in 10 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander graduate students were women.

**Graduate Enrollment Across Sectors**

- All graduate students:
  - Public Four-Year: 46.7%
  - Private Nonprofit Four-Year: 43.0%
  - For-Profit: 10.3%
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander graduate students:
  - Public Four-Year: 15.6%
  - Private Nonprofit Four-Year: 54.2%
  - For-Profit: 30.2%

*Interpret with caution. Ratio of standard error to estimate is >30% but <50%.
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*2015–16*
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander students earned 0.3% of all associate degrees and 0.2% of all bachelor’s degrees.

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**Graduate Completion**

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander students earned

- 0.2% of all master’s degrees
- 0.2% of all professional degrees
- 0.1% of all doctoral degrees

78.2% of Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander graduate students completed master’s degrees, compared with 77.0% of all graduate students.

*2016*
Paying for College

FAFSA Completion Rate

- All undergraduates: 70.3%
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander: 69.0%

45.0% of Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander undergraduate students were from families with an expected family contribution of $0, compared with 39.1% of undergraduate students overall.

Percent Who Borrowed for a Bachelor’s Degree

- All students: 68.9%
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander students: 89.6%

Average Amount Borrowed by Bachelor’s Degree Recipients

- All students: $29,669
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander students: $26,515

Roughly 9 in 10 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander bachelor’s degree recipients borrowed. Due to small sample sizes, much of the data on how Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander students pay for college cannot be reported.

*2015–16
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander adults earned LESS than the national median for all adults across all levels of postsecondary degree attainment.
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