



Island Community Report: Lānaʻi

Executive Summary

Current Native Hawaiian Conditions on Lānaʻi



Educational Pathways Data

- Information on the number of Lānaʻi public high school graduates who were Native Hawaiian in SY21-22 is unavailable due to data suppression.
- There are no Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and one Hawaiian-medium program on Lānaʻi (SY22-23).



Health Outcomes Data

- Maui County had 80 primary care providers per 100,000 people, compared to 93 per 100,000 people in the State of Hawaiʻi (2020).
- 23% of Native Hawaiians in Maui County reported an ability to converse in ʻolelo Hawaiʻi at a beginner level (2023).



Quality Housing Data

- 36% (1,308 of 3,593) of Native Hawaiian renters in Maui County were within the HUD standard housing cost (<30% of household income toward rent) compared to 42% (13,778 of 32,538) of all Native Hawaiian renters statewide (2021).
- 0.4% (44) of all Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) leases statewide (9,981) were on Lānaʻi (2022).
- 55% of former Maui County Native Hawaiian residents reported moving due to the high cost of living (2019).



Economic Stability Data

- Native Hawaiian median household income in Maui County was \$86,968, 99% of the median income of all Maui County residents (\$88,249).
- 1,738 Native Hawaiian-owned firms were located in Maui County, 13% of all Native Hawaiian-owned firms in the state of Hawaiʻi (13,147) and 10% of total firms in Maui County (17,146) (2012).

Current Issues

Kuahiwi a Kai: Lānaʻi Watershed Conservation Program

Lānaʻi is currently experiencing unnatural erosion patterns due to years of overgrazing and mismanagement of introduced ungulates including deer. This excessive erosion is destroying native ecosystems and historic sites. (See Full Report pg #6)

Lānaʻi Residents Struggle with One Airline and Access to Medical Care

With the shortage of doctors and the lack of specialized treatments on Lānaʻi, residents are required to seek treatment on Oʻahu. The lone air carrier on island, Mokulele Airlines, has become unreliable with multiple cancellations without notice causing residents to either pay for non-refundable transportation and lodging, or choose to forego treatment altogether. (See Full Report pg #6)

Current Grantees Serving Lānaʻi (Amount awarded)

Lānaʻi Island Only

There are no Lānaʻi Island only grants.

Multi-Island/Statewide

- University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa – NHSEMP (\$1,100,000)
- The Hawaiian Church of Hawaii Nei (\$50,000)
- Purple Maia Foundation (\$498,660)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation (\$40,000)
- Alu Like, Inc. (\$830,000)

Current Lānaʻi Lending

Two active Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund/Consumer Micro Loan Program loans; \$30,128 total dollars disbursed.