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Hawai‘i Households and the COVID Crisis: How are we doing two months in?

The U.S. Census Bureau’s Household Pulse Survey provides nearly real-time data on a range of ways in which people’s lives have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing economic crisis. The latest survey results show that many households in Hawai‘i have experienced job loss and expect employment income loss, while some have experienced food scarcity and housing insecurity. Adults have delayed medical care, and K–12 learning has been significantly modified during the current crisis.

These data from survey round four (May 21-26) were downloaded from the Household Pulse Survey Interactive Tool. The full extent of the nonsampling error is unknown, therefore, one should be careful when interpreting results based on small differences between estimates. For more information on the Household Pulse Survey, visit census.gov/householdpulsedata

Percent of adults: (1) in households where someone had a loss in employment income since March 13, 2020; (2) who expect someone in their household to have a loss in employment income in the next 4 weeks; (3) in households where there was either sometimes or often not enough to eat in the last 7 days; (4) who delayed getting medical care because of the COVID-19 pandemic in the last 4 weeks; (5) who missed last month’s rent or mortgage payment, or who have slight or no confidence that their household can pay next month’s rent or mortgage on time; (6) in households with children in public or private school, where classes were taught in a distance learning format, or changed in some other way.