

WELFARE SERVICES

This section presents data related to governmental programs for old-age, survivors, disability and health insurance; public employee retirement; unemployment and temporary disability insurance; aid to the needy; and maternal, child, and other welfare services. Also included here are selected statistics on vocational rehabilitation, child labor, and the Aloha United Fund.

Total public welfare costs reached \$107 million in fiscal 1973, compared with \$46.6 million in 1970, \$9.3 million in 1960, \$8.1 million in 1950, and \$1.1 million in 1940. Per capita welfare costs, based on the estimated civilian population, rose from \$2.86 in 1940 to \$16.50 in 1960 and \$140 in 1973. About 60 percent of the 1973 total came from State funds and the remainder from the Federal government. The monthly average number of persons served by major welfare programs in 1973 was 66,535, or 8.2 percent of the population of the State at the beginning of the year. The average monthly payment per recipient for public assistance was \$224. Among workers receiving unemployment compensation in 1972, weekly benefits averaged \$65.80. More than 76,000 Hawaii residents were receiving Social Security benefits as of the end of 1972, and over 48,000 were enrolled for Medicare. There were also 6,667 State and County government pensioners in 1972. The Aloha United Fund spent \$4.7 million during that year.

Major data sources include reports and records of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Hawaii State Department of Social Services and Housing, the Hawaii State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, the Hawaii State Employees' Retirement System, and the Aloha United Fund. Section 10 of the *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1973* presents comparable Mainland data.

Table 172.—SOCIAL WELFARE COSTS: 1939 TO 1973

Year ended June 30	Total costs		By source of funds		By expenditure category		
	Amount (\$1,000)	Per capita (dollars) ¹	Federal (\$1,000)	State (\$1,000)	Administration (\$1,000)	Medical payments ² (\$1,000)	Money payments (\$1,000)
1940	1,124	2.86	319	805	176	—	956
1945	2,058	4.55	368	1,690	392	540	1,126
1950	8,076	16.81	2,276	5,800	880	555	6,641
1955	7,638	16.33	3,518	4,120	974	—	6,664
1960	9,329	16.50	4,032	5,297	1,363	1,158	6,808
1961	9,489	16.29	4,090	5,398	1,339	1,277	6,873
1962	11,618	19.43	5,118	6,500	1,736	2,699	7,183
1963	12,697	21.00	5,897	6,800	1,667	3,100	7,931
1964	14,381	23.10	6,472	7,909	2,089	4,206	8,085
1965	14,673	23.41	6,404	8,269	2,146	4,356	8,171
1966	19,955	30.68	8,034	11,921	2,580	6,390	10,985
1967	23,704	36.44	10,869	12,835	2,642	7,396	13,666
1968	29,565	45.05	12,941	16,624	2,951	10,297	16,318
1969	35,706	52.71	15,167	20,539	3,272	12,948	19,486
1970	46,566	66.36	20,396	26,170	3,730	16,421	26,415
1971	67,645	93.95	27,769	39,876	5,483	23,926	38,236
1972	94,212	126.48	38,143	56,069	6,324	34,278	53,610
1973	107,237	140.33	43,107	64,130	6,757	35,542	64,938

¹Based on civilian population at beginning of fiscal year; for example, per capita costs for 1940 are based on estimated civilian population as of July 1, 1939. Population from the Hawaii State Department of Planning and Economic Development, Statistical Reports 81 (table 2) and 102 (table 1).

²Expenditures by the Department of Public Welfare or Department of Social Services and Housing. Beginning in 1944, the Department's program was limited to payment of hospital care, dental care and burial, and county departments were authorized to provide medical care. In 1952 responsibility for medical care was transferred to the Department of Health and the Department of Public Welfare participated in "Premium Payment Plan" for indigents only for hospital care in order to obtain Federal funds. Effective January 1960, the Medical Care Program for Indigents and Medically Indigents was established under the Department of Social Services, and the Department of Health and County departments were no longer responsible.

Source: Hawaii State Department of Social Services and Housing, records.

Table 173.—PERSONS SERVED AND AVERAGE PAYMENTS, FOR PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING: 1940 TO 1973, MONTHLY AVERAGES

Year ended June 30	Major programs ¹		Service cases	Medical payments		Average payments ² (dollars)	
	Recipients	Individuals		Cases	Individuals	Per case	Per individual
1940	4,199	8,719	483	...	...	...	9.15
1945	3,227	5,205	1,764	...	...	...	18.04
1950	9,933	22,577	1,880	...	...	...	25.02
1955	9,087	19,526	985	...	...	...	28.68
1960	6,764	14,974	962	...	...	...	38.19
1961	6,537	14,661	967	...	...	...	39.48
1962	6,599	15,898	1,378	...	...	91.59	37.91
1963	6,897	17,300	1,463	...	...	96.75	37.70
1964	6,931	17,722	1,696	...	...	97.21	38.02
1965	6,807	17,634	1,474	...	...	100.03	38.62
1966	7,383	19,136	1,457	...	...	123.99	47.84
1967	8,581	22,350	1,311	...	...	132.71	50.96
1968	10,043	26,337	961	...	...	137.39	52.39
1969	11,013	28,845	926	2,492	2,700	147.86	56.45
1970	12,940	34,320	900	2,942	3,370	170.17	64.14
1971	16,467	44,897	743	4,073	4,496	198.20	72.69
1972	20,627	57,462	1,767	4,068	5,672	220.79	79.26
1973	24,400	66,535	5,341	3,040	4,612	227.11	82.30

¹Old age assistance, aid to disabled, aid to families with dependent children, AFDC unemployed parents, AFDC foster care, child welfare foster care, and general assistance.

²Gross obligation basis.

Source: Hawaii State Department of Social Services and Housing, records.

Table 174.—PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS AND RECIPIENTS: 1972 AND 1973
(Years ended June 30)

Program	Total payments (\$1,000)		Number of recipients (monthly average)		Average monthly pay- ment (dollars)	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
All programs	54,651	65,714	20,627	24,400	221	224
Old age assistance	3,281	3,828	2,691	2,984	102	107
Aid to the blind	127	1,399	80	88	133	133
Aid to disabled	3,603	4,165	2,083	2,358	144	147
Aid to families with de- pendent children ¹	35,983	42,994	10,639	15,760	282	281
Child welfare foster care	967	10,684	577	587	140	152
General assistance	10,690	13,518	4,557	5,622	195	200

¹Includes AFDC unemployed parent and AFDC foster care.
Source: Hawaii State Department of Social Services and Housing, records.

Table 175.—SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS AND BENEFITS: 1940 TO 1972

Year	Number of recipients at end of year	Monthly amount payable at end of year (\$1,000)	Total amount paid during year ¹ (\$1,000)
1940	621	9	73
1945	3,731	61	614
1950	8,322	270	2,318
1955	17,978	833	10,110
1960	30,415	1,771	21,127
1961	34,533	2,084	24,555
1962	37,804	2,325	28,345
1963	40,719	2,557	30,814
1964	43,068	2,751	33,250
1965	46,861	3,254	38,751
1966	53,392	3,647	43,906
1967	57,254	4,584	48,368
1968	59,815	4,826	57,879
1969	62,824	5,182	63,893
1970	66,488	6,437	77,593
1971	70,912	7,666	92,440
1972	76,413	10,141	107,125

¹Includes also retroactive benefits and lump-sum death payments.
Source: U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Social Security Administration, Office of Research and Statistics, Division of OASDI Statistics, records.

Table 176.—MEDICARE ENROLLMENT AND REIMBURSEMENTS: 1966 TO 1972

Year	Hospital and/or Medical Insurance		Hospital Insurance		Supplementary Medical Insurance	
	Number of persons enrolled, July 1	Amount reimbursed (dollars)	Number of persons enrolled July 1	Amount reimbursed (dollars)	Number of persons enrolled July 1	Amount reimbursed (dollars)
1966 ¹	37,443	—	37,307	—	35,888	—
1967 ²	39,170	11,528,000	39,051	8,738,000	37,068	2,790,000
1968	41,510	12,006,000	41,289	8,503,000	40,223	3,503,000
1969	43,350	13,638,000	43,020	9,865,000	42,062	3,773,000
1970	45,232	14,318,000	44,737	10,233,000	44,033	4,085,000
1971	47,563	15,194,000	46,939	10,521,000	46,224	4,673,000
1972 ³	48,589	20,005,000	47,904	12,277,000	47,052	7,728,000

¹Services benefits began July 1, 1966. Reimbursements during July-December 1966 included with reimbursements for 1967.

²Reimbursement data refer to 18-month period, July 1966—December 1967.

³Enrollment data as of January 1.

Source: U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Social Security Administration, Office of Research and Statistics, Division of OASDI Statistics, records.

Table 177.—UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION: 1960 TO 1974

Calendar year	Total covered workers	Total covered workers as percent of total employed	Total covered wages (\$1,000)	Average weekly benefits (dollars)	Maximum benefit amount ¹ (dollars)
1960	199,571	88	858,903	29.54	45
1961	199,352	86	900,830	33.49	55
1962	206,203	88	967,353	36.94	55
1963	210,150	88	1,023,866	37.45	55
1964	217,216	88	1,109,450	38.10	55
1965	228,913	88	1,217,321	39.07	55
1966	241,752	89	1,373,801	43.23	62
1967	251,618	89	1,490,156	48.63	66
1968	264,602	89	1,677,945	48.02	68
1969	284,704	90	1,958,177	51.46	72
1970	302,388	90	2,243,904	58.59	79
1971	309,901	90	2,377,785	63.55	86
1972	321,751	91	2,569,928	65.80	90
1973	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	67.78	93
1974	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	98

NA Not available.

¹Effective in calendar year 1966, the maximum weekly benefit amount became two-thirds of the Statewide average weekly wages in the preceding fiscal year.

Source: Hawaii State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, records.

Table 178.—HAWAII STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM: 1926 TO 1973

Year	Membership, March 31 ¹	Pensioners, March 31 ¹	Assets, June 30 (\$1,000)	Total benefits paid ² (\$1,000)	Administration expenses ² (\$1,000)
1926 ³	2,028	84	125	42	17
1930	4,524	174	2,666	185	23
1940	8,352	274	10,958	395	28
1950	16,120	824	52,549	1,460	108
1960	24,092	1,971	141,162	4,071	176
1966	31,492	3,611	257,504	10,323	219
1967	33,764	4,176	282,388	13,287	245
1968	35,370	4,625	316,038	15,257	253
1969	36,445	5,169	351,771	22,651	294
1970	38,912	5,641	388,561	22,822	337
1971	42,262	6,069	435,464	25,665	419
1972	43,736	6,667	489,437	31,359	479
1973	44,471	7,343	545,465	37,602	426

¹June 30 for 1926-1960.

²Year ended June 30. Benefits data exclude Pensioners' Bonus and Social Security.

³The System began operations January 1, 1926.

Source: Hawaii State Employees' Retirement System *48th Annual Report, June 30, 1973* (Publication No. 45), p. 17.

Table 179.—ALOHA UNITED FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES: 1967 TO 1973

Year	Support and revenue (\$)		Expenditures (\$)	
	Total	Campaign contributions ¹	Total	Allocations to agencies
1967 ²	3,450,332	3,553,920	3,101,230	2,880,984
1968	4,013,848	3,835,104	3,499,445	3,266,414
1969	3,975,406	4,036,075	3,892,922	3,605,892
1970	4,377,883	4,507,229	4,277,561	3,963,195
1971	4,714,072	4,862,764	4,615,511	4,265,374
1972	4,749,399	5,007,611	4,682,606	4,308,488
1973	4,829,529	5,076,425	4,805,589	4,412,466

¹Before adjustment for uncollective allowance.

²Earliest full year available. The Aloha United Fund was granted status as a non-profit corporation on March 10, 1966, as the successor to the Honolulu Community Chest.

Source: Aloha United Fund, *Annual Report, 1967-1973*.