

**Table 23.15-- CHARACTERISTICS OF WHOLESALE ESTABLISHMENTS
(NAICS 42), BY BROAD GEOGRAPHIC AREA: 2012**

[Includes establishments with payroll. Merchant wholesalers, except manufacturers' sales branches and offices. Statistics based on the 2012 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)]

Subject	State total	Oahu	Neighbor islands
Number of establishments	1,561	1,167	394
Sales (\$1,000)	9,607,982	8,052,799	1,555,183
Annual payroll (\$1,000)	724,517	596,874	127,643
First quarter payroll (\$1,000)	175,328	145,092	30,236
Paid employees for pay period including March 12 (number)	16,686	13,446	3,240
Operating expenses (\$1,000)	1,430,907	1,173,325	257,582
Inventories (\$1,000)			
Beginning of year	936,940	799,816	137,124
End of year	995,699	849,305	146,394

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *2012 Economic Census*, "Sector 42: Wholesale Trade, Geographic Area Series, Summary Statistics for the U.S., States, Metro Areas, Counties, and Places: 2012" (EC1242A1) <<http://factfinder.census.gov>> accessed May 26, 2015; and calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.