

Section 10

NATIONAL DEFENSE

This section presents statistics relating to the armed forces and their dependents, national guard expenditures & strength, civilian employment in national defense, veterans, land controlled by the Department of Defense (DOD), military housing, and expenditures by the armed forces. Additional information appears in sections 1, 2, 12, and 23.

The Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) has compiled periodic reports on military personnel and dependents since 1959. Other published sources include reports of the U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Administrator of Veterans Affairs; and the Hawaii State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Department of Defense. Definitions used by these sources differ to some degree, and care is necessary in comparing data issued by two or more agencies. In mid-1996, for example, the number of armed forces in Hawaii was reported as 36,392 by DOD, 47,986 by the Bureau of the Census, and 43,019 by the local commanding officers reporting to DBEDT. *Historical Statistics of Hawaii*, Section 26, includes series on the armed forces dating back to 1795. Section 11 of the *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1997* presents data on national defense and veterans affairs for other states and the U.S. as a whole.