

# ELECTIONS

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

More than 343,400 persons were registered to vote in the general election of November 1974, and more than 272,500 actually voted. The number voting amounted to 45.4 percent of the 571,000 Hawaii residents of voting age at that time. The latter figure includes 56,000 aliens, 1,000 inmates of mental and penal institutions, and 88,000 members of the armed forces and their dependents, groups that are either ineligible or unlikely to vote in Island elections. Among eligible voters, females outnumbered males, persons of Japanese ancestry outnumbered Caucasians, and Democrats were more numerous than Republicans. The State Legislature, in contrast, was predominantly male, Japanese, and Democratic.

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. The minimum voting age is 18 years.

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: 1974*, Section 15.

**Table 177.—REGISTERED VOTERS AND VOTES CAST, FOR PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS: 1950 TO 1974**

Year	Primary election			General election		
	Registered voters	Votes cast	Percent of pop. voting <sup>1</sup>	Registered voters	Votes cast	Percent of pop. voting <sup>1</sup>
1950	134,807	91,396	19.1	141,319	118,704	24.8
1952	135,485	100,567	21.9	148,717	130,345	28.3
1954	149,941	113,726	24.3	160,865	142,485	30.5
1956	159,995	117,676	23.5	170,258	151,968	30.3
1958	164,703	118,056	21.5	175,317	154,293	28.0
1959	174,335	147,078	26.0	183,118	171,383	30.3
1960	190,504	139,049	23.9	202,059	188,206	32.3
1962	212,861	172,401	28.5	221,650	200,441	33.2
1964	228,230	156,324	24.9	239,361	214,694	34.3
1966	245,307	175,049	26.7	253,242	220,137	33.5
1968	265,253	166,271	24.5	274,199	239,765	35.4
1970	282,472	202,401	28.1	291,681	247,740	34.4
1972	326,906	203,160	26.6	337,837	286,593	37.5
1974	333,527	235,982	29.8	343,404	272,545	34.4
COUNTIES:						
1974						
Hawaii	35,727	25,874	35.9	36,865	31,214	43.3
Maui	25,269	18,634	36.0	25,907	21,100	40.7
Honolulu	256,097	178,729	28.1	263,849	205,903	32.3
Kauai	16,434	12,745	40.5	16,783	14,328	45.5

<sup>1</sup>Based on estimated resident civilian population (including military dependents) as of July 1, from the Hawaii State Department of Planning and Economic Development, Statistical Report 95 (May 2, 1973), table 1, and Statistical Report 106 (February 24, 1975), table 2.

Source: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, *Voter Registration Program 1970* (Dec. 28, 1970), pp. 34-35, and *Result of Votes Cast* for primary and general elections of 1972 and 1974.

**Table 178.—SEX AND PARTY OF REGISTERED VOTERS, BY COUNTY: NOVEMBER 5, 1974**

Sex or party	State total	Hawaii County	Maui County	City & Co. of Honolulu	Kauai County
Total	343,404	36,865	25,907	263,849	16,783
Sex:					
Male	171,072	18,460	13,082	130,935	8,595
Female	172,332	18,405	12,825	132,914	8,188
Party:					
Democratic	190,270	18,627	16,098	144,379	11,166
Republican	47,815	4,390	2,456	39,283	1,686
People's	18	—	—	18	—
Non-partisan	154	—	—	154	—
Non-affiliated	105,147	13,848	7,353	80,015	3,931

Source: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, *Result of Votes Cast, General Election, Tuesday, November 5, 1974, State of Hawaii*, p. 89.

**Table 179.—ETHNIC STOCK OF REGISTERED VOTERS: AUG.-OCT. 1974**

Subject	Intending to vote in Democratic primary		All eligible voters: poll of Oct. 21-23, 1974
	Poll of Aug. 24-28, 1974	Poll of Sept. 20-24, 1974	
Persons interviewed <sup>1</sup> .....	574	1,197	607
Registered Democrats .....	474	926	( <sup>2</sup> )
Independents .....	100	271	( <sup>2</sup> )
Ethnic stock (percent) <sup>3</sup> .....	100.0	100.0	100.0
Japanese .....	40.2	41.5	36.7
Caucasian .....	24.4	23.1	32.5
Filipino .....	13.9	14.1	7.9
Hawaiian or Part Hawaiian .....	8.5	8.2	9.9
Chinese .....	6.6	6.5	7.4
Others and not reported .....	6.3	6.5	5.6

<sup>1</sup>Interviews were conducted on Oahu, Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai, but not Molokai or Lanai. For further discussion, see Gerry Keir, "State Race Doesn't Look Close," *Honolulu Advertiser*, Oct. 29, 1974, pp. A-1 and A-4.

<sup>2</sup>Not available. In response to the question, "Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or what?" answers were: Democrats, 249 (41.0 percent), Republicans, 134 (22.1 percent), independents, 171 (28.2 percent), and did not know, 53 (8.7 percent).

<sup>3</sup>Response to the question, "According to the last Federal census there are five major ethnic groups in Hawaii. Which one best describes your own ancestry? (1) Caucasian, (2) Japanese, (3) Filipino, (4) Hawaiian or Part Hawaiian, (5) Chinese, (6) other."

Source: Sample surveys designed by Gerry Keir, City Editor, *Honolulu Advertiser*, and conducted by Surveys of Hawaii. Data supplied by Gerry Keir, Nov. 18, 1974.

**Table 180.—POPULATION OF VOTING AGE AND PERCENT VOTING: NOVEMBER 1960 TO 1974**  
 (Resident population 20 years old and over through 1970 and 18 years and over in 1972 and later years. Includes armed forces stationed in Hawaii.)

Year (Nov.)	Persons of voting age	Percent casting votes		Subject	Persons of voting age
		For Presidential Electors	For U.S. Representatives		
1960 .....	371,000	49.7	49.2	Age, 1974:	
1962 .....	390,000	...	49.9	18 to 24 years .....	125,000
1964 .....	404,000	51.3	56.9	25 to 44 years .....	228,000
1966 .....	417,000	...	49.9	45 to 64 years .....	164,000
1968 .....	439,000	53.8	55.3	65 years and over .....	54,000
1970 .....	473,000	...	44.0		
1972 .....	536,000	50.4	51.3	Status, 1974:	
1974 .....	571,000	...	45.4	Aliens .....	56,000
				Institutionalized <sup>1</sup> .....	1,000
				Citizens, noninstitutional .....	514,000
				Military and dependents ...	88,000
				Civilians <sup>2</sup> .....	426,000

<sup>1</sup>Voting-age inmates of Hawaii State Hospital, Waimano Training School and Hospital, and the Hawaii State Prison System.

<sup>2</sup>Excludes military dependents.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Projections of the Population of Voting Age, for States: November 1974," *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, No. 526, September 1974; U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, records; Hawaii State Department of Health, *Statistical Report, 1972*, p. 164; Hawaii State Hospital, records; Hawaii State Department of Social Services and Housing, Corrections Division, records; Hawaii State Department of Planning and Economic Development, *Statistical Report 104* (August 20, 1974), p. 3; Office of the Lieutenant Governor, *Result of Votes Cast, General Election, Tuesday, November 5, 1974, State of Hawaii*.

**Table 181.—PARTY MEMBERSHIP OF THE TERRITORIAL AND STATE LEGISLATURES: 1951 TO 1975**

Regular session	House of Representatives				Senate			
	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Vacant seats	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Vacant seats
1951 .....	30	9	21	—	15	6	9	—
1953 .....	30	11	19	—	15	7	8	—
1955 .....	30	22	8	—	15	9	6	—
1957 .....	30	18	12	—	15	12	3	—
1959: Terr. ....	51	33	18	—	25	16	9	—
State .....	51	33	18	—	25	11	14	—
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 .....	51	38	12	1	25	17	8	—
1971 .....	51	34	17	—	25	16	8	1
1973 .....	51	35	16	—	25	17	8	—
1975 .....	51	35	16	—	25	18	7	—
COUNTRIES:								
1975								
Hawaii .....	5	5	—	—	3	2	1	—
Maui .....	4	2	2	—	2	2	—	—
Honolulu .....	39	25	14	—	19	13	6	—
Kauai .....	3	3	—	—	1	1	—	—

Source: *Session Laws of Hawaii, 1951-1973*; *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, Nov. 6, 1974.

Table 182.—COMPOSITION OF THE 1975 HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE

Subject	House of Representatives			Senate		
	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Total	Democrats	Republicans
All members .....	51	35	16	25	18	7
County:						
Hawaii .....	5	5	0	3	2	1
Maui .....	4	2	2	2	2	0
Honolulu .....	39	25	14	19	13	6
Kauai .....	3	3	0	1	1	0
Sex:						
Male .....	45	33	12	21	16	5
Female .....	6	2	4	4	2	2
Year born:						
1914 or earlier .....	1	1	0	2	2	0
1915 to 1924 .....	10	6	4	8	6	2
1925 to 1934 .....	20	12	8	12	8	4
1935 to 1944 .....	18	14	4	3	2	1
1945 or later .....	2	2	0	0	0	0
Ethnic stock:						
Caucasian, exc. Portuguese .....	10	6	4	6	2	4
Chinese .....	3	2	1	5	4	1
Filipino .....	1	1	0	0	0	0
Hawaiian (unmixed) .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Japanese .....	25	21	4	10	9	1
Korean .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negro .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portuguese .....	2	0	2	0	0	0
Puerto Rican .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Samoan .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other unmixed .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mixed: Part Hawaiian .....	7	4	3	3	2	1
Mixed: Non-Hawaiian .....	3	1	2	1	1	0

Source: Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

**Table 183.—VOTES CAST FOR MAJOR OFFICES: 1966 TO 1974**

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 .....	—
November 5, 1974:						
Governor .....	Ariyoshi .....	136,262	Crossley .....	113,388	None .....	—
U.S. Senator .....	Inouye .....	207,454	.....	—	Kimmel <sup>4</sup> .....	42,767
U.S. Representative, Dist. 1 .....	Matsunaga .....	71,552	Paul .....	49,065	None .....	—
U.S. Representative, Dist. 2 .....	Mink .....	86,916	Coray .....	51,894	None .....	—

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

<sup>2</sup>American Independent.

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

<sup>4</sup>People's.

Source: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, *Result of Votes Cast, General Election, State of Hawaii* for 1966-1974.

**Table 184.—LEGISLATIVE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS, BY DISPOSITION: 1970 TO 1975**

Action	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
<b>House bills:</b>						
Carried over <sup>1</sup> .....	1,105	—	1,543	—	1,915	—
Introduced .....	903	1,635	985	2,043	1,054	1,990
Passed .....	120	92	116	128	176	137
Vetoed .....	6	7	5	9	7	5
Became law .....	114	85	111	119	169	132
<b>Senate bills:</b>						
Carried over <sup>1</sup> .....	1,002	—	1,192	—	1,227	—
Introduced .....	873	1,315	791	1,319	840	1,733
Passed .....	94	123	103	92	80	70
Vetoed .....	1	2	7	3	6	2
Became law .....	93	121	96	89	74	68
<b>House resolutions:</b>						
Introduced .....	412	446	430	534	528	831
Approved .....	273	251	190	207	232	377
<b>House concurrent resolutions:</b>						
Introduced .....	126	106	58	123	77	149
Approved .....	38	25	15	17	16	35
<b>Senate resolutions:</b>						
Introduced .....	359	350	344	318	320	455
Approved .....	273	242	239	182	237	237
<b>Senate concurrent resolutions:<sup>2</sup></b>						
Introduced .....	83	60	60	68	58	152
Approved .....	46	24	24	25	28	31

<sup>1</sup>From the preceding year.

<sup>2</sup>At the special session of 1974, two Senate resolutions were adopted.

Source: Legislative Reference Bureau, records.