



2022 KAUA'I COUNTY POINT IN TIME COUNT TOPLINE REPORT

OVERVIEW

Every January, counties across the nation carry out the Homeless Point In Time (PIT) Count in their respective jurisdictions. The PIT Count is an annual survey of people experiencing homelessness on a given night.

Bridging the Gap (BTG), which represents Hawai'i County, Maui County and Kauai County, is the Neighbor Island's Continuum of Care (CoC). As the Hawaii balance-of-state CoC, BTG serves as a local planning body designed to promote a community-wide commitment to end homelessness. In response to BTG's responsibility and dedication to achieve this goal, autonomous PIT Counts are conducted in each county. Data is then analyzed and aggregated for total rural county results. The major findings of the jurisdiction's PIT Count are required and reported in the annual funding application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

This year, teams on Kauai canvassed parks, beaches, and other areas, asking people "Where did you sleep on January 23rd?" This federally mandated survey seeks to count anyone who slept on the street, in a car, or in other areas not meant for human habitation. Sheltered homeless are counted through data collected from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for January 26th. While the PIT Count does not capture every person experiencing homelessness, it does provide a one-night snapshot of homelessness on Kauai. The collected data is compared county to county and year to year to help stakeholders understand homelessness in their districts.

KAUAI COUNTY STATISTICS AND TRENDS

Table 1 summarizes the total number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless for Kauai over the last five years. An unsheltered count was not conducted in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The table presents sheltered, unsheltered, and total homelessness each year. Individual and family homelessness is broken out within each component to detail differences from year to year between these key population groups. Charts identifying trends in homelessness for Kauai can be viewed from the dashboards link presented in the Overview section.

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Table 1: Kauai Summary, 2017-2022

	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Kauai Total
	#	%	#	%	#
2022	40	9.01%	404	90.9%	444
2021	63	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2020	55	13.0%	369	87.0%	424
2019	95	21.4%	348	78.6%	443
2018	106	36.2%	187	63.8%	293
2017	115	27.9%	297	72.1%	412

Table 2 presents the sheltered and unsheltered household configuration statistics for Kauai County.

Table 2: 2022 Kauai Household Configuration Summary

	Sheltered		Unsheltered		Kauai Total
	#	%	#	%	#
Individuals	17	4.5%	357	95.4%	374
Family Individuals	23	32.8%	47	67.1%	70
Adults	12	34.2%	23	65.7%	35
Children	11	31.4%	24	68.5%	35
All Individuals	40	9.1%	404	90.9%	444
Family Households	7	31.8%	15	68.1%	22

Kauai Homeless Subpopulations

Veteran Homelessness

Table 4: Kauai Homeless Veterans, 2022 (sheltered and unsheltered homeless veteran data)

	Emergency	Transitional	Unsheltered	Total
Total Veterans	4	0	29	33
Veteran Families	0	0	1	1
Persons in Veteran Families	0	0	3	3

Regional Summary

Table 5: 2022 Regional Summary of Total Unsheltered Persons Experiencing Homelessness (specific to Kauai County regions identified for the PIT Count)

Zone	Individuals		Family Individuals		All Individuals		Family Households	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1: West	61	17.0%	13	27.6%	74	20.0%	3	20.0%
2: South	17	4.7%	0	0.0%	17	4.6%	0	0.0%
3: South Central	122	34.1%	17	36.1%	139	37.6%	5	33.3%
4: East	122	34.1%	9	19.1%	131	35.5%	4	26.6%
5: North	35	9.8%	8	17.0%	43	11.6%	3	20.0%
Total	357	100.0%	47	100.0%	369	100.0%	15	100.0%

Sheltered homelessness is the lowest it has been over the five-year period and is down 62 percent compared to 2018. More detailed monthly occupancy and vacancy statistics by project relative to stated capacity can be found on the BTG website under the Monitoring Reports section of the Reports header. Unsheltered homelessness increased nine percent to 404 total persons compared to two years prior. Unsheltered homelessness among individuals is trending upwards and increased by 88 people compared to 2020.

1. Overall homelessness increased by 4.7% (from 424 persons in 2020 to 444 in 2022). Unsheltered homelessness realized an increase of 9% (from 369 persons in 2020 to 404 in 2022). Sheltered homelessness markedly declined by 27% (from 55 persons in 2020 to 40 in 2022). The decrease in sheltered homelessness can largely be attributed to the reduction in congregate space capacity due to CDC recommended COVID social distancing requirements.
2. Family homelessness decreased by a 33% (from 33 families in 2020 to 22 in 2022).

Discussion of results

Family Homelessness – Kauai County has placed an emphasis on addressing family homelessness which resulted in a 33% decline in family households experiencing homelessness. Several family housing projects became available for occupancy between 2020 and 2021. These projects include Waimea Hua Kai Apartments, the Kealaula Ohana Zone project, and the Pua Loke Apartments. These projects provided permanent housing opportunities and had a huge impact on reducing the numbers of homeless families in Kauai County.

Shelter Capacity – We anticipate that the need for COVID social distancing requirements will be lessened over the coming year, which would then allow emergency shelters to return back to full

capacity. This will allow for more individuals to access shelter services, thereby reducing the numbers of unsheltered.