



# Island Community Report: Maui



Compiled by the Office of Strategy Management

## Purpose

The Island Community Report provides an annual summary of the latest information on Native Hawaiian communities on the island of Maui, including community issues which the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) is actively monitoring, available Native Hawaiian data, and OHA's grants and loans. Topics are organized by our Strategic Directions of Educational Pathways, Health Outcomes, Quality Housing, and Economic Stability.

Island Community Reports are produced by Administration to inform the OHA Board of Trustees prior to trustee meetings held on each island. Following each Island Community Meeting, this report is posted to the OHA website for public review.

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## Maui At-A-Glance

### Population

- Maui Island had a population of 31,666 Native Hawaiians, representing 22% of the island’s total population (144,446) and 11% of the state’s total Native Hawaiian population (290,073)(2010).<sup>1</sup>
- Maui County had a Native Hawaiian population of 37,219. Native Hawaiians represented 23% of the county’s total population 164,568 and 12% of the state’s total Native Hawaiian population 310,789 (2017-2021).<sup>2</sup>

### Governance

(For the complete Governance listings, including Senate; House of Representatives; County Level Governance Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Agencies; and Networks, refer to Appendix A)

#### Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui<sup>3</sup>

- Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor
- Kekuhaupio “Keku” Akana, Managing Director
- Leo Caires, Chief of Staff

#### Maui County Council Chair<sup>4</sup>

- District 3 – *Wailuku-Waihe’e-Waikapū*
  - Councilmember Alice L. Lee

#### Maui-Lāna’i Island Burial Council<sup>5</sup>

- *Makawao* – VACANT
- *Lahaina* – VACANT
- *Hāna* – VACANT
- *Honua’ula* – Vernon Kalanikau
- *Wailuku* – Michelle Ho`opi`i
- *Landowner/Developer* – Everett Dowling
- *Landowner/Developer* – Iris Pe’elua
- *Landowner/Developer* – Scott Fisher



# EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS

**STRATEGY 1:** Support development and use of educational resources for all Hawaiian lifelong learners in schools, communities and 'ohana.

**STRATEGY 2:** Support education through Hawaiian language medium and focused Charter Schools.

## Current Issues/ OHA Activities

### 1. Opening of Kūlanihāko'i High School Campus Delayed due to Unresolved Pedestrian Safety Issues

**Issue Summary:** The Hawai'i Department of Education (HIDOE) and the Hawai'i Department of Transportation (DOT) failed to create safe access for students to get to school by failing to build an overpass. A roundabout with a road-level crossing is being built at the entrance to the new Kūlanihāko'i High School in Kīhei, but the state Land Use Commission (LUC) required an overpass or underpass for the four-lane Pi'ilani Highway.

**Community Positions & Related Activities:** As of March 22, 2023, HIDOE is hoping to be able to physically open the new Kūlanihāko'i High School campus to South Maui students in August 2023 for the upcoming school year. The Kūlanihāko'i campus is designed to support 1,600 students at full capacity. The Native Hawaiian public school student population of Maui Island is 24%.<sup>6</sup> This delay should not have occurred as the DOE and DOT should have worked with LUC regarding the required structures. Pedestrian concerns have been noticed by the LUC since 2013. The LUC's July 29, 2013, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision and Order Conditions include

1(b) requiring a pedestrian route study and mitigation or improvements required or recommended by the study and analysis to the satisfaction of DOT. The traffic study analysis, with DOT concurrence, was that a grade separated pedestrian crossing (GSPC) was not warranted by federal highway standards for the estimated traffic conditions at the opening of the school. This has been the DOE's understanding until the declaratory ruling by the LUC in April 2019. On Aug. 20, 2020, the DOE filed a Motion to Amend "to allow, pursuant to the recommendation of the State of Hawai'i Department of Transportation (HDOT), for the construction of a roundabout and ground level crosswalks, instead of a GSPC." This motion was denied and the continued delay of the opening of Kūlanihāko'i High School was necessary to build the overpass that the DOE and DOT knew about since 2013.

**OHA Positions & Related Activities:** OHA continues to monitor the situation and prompt State entities to accelerate the building of the overpass.

### 2. Access to Quality Broadband and Wi-Fi in Rural areas like Hāna

**Issue Summary:** Many students who live in East Maui rural areas and attend school in Hāna are not completing required schoolwork because they do not have access to quality broadband. Teachers from the Hāna community reached out

to OHA's Maui office and related that students in the Ke'ānae, Waianu, Wailua Nui, and Kaupō regions live 40minutes away and are unable to easily drive to the school's parking lot to access its Wi-Fi, unlike those that live within the Hāna

community who can walk or otherwise access the school’s Wi-Fi.

**Community Positions & Related Activities:** The State of Hawai‘i is currently soliciting input regarding the projects that address digital equity.<sup>7</sup> The Indicators of Broadband Need map, created by the United States Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), provides Public Maps & Tools which uses several different data sources to show information on broadband availability within the United States.<sup>8</sup> Funding sources are available through the federal government in the Infrastructure Act and the Inflation Reduction Act and the NTIA grants. On April 27, 2023, the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced the approval of \$115.5 million for high-speed internet projects in Hawai‘i under the American Rescue Plan’s Capital Projects Fund (CPF)<sup>9</sup>. A key priority of the

CPF program is making funding available for broadband infrastructure.<sup>10</sup> “I am thrilled to help announce this critical funding to invest in broadband infrastructure in Hawai‘i and expand reliable, high-speed internet access for our rural communities... [The] expansion of high-speed internet will help lessen the burden by increasing access for our teachers and students, to help people connect with essential telehealth services, digital commerce for small businesses and farms, online classes for degrees or career and technical training, and simply keeping in touch with loved ones on a neighbor island or abroad,” said Rep. Jill Tokuda.

**OHA Positions & Related Activities:** OHA Public Policy Advocates continue to monitor the situation and determine federal nexus points for funding and equity for Native Hawaiian Communities in rural areas, including Hāna and the surrounding communities.

## Current Conditions

### Strategic Outcome 1.1

**Increased number and percent of Native Hawaiian students who enter educational systems ready to learn**

**Table EP1. Early Learning Programs on Maui**

Type	Number of Locations
DOE Public Pre-kindergarten <sup>11</sup>	3
Head Start / Early Head Start <sup>12</sup>	3
‘Aha Pūnana Leo/‘Ōlelo <sup>13</sup>	3
Home Visiting <sup>14</sup>	5
Private/Nonprofit Preschools and Programs <sup>15</sup>	50

Note. For more Early Learning information, refer to Appendix B

**Table EP2. Public School Students on Maui (includes Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and Hawaiian-Medium Schools) (SY22-23)**

Elementary	Intermediate/Middle	High School	Multi-Level Schools	Total DOE schools
15	5	4	2	26

Note. For complete Enrollment Counts by School Type, refer to Appendix C

- 24% (4,452) of the public-school students enrolled on Maui Island (18,781) were Native Hawaiian (SY22-23).<sup>16</sup>

**Strategic Outcome 1.2**

**Increased number or percent of Native Hawaiian students graduating high school who are college, career, and community ready**

- 24% (300) of the 1,246 Maui public high school graduates were Native Hawaiian (SY21-22).
- 28% (83) of all Maui Island Native Hawaiian public high school graduates (300) enrolled in colleges across the nation, compared to 57% (516) of all non-Hawaiian Maui Island public high school graduates (908) (SY21-22).<sup>17</sup>

**Table EP3. Maui Island Public High School Graduates Enrolled in College Nationwide (SY21-22)<sup>18</sup>**

School	Total Number of Graduates	Total Number of Native Hawaiian Graduates	Percent of Native Hawaiian Graduates	Percent of Native Hawaiian Graduates Enrolled in College Nationwide	Percent of Total School Graduates Enrolled in College Nationwide
Hana High & Elementary	31	25	81%	28%	35%
Henry Perrine Baldwin High	267	96	36%	23%	51%
Maui High	458	61	13%	39%	55%
King Kekaulike High	232	69	30%	33%	50%
Lahainaluna High	220	49	22%	22%	49%
Kīhei Charter	38	NR	NR	NR	63%

Note: Data suppressed if the number is less than 10.

**Strategic Outcome 1.3**

**Increased number of Native Hawaiians engaged in traditional learning systems that re-establish/maintain strong cultural foundations/identity**

- 70% of Native Hawaiians in Maui County reported participating in Native Hawaiian culture-based activities daily, weekly, or monthly compared to 42% non-Hawaiians (2022).<sup>19</sup>

### Strategic Outcome 2.1

**Adequately resourced Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and Hawaiian-medium schools, including funding of transportation, special education, facilities and meals, and availability of qualified teachers**

Of the 17 Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and 28 Hawaiian-medium schools (of which six (6) are also listed as Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools) located throughout the state, Maui currently has no Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and seven (7) Hawaiian-medium schools. More research is needed to establish each school's baseline definition of "adequately resourced" and its status.

### Strategic Outcome 2.2

**Increased availability of Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and Hawaiian-medium schools**

#### **Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools, Programs, and Hawaiian-medium Schools on Maui (SY22-23)<sup>20</sup>**

- Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools
  - None
- Kaiapuni Programs<sup>21</sup>
  - Hāna High & Elementary
  - Kalama Intermediate
  - King Kekaulike High
  - Lāhainā Intermediate
  - Lāhaināluna High
  - Nāhi'ena'ena Elementary
  - Pā'ia Elementary

### Strategic Outcome 2.3

**Establishment of a Native Hawaiian Charter School and Hawaiian-medium system**

The Office of Hawaiian Education (OHE) was established in 2015 to administer and implement policies related to the HDOE Hawaiian Studies Program (Kupuna Program) and Hawaiian Language Immersion Program (Kula Kaiapuni). There is currently no Native Hawaiian Charter Schools or Hawaiian-medium school systems.

## **OHA Funding Activities**

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#### **Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund (NHRLF) Mālama Education Loan Activity on Maui**

- Open Education Loans as of 4/15/23: zero (0) loans, total disbursed \$0
- New Education Loans in FY23, 4/15/22 to 04/15/23: zero (0) loans, total disbursed \$0

## Educational Pathways Granting Activity on Maui

**Table EP4. 'Ohana & Community-Based Program Grants, Funding from FB20-21 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Hāna Arts	Empowering East Maui Youth through Arts and Culture Education	\$50,000	Maui Island Only

Note. The Grants Program continues close out activities, including reviewing final quarterly and annual reports, billings, and payments.

**Table EP5. Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter Schools, Funding from FB20-21 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning Ohana	Charter School Fund Administration	\$3,205,279	Statewide

Note. The Grants Program continues close out activities, including reviewing final quarterly and annual reports, billings, and payments.

**Table EP6. Kūlia Grants, Funding from FY21 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Bishop Museum	Extending Our Reach	\$49,999	Hawai'i, Maui, Moloka'i, Kaua'i
Moanalua Culture Project <sup>22</sup>	Halau O Huluena	\$100,000	O'ahu, Hawai'i, Maui, Moloka'i

**Table EP7. 'Ahahui Grants, Funding from FY22 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Hāna Arts <sup>23</sup>	Uniting the East Maui Community	\$4,600	Maui Island Only

**Table EP8. Community Grants, Funding from FB22-23 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Ke Kula o Piilani <sup>24</sup>	Hawaiian Heritage Garden Restoration	\$85,000	Maui Island Only
Hāna Arts <sup>25</sup>	Uniting East Maui 'Ohana through Arts & Culture	\$80,000	Maui Island Only
Educational Services Hawaii Foundation	'Imi 'Ike Learning Centers	\$180,000	Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Maui, O'ahu, Kaua'i

**Table EP9. Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter Schools, Funding from FB22-23 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning Ohana	16 Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter Schools	\$3,205,279	Statewide

**Table EP10. Higher Education Scholarship Administration, Funding from FB22-23**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
University of Hawaii at Manoa – NHSEMP	Higher Education Scholarship Administration	\$1,100,000	Statewide





# HEALTH OUTCOMES

**STRATEGY 3:** Advance policies, programs, and practices that strengthen Hawaiian wellbeing, including physical, spiritual, mental and emotional health.

**STRATEGY 4:** Advance policies, programs and practices that strengthen the health of the ‘āina and mo‘omeheu.

## Current Issues/ OHA Activities

### 1. Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area – Kīpahulu

**Issue Summary:** Kīpahulu ‘Ohana has formally invited the State Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) to designate Kīpahulu Moku’s nearshore waters as a Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA).

**Context:** Kīpahulu ‘Ohana sought designation as a CBSFA for the purposes of ahupua‘a management, traditional Hawaiian rights to agriculture, shoreline management, preservation of wetland taro and water, and most importantly carrying on the traditional rights and being actively involved in managing the local area as well as providing cultural education to the upcoming generations. Kīpahulu Moku is a very special place, rich in history, culture, resources, and is also under threat from various influences, including overharvesting and improper harvesting of marine resources. The community is advocating for designation as a CBSFA so that the community, traditional practitioners, state, and other agencies, as well as supportive non-governmental organizations can all work together for the effective co-management of this natural living moku.

**Community Positions & Related Activities:** Kīpahulu ‘Ohana<sup>26</sup> submitted the Kīpahulu Moku Proposal and Management Plan to the

Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) in October 2019. Kīpahulu ‘Ohana continues to provide community education and outreach while it awaits the scheduling of a hearing related to the proposed rules. The proposed rules are still in a draft form, and the ‘ohana are open for input and suggestions from community members and other stakeholders of how to best refine the rules to achieve the desired purpose, as they move through the CBSFA application process. The management plan was updated in January 2023.<sup>27</sup>

**OHA Positions & Related Activities:** On Feb. 22, 2022, the OHA Beneficiary Advocacy and Engagement (BAE) passed resolution Action Item BAE #22-02 Supporting Community Based Subsistence Fishing Area Designations and Rules, Kīpahulu, Maui, Hawai‘i, Feb. 1, 2022.<sup>28</sup> OHA will continue regular communication with Kīpahulu ‘Ohana, providing information on grants and partnership opportunities. OHA anticipates continued community engagement and continued communication with Kīpahulu ‘Ohana. OHA Community Engagement staff did connect with Kīpahulu ‘Ohana members at the Ocean event at the Legislature on April 4, 2023.

### 2. Kaua‘ula Valley and designation of Lahaina Aquifer Sector Area

**Issue Summary:** On June 28, 2021, the State Commission on Water Resources Management

(CWRM) 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. While this is a landmark decision, some community members are expressing concern that the decision does not provide details related to the implementation of the decision.

**Context:** In Kauaʻula Valley, sugar plantation, the Pioneer Mill, ran a system of irrigation ditches that used water from the stream for its crops. West Maui Land developer took over control of the century-old irrigation ditch system from Pioneer Mill, created its own drinking and irrigation water utilities. The developer built hundreds of homes, many of them sprawling multimillion dollar estates with pools, grassy lawns, and lush landscaping. Demand for water soared, diverting water from the stream to a series of pipes and reservoirs to irrigate its subdivision. As part of a legal settlement<sup>29</sup>, it also was required to use that same diversion system to supply water to families in the valley. In 2018, the state told the developer’s irrigation company (Laniupoko Irrigation) it needed to keep more water in the stream, leaving it without enough supply to meet the demand. The company did not fully comply with that order and the company was faced with \$5,000 per day fines. In September 2021, Laniupoko applied with the Public Utilities Commission to increase their rates.<sup>30</sup> However, just before the Easter weekend, when faced with fines of up to \$5,000 per day, the irrigation company stopped taking water from the stream. It told its customers there would be no more irrigation water, and the ditch that is the sole source of running water for farmers and families in the area ran dry. No notice was provided prior to cutting off the water. Almost 70 people, between the ages 2 and 74, suddenly lost the only source of running water for their crops, livestock, showers, flushing toilets and other household needs.

**Community Positions & Related Activities:** On the week of April 22, 2022, 2nd Circuit Court

Judge Kirstin Hamman temporarily ordered Laniupoko Irrigation to restore water to the families and farmers on nearby Kamehameha Schools land who rely on the stream. The state CWRM also told the irrigation company in April 2022 that it needed to provide 300,000 gallons per day to the families and farmers for the next 90 days, while regulators worked to figure out what to do next. The large-scale closing of sugar plantations presented a historic opportunity to leave millions of gallons of fresh water in Nā Wai ʻEhā for community use instead of allowing companies to continue hoarding and selling public water for private profit, but developers have already started taking that water and laws to implement stream restoration can be complicated for those relying on the old irrigation systems in rural areas, including Native Hawaiians. The CWRM took steps to designate Lahaina Aquifer Sector Area as a Ground and Surface Water Management area, which would create a state oversight to the private irrigation systems.<sup>31</sup> On June 14, 2022, the CWRM rendered a decision to accept the Chairperson’s recommendation to designate the Lahaina Aquifer Sector Area as both a Surface and Ground Water Management Area that includes the Honokōhau, Honolulu, Honokahua, Kahana, Honokōwai, Wahikuli, Kahoma, Kauaʻula, Laniupoko, Olowalu, and Ukumehame Surface Water Hydrologic Units and the Honokōhau, Honolulu, Honokōwai, Laniupoko, Olowalu, Ukumehame Groundwater Hydrologic Units. This decision was made in accordance with Part IV (Regulation of Water Use) of the State Water Code, Chapter 174C, Hawaiʻi Revised Statutes, and Title 13, Chapter 171 (Designation and Regulation of Water Management Areas), Hawaii Administrative Rules. The effective date of this surface and ground-water management area designation for the Lahaina Aquifer Sector Area was on the publication of the public notice<sup>32</sup> or Aug. 6, 2022. OHA’s Advocacy Paia will continue to monitor the situation.

## Current Conditions

### COVID Cases in Maui County (as of 04/10/2023)<sup>33</sup>

- Test positivity seven-day moving average: 10.7%
- Cases per 100,000 people: 9.9
- Change in cases week over week: 78

### Native Hawaiian Wellbeing Indicators

#### **Overall, Health Status<sup>35</sup>**

- 45% of Native Hawaiians on Maui report excellent (15%) to very good (29%) physical health, compared to 60% of all Maui residents (2020).

### Vaccination Data among NHPI (as of 04/12/2023)<sup>34</sup>

- 23% of the vaccinated population are Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (NHPI), whereas NHPI are 29% of the total Maui County population.

#### **Mental Health<sup>36</sup>**

- 15% of Native Hawaiians on Maui report ever being told they have a depressive disorder, compared to 12% of all Maui residents (2020).

### Strategic Outcome 3.1

**Increased availability and access to quality, culturally based, and culturally adapted prevention and treatment interventions in 'ohana, schools, and communities**

### Health Care Provider Rates

- Maui County had 81 primary care providers per 100,000 people, compared to 90 per 100,000 people in the State of Hawai'i (2019).<sup>37</sup>
- Maui County had 203 mental health providers per 100,000 people, compared to 278 per 100,000 people in the State of Hawai'i (2019).<sup>38</sup>

### Strategic Outcome 3.2

**Establishment of a fully functional, high quality, culturally adapted, primary Native Hawaiian Health System which coordinates effective wellness activities/programs**

Native Hawaiian Health Centers (NHHHC) receive Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems Program funding through the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Health Center Program appropriation to provide medical and enabling services to Native Hawaiians.<sup>39</sup> NHHHC provides Native Hawaiians with access to health education, health promotion, and disease prevention services. Across the system, services include nutrition programs, screening and control of hypertension and diabetes, immunizations, and basic primary care services. This system is primarily federally funded under the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act.

The Maui NHHHC is Hui No Ke Ola Pono, a private, not for profit community-based health enhancement, disease prevention and health care center. Located in Wailuku, it is one of five Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems developed to improve Native Hawaiian health equity and disparities.

Location: 95 Mahalani St # 21, Wailuku, HI 96793

Contact: (808) 244-4647

Website: <https://hmkop.org/>

### Strategic Outcome 3.3

#### Decrease the number/percent of Native Hawaiian in jails and prisons

- Native Hawaiians constituted 31% of the female inmate population and 39% of the male inmate population of Maui Community Correctional Center (2018) compared to the Maui County 21% female and 20% male Native Hawaiian resident population (2015).<sup>40</sup>

#### Arrests in Maui County (2019 Calendar Year)<sup>41</sup>

- 35% (317 of 901) of adults arrested for Index Offenses (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, human trafficking, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, arson) were Native Hawaiian.
- 32% (21 of 66) of juveniles arrested for Index Offenses were Native Hawaiian.
- 26% (1,861 of 7,075) of adults arrested for Part II Offenses (violent, property related, drug manufacturing/sale, drug possession, gambling, alcohol related, other) were Native Hawaiian.
- 31% (180 of 577) of juveniles arrested for Part II Offenses were Native Hawaiian.

**Table HO1. Maui Police Department<sup>42</sup>**

Indicator	Total	Native Hawaiian	
		#	%
Total Crime Victims	5,918	965	16%
Total Arrestees	1,985	664	33%
Person Offense Victims	2,012	488	24%
Person Offense Arrestees	506	149	29%
Property Offense Victims	3,978	491	12%
Property Offense Arrestees	522	156	30%
Society Offense Arrestees	1,020	383	38%

### Strategic Outcome 3.4

#### Communities are empowered to take care of iwi kūpuna

To measure the outcome of communities empowered to care for iwi kupuna, no data source has been identified at this time. While there are ongoing efforts to preserve iwi kūpuna from the grass-roots level up, a multi-prong approach utilizing state level policy, cultural education and awareness, and resources to mālama iwi kūpuna is needed. The State of Hawai‘i established five Island Burial Councils (Hawai‘i, Maui/Lāna‘i, Moloka‘i, O‘ahu and Kua‘i/Ni‘ihau) under the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) and OHA continues to seek qualified candidates to recommend to the governor as

nominees to fill vacancies. Members meet monthly to:

- Determine whether previously identified Native Hawaiian burial sites will be preserved in place or relocated.
- Assist the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and SHPD in developing an inventory of Native Hawaiian burial sites.
- Recommend appropriate management, treatment, and protection of Native Hawaiian burial sites, and on any other matters related to Native Hawaiian burial sites.

**Strategic Outcome 4.1**

**Preservation and perpetuation of Hawaiian language, culture, traditions, identity, and sense of lāhui**

**Table HO2. Spiritual, Emotional, and Cultural Health<sup>43</sup>**

	Maui County		Statewide	
	Native Hawaiian	non-Hawaiian	Native Hawaiian	non-Hawaiian
<b>Ke Akua Mana: Spirituality and the sacredness of mana</b>				
Respondents reporting belief in a higher power such as God (Ke Akua) or other deities (personal, family, or Hawaiian gods)	91%	78%	93%	80%
<b>Pilina: Mutually sustaining relationships</b>				
Respondents who report ‘ohana relationships were important to their well being	100%	97%	100%	98%
<b>‘Ōiwi: Cultural identity and native intelligence</b>				
Respondents feeling moderately, quite a bit, or extremely connected to an ethnic or cultural community	80%	70%	86%	75%
Respondents participating in Native Hawaiian culture-based activities daily, weekly, or monthly	70%	42%	70%	44%
Respondents reporting their experience with ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i – understand common words and phrases	80%	46%	75%	53%
Respondents reporting their experience with ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i – converse at a beginner level with others	30%	4%	31%	6%
Respondents reporting their experience with ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i – converse at an intermediate level with others	10%	0%	12%	1%
Respondents reporting their experience with ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i – converse at an advanced level with others	9%	0%	7%	0%
<b>‘Āina Momona: Healthy and productive land and people</b>				
Respondents reporting the health of the ‘āina and kai were important to their wellbeing	99%	99%	99%	99%
<b>Ea: Self-determination</b>				
Respondents who reported participating in an event to address a community issue in the last 12 months	35%	32%	40%	35%
Respondents who voted in the Nov. 3, 2020 election by mail or in-person	86%	87%	87%	89%
<b>Waiwai: Ancestral abundance, collective wealth</b>				
Respondents who reported contributing to the well-being of Native Hawaiian community daily, weekly, or monthly	30%	27%	33%	30%
Respondents who reported being very satisfied or satisfied with their overall quality of life	27%	24%	29%	22%

### Strategic Outcome 4.2

Increased community stewardship of Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources that foster connection to 'āina, 'ohana, and communities

Table HO3. Cultural Health<sup>44</sup>

	Maui County		Statewide	
	Native Hawaiian	non-Hawaiian	Native Hawaiian	non-Hawaiian
<b>'Āina Momona: Healthy and productive land and people</b>				
Respondents reporting that they interact with 'āina or kai for cultural, spiritual, subsistence, health, or recreational reasons:				
cultural	55%	17%	54%	20%
spiritual	35%	34%	41%	31%
subsistence	39%	21%	35%	19%
health	61%	57%	56%	56%
recreational	77%	74%	72%	75%

### Maui Community Subsistence/Fishery Areas

There are no state-approved Community Subsistence Fishing Areas on Maui however, Kīpahulu Moku submitted a CBSFA Proposal in 2019 and drafted an updated Proposal and Management Plan in early 2023.<sup>45</sup> As of June 2022, the proposal is moving through the approval process by way of public scoping sessions.<sup>46</sup>

### Strategic Outcome 4.3

Increased restoration of Native Hawaiian cultural sites, landscapes, kulāiwi and traditional food systems

More research is needed to establish a baseline measurement for restoration of Native Hawaiian cultural sites, landscapes, kulāiwi, and traditional food systems. OHA currently supports restoration of culturally significant sites and restoration efforts through its Grants Program.

## OHA Funding Activities

### OHA Legacy Land Holdings on Maui

- Palaeua Cultural Preserve (Honua'ula, Maui) 20.7 acres
  - Acquired by OHA: 2012
  - Land Zoning: Preservation<sup>47</sup>

### OHA Consumer Micro Loan Program Loan Activity on Maui (for funeral and emergency health purposes)

- Open Funeral and Health Consumer Micro Loans as of 4/15/23: one (1) loan, total disbursed \$7,500
- New Funeral and Health Consumer Micro Loans in FY23, 4/15/22 to 4/15/23: zero (0) loans, total disbursed \$0

## Health Outcomes Granting Activity on Maui

**Table HO4. Iwi Kūpuna Repatriation & Reinternment Grants, Funding from FY21 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
The Hawaiian Church of Hawai'i Nei	E Ho`omau O Na Malama I Na Iwi Kupuna	\$50,000	Hawai'i, Maui, Lāna'i, O'ahu, Kaua'i
Ke Ao Hali'i	Na Kia'i Iwi Kupuna o Hana	\$34,300	Maui Island Only
Hawaiian Islands Land Trust	Waihe'e Iwi Kūpuna Protection	\$50,000	Maui Island Only

**Table HO5. 'Ohana & Community-Based Program Grants: Maui, Funding from FY21 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Malama Na Makua A Keiki, Inc.	Family Centered Substance Abuse Treatment Program	\$75,000	Maui Island Only
Maui Family Support Services, Inc.	Ho'owaiwai Kaiāulu Project-Maui	\$150,000	Maui Island Only

**Table HO6. COVID-19 Impact & Response Grants: Maui, Funding from FY21 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Pā'upena Community Development Inc.	Project MAHI`AI	\$58,395	Maui Island Only

**Table HO7. Kūlia Grants, Funding from FY21 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Moanalua Culture Project <sup>48</sup>	Halau O Huluena	\$100,000	O'ahu, Hawai'i, Maui, Moloka'i

**Table HO8. 'Ohana-Based Practices in Perpetuation of 'Ōlelo Hawai'i: Community Research Grant<sup>49</sup>**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Ke Kula o Piilani	Ka Piko Kaiao	\$77,766	Maui Island Only
'Aha Pūnana Leo	Noi'i OHA	\$79,514	Statewide

**Table HO9. Board Approved Grants, Funding from FY22 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Papa Ola Lokahi	COVID-19 Statewide Vaccination Sites and Clinics	\$20,000	Statewide

**Table HO10. Ahahui Grants, Funding from FY22 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Ke Ao Hali`i	Pule 'Aina o Mokae a me Maka'alaie	\$8,200	Maui Island Only
Na Mamo o Mu'olea	Hanana No Na Limu	\$7,500	Maui Island Only

**Table HO11. Iwi Kūpuna Repatriation & Reinternment Grants, Funding from FB22-23 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
The Hawaiian Church of Hawai`i Nei	E Ho`omau O Na Malama I Na Iwi Kupuna	\$50,000	Hawai'i, Maui, Moloka'i, O'ahu, Kaua'i

**Table HO12. Community Grants, Funding from FB22-23 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Ma Ka Hana Ka 'Ike Building Program	Mana 'Āina, Maui Ola	\$220,000	Maui Island Only
Alu Like, Inc.	Kohopono	\$250,000	Maui, O'ahu, Kaua'i
Ke Ao Hali`i	E Mālama i Mokae a me Maka'alaie	\$100,000	Maui Island Only
Ke Kula o Piilani <sup>50</sup>	Hawaiian Heritage Garden Restoration	\$85,000	Maui Island Only
Hana Arts <sup>51</sup>	Uniting East Maui 'Ohana through Arts & Culture	\$80,000	Maui Island Only





# QUALITY HOUSING

**STRATEGY 5:** Advance policies, programs and practices that strengthen Hawaiian resource management knowledge and skills to meet the housing needs of their 'ohana.

**STRATEGY 6:** Support implementation of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and other efforts to meet the housing needs of 'ohana.

## Current Issues/ OHA Activities

### 1. Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Update- Housing/Land Award/Future Planning

**Issue Summary:** On July 11, 2022, Governor Ige signed Act 279<sup>52</sup> to fund Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) at a historical level. Through this Act, the Legislature sought to provide funding to the DHHL for the proposed projects of Pu'unani Homestead Subdivision, Maui for 161 new lots at \$13,200,000; Pu'unani Homestead Phase 2, Maui for 140 new lots at \$32,000,000; Keokea-Waiohuli Phase 2B Phase 3, Maui for 67 new lots at \$27,834,000; West Maui Development – Leiali'i 1B, Maui for highway and parkway improvements, water development, and 250 new lots at \$60,000,000. The projects set forth may include wastewater lines and water transmission lines for state projects;

repair, refurbishment, renovation, and new construction; ground and site improvements; and equipment and appurtenances for each project. The funding for these projects was included in the historic award of \$600,000,000. HB2511 originally had specific funding for each project, however the Legislature amended the Bill in conference committee to award DHHL six hundred million dollars for projects.

**OHA Positions & Related Activities:** In line with OHA's new strategic plan, OHA is maintaining communications with DHHL representatives on island, and with Hawaiian Homestead community associations and grantees.

### 2. 'Āina Kūpuna Tax Relief

**Issue Summary:** Former OHA staff worked with Vice Chair, council member Keani Rawlins-Fernandez on the development of a tax relief proposal for Native Hawaiians who have retained their 'ohana lands for generations (referred to as 'āina kūpuna), but whose ability to do so may be threatened by massive increases in property taxes from land speculation and development in surrounding areas. Specifically, the proposal seeks to provide relief by 1) extending the Kuleana Property Tax Exemption to Kuleana Act government grant lands; 2) allowing the Kuleana Property Tax Exemption to be retroactively applied from June 30, 2011 thru June 30, 2021; and 3) providing a reduced tax rate for 'Ohana

Lands, or lands that have been continuously owned within a family since the Great Depression, i.e. June 30, 1929.

**Context:** Native Hawaiian families are at risk of losing their ancestral lands as property taxes increase due to sudden increases in value due to development and real estate speculation. Although kuleana land tax exemptions exist to help Native Hawaiians keep their ancestral lands, this proposal seeks to expand that relief to Native Hawaiian families who have long lived on their ancestral land yet are not eligible for the current tax exemption.

**2023 Update:** ‘Āina Kūpuna Tax Relief Measure became law Dec.r 6, 2021. The Kuleana Act Government Grant property tax exemption ordinance went into effect Sept. 7, 2021.<sup>53</sup> Lineal

descendants have until Dec. 31, 2023, to apply for the exemption.<sup>54</sup> Fewer than a dozen property owners fall under its protection, according to the county.

## Current Conditions

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### Strategic Outcome 5.1

**Increased numbers/percent of Native Hawaiians who rent housing that meets their ‘ohana’s financial and wellbeing needs**

- 44% (4,094 of 9,279) of Native Hawaiian households in Maui County rented their home compared to 42% (22,639 of 53,463) of all renters in Maui County and 44% (30,679 of 69,217) of all Native Hawaiian housing units statewide (2015).<sup>55</sup>
- 43% (1,754 of 4,094) of Native Hawaiian renters in Maui County were within the HUD standard housing cost (<30% of household income toward rent) compared to 42% (12,743 of 30,679) of all Native Hawaiians statewide (2015).<sup>56</sup>

### Strategic Outcome 5.2

**Increased numbers/percent of Native Hawaiians who own housing that meets their ‘ohana’s financial and wellbeing needs**

- 56% (5,185 of 9,279) of Native Hawaiian occupied housing units in Maui County were owner-occupied compared to 58% (30,284 of 53,463) of all homeowners in Maui County and 56% of all Native Hawaiian housing units statewide (38,538 of 69,217).<sup>57</sup>
- 66% (3,418) of Native Hawaiians homeowners (with and without a mortgage) in Maui County within the HUD standard housing cost (<30% of household income toward mortgage) compared to 67% (25,688 of 38,538) of all Native Hawaiians statewide.<sup>58</sup>

### Strategic Outcome 5.3

Increased safety, stability, social support networks, and cultural connection in Native Hawaiian communities

**Table QH1. 2022 Community Characteristics<sup>59</sup>**

Percentage of respondents who...	Maui County		State	
	Native Hawaiian	Non-Hawaiian	Native Hawaiian	Non-Hawaiian
...feel at least moderately connected to the geographic community in which they live.	84%	86%	85%	86%
...believe that safe neighborhoods are important or very important to their community's wellbeing.	97%	100%	97%	99%
...believe that keiki care (for example, day care) is important or very important to their community's wellbeing.	94%	85%	92%	87%
...feel at least moderately connected to an ethnic or cultural community.	80%	70%	86%	75%
...believe that cultural and historical sites are important or very important to their community's wellbeing.	93%	92%	92%	92%
...within the past 12 months, have made use of cultural and historical sites at least monthly.	49%	43%	51%	44%
...within the last 12 months, have made use of locally owned businesses at least monthly.	90%	96%	92%	95%
...in the past 12 months, did not participate in any community-building activities.	19%	19%	20%	19%

**Table QH2. 2021 Community Characteristics<sup>60</sup>**

Percentage of respondents who...	Maui County		State	
	Native Hawaiian	Non-Hawaiian	Native Hawaiian	Non-Hawaiian
...feel at least moderately connected to their neighbors.	73%	67%	71%	74%
...know someone who will help them in an emergency.	96%	90%	94%	95%
...are satisfied with the quality of the Native Hawaiian-focused education programs in their community.	41%	33%	40%	31%
...are limited in their access to education programs by distance and transportation to at least a moderate extent.	32%	27%	33%	28%

### Strategic Outcome 6.1

Increased affordable non-traditional housing options (accessory dwelling units/tiny homes, large multi-generational lots or homes) in communities of ‘ohana’s choice

Table QH3. Occupied Less-traditional Housing Units 2021 and 2020<sup>61</sup>

	Maui County		Statewide	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Total housing units	53,919	55,620	478,413	467,932
Less-traditional housing units (number)	4,672	4,718	49,422	47,428
Less-traditional housing units (% total units)	9%	8%	10%	10%

- 5% of the Native Hawaiian-occupied housing units in Maui County were less-traditional housing units (443 of 9,279) compared to 7% statewide (4,547 of 69,217) (2015).<sup>62</sup>

### Strategic Outcome 6.2

Increased housing unit supply on Hawaiian Home Lands

#### Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) Information (2022)<sup>63</sup>

- DHHL currently holds 31,904 acres of land on Maui, 16% of its total landholdings.
- DHHL had 1,403 lessees on Maui, 14% of the 9,981 leases statewide.
  - Residential: 1,264 (15% of Statewide)
  - Agricultural: 64 (6% of Statewide)
  - Pastoral: 75 (18% of Statewide)
- DHHL had 774 undivided interest leases (lots with no homes)
- DHHL Maui Island Waitlist
  - Total Waitlist: 9,310
  - Residential: 3,907 (16% of Statewide Waitlist)
  - Agricultural: 4,764 (24% of Statewide Waitlist)
  - Pastoral: 639 (20% of Statewide Waitlist)

### Strategic Outcome 6.3

Decreased rate of Native Hawaiian ‘ohana out of state migration

- 33% of Native Hawaiian residents of Maui County reported planning to or thinking about moving from Hawai‘i, compared to 37% of the total state Native Hawaiian population.<sup>64</sup>
- 55% of former Maui County Native Hawaiian residents reported moving due to the high cost of living, followed by 33% due to employment opportunities and 31% due to affordable housing.<sup>65</sup>

**Table QH4. Considering Moving in the Past Year<sup>66</sup>**

	Maui County		State	
	Native Hawaiian	Non-Hawaiian	Native Hawaiian	Non-Hawaiian
Have not considered moving away from Hawai'i in the past year	47%	63%	52%	60%
Have considered moving away from Hawai'i in the past year...				
...to take a new job or pursue a career advancement	10%	1%	10%	6%
...to continue with a current job that moved out of Hawai'i	1%	1%	2%	1%
...to increase my earnings potential (i.e., make more money)	20%	8%	18%	11%
...due to a lower cost of living elsewhere	37%	21%	33%	26%
...to be closer to family or friends	6%	15%	4%	13%
...for other reasons	15%	8%	10%	9%

**OHA Funding Activities**

**NHRLF Mālama Home Improvement Loans on Maui**

- Open Mālama Home Improvement Loans as of 4/15/23: eleven (11) loans, total disbursed \$213,593
- New Mālama Home Improvement Loans in FY23, 4/15/22 to 4/15/23: three (3) loan, total disbursed \$73,709

**NHRLF OHA Consumer Micro Loans for unexpected home repair purposes on Maui**

- Open Consumer Home Repair Micro Loans as of 04/15/23: two (2) loans, total disbursed \$13,900
- New Consumer Home Repair Micro Loans in FY23, 4/15/22 to 04/15/23: zero (0) loan, total disbursed \$0

**Quality Housing Granting Activity on Maui**

**Table QH5. Community Grants, Funding from FB22-23 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Hana Arts <sup>67</sup>	Uniting East Maui 'Ohana through Arts & Culture	\$80,000	Maui Island Only



## ECONOMIC STABILITY

**STRATEGY 7:** Advance policies, programs and practices that strengthen ‘ohana’s ability to pursue multiple pathways toward economic stability.

**STRATEGY 8:** Cultivate economic development in and for Hawaiian communities.

### Current Issues/ OHA Activities

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#### 1. Maui County Department of Agriculture

**Issue Summary:** Last year, Maui County residents voted overwhelmingly to create a county-level department related to agriculture. This new department will be dedicated to making local farming a more economically viable, environmentally friendly industry that will promote residents' food security and access to healthy food. According to the approved charter language the new agency will “provide advocacy, and not create additional regulatory barriers, on all matters related to agriculture.” The budget for this department and its operations will be specified through the council's annual budget review amendments and the department will be effective beginning in July 2022. In September 2022, the Maui County Council unanimously

approved Rogerene “Kali” Arce to take on the new position and department. Arce, a Molokai resident, and Hawaiian homesteader with more than 30 years of experience in the local agriculture industry, was appointed director by Mayor Michael Victorino and confirmed by the Maui County Council in October 2022.

**OHA Positions & Related Activities:** Maui County Council Member Shane Sinenci requested OHA’s participation in meetings related to the new department. In 2021, OHA’s former Community Outreach attended two virtual community meetings related to the new department. OHA’s Advocacy Paia continues to monitor the implementation of this new department.

#### 2. Emergency Financial Assistance (Statewide)

**Issue Summary:** In July 2022 OHA contracted with Alu Like to process applications for beneficiary emergency financial assistance. Although intended to operate for a two-year period, within the first two quarters of the program, Alu Like was presented with overwhelming demands and needs of beneficiaries, including fielding calls from the continent, and local Pacific Island communities. In addition, Alu Like, noted, via their intake process, the needs of families are well beyond the emergency financial assistance funds and purposes provided by OHA, and increasing as

federal resources for emergencies (e.g., rent, utilities) are tapering off. Alu Like also experienced, staffing shortages, statewide while providing services of the contract.

**OHA Positions & Related Activities:** Community members have been contacting OHA regarding their frustration with the delay in receiving emergency assistance, they have had to turn to other resources to meet their needs. OHA’s grant program is working with Alu Like to complete the disbursement of the remaining funds committed to the program, while preparing to administer the program itself.

## Current Conditions

### Strategic Outcome 7.1

Increased number / percent of of Native Hawaiian ‘ohana who are able to provide high quality keiki and kupuna care

- The average full-time rate of a licensed childcare center in Maui County for a child under 3 years of age range from \$1,316 (0-6 months) to \$1,051 (2 years-old) and licensed registered family childcare homes range from \$833 (0-6 months) to \$83 (2 years-old).
- During 2020-2021, the cost of assisted living facilities in Maui County ranged from \$4,700 to \$7,200 per month and approximately \$345 per day for semi-private skilled nursing facilities.<sup>68</sup>
- Keiki care programs (e.g., A+) are utilized at a higher rate by Native Hawaiians (26%) compared to non-Hawaiians (10%) in Maui County (2022).
- Kūpuna care programs (e.g., Meals on Wheels) are utilized at a higher rate by Native Hawaiians (9%) compared to non-Hawaiians (2%) in Maui County (2022).

**Table ES1. 2023 Kupuna and Keiki Care Considerations (2022)<sup>69</sup>**

Percent of respondents who...	Maui County		State	
	Native Hawaiian	Non-Hawaiian	Native Hawaiian	Non-Hawaiian
...have made use of kupuna wellness resources (for example, computer classes, exercise programs) at least monthly within the last 12 months.	10%	13%	12%	11%
...have you made use of kupuna care (for example, Meals on Wheels, assisted living, memory care) at least monthly within the last 12 months.	9%	2%	10%	3%
...have made use of keiki care (for example, day care) at least monthly within the last 12 months.	23%	10%	22%	10%
...have made use of out-of-school-time programs for youth (for example, A+ after school, sports, YMCA) at least monthly within the last 12 months.	26%	10%	27%	14%

**Table ES2. Kupuna and Keiki Care Considerations (2022)<sup>70</sup>**

Percent of respondents who...	Maui County		State	
	Native Hawaiian	Non-Hawaiian	Native Hawaiian	Non-Hawaiian
...are satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of preschool programs in their community.	36%	34%	38%	35%
...are satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of the out-of-school programs in their community.	23%	28%	28%	27%

**Table ES3. Maui County Average Monthly Cost of Child Care by Age (Licensed Centers)<sup>71</sup>**

Licensed Centers		
Age Group	Average Part-time Rate (Monthly)	Average Full-time Rate (Monthly)
0-6 months	\$1,175	\$1,316
6-12 months	\$1,175	\$1,399
12-18 months	\$1,075	\$1,342
18-24 months	\$1,075	\$1,316
2-year-olds	\$754	\$1,051
3-year-olds	\$650	\$903
4 - 5-year-olds	\$645	\$907
5–10-year-olds	\$456	\$898
11–15-year-olds	\$98	\$130
Registered Family Child Care Homes (Licensed)		
0-6 months	\$558	\$833
6-12 months	\$569	\$844
12-18 months	\$578	\$841
18-24 months	\$578	\$839
2-year-olds	\$589	\$831
3-year-olds	\$579	\$831
4 - 5-year-olds	\$568	\$830
5–10-year-olds	\$569	\$794
11–15-year-olds	\$571	\$781

**Table ES4. Maui Child Care by Facility Type (2023)<sup>72</sup>**

Child Care Facility	2022 State Total	2022 Maui Island Total	Number of Children Enrolled on 4/25/2023	Desired Capacity	Licensed Capacity
Licensed Infant/Toddler Center	66	9	93	136	138
Registered Family Child Care Home/Group Home	260	56	282	355	359
Licensed Group Child Care (Preschools)	400	55	1,134	1,957	2,070
Licensed Before and After School Programs	90	12	212	545	545
<b>Total</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>2,993</b>	<b>3,112</b>

Note. Desired capacity = Number of children willing to accept; Licensed capacity = Number of children licensed to care for



**Table ES5. Maui County Capacity of Elderly Living with Assistance Facilities (2020-2021)<sup>73</sup>**

	Assisted living facilities			Adult residential care home			Skilled nursing facilities (elderly)		
	Facilities	Units		Facilities	Beds		Facilities	Beds	
		Number	Share		Number	Share		Number	Share
State Total	17	2,367	100%	456	2,619	100%	26	2,743	100%
Maui County	1	93	4%	12	72	3%	2	344	13%

**Strategic Outcome 7.2**

**Increased access to capital and credit for community strengthening Native Hawaiian businesses and individuals**

More research is needed to understand the current level and nature of access to capital and credit for Native Hawaiian businesses and individuals.

Financial institutions on Maui<sup>74</sup>

- 2 Community Development Financial Institutions<sup>75</sup>
- 33 bank branch offices
- 1 Small Business Development Center located in Kīhei
- 15 credit union branches

**Strategic Outcome 7.3**

**Increase number of Native Hawaiian ‘ohana who are resource stable (financial, subsistence, other)**

**Table ES6. Higher Education Institutions on Maui<sup>76</sup>**

Community College	Public Universities	Private Colleges/Universities	For-Profit Colleges/Universities
1	0	0	0

Note. For the list of Higher Education Institutions on Maui, refer to Appendix D

**Highest Level of Education Attainment Reported by Native Hawaiians (2015)<sup>77</sup>**

- Native Hawaiian educational attainment in Maui County is at parity with the total Maui County population for:
  - 1 year or more of college experience with no degree attained: 18% Native Hawaiians (3,723 of 20,691) and 19% total county (20,804 of 112,506) and
  - Earning an associate degree: 10% Native Hawaiians (2,205), 10% total county (11,027).
- A smaller percentage of Native Hawaiians attained Bachelor’s (7%, 1,401) and Graduate Degrees (5%, 1,007) in comparison to the total Maui County population (18%, 19,812 and 9%, 9,534 respectively).

**Table ES7. Degrees Earned of all Adults who Attained Post-Secondary Education (2015)<sup>78</sup>**

Degree	Maui County		State	
	Native Hawaiian	Non-Hawaiian	Native Hawaiian	Non-Hawaiian
Associates degree	46%	27%	36%	25%
Bachelor's degree	32%	49%	43%	50%
Master's degree	17%	16%	15%	17%
Professional school degree	6%	6%	4%	5%
Doctorate degree	0.2%	2%	2%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

**Native Hawaiian Income and Earnings in Maui County (2015)**

- Native Hawaiian median household income in Maui County was \$60,945 or 92% (\$66,476) of the countywide median household income.<sup>79</sup>
- Median earnings for Native Hawaiian men were \$4,442 less than men countywide (\$35,831 - \$31,389).
- Median earnings for Native Hawaiian women were \$3,706 less than women countywide (\$29,410 - \$25,704). For both Native Hawaiian women and women in general in Maui County, earnings were approximately 82% of their male counterparts.<sup>80</sup>

**Strategic Outcome 7.4**  
**Increased Native Hawaiian employment rate**

**Native Hawaiian Employment and Labor Statistics in Maui County (2015)<sup>81</sup>**

- Native Hawaiian unemployment rate in Maui County was 10% compared to 7% for all residents.
- 69% (18,259 of 26,329) of the Native Hawaiian population ages 16 and older participated in the labor force in Maui County compared to 69% (87,952 of 128,457) of all Maui County residents.
- 63% (16,454 of 26,329) of the Native Hawaiian population ages 16 and older in the labor force were employed compared to 64% (81,619 of 128,457) for all Maui County residents.

**Strategic Outcome 8.1**  
**Increased number of successful, community strengthening Native Hawaiian-owned businesses**

**Native Hawaiian Business Ownership in Maui County<sup>82</sup>**

- 1,738 Native Hawaiian-owned firms were in Maui County, 13% of all Native Hawaiian-owned firms in the state of Hawai'i (13,147) and 10% of total firms in Maui County (17,146) (2012).
  - 153 of these firms had paid employees, employing 1,223 people per pay period.
  - The total sales, receipts, or value of shipments for these firms was \$150,600,000.

## Strategic Outcome 8.2

Establishment of new markets for Native Hawaiian products (e.g., kalo, loko i'a grown fish, etc.) that can provide Native Hawaiian producers a livable wage

More research is needed to better understand the market dynamics for Native Hawaiian products.

- There were 85 acres of taro harvested from 58 farms in Maui County (2017).<sup>83</sup>

**Table ES8. 2022 Maui County Local Business and Food Consumption<sup>84</sup>**

	Maui County		State	
	Native Hawaiian	Non-Hawaiian	Native Hawaiian	Non-Hawaiian
<b>Percentage of respondents who have used locally owned businesses in the past 12 months:</b>				
Almost Daily	32%	35%	30%	32%
Weekly	34%	39%	36%	42%
Monthly	24%	22%	26%	21%
Once or Twice a Year	6%	2%	4%	3%
Rarely	2%	0%	2%	2%
Almost Never	2%	0%	2%	1%
<b>Barriers to local food consumption:</b>				
Not knowing where or how to access local foods grown or raised in Hawaii is a barrier to accessing them	12%	13%	16%	12%
Local foods grown or raised in Hawaii cost too much to access them	70%	51%	62%	52%
Local foods or ingredients are not available nearby	7%	11%	8%	9%
It's more convenient to buy imported foods than local foods	35%	23%	34%	28%
<b>Percentage of respondents who access local foods:</b>				
Directly purchased from farms	24%	21%	21%	19%
At farmer's markets	72%	74%	76%	73%
At grocery stores	85%	90%	84%	88%
via Community Supported Agriculture networks (e.g., CSA box)	12%	9%	15%	10%
Growing food at home	34%	43%	35%	40%
Growing food outside the home (e.g., community garden)	5%	4%	7%	4%
By hunting or fishing	35%	13%	25%	11%
Through other means	5%	10%	5%	8%

### Strategic Outcome 8.3

Establishment of new markets for Native Hawaiian products (e.g., kalo, loko i'a grown fish, etc.) that can provide Native Hawaiian producers a livable wage

More research is needed to establish a baseline understanding of what constitutes an Indigenous economic system consistent with Native Hawaiian knowledge, culture, values, and practices.

## OHA Funding Activities

### OHA Commercial Land Holdings on Maui

- None

### NHRLF Debt Consolidation Loans on Maui

- Open Debt Consolidation Loans as of 4/15/23: fifteen (15) loans, total disbursed \$246,838
- New Debt Consolidation Loans in FY23, 4/15/22 to 4/15/23: four (4) loans, total disbursed \$72,154

### NHRLF Mālama Business Loans on Maui (Loan amounts from \$2,500 to \$100,000)

- Open Mālama Business Loans as of 04/15/23: nine (9) loans, total disbursed \$554,678
- New Mālama Business Loans in FY23, 4/15/22 to 4/15/23: two (2) loans, total disbursed \$200,000

### NHRLF Hua Kanu Loans on Maui (Loan amounts from \$150,000 to \$1,000,000)

- Open Hua Kanu Loans as of 4/15/23: one (1) loan, total disbursed \$236,000
- New Hua Kanu Loans in FY23, 4/15/22 to 4/15/23: zero (0) loans, total disbursed \$0

### NHRLF OHA Consumer Micro Loans (for auto repair, CDL, apprenticeship program, or career development course purposes)

- Open Consumer Economic Stability Micro Loans as of 4/15/23: two (2) loan, total disbursed \$5,787
- New Consumer Economic Stability Micro Loans in FY23, 4/15/22 to 4/15/23: one (1) loan, total disbursed \$3,787

### Economic Stability Granting Activity on Maui

Table ES9. Community Grants, Funding from FB20-21 Budget

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement	Native Hawaiian Trades Academy	\$300,145	Statewide

Note. The Grants Program continues close out activities, including reviewing final quarterly and annual reports, billings, and payments.

**Table ES10. Board Approved: Emergency Financial Assistance, Funding from FY21 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Hawaii Community Lending	Ka Waialele	\$1,044,253	Statewide

**Table ES11. COVID-19 Impact and Response Grant: Maui, Funding from FY21 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.	'Ai Hua Project	\$150,000	Maui Island Only
Kupu	Conservation Leadership Development Program (CLDP)	\$140,088	Maui Island Only

**Table ES12. Community Grants, Funding from FB22-23 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Purple Maia Foundation	Mālama Design Studio	\$498,660	Statewide
Homestead Community Development Corporation	Homestead Policy Advocacy for the Waitlist (HPAW)	\$40,000	Statewide
Hana Arts <sup>85</sup>	Uniting the East Maui Community	\$4,600	Maui Island Only
Hawai'i Community Lending	Native Hawaiian Owner-Builder Project	\$398,000	Maui, Moloka'i

**Table ES13. Emergency Financial Assistance, Funding from FB22-23 Budget**

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Community Served
Alu Like, Inc.	Kūlia Like	\$830,000	Statewide

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## Appendix

### APPENDIX A

#### **Island of Maui State Senate<sup>1</sup>**

- Senate District 5 – *Wailuku, Waihe'e, Kahului, Waikapū Mauka, Wai'ehu*
  - Senator Gil Keith-Agaran – Assistant Majority Whip
  - Member of the following committees – Ways & Means, Higher Education, Labor & Technology
- Senate District 6 – *South and West Maui, Ma`alaea, Waikapū*
  - Senator Angus LK McKelvey
  - Member of the following committees – Government Operations, Commerce & Consumer Protection, Public Safety & Intergovernmental & Military Affairs, Water & Land
- Senate District 7 – *Hāna, East and Upcountry Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, Kaho'olawe, Molokini*
  - Senator Lynn DeCoite – Assistant Majority Floor Leader
  - Member of the following committees – Energy, Economic Development, & Tourism, Agriculture & Environment, Ways & Means

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#### **Maui State House of Representatives<sup>2</sup>**

- House District 9 – *Kahului, Pu`unēnē, portion of Wailuku*
  - Representative Justin Woodson
  - Member of the following committees – Education, Agriculture & Food Systems, Energy & Environment Protection, Higher Education & Technology
- House District 10 – *portion of Wai'ehu, Paukukalo, Wailuku, Wailuku Heights, Waikapū*
  - Representative Troy Hashimoto
  - Member of the following committees: Housing, Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, Transportation
- House District 11 – *portion of Mā`alaea, Kīhei, Keawekapu, Wailea, Mākena, Kanahena, Keone`ō`i`o*
  - Representative Terez Amato
  - Member of the following committees: Human Services, Consumer Protection & Commerce, Health & Homelessness
- House District 12 – *portion of Keāhua, Hāli`imaile, Pukalani, Makawao, Pūlehu, Waiakoa, Kēōkea, Ulupalakua*
  - Representative Kyle Yamashita
  - Member of the following committees: Finance

- House District 13 – *Molokaʻi, Lānaʻi, Kahoʻolawe, portion of Kahului, Haʻikū, Peʻahi, Huelo, Nāhiku, Hāna, Kīpahulu*
  - Representative Mahina Poepoe
  - Member of the following committees: Water & Land, Corrections, Military, & Veterans, Finance
- House District 14 – *Kahakuloa, Waiheʻe, portions of Waiʻehu and Māʻalaea, Olowalu, Lahaina, Lahainaluna, Kāʻanapali, Māhinahina Camp, Kahana, Honokahua*
  - Representative Elle Cochran
  - Member of the following committees: Energy & Environmental Protection, Agriculture & Food Systems, Finance

## **COUNTY LEVEL GOVERNANCE, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND AGENCIES**

### **Maui County Council<sup>3</sup>**

- District 1 – *East Maui*
  - Councilmember Shane Sinenci,
- District 2 – *West Maui*
  - Councilmember Tamara Paltin
- District 3 – *Wailuku-Waiheʻe-Waikapū*
  - Councilmember Alice L. Lee; Chair
- District 4 – *Kahului*
  - Councilmember Tasha Kama
- District 5 – *South Maui*
  - Councilmember Tom Cook
- District 6 – *Makawao-Haʻikū-Pāʻia*
  - Councilmember Nohe Uʻu-Hodgins
- District 7 – *Upcountry*
  - Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura, Vice Chair
- District 8 – *Lānaʻi*
  - Councilmember Gabe Johnson
- District 9 – *Molokaʻi*
  - Councilmember Keani Rawlins-Fernandez

### **Standing Committees of the Council<sup>iv</sup>**

- *Agriculture, Diversification, Environment, & Public Transportation* – Gabe Johnson, Chair
- *Budget, Finance, and Economic Development* – Yuki Lei Sugimura, Chair
- *Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, & Planning* – Tamara Paltin, Chair
- *Efficiency Solutions & Circular Systems* – Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
- *Government Relations, Ethics, & Transparency* – Nohe Uʻu-Hodgins, Chair
- *Housing, Land Use* – Tasha Kama, Chair
- *Water & Infrastructure* – Tom Cook, Chair
- *Water Authority, Social Services, & Parks* – Shane Sinenci, Chair

### **County of Maui Departments and Agencies<sup>5</sup>**

- *Management, Department of* – Kekuhaupio “Keku” Akana, Managing Director
- *Budget Office* – Maria Zielinski, Budget Director
- *Chief of Staff* – Leo Caires
- *Chief of Communications & Public Affairs* – Mahina Martin
- *Chief Innovation Officer*
- *Corporation Counsel, Department of* – Victoria J Takayesu, Corporation Counsel
- *Corporation counsel, Department of* – Sonya Toma, First Deputy
- *Emergency Management Agency* – Herman Andaya, Administrator
- *Agriculture, Department of* – Rogerene “Kali” Arce, Director
- *Agriculture, Department of* – Koa Hewahewa, Deputy Director

- *Environmental Management, Department of* – Shane Agawa PE, Director
- *Environmental Management, Department of* – Robert Schmidt, Deputy Director
- *Finance, Department of* – Scott Teruya, Finance Director
- *Finance, Department of* – Steve Tesoro, Deputy Director
- *Fire and Public Safety, Department of* – Bradford Ventura, Fire Chief
- *Fire and Public Safety, Department of* – Gavin Fujioka, Deputy Fire Chief
- *Housing and Human Concerns* – Lori Tshako, Director
- *Housing and Human Concerns* – Saumalu Mataafa, Deputy Director
- *Liquor Control* – Layne N. Silva, Director
- *Liquor Control* – Jarrett K Kaho`ohanohano, Deputy Director
- *Parks and Recreation, Department of* – Patrick McCall, Director
- *Parks and Recreation, Department of* – Shane Dudoit, Deputy Director
- *Personnel Services, Department of* – David Underwood, Director
- *Personnel Services, Department of* – Cynthia Razo-Porter, Deputy Director
- *Planning Department* – Kathleen Aoki, Director
- *Planning Department* – Garrett Smith, Deputy Director
- *Police Department* – John Pelletier, Chief of Police
- *Police Department* – Wade Maeda, Deputy Chief of Police
- *Prosecuting Attorney, Department of* – Andrew H. Martin, Prosecuting Attorney
- *Prosecuting Attorney, Department of* – Shelly C Miyashiro, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
- *Public Works Administration* – Jordan Molina, Director
- *Public Works Administration* – Wendy Taomoto PE, Deputy Director
- *Transportation, Department of* – Marc Takamori, Director
- *Transportation, Department of* – Kauano Tagangan, Deputy Director
- *Water Supply, Department of* – John Stuffelbean PE, Director
- *Water Supply, Department of* – James “Kimo” Landgraf, Deputy Director
- *Economic Development* – Luana Mahi, Director
- *M/C Workforce Development* – Chentelle Rowland, Executive Director
- *Community / Development Block Grant* – Patience Kahula, Director

### **Legislative Branch<sup>6</sup>**

- *County Auditor, Office of* – Lance Taguchi, Office of the County Auditor
- *County Clerk, Office of* – Kathy Kaohu, City Clerk
- *Council Services, Office of* – Traci N.T. Fujita, Director
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- *Council Services, Office of* – Traci N.T. Fujita, Director

**Semi-Autonomous City Agencies**

- None

**Neighborhood Boards**

- N/A – Neighborhood Boards is a City & County of Honolulu community construct.

**County of Maui Boards and Commissions<sup>8</sup>**

- Affirmative Action Advisory Council
- Animal Control Board
- Board of Ethics
- Board of Variances and Appeals
- Board of Water Supply
- Charter Commission
- Civil Service Commission
- Commission on Children and Youth
- Commission on Healing Solutions for Homelessness
- Commission on Person with Disabilities
- Committee on Status of Women
- Cost of Government Commission
- Council on Aging
- Fire and Public Safety Commission
- Hana Advisory Committee to Maui Planning Commission
- Kula Agricultural Park Committee
- Lāna`i Planning Commission
- Liquor Control Adjudication Board

- Liquor Control Commission
- Maui County Arborist Committee
- Maui County Cultural Resources Commission
- Maui Planning Commission
- Maui Redevelopment Agency
- Molokaʻi Planning Commission
- Police Commission
- Public Works Commission

- Real Property Tax Review Board
- Salary Commission
- Solid Waste Resource and Advisory Committee
- Urban Design Review Board
- Volunteer Advisory Board
- Wastewater Community Working Group
- Workforce Investment Board

## **NETWORKS**

### ***Hawaiian Agencies and Organizations***

- Kamehameha Schools Maui
- Liliʻuokalani Trust Kipuka Maui
- Nā Wai ʻEhā
- Puʻu Kūkui
- Ka Hikina O Ka Lā
- Muʻo Aʻe
- Nā Pua Noʻeau

### ***Hawaiian Royal Order Societies***

- Royal Order of Kamehameha Kahekili Chapter
- ʻAhahui Kaʻahumanu
- Hale O Nā Aliʻi

### ***Hawaiian Civic Clubs***

- Central Maui Hawaiian Civic Club, Lui Hokoana, Pelekikena
- Lahaina Hawaiian Civic Club, Stacy Shibao, Pelekikena
- Hoʻolehua Hawaiian Civic Club, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, Pelekikena

### ***Hawaiian Homestead Associations***

- Kahikinui
- Keokea Ag Lots
- Leialiʻi
- Paukūkalo
- Waiʻehu Kou I thru IV
- Waiohuli
- Pāʻupena
- Maui Homestead Farmers & Ranchers Association
- Maui Mokupuni Council

### ***Others***

- Hui No Ke Ola Pono
- Nā Hoaloha
- Alu Like, Inc.
- Catholic Charities
- Hui No Ke Ola Pono
- Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.
- Maui Farm
- Maui Historical Society (Bailey House Museum)
- Waiheʻe Limu Restoration

**Early Childhood Education Programs**

Type	Organization	Location
DOE Public Pre-Kindergarten <sup>9</sup>	Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc, (MEO) Early Childhood Services (Head Start)	Wailuku, HI
Head Start / Early Head Start <sup>10</sup>	Maui Family Support Services (MFSS) Early Head Start	Wailuku, HI Lahaina, HI
Home Visiting <sup>11</sup>	Ka Pu‘uwai O Na Keiki (formerly Enhanced Healthy Start)	Wailuku, HI
	Keiki O Ka ‘Āina (KOKA)	Wailuku, HI Kahului, HI Kīhei, HI Sprecklesville, HI
Private/Nonprofit Preschools and Programs <sup>12</sup>		Kahului / Wailuku (20) Kīhei (5) Upcountry (12) North Shore (5) Lahaina (7) County-Wide (1)
‘Aha Pūnana Leo/‘Ōlelo <sup>13</sup>		Pūnana Leo o Hāna Pūnana Leo o Lahaina Pūnana Leo o Maui

Maui Island Public and Hawaiian-Focused Charter Schools<sup>14</sup>

School Name	Total SY2022 Enrollment	Native Hawaiian Students	
		#	%
<b>DOE Elementary Schools</b>			
Haikū Elementary School	341	51	15.0%
Kahului Elementary School	848	128	15.1%
Kamalii Elementary School	396	32	8.1%
Kihei Elementary School	720	119	16.5%
King Kamehameha III Elementary School	607	59	9.7%
Kula Elementary School	365	116	31.8%
Lihikai Elementary School	723	161	22.3%
Makawao Elementary School	491	129	26.3%
Pā'ia Elementary School	404	290	71.8%
Pomaikai Elementary School	518	65	12.5%
Pukalani Elementary School	440	126	28.6%
Princess Nahienaena Elementary School	692	178	25.7%
Puu Kukui Elementary School	696	142	20.4%
Waihe'e Elementary School	587	275	46.8%
Wailuku Elementary School	562	204	36.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,390</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>24.7%</b>
<b>DOE Intermediate/Middle Schools</b>			
Iao Intermediate School	780	230	29.5%
Lokelani Intermediate School	473	65	13.7%
Maui Waena Intermediate School	1,044	152	14.6%
Samuel Enoka Kalama Intermediate School	833	266	31.9%
Lāhainā Intermediate School	647	98	15.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,777</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>21.5%</b>
<b>DOE High Schools</b>			
Henry Perrine Baldwin High School	1,338	400	29.9%
King Kekaulike High School	1,168	364	31.2%
Maui High School	1,999	265	13.3%
Lahainaluna High School	1,037	218	21.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,542</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>22.5%</b>
<b>DOE Multi-Level Schools</b>			
Kihei Charter School	693	33	4.8%
Hāna High & Elementary School	378	286	75.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>29.8%</b>



**Higher Education Institution on Maui<sup>15</sup>**

- Community Colleges
  - None
- Public Universities
  - University of Hawai'i, Maui College
- Private Colleges/Universities
  - None
- For-Profit Colleges/Universities
  - None

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