

## SECTION 5

# ELECTIONS

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

More than 337,800 persons were registered to vote in the general election of November 1972. This amounted to 41.8 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. 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: 1972*, Section 13.

Table 64.—REGISTERED VOTERS AND VOTES CAST: 1858 TO 1972

Election date	Population <sup>1</sup>	Registered voters		Votes cast <sup>2</sup>		
		Number	Percent of population	Number	Percent of population	Percent of registration
1858: Jan. 4 <sup>3</sup> .....	71,800	(NA)	(NA)	12,673	17.7	(NA)
1890: Feb. 5 .....	87,300	14,113	16.2	11,671	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 .....	773,212	291,681	37.7	247,740	32.0	84.9
1972: Nov. 7 <sup>4</sup> .....	808,560	337,837	41.8	286,691	35.5	84.9
COUNTIES: 1972 <sup>4</sup>						
Honolulu .....	660,125	262,597	39.8	220,689	33.4	84.0
Hawaii .....	68,363	34,958	51.1	30,802	45.1	88.1
Maui .....	49,234	24,581	49.9	20,981	42.6	85.4
Kauai .....	30,838	15,701	50.9	14,219	46.1	90.6

NA Not available.

<sup>1</sup>Total 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.

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

<sup>3</sup>Earliest 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.

<sup>4</sup>Includes presidential short ballots (98).

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 95, pp. 4-7. 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; 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; and Office of the Lieutenant Governor, *Result of Votes Cast, General Election, Tuesday, November 7, 1972, State of Hawaii*, p. 6.

**Table 65.—SEX OF REGISTERED VOTERS, FOR HAWAII: 1890 TO 1972**

Year	Population 20 years and older <sup>1</sup>			Registered voters <sup>2</sup>			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	26,335	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
1972 ...	520,000	272,000	248,000	337,837	169,896	167,941	65.0	62.5	67.7

NA Not available.

<sup>1</sup>As of December 28, 1890, June 1, 1900, April 15, 1910, January 1, 1920, April 1, 1930-1970, and July 1, 1972. The 1972 estimates refer to persons 18 years old and over. Data for 1900-1940 include persons of unreported age.

<sup>2</sup>As of December 28, 1890 and November 1900-1972.

Source: *Report of the General Superintendent of the Census, 1890*, tables 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; Office of the Lieutenant Governor, *Result of Votes Cast, General Election, Tuesday, November 7, 1972, State of Hawaii*, p. 98; unpublished 1972 population estimates by the Department of Planning and Economic Development.

**Table 66.—SEX AND PARTY OF REGISTERED VOTERS: NOVEMBER 7, 1972**

County	Total	Sex		Party affiliation		
		Male	Female	Democratic party	Republican party	Non-affiliated
The State .....	337,837	169,896	167,941	171,374	46,890	119,573
Honolulu .....	262,597	131,442	131,155	128,743	37,875	95,979
Hawaii .....	34,958	17,668	17,290	17,879	5,586	11,493
Maui .....	24,581	12,641	11,940	14,644	2,328	7,609
Kauai .....	15,701	8,145	7,556	10,108	1,101	4,492

Source: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, *Result of Votes Cast, General Election, Tuesday, November 7, 1972, State of Hawaii*, p. 98.

**Table 67.—POPULATION BY ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE, REGISTERED VOTERS,  
AND VOTES CAST: 1970**

Subject	Number <sup>1</sup>
Population <sup>2</sup> .....	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 <sup>3</sup> .....	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 <sup>4</sup> .....	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.

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

<sup>2</sup>Based 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.

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

<sup>4</sup>Purged 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 68.—PARTY MEMBERSHIP OF THE TERRITORIAL AND STATE LEGISLATURES: 1901 TO 1973**

Regular session	House of Representatives				Senate			
	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Home Rule	Total	Democrats	Republicans	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 <sup>1</sup> .....	50	38	12	—	25	17	8	—
1971 <sup>2</sup> .....	51	34	17	—	24	16	8	—
1973 .....	51	35	16	—	25	17	8	—
COUNTIES: 1973								
Hawaii .....	6	3	3	—	3	2	1	—
Maui .....	4	3	1	—	2	2	—	—
Honolulu .....	38	27	11	—	19	12	7	—
Kauai .....	3	2	1	—	1	1	—	—

<sup>1</sup>One disputed House seat was left unfilled for the session.

<sup>2</sup>Excludes 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; Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, *Who's Who in Government, State of Hawaii, 1972-1973*.

Table 69.—VOTES CAST FOR MAJOR OFFICES: 1966 TO 1972

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 <sup>1</sup> .....	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 <sup>2</sup> .....	3,469
U.S. Senator .....	Inouye .....	189,248	Thiessen .....	34,008	Lee <sup>3</sup> .....	3,671
U.S. Representative <sup>1</sup> .....	Matsunaga .....	161,954	Blaisdell .....	78,733	Olsen <sup>3</sup> .....	2,432
	Mink .....	149,207	DuBois .....	39,233	Lombardi <sup>3</sup> .....	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 .....	—
November 7, 1972:						
President .....	McGovern .....	101,409	Nixon .....	168,865	None .....	—
U.S. Representative, Dist. 1 .....	Matsunaga .....	73,826	Rohlfing .....	61,138	None .....	—
U.S. Representative, Dist. 2 .....	Mink .....	79,856	Hansen .....	60,043	None .....	—

<sup>1</sup>Two elected at large.

<sup>2</sup>American Independent.

<sup>3</sup>Peace and Freedom.

Source: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, *Results of Votes Cast, General Election, State of Hawaii* for 1966, 1968, 1970, and 1972.