

**Table 23.17-- CHARACTERISTICS OF WHOLESALE ESTABLISHMENTS
(NAICS 42), BY BROAD GEOGRAPHIC AREA: 2002**

[Includes establishments with payroll. Statistics based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) which replaced the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system used in Economic Censuses prior to the 1997 Economic Census]

Subject	State total	Oahu	Neighbor Islands
Number of establishments	1,876	1,446	430
Sales (\$1,000)	9,986,355	8,579,151	1,407,204
Annual payroll (\$1,000)	683,396	583,575	99,821
First quarter payroll (\$1,000)	164,694	141,182	23,512
Paid employees for pay period including March 12 (number)	19,412	16,097	3,315
Operating expenses (\$1,000)	1,305,703	1,106,610	199,093
Inventories (\$1,000):			
Beginning of year	888,611	768,724	119,887
End of year	927,869	805,470	122,399

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *2002 Economic Census, Wholesale Trade, Geographic Area Series, Hawaii*, EC02-42A-HI (March 2005), tables 1a and 3a.