

# Access to Early Childhood Care and Education in Hawai'i

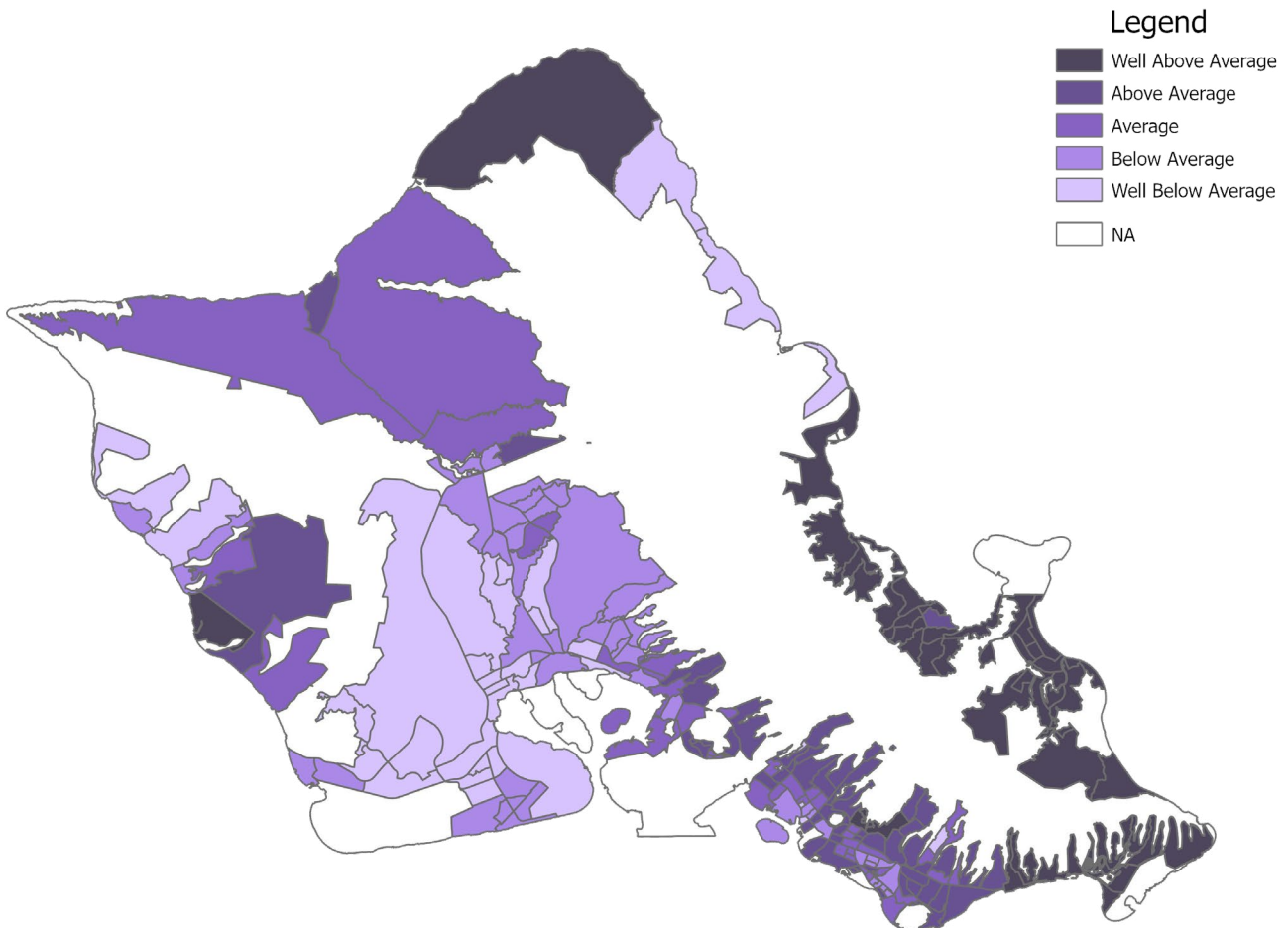
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Affordable, conveniently located, and high-quality early childhood care and education (ECE) is crucial to the well-being of children, families, and communities. The equitable allocation of ECE resources requires data on which areas of the state have the greatest unmet needs. Such data are especially important as Hawai'i moves towards universal ECE access for three- and four-year-olds by 2032.

The [Access to Early Childhood Care and Education](#) web tool can inform Hawai'i's expansion planning with interactive maps that show (a) the supply of nearby ECE seats, (b) cost as a percentage of family income, and (c) whether these seats are high quality. The examples below provide an *overall ECE access score* (combining all three aspects of access) for each census tract in the state. How does your district fare?

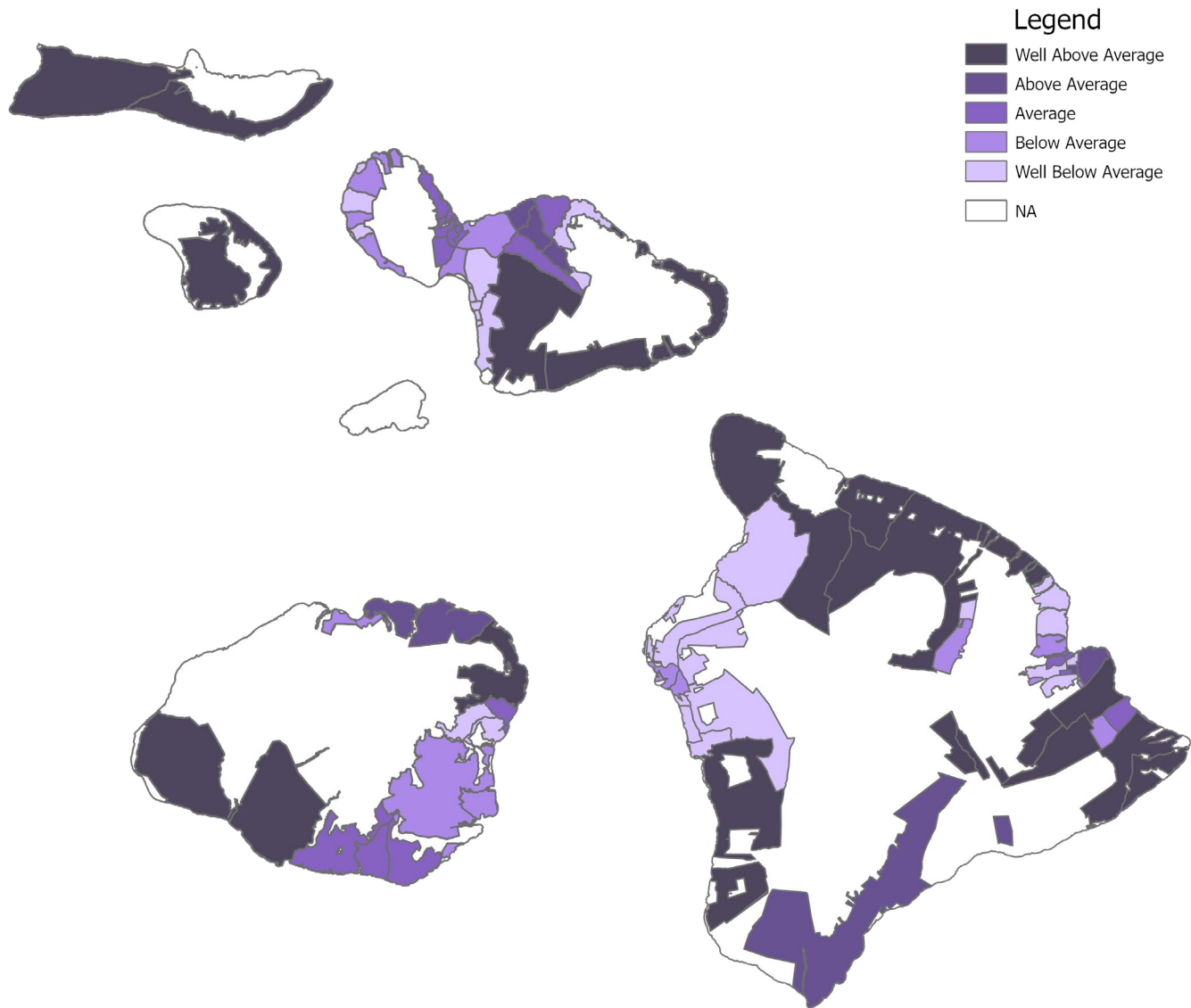
## Overall ECE Access Honolulu County

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# Overall ECE Access Hawai'i, Kaua'i and Maui Counties

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To access the web tool, please visit the Center on the Family website at [www.uhfamily.hawaii.edu](http://www.uhfamily.hawaii.edu). For answers to your questions or to arrange a consultation for your office, contact Dr. Barbara DeBaryshe, [debarysh@hawaii.edu](mailto:debarysh@hawaii.edu)



*Note:* The ECE access scores shown are based on a 5-mile driving distance from each home within a community. Scores are adjusted for both the number of ECE seats and the number of young children living within that radius. White areas on the map are non-residential zones.