

**SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT
AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN HAWAII**

African-Americans have resided in Hawaii since the early nineteenth century. Anthony Allen (born c. 1775, died 1836) arrived in 1810 and became a well-known and successful businessman in Honolulu.

Some Black Portuguese arrived from the Cape Verde Islands in the 1800's and were counted as Portuguese in census records. Puerto Rican workers imported in 1900 and 1901 included some Blacks. (Nurdyke, Eleanor C. *The Peopling of Hawaii*. pp. 48, 71.)

The 1902 Hawaiian Annual states that on "January 2nd, 1901, a batch of Tennessee Negroes arrived by the Zealandia, mostly for the Maui plantations..." Most left for Honolulu after several months. (Thrum's Hawaiian Annual, 1902. p. 164)

Some Statistics on African-Americans in Hawaii

Census figures:

1900.....	233
1950.....	2,651
1970.....	7,517
1990.....	26,669
2000.....	22,003
2010.....	21,424
2020.....	23,417

(Schmitt, Robert C. *Historical Statistics of Hawaii*, p. 25; 1990 Census of Population, Table 5; The State of Hawaii Data Book 2016, Table 1.35, The State of Hawaii Data Book 2021, Table 1.32)

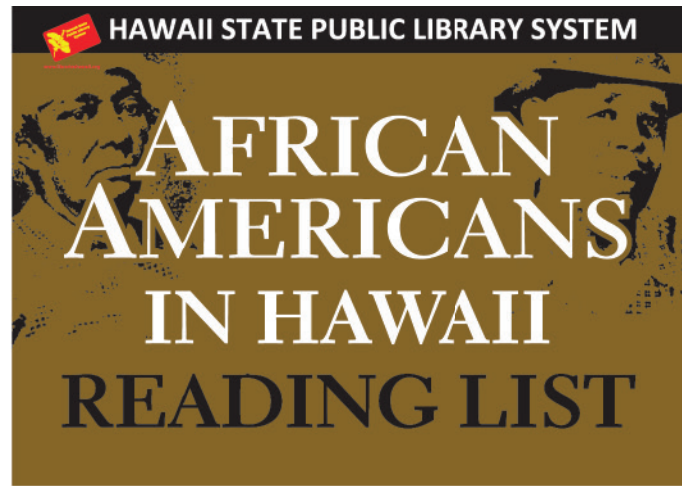
Population in 2020:

State.....	23,417
City & County of Honolulu.....	20,723
Hawaii County.....	1,251
Kauai County.....	376
Maui County.....	1,067

(https://census.hawaii.gov/census_2020/data/redistricting/ [Table 4])



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