

Renting a 2-bedroom in Hawaii? Data shows what you really need to make hourly

File image of Oahu from Diamond Head. (Source: HNN)

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HONOLULU, Hawaii (HawaiiNewsNow) - While more people face financial hardship as the coronavirus pandemic drags on, there's a new ranking for Hawaii — and its a list most people wouldn't want the state to be at the top of.

- ✧ According to new data from the National Low Income Housing Coalition, Hawaii ranks as the state with the highest living wage needed to afford a 2 bedroom rental home.
- ✧ The data was broken down in [this interactive map](#). Hawaii residents need to make an average of \$38.76 an hour to rent a modest two bedroom home at fair market value without spending more than 30 percent of their income on rent or mortgage.
- ✧ That equates to an annual salary of more than \$81,600. The coalition's data also factors in utilities.
- ✧ Following Hawaii was California with the second highest living wage needed, then Massachusetts, the District of Columbia, and New York, in that order.
- ✧ Right now, Hawaii's minimum wage is \$10.10 an hour. With that income, the data showed that residents would need to work 3.8 full-time jobs to comfortably afford a 2-bedroom rental home.
- ✧ On a minimum wage job for a 1-bedroom, a resident would need to work 117 hours per week.
- ✧ Oahu county was listed as the most expensive with a \$41.54 living wage, followed by Kauai with \$36.17. Hawaii Island was the lowest ranking of the state at \$27.48.

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States with the lowest living wages: Arkansas coming in at \$14.19 an hour, Mississippi at \$14.89, and West Virginia at \$14.97.