



## Hawaii State Judiciary

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### **Statement from Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald on Diversity in the Judiciary**

Judicial diversity is a matter of great importance in our community and to the fair administration of justice. Judges should be qualified and reflect the diversity of the community they serve.

We remain deeply committed to creating a culture of inclusivity throughout the Judiciary that exemplifies the diversity of Hawai'i. In order to ensure an informed discussion, the following reflects the gender composition of our full-time judges statewide, according to our Human Resources records, collected at the time of each Justice or Judge's hiring:

#### **Overall**

Women: 33 (45%)

Men: 41 (55%)

#### **Courts of Appeals (Supreme Court and Intermediate Court of Appeals)**

Women: 5 (50%)

Men: 5 (50%)

#### **Circuit Courts (statewide)**

Women: 8 (30%)

Men: 19 (70%)

#### **District and District Family Courts (statewide)**

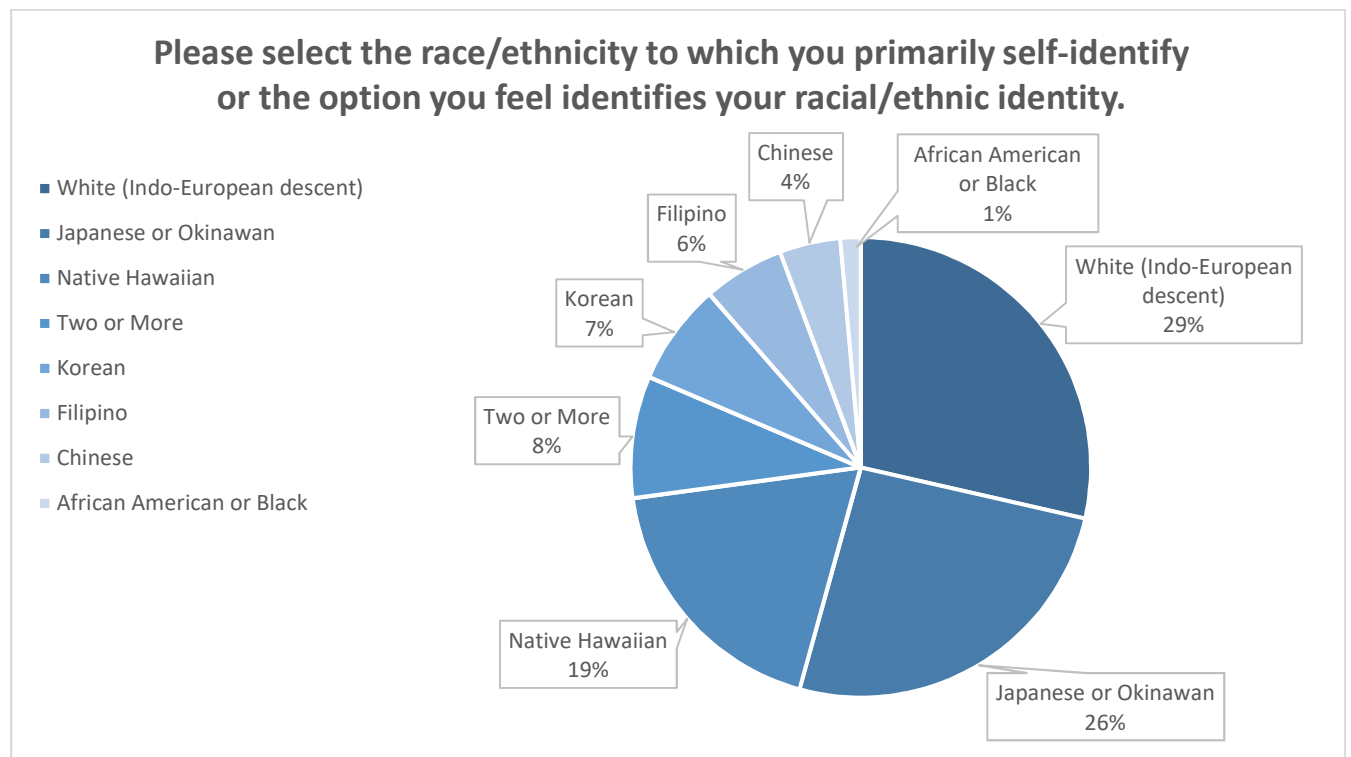
Women: 20 (54%)

Men: 17 (46%)

In addition, we recently conducted a voluntary demographics survey of full-time judges statewide. Out of 74 judges, we received 70 responses. The results of our survey indicated that 0% of the judges responding to the survey identified as “Non-binary” or “Other” gender. Of those judges who responded to the survey, the following racial/ethnic composition was indicated:

**Please select the race/ethnicity to which you primarily self-identify or the option you feel identifies your racial/ethnic identity:**

White (Indo-European descent): 20  
Japanese or Okinawan: 18  
Native Hawaiian: 13  
Two or More: 6  
Korean: 5  
Filipino: 4  
Chinese: 3  
African American or Black: 1



**Tally of all/any self-identified categories:**

*\*Respondents were not limited to one answer. Therefore, some respondents are counted in more than one category.*

Japanese: 26

White (Indo-European descent): 20

Native Hawaiian: 16

Chinese: 11

Korean: 9

Filipino: 7

Okinawan: 7

Hispanic: 1

Black: 1

