

Island Community Report: Maui

Executive Summary



Current Native Hawaiian Conditions on Maui



Educational Pathways Data

- 25% of public school students on the island of Maui are Native Hawaiian (4,853/19,526). There are no Hawaiian Focused Charter School schools located on Maui.
- While there are no Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools or stand alone Hawaiian Medium Schools, there are 7 Kaiapuni Programs on Maui.



Health Outcomes Data

- 78% of Maui County residents received at least one (1) dose of covid vaccine (129,900), 70% received two (2) doses (116,666), and 39% received more than two (2) doses (64,299).
- 23% of those vaccinated Maui County residents (who received at least one (1) dose) are Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.



Quality Housing Data

- Homeownership rate data are reported by total population only. As of 2019, there were 48,494 total households on Maui; 59% own their housing units, 41% rent, and 1% are classified as other.
- The Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) has 1,405 leases on Maui, 14% of the 9,957 leases statewide.
- 9,278 Native Hawaiians are waitlisted for DHHL residential, agricultural, and pastoral lots on Maui Island.



Economic Stability Data

- Income data are reported by county only. As of 2015, Native Hawaiian Median Household Income in Maui County was \$60,945, compared to \$66,476 for the total county population (92%).
- The COVID-19 pandemic had significant negative effect on Native Hawaiian household finances. Many Native Hawaiian survey respondents on Maui reported being worse off during than before the pandemic, including an increase from 6% to 18% of Native Hawaiians who were not making ends meet.

Current Issues on Maui

Maui Complex Area Superintendent: OHA continues to advocate for public Hawaiian medium education in Maui, and hope to partner with Dr. Rebecca Winkie, Hāna-Lahainaluna-Lāna'i-Moloka'i Complex Area Superintendent (CAS). (See Full Report Page #11)

Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area – Kīpahulu: Kīpahulu 'Ohana has formally invited the State Division of Aquatic Resources to designate Kīpahulu Moku's nearshore waters as a Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area. (See Full Report Page #16)

Honua'ula Residential Subdivision Project (formerly Wailea 670): Maui Tomorrow Foundation and Ho'oponopono Mākena filed to intervene on the Maui County Planning Commissions approval of Phase II development for the Honua'ula residential project and a contested case was granted. In compliance with a Uniform Information Practices Act request, OHA is providing relevant documents and correspondences. (See Full Report Page #19)

H-2 Mākena Residential Subdivision Project: The County submitted an archaeological monitoring plan and data recovery plan for OHA and SHPD review. OHA's Compliance Program notes the applicant has made adequate adjustment, showing compromise and a balance between preservation and development. (See Full Report Page #20)

Kaua'ula Valley and Developer West Maui Land: In June 2021, the State Commission on Water Resources Management issued a lengthy decision and order on Nā Wai 'Ehā water use that officially recognizes appurtenant rights, including kalo farming and other traditional and customary practices. In April 2022, facing fines for non-compliance, the irrigation company stopped taking water from the stream leaving almost 70 people without water. Later that month, the irrigation company was temporarily ordered to restore water to the families and farmers on nearby Kamehameha Schools land who rely on the stream. (See Full Report Page #22)

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Update- Housing/Land Award/Future Planning: Through HB2511 (Submitted to Governor Ige for signature), the Legislature providing funding for projects including Puunani Homestead Subdivision (161 lots), Puunani Homestead Phase 2 (140 lots), Keokea-Waiohuli Phase 2B And Phase 3 (67 lots), and West Maui Development – Leiali'i 1B (250 lots). (See Full Report Page #32)

‘Āina Kūpuna Tax Relief: The ‘Āina Kūpuna Tax Relief Measure became law December 6, 2021. The Kuleana Act Government Grant property tax exemption ordinance went into effect Sept 7, 2021. (See Full Report Page 33)

Current Grantees Serving Maui

Maui Family Support Services, Inc. • Hāna Arts • Mālama Nā Mākua a Keiki, Inc. • Ke Ao Hali‘i • The Hawaiian Church of Hawai‘i Nei • Hawaiian Islands Land Trust • Ke Ao Hali‘i • Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. • Pā‘upena Community Development, Inc. • KUPU • *The following are statewide:* Bishop Museum • Papa Ola Lokahi • Hawaiian Community Assets • Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement • Hawai‘i Community Lending • Homestead Community Development Corporation • Hawaiian Church of Hawai‘i Nei

Current Maui Lending

- 40 active Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund/Consumer Micro Loan Program loans; \$1,118,605 total dollars lent