

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 37.7 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.

Votes cast in 1970 amounted to 31.8 percent of the total population, 60.8 percent of civilians of voting age, 75.0 percent of all eligible persons, and 84.9 percent of those registered. The minimum voting age is 18 years. Elective offices in Hawaii include the presidency, 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. An analysis of voting trends in Hawaii, *Voter Participation in Hawaii, 1970*, was published jointly by the Hawaii State Department of Planning and Economic Development and Office of the Lieutenant Governor in 1971. National statistics appear in the *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1971*, Section 13.

Table 47.—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	641,520	202,059	31.5	188,206	29.3	93.1
1962: Nov. 6	683,513	221,650	32.4	200,441	29.3	90.4
1964: Nov. 3	699,858	239,361	34.2	214,693	30.7	89.7
1966: Nov. 8	710,325	253,242	35.7	220,137	31.0	86.9
1968: Nov. 5	734,456	274,199	37.3	239,765	32.6	87.4
1970: Nov. 3	773,632	291,681	37.7	247,740	32.0	84.9
COUNTIES: 1970						
Honolulu	633,037	226,633	35.8	189,812	30.0	83.8
Hawaii	64,317	30,350	47.2	27,256	42.4	89.8
Maui	46,407	21,169	45.6	18,493	39.8	87.4
Kauai	29,871	13,529	45.3	12,179	40.8	90.0

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, official census counts; and for 1940 forward, 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 86, pp. 5-7. Registered voters and votes cast from Robert C. Schmitt, "Voter Participation Rates in Hawaii Before 1900," *The Hawaiian Journal of History*, Vol. 5 (1971), pp. 50-58, and the Hawaii State Department of Planning and Economic Development and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, *Voter Participation in Hawaii, 1970* (December 28, 1971), tables 1 and 5.

Table 48.—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*, Final Report PC(1)-B13, table 20; Hawaii State Department of Planning and Economic Development and Office of the Lieutenant Governor, *Voter Participation in Hawaii, 1970* (December 28, 1971), table 1.

Table 49.—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 50.—POPULATION BY ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE, REGISTERED VOTERS,
AND VOTES CAST: 1970**

Subject	Number ¹
Population ²	778,853
Under 20 years old	306,350
20 years old and over	472,503
Armed forces	45,864
Military dependents	19,357
Other civilians	407,282
Ineligible "other civilians"	76,989
Aliens	57,187
Residence less than one year ³	18,349
Patients in mental institutions	1,029
Other non compos mentis	(NA)
Undischarged felons	424
Eligible	330,293
Percent of "other civilians," 20 and over	81.1
Registered for general election	291,681
Percent of "other civilians," 20 and over	71.6
Percent of number eligible	88.3
Registered after general election ⁴	255,053
Percent of "other civilians," 20 and over	62.6
Percent of number eligible	77.2
Votes cast in general election	247,740
Percent of total population	31.8
Percent of "other civilians," 20 and over	60.8
Percent of number eligible	75.0
Percent of number registered	84.9

NA Not available.

¹Unrounded estimates used for computational convenience; not meant to imply accuracy beyond two or three significant figures.

²Based on usual place of residence, as defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Excludes persons from Hawaii attending school or serving in the armed forces on the Mainland or abroad, many of whom are eligible to participate in Hawaii elections. In Fall 1968, 7,899 students from Hawaii (including those below voting age) were attending colleges and universities in other States, and, as of July 31, 1970, 13,641 Selective Service registrants from Hawaii were on active duty with the armed forces.

³Persons qualified by citizenship and age but not by length of legal residence in Hawaii. Such persons may, however, vote in presidential elections upon application.

⁴Purged total, after persons who voted in neither the primary nor general elections of 1970 were dropped from the registration rolls.

Source: Hawaii State Department of Planning and Economic Development and Office of the Lieutenant Governor, *Voter Participation in Hawaii, 1970* (December 28, 1971), table 6.

Table 51.—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	9	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.

²Excludes vacancy caused by the death of a Senate Democrat prior to the session.

Source: Hawaii State Department of Planning and Economic Development and Office of the Lieutenant Governor, *Voter Participation in Hawaii, 1970* (December 28, 1971), p. 7.

Table 52.—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.