Cost of Living in Hawaii

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Abstract

Purpose: This research was conducted to predict the future of college students remaining in Hawaii post graduation.

Research question: As a college student in Hawaii, do you see yourself sustaining life in Hawaii 5 years after receiving your degree?

Methodology: The content within this research is both qualitative and quantitative.

Data Collection: The data for this research was reviewing text and conducting surveys.

Introduction & Research Question

Introduction

1. Why is there a problem with the cost of living in Hawaii?
2. Is Hawaii still viewed as “Paradise” or more of a nightmare to live in? If so, who’s paying for it?
3. What future do the people of Hawaii want for the island and it’s future generations.

Research Question

• As a college student in Hawaii, do you see yourself sustaining life in Hawaii 5 years after receiving your degree?

Hypothesis

• Individuals who receive their degree, 5 years post graduate, are more likely to move out of Hawaii due to the cost of living.

Discussion

• Hawaii 2050 State Plan (HSP)
  • Formulated for the purpose of state sustainability (1970s)
  • Consist of 25 citizens with diverse experience in planning
  • Mandated the 30 year plan to make Hawaii a world-class tourism destination

  Sustainability

  • Respects the culture, character, beauty and history of our state’s island communities.
  • Strikes a balance among economic, social and community, and environmental priorities.
  • Meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Research Design & Data Collection

Surveys (133)

• This research consist of 133 surveys which was divided into students who are local residents and those who are out of state residents. All survey participants gave informed consent.

• Out of 133 surveys, 116 are local residents and 17 are out of state residents.

  Locations

  1. UH West Oahu (41 surveys)
  2. Leeward Community college (25 Surveys)
  3. UH Manoa (67 surveys)

Results

• 88% of surveyed students view life as sustainable with the assistance of family
• 9% believe life is unsustainable
• 3% view life as sustainable
• 76.3% consider relocation due to the cost of living
• 11.4% would relocate for job availability
• 7.9% for Affordable Housing
• 4.4% chose to leave for personal reasoning

Conclusions

• Cost of living is most likely a reason degree holders would relocate when separated from their families.
• The sustaining of life for locals is most likely dependent on their families being able to afford living in Hawaii.
• Affordable housing is a factor to why individuals rely on family for support.

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