

SECTION 14

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 included 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 slightly outnumbered males, persons of Japanese ancestry outnumbered Caucasians, and Democrats were far more numerous than Republicans. The State Legislature, with 76 members, included 66 males, 35 persons of Japanese ancestry, and 53 Democrats.

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.

In its 1975 session, the State Legislature considered 3,723 bills; 207 were passed and 200 became law. The Legislature also considered 1,587 resolutions, of which 680 were approved.

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; a revised edition is being prepared. National statistics appear in the *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1975*, Section 15.

**Table 182.—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 ¹	Registered voters	Votes cast	Percent of pop. voting ¹
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

¹Based 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 183.—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 184.—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 ¹	574	1,197	607
Registered Democrats	474	926	(²)
Independents	100	271	(²)
Ethnic stock (percent) ³	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

¹Interviews 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.

²Not 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).

³Response 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 185.—POPULATION OF VOTING AGE AND PERCENT VOTING: NOVEMBER 1960 TO 1976
 (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, 1976:	
1962	390,000	...	49.9	18 to 24 years	142,000
1964	404,000	51.3	56.9	25 to 44 years	230,000
1966	417,000	...	49.9	45 to 64 years	168,000
1968	439,000	53.8	55.3	65 years and over	61,000
1970	473,000	...	44.0	Status, 1976:	
1972	536,000	50.4	51.3	Aliens	53,000
1974	574,000	...	45.2	Citizens	547,000
1976	600,000	(NA)	(NA)	Military and dependents ...	82,000
				Institutionalized ¹	1,000
				Non-inst. civilian ²	464,000

NA Not available.

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

²Excludes military dependents.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Projections of the Population of Voting Age for States: November 1976," *Current Population Reports*, Series P-25, No. 626, May 1976, tables 1, 2, 4 and 5; Hawaii State Department of Health, *Statistical Report, 1974*, pp. 121 and 135; Hawaii State Department of Social Services and Housing, Corrections Division, records; Hawaii State Department of Planning and Economic Development, *Statistical Report 109* (August 22, 1975), p. 3.

Table 186.—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	—
COUNTIES: 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 187.—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 188.—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 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 .....	...
November 5, 1974:						
Governor	Ariyoshi	136,262	Crossley	113,388	None .....	...
U.S. Senator	Inouye	207,454	.....	...	Kimmel ⁴	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 .....	...

¹Two elected at large.

²American Independent.

³Peace and Freedom.

⁴People's.

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

Table 189.—LEGISLATIVE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS, BY DISPOSITION: 1970 TO 1976

Action	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
House bills:							
Carried over ¹	1,105	—	1,543	—	1,915	—	1,854
Introduced	903	1,635	985	2,043	1,054	1,990	1,468
Passed	120	92	116	128	176	137	143
Vetoed	6	7	5	9	7	5	7
Became law	114	85	111	119	169	132	136
Senate bills:							
Carried over ¹	1,002	—	1,192	—	1,227	—	1,663
Introduced	873	1,315	791	1,319	840	1,733	1,285
Passed	94	123	103	92	80	70	108
Vetoed	1	2	7	3	6	2	2
Became law	93	121	96	89	74	68	106
House resolutions:							
Introduced	412	446	430	534	528	831	709
Approved	273	251	190	207	232	377	455
House concurrent resolutions:							
Introduced	126	106	58	123	77	149	124
Approved	38	25	15	17	16	35	38
Senate resolutions:							
Introduced	359	350	344	318	320	455	469
Approved	273	242	239	182	237	237	259
Senate concurrent resolutions:²							
Introduced	83	60	60	68	58	152	123
Approved	46	24	24	25	28	31	59

¹From the preceding year.

²At the special session of 1974, two Senate resolutions were adopted.

Source: Legislative Reference Bureau, records.