

Section 21

CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING

This section presents statistics on construction activity and costs, the size and composition of the housing inventory, occupancy of housing units and office buildings, home sales, and residential financing. Related series are included in Sections 6 (land use) and 14 (prices).

The principal sources for these data are the U.S. Bureau of the Census, various series compiled by State and County agencies (primarily the Hawaii Housing Authority, Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Department of Taxation, and Bureau of Conveyances, and the four county building departments), the construction cost indexes prepared by the First Hawaiian Bank, and the Honolulu Board of Realtors reports on Multiple Listing Service activity. Many of these series are summarized in the Bank of Hawaii's *Construction in Hawaii*, issued annually. Persons interested in figures for earlier periods should consult *Historical Statistics of Hawaii*, Section 15. National statistics appear in Section 25 of the *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1996*.