

Section 6

LAND USE AND OWNERSHIP

General statistics on the use, ownership, and tenure of land appear in this section. Information on specific use or ownership categories is given elsewhere: parks in Section 7, military land in Section 10, agriculture in Section 19, forests in Section 20, and sugar cane land in Section 22.

Considerable caution is necessary in comparing statistics from different sources on land use, ownership, or tenure. Variations in definitions and survey dates seriously affect comparability in many instances, even where terminology is relatively unambiguous and misinterpretation seems unlikely. An example of such difficulties is the wide range in estimates of Federal land, with totals ranging from 339,757 acres to 688,130.

Tabulations by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and General Services Administration, Hawaii State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Hawaii State Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism and its Land Use Commission, City and County of Honolulu Department of Finance, and City and County of Honolulu Planning Department provided the data for this section. *Historical Statistics of Hawaii*, Section 12, contains limited information for earlier years. Statistics for the nation as a whole are available in Sections 6, 7, and 23 of the *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1997*.