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# **NATIVE HAWAIIAN YOUTH IN HAWAI'I DETENTION CENTER: CHOKE PILIKIA**

# The Queen's Imprisonment



# Conditions of the Queen's Confinement



# Resistance in Prison



# Colonial Carceration



## NATIVE HAWAIIAN YOUTH IN HAWAI'I DETENTION CENTER: COLONIALISM AND CARCERAL CONTROL

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The carceral system has long been implicated in the colonization process, as exemplified by the imprisonment of Queen Lili'uokalani in Hawai'i. The overpolicing of Hawaiians continues to the present. This article reviews current data on admission patterns of youth in the state's only detention facility. It finds that while Native Hawaiian youth, who account for 30% of Hawai'i's youth population, are not overrepresented at the point of arrest, they account for nearly half (46%) of detention home admissions. The racial disparity is

# Michel Foucault

## Discipline and Punish: The Birth of the Prison



- “The carceral system combines in a single figure discourse and architectures, ...programmes for correcting delinquents and mechanisms that reinforce delinquency.”



# Erving Goffman

Asylums: Essays on the Social Situation of Mental Patients and other Inmates

- The “total institution” serves to preserve predictable and regular behavior of both guards and captors; a ritual function of “institutionalizing” so that both classes know their social role and function.

# Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974:

1. The *deinstitutionalization of status offenders*
  2. The separation of juvenile and adult offenders
  3. The removal of juveniles from adult jails
  4. The *reduction of disproportionate minority contact*
- “...programs that focus on the needs of young girls at risk of delinquency or status offenses” (2002)

# Detention in Hawaii

- **1980 Committee findings:**
  - Major Concern - Status Offenders
  - Recommends segregating hard-core delinquents from others “to avoid providing a program of delinquency”
    - DH loses JJDP money for failure to reduce status offenses
- **2004 NJDA Report:**
  - Status offenders need alternative
  - No grievance procedure according to detainees
  - No graduated system of discipline - hard labor
- **2007 Rousch Report:**
  - Abusive behavior by staff
  - Failure to stop resident-on-resident assaults
  - Ineffective grievance system

# Juvenile Detention Assessment Initiative (JDAI)

JDAI focuses on the juvenile detention component of the juvenile justice system because youth are often unnecessarily or inappropriately detained at great expense, with long-lasting negative consequences for both public safety and youth development.

JDAI promotes changes to policies, practices, and programs to:

- \* reduce reliance on secure confinement;
- \* improve public safety;
- \* reduce racial disparities and bias;
- \* save taxpayers' dollars; and
- \* stimulate overall juvenile justice reforms

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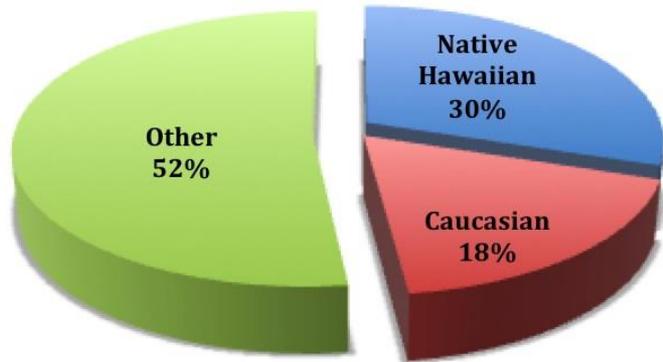
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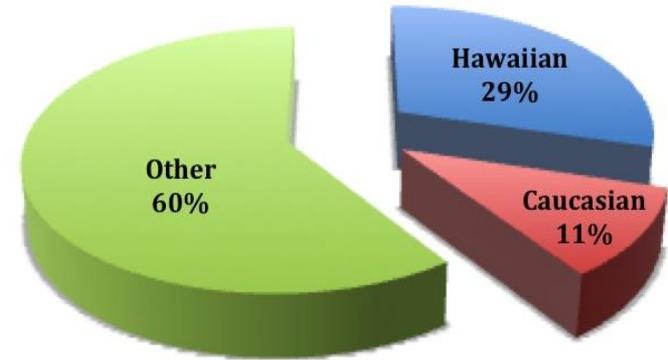


- Training and Supervision of Employees
- Restraints, Isolation, Due Process, and Grievances
- Safety

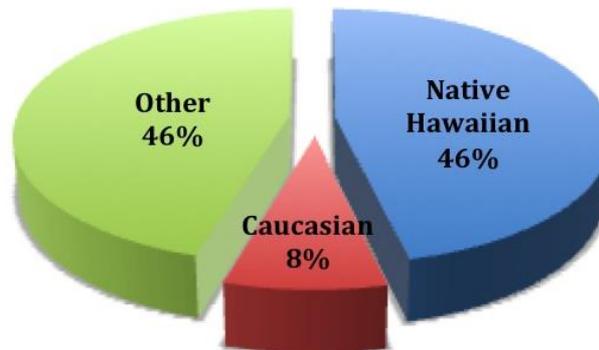
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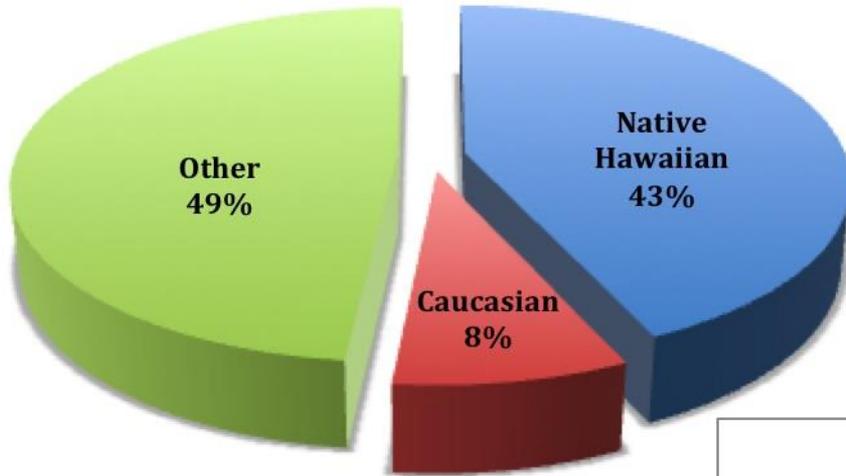
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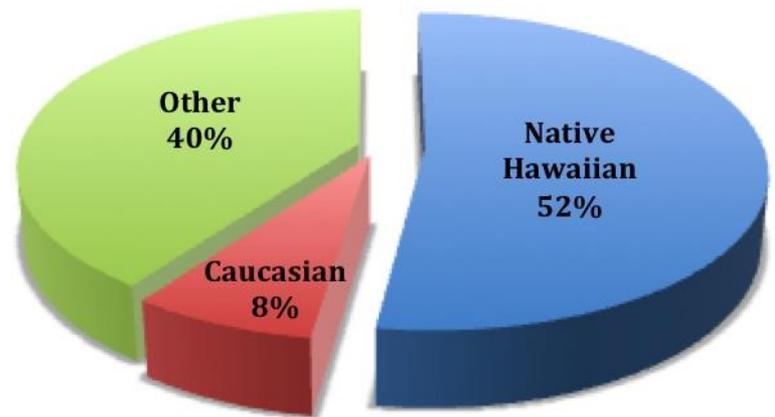
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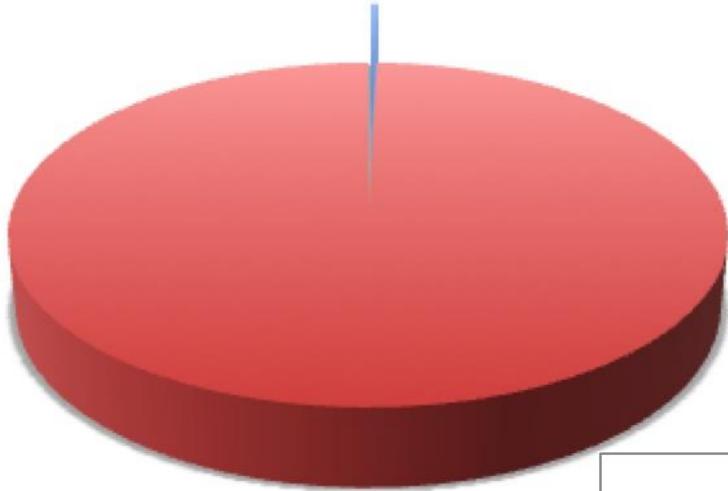
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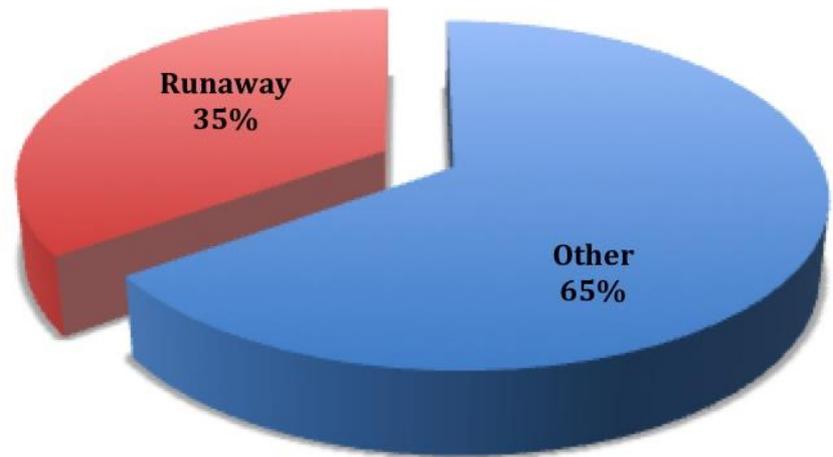
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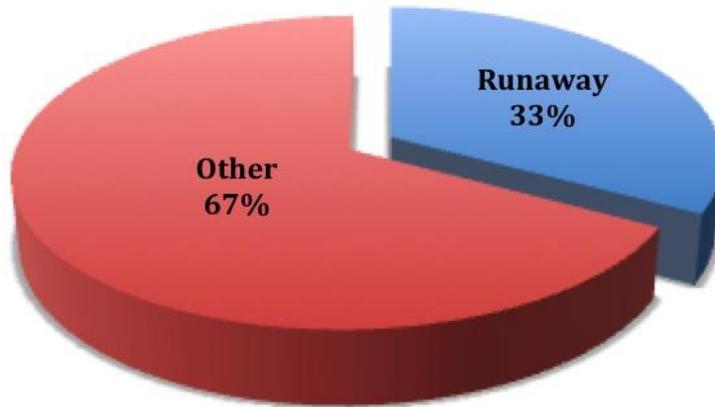
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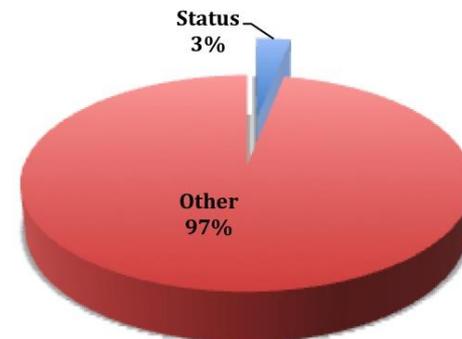
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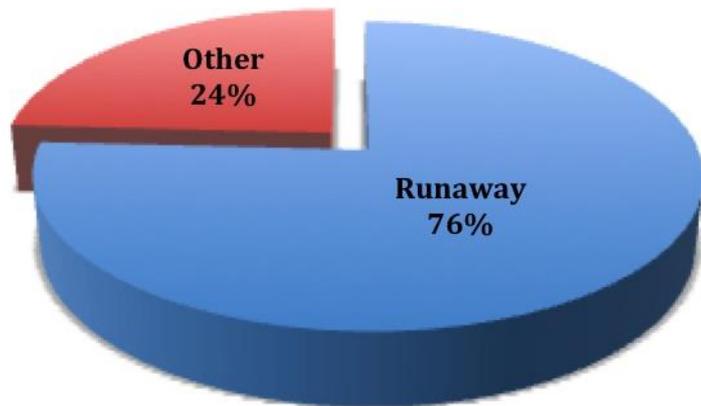
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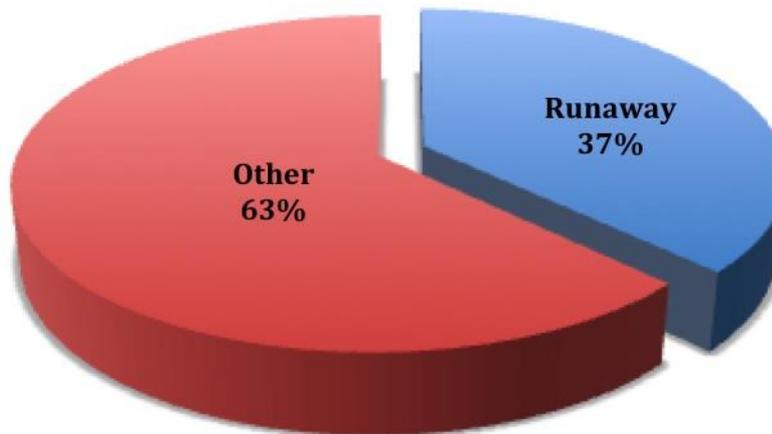
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### Offenses Causing Girls' Detention, HI 2009



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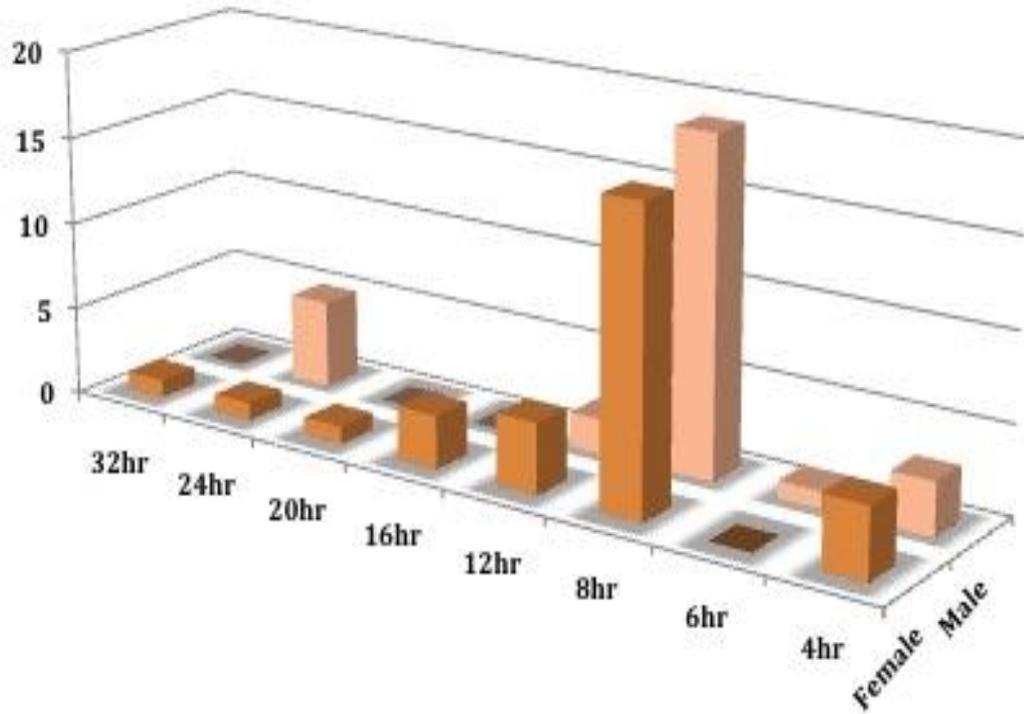


# Incidents by Type and Gender

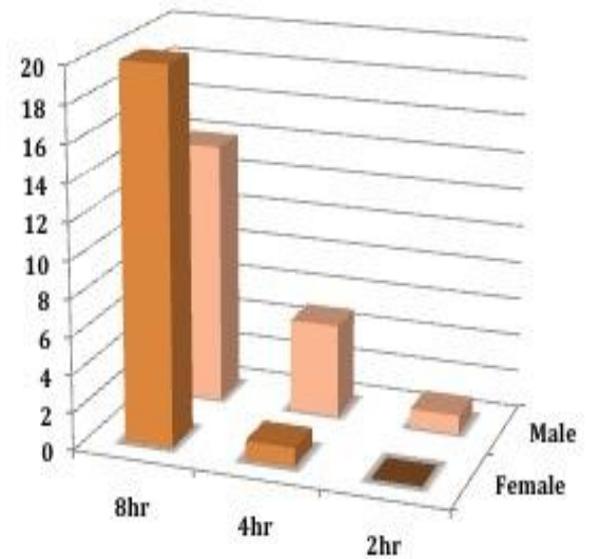
Incident Type	Total Identifiable*	Female(s)	Percent	Male(s)	Percent
<b>Total Incidents:</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>60.6%</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>39.4%</b>
Suicidal	9	7	77.8%	2	22.2%
Self-Mutilation	4	4	100.0%	0	0.0%
Argue with staff	24	18	75.0%	6	25.0%
Talking/Making noise	19	11	57.9%	8	42.1%
Medical/Sick	34	25	73.5%	9	26.5%
Fighting/Assault	9	1	11.1%	8	88.9%
Threats/Arguments	12	4	33.3%	8	66.7%
Horseplay	8	1	12.5%	7	87.5%
Teasing	2	0	0.0%	2	100.0%

\*Incidents where male(s) or female(s) were involved and sanctions were identifiable

## Work Detail



## Isolation



# Conditions in Boy's Isolation



# Developments: New Facility



# Developments Since

- Some victories
  - Work detail eliminated
  - Isolation brought to JDAI
  - Schooling increased
- Challenges Remain

# Opio Haku Moolelo



# Pu'uhonua O Hōnaunau

