

Hawai'i County Homelessness and Housing Fund Impact Report: May 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024

In this reporting period, 137 households were connected to stable shelter, which includes emergency shelters, transitional housing, recover/stabilization programs, and long-term stable housing.

The Homelessness and Housing Fund (HHF) is a pivotal initiative aimed at addressing the pressing issues of homelessness and housing instability in Hawai'i County. Established on March 23, 2022, through Ordinance 22-26, and guided by Resolution 442 adopted on July 19, 2022, the HHF represents an unprecedented commitment to combating homelessness through strategic interventions and collaborative efforts.

Service Provision vs. Systemic Solutions

Our commitment goes beyond just providing services; we're dedicated to tackling the root causes of homelessness. While we ensure immediate relief like engagement, financial aid, shelters, and food, our focus is on promoting stable housing, employment, and mental health support to solve homelessness. This balanced approach is central to our strategy. We recognize the importance of a multi-sector approach to comprehensively address homelessness.

Measurement of Success

Over time, the data collected from our grantees will begin to document the effectiveness of the HHF's impact on homelessness and housing stability. The success of the grant funds will be measured by:

- Decrease in the length of time a household experiences homelessness
- Increase in the number of households securing stable housing
- Reduction in the likelihood of a household returning to homelessness

Community of Practice

The HHF recognizes that tackling homelessness requires a concerted effort from various stakeholders, including government agencies, non-profit organizations, community groups, businesses, and healthcare providers.

The HHF Community of Practice (CoP) stands as a testament of the County's commitment to innovative collaboration and multi-sector approach in servicing and solving homelessness. The quarterly convening of the leadership teams of each grantee aims to foster a collaborative learning environment, nurture relationships and enable collective learning. By sharing experiences and cultivating a shared understanding of their respective expertise, the HHF CoP serves as a space for continual growth and development.

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Total Individual Encounters: 4,070*

1,593

Identified as Homeless**

806

Identified as Unstably Housed***

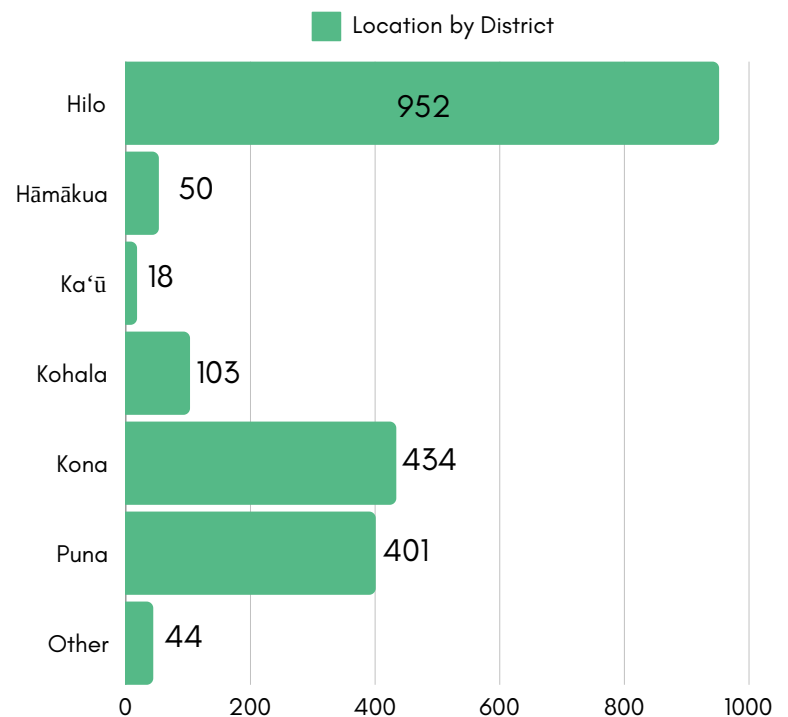
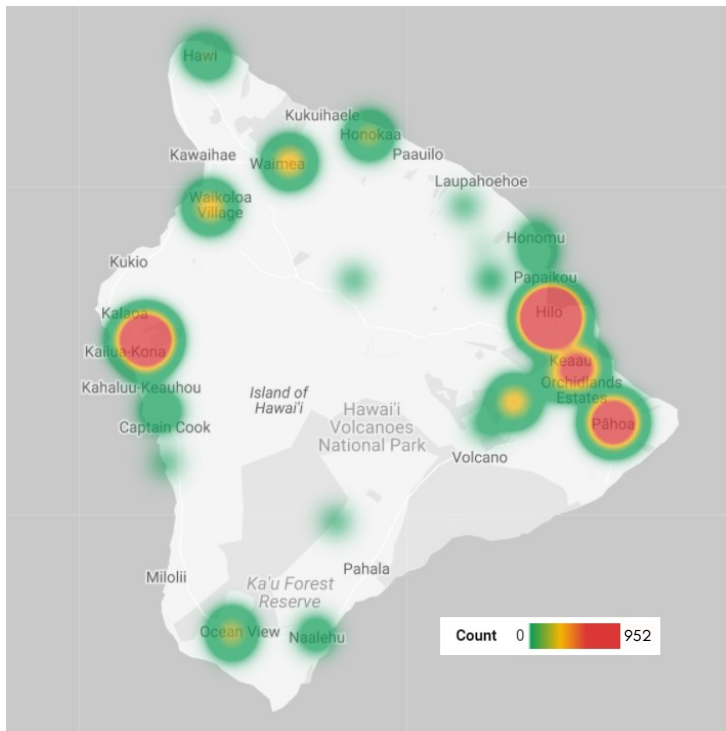
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Identified as Stably Housed

1,474

Unknown Housing Status at Time of Encounter

Participant Location



***4,070** - The number 4,070 is considered a duplicated number in the context of counting individuals based on services received. This means that an individual may be counted multiple times indicating that an individual has received multiple services. This duplication can occur due to various factors such as different service providers, types of programs, or overlapping service periods.

****Homeless** - Homeless includes encountered individuals who identified their housing status as either literally homeless (without shelter), Imminent Risk (at 14 days or less to Homelessness) or Sheltered Homeless (actively in an emergency shelter, recovery housing or program housing).

*****Unstably Housed** - Unstably Housed includes encountered individuals who identified their housing status is at-risk with 60 days or less to Homelessness.

Participant Location - The total number of individual's that provided a location is 2,002 (of the 4,070 encounters). The County is working with grantees to enhance data collection and accuracy regarding participant demographics.

Homeless & Unstably Housed Encounters

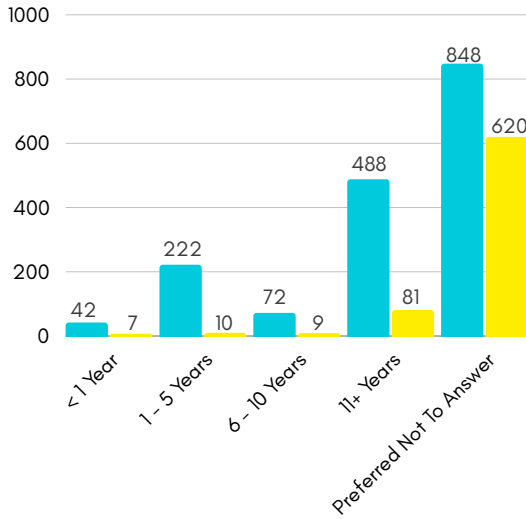
2,399*

*Of the 4,070 duplicated encounters, the total Unsheltered Homeless and Unstably Housed is 2,399. Homeless and Unstably Housed are the highest risk population and are prioritized for assistance and support.

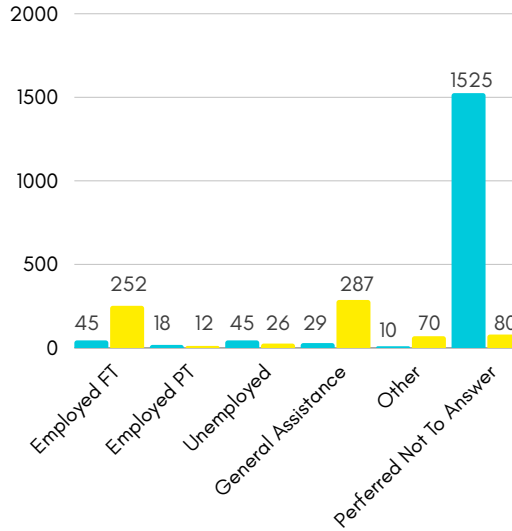
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- Homeless
- Unstably Housed

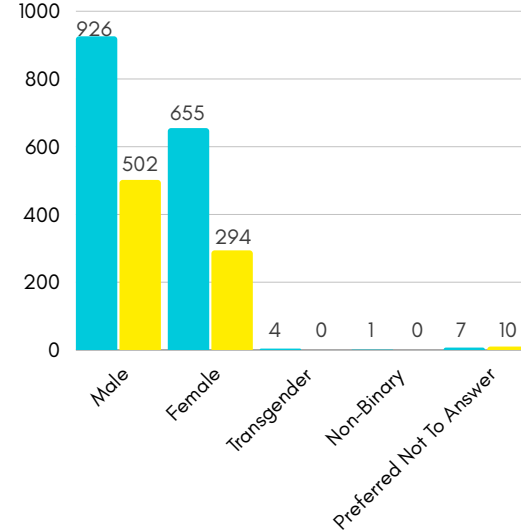
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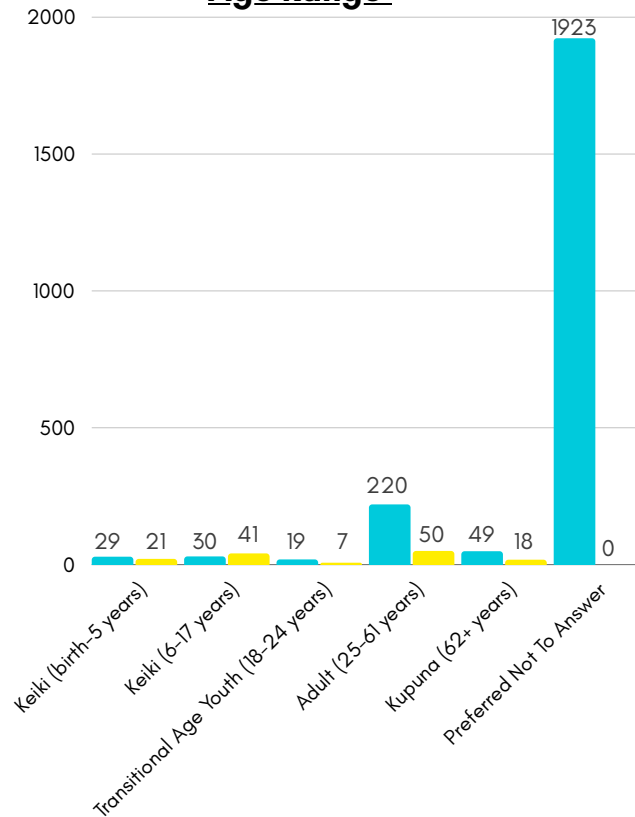
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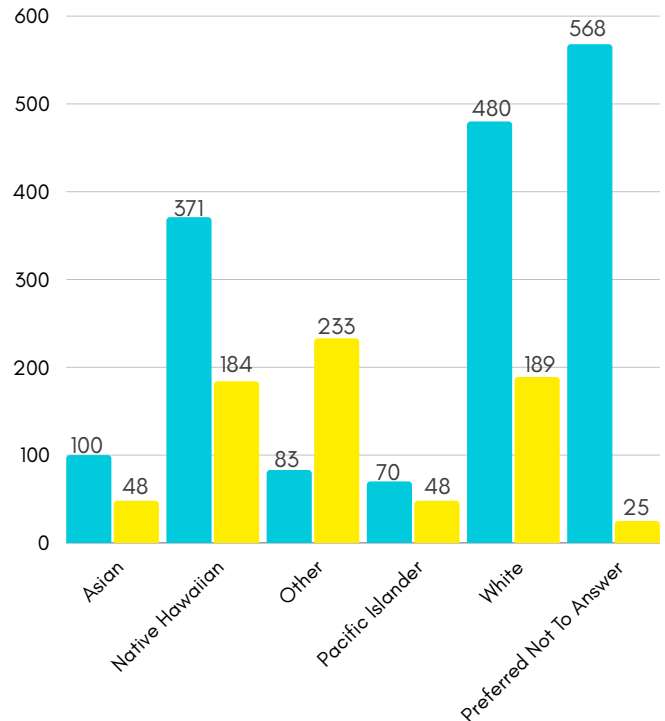
Gender



Age Range



Race



Preferred Not To Answer - At this time, participant demographic disclosure is voluntary, and individuals are not obligated to provide personal information. The County is working with grantees to enhance data collection and accuracy regarding participant demographics.

Age Range - The age range total of 2,407 individuals represents the sum of all individuals within each household encountered.

Race Other - Includes demographics for individuals who identify as American Indian, Alaska Native, African American, Latino/Hispanic, or Other.

Pacific Islander - Includes demographics for individuals who identify as Pacific Islander, exclusive of Native Hawaiian. Pacific Islander can include, but not limited to, Samoan, Guamanian/Chamorro, Fijian, Tongan, Marshallese, Micronesian.

Key Achievements as of February 29, 2024:

- **Assisted Rental Housing Program.*** 96 new households who self-declared that they were unstably housed or homeless were housed through the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program.
- **Behavioral and Substance Abuse Services:**
 - Completed 1,500 counseling services, with reported referrals to organizations for housing stability services, addressing the complex needs of individuals experiencing homelessness.
 - Leased 4 residential units in West Hawai'i, which is currently providing housing for 14 individuals. The units, when at full capacity will provide housing for up to 25 individuals
 - Increased transitional and permanent beds by 14 in West Hawai'i, dedicated to adults facing serious mental illness, substance use disorders, and chronic homelessness. Currently, 7 beds are occupied, with 7 available for referral.
- **Coordination Center.** 847 unduplicated requests for assistance and were connected to available services and resources. The highest need was for housing navigation services
- **Emergency Housing Voucher Program.*** 94 homeless households secured stable housing through housing navigation and case management services.
- **Mālamapono Center.** 6 unduplicated clients are currently enrolled in the center's substance abuse services clinical program, receiving essential support in their journey towards recovery.
- **Master Leasing of Rental Housing Units.** 7 new residential units have been secured through the program, providing long-term stable housing for 47 individuals, including 17 children, in East Hawai'i.
- **Mōhala Family Center.** 64 individuals are enrolled in various the therapeutic living programs that provides , providing comprehensive services including intake and assessment, care coordination, treatment, and discharge planning.
- **'Ohana Homeless Prevention & Support Program.** 102 unduplicated households have received case management services. 22 households received a federally assisted housing voucher, 96 households have increased tenancy skills, 41 were connected to professional services, 46 households increased their income and 16 households were connected to non-housing benefits (TANF, SNAP, WIC, etc.)
- **Re-entry Recovery Housing Program.** 42 individuals have been accepted into the program. 7 of these individuals have transitioned to independent or transitional housing.
- **Reunification Program.** Supported 15 individuals in reuniting with family and friends outside of Hawai'i Island.
- **Street Medicine, Mobile Hygiene, and Engagement Initiatives:**
 - Funding was allocated to enhance staff capacity, enabling consistent outreach schedules.
 - Completed 511 medical care services in a street medicine setting, addressing the immediate healthcare needs of individuals experiencing homelessness.
 - Completed 1,625 duplicated engagement activities as part of a mobile hygiene service.
 - Implemented a shared data collection system to document engagement and outreach activities, facilitating efficient coordination and resource allocation.
 - The Engagement Hui registered 447 unduplicated individuals in the data collection system, with 76 successfully transitioning to emergency shelter, transitional housing, or long-term housing.
- **Supporting People with Special Needs**
 - The HHF prioritized support for vulnerable individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness by hiring a psychiatrist and implementing a twice-monthly outreach program. As of the report date, the psychiatrist completed 133 unduplicated encounters, providing general health education, medical supplies, psychiatric care, and administering long-acting injectables to treat schizophrenia.

These achievements highlight the diverse range of services and support provided by the Grantees of the Homelessness and Housing Fund, addressing the complex needs of individuals experiencing homelessness and fostering long-term stability and independence.

*While not directly funded by the HHF, the grantees played a pivotal role in assisting homeless households secure stable housing. These numbers are not included in the 137 households identified on page 1.