

**Table 23.16-- CHARACTERISTICS OF WHOLESALE ESTABLISHMENTS,
FOR THE STATE, 1992 AND 1997, AND OAHU AND THE NEIGHBOR
ISLANDS, 1997**

Subject	1992	1997		
		State total	Oahu	Neighbor Islands
Number of establishments	2,202	1,872	1,463	409
Sales (\$1,000)	8,001,621	7,147,462	6,079,891	1,067,571
Annual payroll (\$1,000)	624,541	575,955	486,975	88,980
First quarter payroll (\$1,000)	150,772	138,454	117,329	21,125
Paid employees for pay period including March 12 (number)	23,308	18,532	15,423	3,109
Operating expenses (\$1,000)	1,332,892	1,213,543	1,017,689	195,854
Inventories (\$1,000):				
Beginning of year	794,259	691,610	604,482	87,128
End of year	787,828	734,465	642,470	91,995

NA Not available.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *1992 Census of Wholesale Trade, Hawaii*, WC92-A-12 (November 1994), tables 1, 3, 7, and 8; 1997 Economic Census, Wholesale Trade, Geographic Area Series, Hawaii, EC97W42A-HI(RV) (March 2000), table 1 and 5.