



Island Community Report: Lāna‘i

Executive Summary

The island of Lāna‘i had a Native Hawaiian population of 555, representing 18% of the island’s total population (3,126) and 0.2% of the state’s total Native Hawaiian population (310,789) (2017-2021).¹



Educational Pathways Data

- Among 567 total students on Lāna‘i, 14% (81) were Native Hawaiian (SY23-24).²
- There are no Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and one Hawaiian-medium program/ school on Lāna‘i (SY23-24).³



Health Outcomes Data

- Maui County had 83 primary care providers per 100,000 population, compared to 89 per 100,000 population in the State of Hawai‘i (2021).⁴
- 23% of Native Hawaiians in Maui County reported an ability to converse in ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i at a beginner level or higher (2023).⁵



Quality Housing Data

- 36% (1,308 of 3,593) of Native Hawaiian renters in Maui County paid affordable rent (<30% of household income toward housing costs) (2017-2021).⁶
- 61% (5,523 of 9,116) of Native Hawaiian households in Maui County owned their home (2017-2021).⁷
- 0.4% (44) of all Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) leases statewide (10,048) are on Lāna‘i (2024).⁸



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) (2017-2021).⁹
- There were 1,942 Native Hawaiian entrepreneurs in Maui, Kalawao, and Kaua‘i Counties. This was 19% of the Native Hawaiian entrepreneurs statewide (10,193) (2021).¹⁰

Current Opportunities and Challenges

Lānaʻi residents struggle with diminished off-island transportation options, limiting access to retail and medical care

Before the Lahaina fires, Lānaʻi was already experiencing difficulties in off-island transportation. There are only two options to travel to the outer islands from Lānaʻi – Mokulele Airlines, the only airline servicing Lānaʻi and the Maui-Lānaʻi ferry. Mokulele Airlines has not been consistent in providing services, often experiencing delays and cancellations. The catastrophic Lahaina fires have greatly reduced the ferry service between the islands of Lānaʻi and Maui. Many residents of Lānaʻi would shop and get medical care on Maui and Oʻahu, as Lānaʻi has a shortage of retail stores and doctors, especially community care and mental health physicians.

Cost of housing on Lānaʻi

The cost of housing on Lānaʻi can be prohibitively high for many residents, driven by limited supply and high demand, particularly for rental properties. Additionally, there were only 44 DHHL leases on Lānaʻi and 69 Native Hawaiians on the Lānaʻi Island DHHL Waitlist.¹¹

Island Burial Councils vacancies

The State of Hawaiʻi established five Island Burial Councils under the State Historic Preservation Division. The Maui/Lānaʻi Island Burial Council has nine seats, three of which are currently vacant. The Lānaʻi seat is held by Diane Preza. OHA continues to seek qualified candidates to recommend to the governor as nominees to fill the three vacancies. <https://www.oha.org/culture/burialcouncils/>¹²

OHA Funding Activities for Lānaʻi

- Five active grantees provide services on Lānaʻi; \$3,368,660 total funds awarded.
 - None of these five active grantees are exclusive to Lānaʻi.
- One active Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund/Consumer Micro Loan Program loan;
 - \$20,629 total dollars disbursed.

EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS

GRANTING ACTIVITIES

Lānaʻi Only

- There were no Educational Pathways grants awarded on Lānaʻi only.

Multi-Island/Statewide, including Lānaʻi

- Purple Maiʻa Foundation: Waiw.AI: Building a Flourishing Future for Kanaka with AI (\$200,000)

LOAN ACTIVITIES

Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund (NHRLF) Mālama Education Loan Activity on Lānaʻi

- No open or new NHRLF Mālama Education Loans on Lānaʻi.

HEALTH OUTCOMES

GRANTING ACTIVITIES

- There were no Health Outcomes grants awarded on Lānaʻi.

LOAN ACTIVITIES

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

- No open or new Funeral and Health Consumer Micro Loans on Lānaʻi.

QUALITY HOUSING

GRANTING ACTIVITIES

Lānaʻi Only

- There were no Quality Housing grants awarded on Lānaʻi only.

Multi-Island/Statewide, including Lānaʻi

- Hawaiian Community Assets, Inc.: Native Hawaiian Occupancy Ready Project (\$1,500,000)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation: Homestead Policy Advocacy for the Waitlist (HPAW) (\$40,000)^a

LOAN ACTIVITIES

NHRLF Mālama Home Improvement Loans on Lānaʻi

- No open or new Mālama Home Improvement loans on Lānaʻi.

NHRLF OHA Consumer Micro Loans for unexpected home repair purposes on Lānaʻi

- No open or new Consumer Micro Loans for unexpected home repairs on Lānaʻi.

ECONOMIC STABILITY

GRANTING ACTIVITIES

Lānaʻi Only

- There were no Economic Stability grants awarded on Lānaʻi only.

Multi-Island/Statewide, including Lānaʻi

- Homestead Community Development Corporation: Residential Employment Living Improvement Program (\$500,000)
- Alu Like, Inc.: Kūlia Like (\$830,000)
- Purple Maiʻa Foundation: Mālama Design Studio (\$498,660)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation: Homestead Policy Advocacy for the Waitlist (HPAW) (\$40,000)^b

LOAN ACTIVITIES

NHRLF Debt Consolidation Loans on Lānaʻi

- Open Debt Consolidation Loans as of 06/30/24: one loan, total disbursed \$20,629
- No new Debt Consolidation Loans as of 06/30/24

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

- No open or new Consumer Micro Loans on Lānaʻi for auto repair, CDL, apprenticeship program, or career development course purposes.

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

- No open or new Mālama Business Loans on Lānaʻi

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

- No open or new Hua Kanu loans on Lānaʻi.

GRANTING ACTIVITIES ENDNOTES

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