

SECTION 4

LAW ENFORCEMENT, COURTS, AND CORRECTIONS

Statistics in this section refer to crime and delinquency, the police, the judiciary system, prisons, and training schools.

Major offenses reported to the police in 1970 numbered 41,526, almost three times as many as in 1960. The rate per 100,000 population has increased from 1,145 in 1939 to 5,367 in 1970. More than seven-eighths of the 1970 total occurred on Oahu.

For the State as a whole, 18.8 percent of the major offenses and 69.1 percent of the minor offenses were cleared by arrest or otherwise. Six-tenths of the persons arrested for major crimes and one-third of those arrested for lesser offenses were less than eighteen years of age.

Almost half of the juveniles were counseled and released, and only a small number were committed to the State Youth Correctional Facility. Inmates of the State correctional institutions averaged 330 during 1971, compared with 1,000 five decades earlier. The State Supreme Court, five circuit courts, and twenty-seven district courts handled almost 500,000 cases in 1971.

Statistics on law enforcement, courts, and corrections in Hawaii appear in the annual reports of the County police departments, the State Judiciary, and the Department of Social Services and Housing. National data are summarized in the *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1971*, Section 5.

Table 40.—MAJOR OFFENSES REPORTED TO THE POLICE: 1846-1847 TO 1970

Offense	1846-1847 ¹	1884-1886 ²	1931 ³	1940	1950	1960	1967 ⁴	1970 ⁴
All major offenses	213	579	1,742	5,266	6,639	14,569	27,221	41,200
Per 100,000 population	224	356	615	1,231	1,333	2,271	3,767	5,325
Murder	—	5	} 33	{ 18	12	15	18	30
Manslaughter	—	3		{ 10	29	29	34	28
Rape	2	22	16	20	31	20	37	97
Robbery	(NA)	16	58	24	43	69	146	493
Aggravated assault	(NA)	(NA)	102	62	132	33	92	282
Burglary	} 211	{ 58	563	1,518	1,604	3,330	8,513	11,402
Larceny, \$100 and over		{ 475	} 882	{ 207	622	481	1,778	4,234
Larceny, under \$100		{ 3,064		3,814	8,884	13,617	20,180	
Automobile theft	—	—	88	343	352	1,708	2,986	4,454

NA Not available.

¹Criminal cases tried, April 1, 1846 to March 31, 1847.

²Annual average, April 1, 1884 to March 31, 1886.

³Excludes Counties of Kauai and Maui.

⁴Totals differ slightly from those in table 41.

Source: 1846-1847 from Robert C. Schmitt, "Early Crime Statistics of Hawaii," *Hawaii Historical Review, Selected Readings* (Hawaiian Historical Society, 1969), pp. 230-240; 1884-1885 from *Report of the Attorney General to the Legislative Assembly of 1886*, table E; 1931 from Seth W. Richardson, *Law Enforcement in the Territory of Hawaii* (1932), pp. 228 and 230; 1940-1967 from Hawaii State Bureau of Crime Statistics and Identification; 1970 from County police departments.

**Table 41.—ACTUAL MAJOR (PART I) OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE, BY COUNTY:
1884-86 TO 1971**

Calendar year	The State		City and County of Honolulu	Hawaii County	Kauai County	Maui County
	Number	Rate ¹				
1884-1886 ²	579	356	213	135	129	102
1925	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	72	(NA)	(NA)
1926	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78	(NA)	(NA)
1927	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	38	(NA)	(NA)
1928	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	78	(NA)	(NA)
1929	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52	(NA)	(NA)
1930	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	80	(NA)	(NA)
1931 ³	(NA)	(NA)	1,664	78	(NA)	(NA)
1932	(NA)	(NA)	2,690	(NA)	14	(NA)
1933	(NA)	(NA)	2,725	(NA)	51	(NA)
1934	(NA)	(NA)	3,100	(NA)	43	(NA)
1935	(NA)	(NA)	3,566	(NA)	117	(NA)
1936	(NA)	(NA)	3,168	240	23	(NA)
1937	(NA)	(NA)	3,153	518	47	(NA)
1938	(NA)	(NA)	3,245	429	59	(NA)
1939	4,760	1,145	3,948	434	46	332
1940	5,266	1,231	4,115	649	68	434
1941	5,091	1,108	4,377	348	47	319
1942	3,719	639	3,001	356	42	320
1943	4,434	683	3,637	340	69	388
1944	5,328	620	4,086	591	175	476
1945	5,261	646	4,192	445	144	480
1946	5,437	997	4,499	406	128	404
1947	5,778	1,098	4,751	438	122	467
1948	6,058	1,172	5,014	367	195	482
1949	6,645	1,300	5,443	375	320	507
1950	6,639	1,333	5,467	516	243	413
1951	6,428	1,250	5,286	420	218	504
1952	7,588	1,467	6,322	405	251	610
1953	7,253	1,422	5,962	507	260	524
1954	8,120	1,606	6,874	448	247	551

¹NA Not available.

²Annual average per 100,000 mid-period population (including armed forces). Population estimate for April 1, 1885 interpolated from Robert C. Schmitt, *Demographic Statistics of Hawaii: 1778-1965* (University of Hawaii Press, 1968), p. 223; other years from the Hawaii State Department of Planning and Economic Development, Statistical Report 81 (July 23, 1971), pp. 3-6, and Statistical Report 86 (November 12, 1971), table 2.

³April 1, 1884 to March 31, 1886.

⁴According to the source for these data, "due to the poor record system of the Honolulu police department, it is probable that all offenses known to the police were not recorded."

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**Table 41.—ACTUAL MAJOR (PART I) OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE, BY COUNTY:
1884-86 TO 1971 (continued)**

Calendar year	The State		City and County of Honolulu	Hawaii County	Kauai County	Maui County
	Number	Rate ¹				
1955	8,919	1,654	7,636	454	282	547
1956	9,282	1,662	7,864	632	316	470
1957	11,685	1,999	9,998	714	371	602
1958	13,971	2,308	12,150	902	349	570
1959	14,205	2,283	12,648	662	402	493
1960	14,569	2,271	12,986	628	465	490
1961	16,608	2,521	14,981	689	471	467
1962	17,675	2,586	15,973	747	408	547
1963	17,673	2,590	16,065	698	448	462
1964	19,198	2,743	17,533	643	395	627
1965	22,891	3,252	20,723	829	524	815
1966	24,865	3,501	22,689	816	506	854
1967	27,428	3,796	24,847	1,126	649	806
1968	34,554	4,705	31,044	1,556	730	1,224
1969	36,417	4,854	32,636	1,714	779	1,288
1970	41,526	5,367	36,779	1,951	993	1,803
1971	(NA)	(NA)	37,459	2,167	(NA)	2,300

NA Not available.

Source: *Report of the Attorney General to the Legislative Assembly of 1886*, table E; Seth W. Richardson, *Law Enforcement in the Territory of Hawaii* (1932), pp. 228 and 230; County police departments, annual reports and records.

Table 42.—ACTUAL OFFENSES KNOWN TO POLICE AND OFFENSES CLEARED BY ARREST OR OTHERWISE, BY COUNTY: 1970

Classification of offenses	Actual offenses known to police					Cleared by arrest or otherwise ¹	
	State total	City & Co. Honolulu	Hawaii County	Kauai County	Maui County	State total	Percent cleared
All offenses	78,227	66,529	3,627	2,577	5,494	33,335	42.6
Part I classes	41,200	36,779	1,626	992	1,803	7,753	18.8
1A Murder & Non-negligent manslaughter ...	30	25	2	—	3	26	86.7
1B Manslaughter (negligent)	28	3	10	4	11	28	100.0
2 Rape	97	85	4	6	2	59	60.8
3 Robbery	493	473	9	4	7	187	37.9
4 Aggravated assault	282	219	43	14	6	206	73.0
5 Burglary	11,402	10,252	448	272	430	2,192	19.2
6A Larceny—over \$100 ²	4,234	3,568	375	156	135	354	8.4
6B Larceny—under \$100 ³	20,180	17,913	620	495	1,152	3,994	19.8
7 Auto theft	4,454	4,241	115	41	57	707	15.9
Part II classes	37,027	29,750	2,001	1,585	3,691	25,582	69.1
8 Other assaults	5,905	4,759	325	356	465	4,769	80.8
9 Arson	168	163	5	—	—	19	11.3
10 Forgery & counterfeiting	578	484	49	12	33	269	46.5
11 Fraud	} 954	700	101	} 34	80	605	63.4
12 Embezzlement		{ 34					
13 Stolen property, receiving etc.	70	31	11	—	28	65	92.9
14 Vandalism	4,810	4,408	402	—	—	808	16.8
15 Weapons	558	507	11	1	39	505	90.5
16 Prostitution	21	18	2	—	1	20	95.2
17 Sex offenses	800	735	18	6	41	669	83.6
18 Drug laws	1,503	990	172	187	154	1,267	84.3
19 Gambling	921	827	7	32	55	921	100.0
20 Offenses against family	39	31	5	—	3	33	84.6
21 Driving, intoxicated	530	438	43	24	25	530	100.0
22 Liquor laws	219	179	28	—	12	216	98.6
23 Drunkenness (amended to non-criminal offense)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24 Disorderly conduct	1,468	982	137	198	151	1,285	87.5
25 Vagrancy	1,564	1,220	103	46	195	587	37.5
26 All other offenses	16,919	13,244	577	689	2,409	13,014	76.9

¹Includes previous year's cases cleared.

²Over \$50 for Hawaii County; grand larceny for Kauai County.

³Under \$50 for Hawaii County; petty larceny for Kauai County.

Source: Records of the County police departments.

Table 43.—PERSONS ARRESTED OR CHARGED, FOR OAHU: 1971

Age of persons arrested	All offenses	Part I offenses		Part II offenses	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Persons arrested, total	20,479	4,640	1,765	10,980	3,094
Juveniles under 18 years	8,537	2,899	995	3,162	1,481
18 and 19 years	1,865	538	156	1,010	161
20 to 24 years	3,753	680	278	2,145	650
25 to 34 years	2,862	293	179	1,959	431
35 to 44 years	1,404	91	78	1,028	207
45 to 64 years	1,721	113	70	1,397	141
65 years and over	243	24	9	197	13
Unknown age	94	2	—	82	10
Subject				Part I offenses	Part II offenses
Juveniles arrested, total				3,894	4,643
Released without charges				426	228
Counseled and released				1,434	1,076
Referred to social agencies				124	251
Referred to Family Court				1,735	2,908
Probation or protective supervision				523	507
Counseled and released				959	1,803
Hawaii Youth Correctional Facilities				72	37
Social agencies				20	140
Discharged or other disposition				338	522
All others				9	58
District and Circuit dispositions of persons charged, total				1,488	7,302
Convicted				1,095	4,594
Disposed of otherwise				393	2,708
Fine				706	3,708
Jail				201	379
Probation, suspended sentence				188	460
Other convictions				—	47
Bail forfeitures				101	564
Discharged				126	857
Stricken, N/P				166	1,287
Average number of inmates in City and County Jail				111	

Source: Honolulu Police Department, *1970 Statistical Report*, pp. 42-44, 47, 55, 66, and 75.

Table 44.—STATE JUDICIARY CASELOAD: 1970 AND 1971

(Years ended June 30)

Court	Filings		Terminations		Pending, June 30	
	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970
Supreme Court	411	294	375	324	133	97
Circuit Courts:						
Circuit Court proper	8,899	7,893	9,211	8,045	13,366	13,678
Family Court	18,223	20,002	21,137	19,213	9,812	12,726
District Courts	460,417	394,508	454,137	390,695	(NA)	(NA)

NA Not available.

Source: *The Judiciary, Annual Report* for years ended June 30, 1970 and 1971.

Table 45.—HAWAII STATE PRISON SYSTEM INMATES: 1878 TO 1971

Year ¹	Average daily census ²		Year ¹	Average daily census	
	Oahu Prison ³	Other facilities ⁴		Hawaii State Prison	Other facilities ⁴
1878-1880	115	—	1962	465	138
1888-1890	154	—	1963	451	110
1899	158	—	1964	403	102
1909-1910	229	—	1965	415	99
1920	703	—	1966	396	84
1930	380	103	1967	364	73
1940	506	52	1968	305	78
1951	407	218	1969 ⁴	248	72
1961	449	142	1970 ⁴	209	72

Subject	Year ended June 30, 1971				
	Hawaii State Prison	Kulani Honor Camp	Olinda Honor Camp	Conditional Release Center	Adult Furlough Center
Committed	66	5	—	—	—
Returned from parole	37	1	—	—	—
Transferred in from camps, etc.	37	28	14	17	7
Transferred out to camps, etc.	65	26	3	8	—
Continue on parole	16	—	—	—	—
Paroled	79	20	15	5	1
Discharged	5	—	—	—	—
Died	—	—	—	—	—
Average number	183	39	18	12	5
Population, June 30	179	29	18	8	6

¹Two-year periods ended March 31, 1880 and 1890 and December 31, 1910; calendar year 1899; one-year periods ended June 30, 1920 to 1970.

²Data for 1930 and 1951 refer to number as of June 30.

³Misdemeanants as well as felons were held in Oahu Prison before World War I. The average number of criminal offenders only was 86 in 1899 and 193 in 1909-1910. Oahu Prison was renamed Hawaii State Prison in April 1962.

⁴Includes Kulani Honor Camp, Olinda Honor Camp, and the Conditional Release Center.

Source: *Biennial Report of the Minister of the Interior* for 1880 (p. 26) and 1890 (p. 147); *Report of the Attorney General* for 1899 (p. 103) and 1910 (pp. 48-49); *Report of the Governor* for 1920 (p. 70) and 1930 (p. 112); *Report of the Department of Institutions* for 1940 (p. 10) and 1951 (p. 28.); Corrections Division, Hawaii State Department of Social Services and Housing, records, 1961-1971.

Table 46.—HAWAII STATE YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY INMATES: 1920 TO 1971

Year ended June 30	Average ward population ¹	Year ended June 30	Average ward population ¹	Subject	Year ended June 30, 1971
1920	297	1965	148	Committed	121
1930	370	1966	135	Returned from parole	36
1940	277	1967	111	Continue on parole	16
1950	220	1968	85	Paroled	79
1962	197	1969	72	Discharged	67
1963	197	1970	67	Died	1
1964	162	1971	73	Population, June 30	62

¹Data for 1920-1950 refer to June 30 totals rather than annual averages. Data for 1962-1966 include Molokai Forestry Camp, closed in fiscal year 1966-1967: 18 in 1962, 14 in 1963, 14 in 1964, 13 in 1965, and 12 in 1966.

Source: *Report of the Governor* for 1920 (p. 64) and 1930 (p. 87); *Annual Report of the Department of Institutions* for 1940 (pp. 8-9) and 1950 (pp. 85 and 98); Corrections Division, Department of Social Services and Housing, records, 1962-1971.