

SECTION 5

ELECTIONS

This section presents data on the number of registered voters, votes cast, and the party affiliation of elected officials.

More than 291,000 persons were registered to vote in the general election of November 1970. This amounted to 37.9 percent of the population (including those below the legal voting age or otherwise ineligible); the proportion registered was 29.4 percent in 1959 and 20.4 percent in 1940. The minimum voting age is 20 years. Elective offices in Hawaii include the President, two U.S. Senators, two U.S. Congressmen, the Governor, 25 State Senators, 51 State Representatives, and various county officials.

Official election results are published by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Additional information is often available from the various County Clerks and the Legislative Reference Bureau of the University of Hawaii. National statistics appear in the *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1970*, Section 13.

Table 35.—REGISTERED VOTERS AND VOTES CAST: 1858 TO 1970

Election date	Population ¹	Registered voters		Votes cast ²		
		Number	Percent of population	Number	Percent of population	Percent of registration
1858: Jan. 4 ³	71,800	(NA)	(NA)	12,673	17.7	(NA)
1890: Feb. 5	87,300	14,113	16.2	11,672	13.4	82.7
1900: Nov. 6	154,001	11,216	7.3	9,589	6.2	85.5
1910: Nov. 8	191,874	14,442	7.5	13,541	7.1	93.8
1920: Nov. 2	255,881	26,335	10.3	22,833	8.9	86.7
1930: Nov. 4	368,300	52,127	14.2	43,544	11.8	83.5
1940: Nov. 5	427,884	87,321	20.4	74,538	17.4	85.4
1950: Nov. 7	497,980	141,319	28.4	118,704	23.8	84.0
1959: July 28	622,087	183,118	29.4	171,383	27.5	93.6
1960: Nov. 8	648,525	202,059	31.2	188,206	29.0	93.1
1962: Nov. 6	666,692	221,650	33.2	200,441	30.1	90.4
1964: Nov. 3	678,946	239,361	35.3	214,693	31.6	89.7
1966: Nov. 8	695,215	253,242	36.4	220,137	31.7	86.9
1968: Nov. 5	724,530	274,199	37.8	239,765	33.1	87.4
1970: Nov. 3	769,913	291,681	37.9	246,235	32.0	84.4
COUNTIES: 1970						
Honolulu	630,528	226,633	35.9	188,500	29.9	83.2
Hawaii	63,468	30,350	47.8	27,173	42.8	89.5
Maui	46,156	21,170	45.9	18,470	40.0	87.2
Kauai	29,761	13,528	45.5	12,092	40.6	89.4

NA Not available.

¹Total resident population. Includes armed forces and persons ineligible to vote because of age, sex, citizenship or other reasons. Data for 1858 and 1890 are January 1 estimates; for 1900-1930 and 1970, official census counts; and for 1940-1968, July 1 estimates.

²For Representatives to the Legislative Assembly, 1858 and 1890; Delegate to Congress, 1900 and 1910; any office, 1920 forward.

³Earliest election for which all-island totals are available. The first formal election in Hawaii was held January 6, 1851, but regular publication of election totals was not initiated until 1887.

Source: Population from Robert C. Schmitt, *Demographic Statistics of Hawaii: 1778-1965* (University of Hawaii Press, 1968), pp. 115 and 223, and the Hawaii State Department of Planning and Economic Development, Statistical Report 77, pp. 2 and 9 (as corrected). Registered voters and votes cast from *Pacific Commercial Advertiser*, January 28, 1858; *Report of the General Superintendent of the Census, 1890*, p. 38; Archives of Hawaii, official records of elections of 1900-1950; and Office of the Lieutenant Governor, *Voter Registration Statistics, 1959-1968* and *Results of Votes Cast, General Election* for 1966, 1968, and 1970.

Table 36.—SEX OF REGISTERED VOTERS, FOR HAWAII: 1890 TO 1970

Year	Population 20 years and older ¹			Registered voters ²			Percent of population registered		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
1890 ...	56,766	40,132	16,634	13,593	13,593	—	23.9	33.9	0
1900 ...	108,486	81,817	26,669	11,216	11,216	—	10.3	13.7	0
1910 ...	121,602	86,313	35,289	14,442	14,442	—	11.9	16.7	0
1920 ...	144,462	93,364	51,098	26,325	17,084	9,251	18.2	18.3	18.1
1930 ...	201,505	135,657	65,848	52,149	31,845	20,304	25.9	23.5	30.8
1940 ...	243,982	152,304	91,678	87,321	(NA)	(NA)	35.8	(NA)	(NA)
1950 ...	299,749	170,583	129,166	140,800	76,602	64,198	47.0	44.9	49.7
1960 ...	360,193	196,431	163,762	202,059	104,591	97,468	56.1	53.2	59.5
1970 ...	466,259	243,893	222,366	291,681	146,630	145,051	62.6	60.1	65.2

NA Not available.

¹As of December 28, 1890, June 1, 1900, April 15, 1910, January 1, 1920, and April 1, 1930-1970. Includes persons of unreported age.

²As of December 28, 1890 and November 1900-1970.

Source: *Report of the General Superintendent of the Census, 1890*, table 5 and 7; *U.S. Census of Population: 1960*, Final Report PC (1)-13B, table 17; *U.S. Census of Population: 1970*, PC (V2)-13, p. 3; Archives of Hawaii, records

Table 37.—SEX AND PARTY OF REGISTERED VOTERS: NOVEMBER 3, 1970

County	Total	Sex		Party affiliation		
		Male	Female	Democratic party	Republican party	Independent
The State	291,681	146,630	145,051	133,479	36,787	121,415
Honolulu	226,633	113,292	113,341	94,484	28,732	103,417
Hawaii	30,350	15,412	14,938	14,992	4,952	10,406
Maui	21,169	10,928	10,241	14,621	2,128	4,420
Kauai	13,529	6,998	6,531	9,382	975	3,172

Source: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, *Result of Votes Cast, General Election, Tuesday, November 3, 1970*, State of Hawaii, p. 79.

Table 38.—PARTY MEMBERSHIP OF THE TERRITORIAL AND STATE LEGISLATURES: 1901 TO 1971

Regular session	House of Representatives				Senate			
	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Home Rule	Total	Dem.	Rep.	Home Rule
1901	30	4	4	17	15	—	6	9
1911	30	—	28	2	15	1	12	2
1921	30	4	26	—	15	1	14	—
1931	30	3	27	—	15	1	14	—
1941	30	3	27	—	15	3	12	—
1951	30	9	21	—	15	6	9	—
1961	51	33	18	—	25	11	14	—
1963	51	40	11	—	25	15	10	—
1965	51	39	12	—	25	16	9	—
1967	51	39	12	—	25	15	10	—
1969 ¹	50	38	12	—	25	17	8	—
1971 ²	51	34	17	—	24	16	8	—
COUNTIES: 1971								
Hawaii	6	4	2	—	3	2	1	—
Maui	4	4	—	—	2	2	—	—
Honolulu ²	38	24	14	—	18	11	7	—
Kauai	3	2	1	—	1	1	—	—

¹One disputed House seat was left unfilled for the session.

²One Senate Democrat died prior to the session and his seat was left vacant.

Source: *Report of the Governor of Hawaii, 1931*, p. 15; *Session Laws of Hawaii; 1941-1969*; Office of the Lieutenant Governor, *Result of Votes Cast, General Election, 1970*.

Table 39.—VOTES CAST FOR MAJOR OFFICES: 1966 TO 1970

Election and office	Democratic party		Republican party		Other parties	
	Candidate	Votes	Candidate	Votes	Candidate	Votes
November 8, 1966:						
Governor	Burns	108,840	Crossley	104,324	None	—
U.S. Representative ¹	Matsunaga	140,110	Carroll	67,281	None	—
	Mink	140,880	Kealoha	62,473	None	—
November 5, 1968:						
President	Humphrey	141,324	Nixon	91,425	Wallace ²	3,469
U.S. Senator	Inouye	189,248	Thiessen	34,008	Lee ³	3,671
U.S. Representative ¹	Matsunaga	161,954	Blaisdell	78,733	Olsen ³	2,432
	Mink	149,207	DuBois	39,233	Lombardi ³	2,026
November 3, 1970:						
Governor	Burns	137,150	King	100,573	None	—
U.S. Senator	Heftel	116,039	Fong	123,334	None	—
U.S. Representative, Dist. 1	Matsunaga	84,845	Cockey	31,534	None	—
U.S. Representative, Dist. 2	Mink	90,628	None	—	None	—

¹Two elected at large.

²American Independent.

³Peace and Freedom.

Source: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, *Results of Votes Cast, General Election, State of Hawaii* for 1966, 1968, and 1970.