

IMPROVE EDUCATION  
PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT  
ADDRESS INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGES  
ADOPT SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC STRATEGIES  
MEET HUMAN NEEDS & PRESERVE LOCAL CULTURE

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MAUI ISLANDS  
NUI OUR FUTURE

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## BEACHFRONT LIVING



MAUI NUI is world-renowned for magnificent beachfront living, but there is another reality to living on the beach...



According to the *HOMELESS SERVICE UTILIZATION REPORT, HAWAII 2008* ([www.uhfamily.hawaii.edu](http://www.uhfamily.hawaii.edu)) the number of Maui County persons served by Shelter and Outreach Programs between 2005 and 2007 **more than tripled** from 386 to 1,373. These numbers do not account for the hidden homeless, who sleep on a relative's sofa, or in their cars, or camp in areas not as visible as the public beaches.



Following Nevada, HAWAII has the second highest incidence of homelessness in the U.S.

Increasingly, this population consists of working families with children. The housing boom and bust sweeping across the U.S. is displacing families nationwide, but the problem in Hawaii — where land costs are more than five times the national average — is particularly acute. Rents in Hawaii are among the highest in the nation. Both the inventory of public and affordable housing, and the availability of emergency shelter is limited. YOU CAN HELP. Start by visiting:

<http://www.hud.gov/homeless/>  
<http://www.endhomelessness.org/>

“If we don't do something to address the crisis in affordable housing we are not going to solve homelessness.”

~ Nan Roman  
President  
National Alliance to  
End Homelessness



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