Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) – 2014
National Center for Health Statistics

The National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) collects data on 35,000-50,000 households annually. Typically, data on 100-150 NHPI households are collected annually. In 2014, about 4,000 additional respondents containing one or more NHPI residents will be added to the NHIS. The Census Bureau’s American Community Survey identified 8,000 NHPI households. Households selected for the survey are sent an invitation letter. NHIS interviewers, trained in cultural awareness and sensitivity will visit selected households for interviews. This project was promoted via radio and printed materials. Non-governmental and faith-based organizations that serve predominantly NHPI populations helped promote the project. They survey instrument remained standard, and outreach materials and respondent letters were customized to be culturally appropriate. The NHPI NHIS is the first large-scale national health survey to collect detailed health information on the NHPI population in all 50 states. The survey will be in the field through November 2014.

More information about the NHPI NHIS can be found here:
http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/nhpi.html

Utah Pacific Islanders Study – 2011
Office of Health Disparities, Utah Department of Health

In 2011, the Utah Department of Health interviewed 605 adult Utah Pacific Islanders. This statewide survey was conducted over the phone in three languages; Samoan, Tongan, and English. Using the Utah Department of Health Vital Records Department’s birth certificate database, respondents were selected using surname sampling, where surnames of men and women who had a child within the past five years and who identified their race as Pacific Islander were called for interviewing. The Utah Pacific Islanders Survey involved community members in the designing, pilot-testing, translating, training (of interviewers) and promoting of the survey. Many of the questions were adopted from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).

The full report for this project can be found here:
Pacific Islander Health Study (PHIS) – 2011-2012
Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan

The Pacific Islander Health Study was conducted in two Pacific Islander community clusters from two geographical areas: Samoan residents in Los Angeles County and Tongan residents in San Mateo County. Community-based participatory research approaches were used, engaging community members in the study’s development and design. Prior to the study, several focus group meetings were held to identify health challenges and needs perceived by the community. Working with faith-based community leaders, the research team identified 20 Samoan and Tongan faith-based organizations that consented to participating in the study by providing their membership registries. These were used to establish a representative sampling frame of 300 Pacific Islander households, from which a stratified random sample of 300 households was selected from Los Angeles and San Mateo County. From each household, an adult (age 18 years and older) and up to two adolescents (13-17 years of age) per surveyed adult were interviewed in-person, in English, Tongan, or Samoan. Of the 300 households selected, interview teams administered surveys to 239 households. The PHIS drew questions from NHIS and CHIS, and other national and regional surveys.

More information about the study and its preliminary findings can be found here:
http://projects.isr.umich.edu/nhpi/Pacific_Islander_Health_Study_Report_2012_Preliminary_Findings.pdf

Hawaii Health Survey
Office of Health Status Monitoring, State of Hawaii Department of Health

The Hawaii Health Survey (HHS) is a continuous statewide household survey of the health of Hawaii’s people. Beginning in 1968, the HHS was modeled after the NHIS, and became a telephone survey in 1996. Data is collected on 6,000 households annually, on health and socio-demographics. Typically, over 20% of respondents identify as Native Hawaiian.

More information about the HHS can be found here:
http://health.hawaii.gov/hhs/
http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/06/catalog-ai-an-na/HHS.htm