

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 41.4 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 President, two U.S. Senators, two U.S. Representatives, 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. 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. Characteristics of individual precincts are described in *1972 Voting Behavior*, compiled by Daniel W. Tuttle, Jr., and published in two volumes by the Center for Government Development, University of Hawaii, in 1973. National statistics appear in the *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1973*, Section 13.

Table 62.—REGISTERED VOTERS AND VOTES CAST: 1858 TO 1972

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	11,671	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 ⁴	816,149	337,837	41.4	286,691	35.1	84.9
COUNTIES: 1972 ⁴						
Honolulu	665,590	262,597	39.5	220,689	33.2	84.0
Hawaii	68,618	34,958	50.9	30,802	44.9	88.1
Maui	50,551	24,581	48.6	20,981	41.5	85.4
Kauai	31,390	15,701	50.0	14,219	45.3	90.6

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.

⁴Includes 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 102, tables 1 and 2. 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.

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Table 63.—SEX OF REGISTERED VOTERS, FOR HAWAII: 1890 TO 1972

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	26,335	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 ...	534,000	280,000	254,000	337,837	169,896	167,941	63.3	60.7	66.1

NA Not available.

¹As 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.

²As 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.

64a Population of Voting Age + Percent Voting:
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Table 64.—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 65.—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 ¹	50	38	12	—	25	17	8	—
1971 ²	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	—	—

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; Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, *Who's Who in Government, State of Hawaii, 1972-1973*.

65A. Composition of the 1975 Hawaii State Legislature

Table 66.—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 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	—
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	—

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, 1970, and 1972.