

2023 MAUI 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 Kaua'i 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 Maui canvassed parks, beaches, and other areas, asking people "Where did you sleep on the night of January 22nd?" 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 22nd. While the PIT Count does not capture every person experiencing homelessness, it does provide a one-night snapshot of homelessness on Maui. The collected data is compared county to county and year to year to help stakeholders understand homelessness in their districts.

Maui Summary

Overall homelessness decreased by 5% (from 741 persons in 2022 to 704 in 2023). Unsheltered homelessness decreased by 11% (from 436 persons in 2022 to 387 in 2023) while sheltered homelessness increased by 4% (from 305 persons in 2022 to 317 in 2023). The sheltered count reflects a movement of persons from unsheltered to sheltered.

MAUI COUNTY STATISTICS AND TRENDS

Table 1 – Maui County has shown a consistent decline in total homelessness for the last six years.

Table 1: Maui Summary, 2018-2023

	Maui Total	She	ltered	Unsheltered		
	#	#	%	#	%	
2023	704	317	45.03%	387	54.97%	
2022	741	305	41.16%	436	58.84%	
2021	N/A	346	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2020	789	375	47.53%	414	52.47%	
2019	862	420	48.72%	442	51.28%	
2018	873	399	45.70%	474	54.30%	

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

Table 2: 2023 Maui Household Configuration Summary

	Maui Total	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
	#	#	%	#	%
Individuals	429	78	18.18%	351	81.82%
Family Individuals	275	239	86.91%	36	13.09%
Adults	129	111	86.05%	18	13.95%
Children	146	128	87.67%	18	12.33%
All Individuals	704	317	45.03%	387	54.97%
Family Households	74	65	87.84%	9	12.16%

Regional Summary

Table 3: 2023 Regional Summary of Total Unsheltered Persons Experiencing Homelessness

	All Individuals		Single		Family		Family	
			Individuals		Individuals		Households	
Region	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
1: Central Maui	155	40.05%	134	38.18%	21	58.33%	5	55.56%
2: Lower Waiehu	23	5.94%	20	5.70%	3	8.33%	1	11.11%
3: Up Country	35	9.04%	35	9.97%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
4: Lahaina	113	29.20%	101	28.77%	12	33.33%	3	33.33%
5: Kihei	61	15.76%	61	17.38%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
6: Hana	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total	387	100.00%	351	100.00%	36	100.00%	9	100.00%

Discussion of results

Overall homelessness decreased from 2022 by 5%, unsheltered homelessness decreased by 11% while sheltered homelessness increased by 4%. There were several efforts that were implemented which resulted in this overall decrease in homelessness.

- Projects such as the Wahi Ho'omalu 'O Wailuku shelter (which resulted in an 83% successful exit to permanent housing rate), provided housing-focused shelter options.
 Despite the release of the moratorium on eviction notices, which resulted in an increase in family homelessness, proactive housing-focused shelter projects were still able to achieve an overall decrease in homelessness.
- 2. New affordable housing projects enabled the movement of households into permanent housing. These projects included:
 - Kaiaulu O Kupuohi (opened Dec 2022) offering 89 Units
 - Kahului Lani (phase 2 opened Jan 2022) offering 83 Units
 - Kenolio Apartments (opened 2020) offering 186 Units- providing ongoing vacancies
- 3. In addition to on-going state-funded programs, the County of Maui increased funding for homeless prevention and rapid rehousing to \$3,000,000.00
- 4. The newly created HUD Emergency Housing Voucher program provided long term rental subsidies for households.

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