

Paradise

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From a distance Hawaii looks like it would be a beautiful place to live with a great climate, huge hotels, fancy condos, pure white or black beaches, palm trees, hula dancers, fabulous surf and good food.

However, if you look further you will find there are almost 7,000 homeless people in Hawaii – more per capita than anywhere else in the United States. There are 120,000 drug addicts who prey on others for money to support their habits, robbing stores, homes and even hotel rooms stealing purses and wallets. This pushes the crime rate up to where you don't feel safe.

Don't be fooled by what you see from a distance – it may be an illusion.