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Money Needed to Pay Bills
- **\$866.7 million**

Taxpayer Burden™
- **\$15,300**

Financial Grade
D

Maui Received 'D' Grade for its Fiscal Health



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Financial State of Maui

This report shows that Maui went into the COVID-19 pandemic with poor fiscal health. Based upon the county's fiscal year 2020 audited financial report, Maui had a Taxpayer Burden™ of \$15,300, earning it a "D" grade from Truth in Accounting.

Maui's elected officials have repeatedly made financial decisions that left the county with a debt burden of \$866.7 million. That burden came to \$15,300 for every county taxpayer. Maui's financial problems stem mostly from unfunded retirement obligations that accumulated over the years. The county had only set aside 53 cents for every dollar of promised pension benefits and 47 cents for every dollar of promised retiree health care benefits.

Maui did not have enough money set aside to weather the pandemic. The county was financially unprepared for any crisis, much less one as serious as we are now facing. The uncertainty surrounding this crisis makes it impossible to determine how much will be needed to maintain government services and benefits, but Maui's overall debt will most likely increase. This will place a burden on future taxpayers.

The data included in this report is derived from the county of Maui's 2020 audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and retirement plans' reports. To compare cities' financial information go to Data-Z.org.

Maui's Financial Breakdown

Fast Facts

- Maui had \$451.7 million available to pay \$1.3 billion worth of bills.
- The outcome was a \$866.7 million shortfall, which breaks down to a burden of \$15,300 per taxpayer.
- This means that each taxpayer would have to pay \$15,300 in future taxes for which they would receive no related services or benefits.

THE COUNTY'S BILLS EXCEEDED ITS ASSETS

Total assets	\$1,870,137,000
Minus: Capital assets	-\$1,318,606,000
Restricted assets	-\$99,875,000
Assets available to pay bills	\$451,656,000
Minus: Total bills	-\$1,318,350,000
Money available (needed) to pay bills	-\$866,694,000
Each taxpayer's share of this burden	-\$15,300

BILLS THE COUNTY ACCUMULATED

Bonds	\$254,801,000
Other liabilities	\$336,656,000
Minus: Debt related to capital assets	-\$305,386,000
Unfunded pension benefits	\$715,238,000
Unfunded retiree health care benefits	\$317,041,000
Total bills	\$1,318,350,000

Grade:

D

Bottom line: Maui would need \$15,300 from each of its taxpayers to pay all of its bills, so it has received a "D" for its finances. According to Truth in Accounting's grading scale, any government with a Taxpayer Burden between \$5,000 and \$20,000 receives a "D" grade.

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