

# ELECTIONS

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

More than 363,000 persons were registered to vote in the general election of November 1976, and more than 309,000 actually voted. The number voting amounted to 49 percent of the 600,000 Hawaii residents of voting age at that time. The latter figure included 53,000 aliens, 1,000 inmates of mental and penal institutions, and 83,000 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 1977 State Legislature, with 76 members, included 67 males, 26 persons under 40 years of age, 34 persons of Japanese ancestry, and 59 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 1976 session, the State Legislature considered 3,517 bills; 251 were passed and 242 became law. The Legislature also considered 1,425 resolutions, of which 811 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. National statistics appear in the *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1976*, Section 15.

**Table 202. — REGISTERED VOTERS AND VOTES CAST, FOR PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS: 1966 TO 1976**

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>
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	26.4	337,837	286,593	37.3
1974.....	333,527	235,982	29.6	343,404	272,545	34.2
1976.....	353,249	251,457	30.3	363,045	<sup>2</sup> 309,025	37.2
COUNTIES: 1976						
Hawaii .....	38,625	28,782	37.6	39,760	34,532	45.1
Maui .....	28,793	19,653	34.2	29,743	24,601	42.8
Honolulu.....	268,110	189,267	28.6	275,479	234,088	35.3
Kauai .....	17,721	13,755	40.5	18,063	15,804	46.5

<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, *The Population of Hawaii* (annual report).

<sup>2</sup>Excludes 64 unregistered votes cast (overseas and nonresident).

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 later years.

**Table 203. — SEX AND PARTY OF REGISTERED VOTERS, BY COUNTIES: NOVEMBER 2, 1976**

Sex or Party	State total	Hawaii County	Maui County	City and County of Honolulu	Kauai County
Total .....	363,045	39,760	29,743	275,479	18,063
Sex:					
Male .....	180,265	19,923	14,951	136,273	9,118
Female .....	182,780	19,837	14,792	139,206	8,945
Party:					
Democratic .....	215,321	22,497	17,452	163,192	12,180
Republican.....	41,849	4,863	2,420	33,190	1,376
Non-partisan .....	273	5	17	237	14
People's .....	88	10	10	64	4
Independents for					
Godly Government .....	16	1	4	11	—
Libertarian.....	34	—	1	33	—
Non-affiliated .....	105,464	12,384	9,839	78,752	4,489

Source: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, *Result of Votes Cast, General Election, Tuesday, November 2, 1976, State of Hawaii*, p. 134.

**Table 204. — 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 205. — 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		
1972.....	536,000	50.4	51.3	Status, 1976:	
1974.....	574,000	...	45.2	Aliens.....	53,000
1976.....	600,000	48.6	49.0	Citizens.....	547,000
				Military and dependents.....	83,000
				Institutionalized <sup>1</sup> ..	1,000
				Non-inst. civilian <sup>2</sup> ..	463,000

<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 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; Office of the Lt. Gov., *Result of Votes Cast, General Election, Tuesday, November 2, 1976*, p. 2.**Table 206. — PARTY MEMBERSHIP OF STATE LEGISLATURES: 1967 TO 1977**

Regular session	House of Representatives				Senate			
	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Vacant seats	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Vacant seats
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	—
1977 <sup>1</sup> .....	51	41	10	—	25	18	7	—
COUNTIES:								
1977								
Hawaii.....	5	5	—	—	3	2	1	—
Maui.....	4	4	—	—	2	2	—	—
Honolulu <sup>1</sup> .....	39	29	10	—	19	13	6	—
Kauai.....	3	3	—	—	1	1	—	—

<sup>1</sup>Forty Democrats and 11 Republicans were elected to the House of Representatives in the general election of November 1976. In January 1977, however, one Oahu Republican changed his affiliation to Democrat.Source: *Session Laws of Hawaii, 1967-1975*; Office of the Lieutenant Governor, records.

**Table 207. — COMPOSITION OF THE 1977 HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE**

Subject	House of Representatives			Senate		
	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Total	Democrats	Republicans
All members .....	51	41	10	25	18	7
County:						
Hawaii .....	5	5	—	3	2	1
Maui .....	4	4	—	2	2	—
Honolulu .....	39	29	10	19	13	6
Kauai .....	3	3	—	1	1	—
Sex:						
Male .....	46	39	7	21	16	5
Female .....	5	2	3	4	2	2
Year born:						
1916 or earlier .....	1	1	—	4	3	1
1917 to 1926 .....	10	8	2	8	7	1
1927 to 1936 .....	16	12	4	11	7	4
1937 to 1946 .....	19	16	3	2	1	1
1947 or later .....	5	4	1	—	—	—
Ethnic stock:						
Caucasian, exc. Portuguese ...	9	7	2	5	2	3
Chinese .....	2	1	1	5	4	1
Filipino .....	2	2	—	—	—	—
Hawaiian (unmixed) .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Japanese .....	23	22	1	11	10	1
Korean .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Negro .....	1	1	—	—	—	—
Portuguese .....	1	—	1	1	—	1
Puerto Rican .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Samoan .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mixed: Part-Hawaiian .....	7	5	2	2	1	1
Mixed: Non-Hawaiian .....	6	3	3	1	1	—

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Source: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, information supplied March 23, 1977.

**Table 208. — VOTES CAST FOR MAJOR OFFICES: 1966 TO 1976**

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, D....	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, D....	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 .....	...
November 2, 1976:						
President .....	Carter .....	147,375	Ford .....	140,003	MacBride <sup>5</sup> .	3,923
U.S. Senator .....	Matsunaga...	162,305	Quinn .....	122,724	Others <sup>6</sup> ...	17,063
U.S. Representative, Dist. 1 ...	Heftel .....	60,050	Rohlfing .....	53,745	Hoshijo <sup>7</sup> ..	23,807
U.S. Representative, Dist. 2 ...	Akaka .....	124,116	Inouye, H. ...	23,917	Others <sup>8</sup> ...	8,066

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

<sup>2</sup>American Independent.

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

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

<sup>5</sup>Libertarian.

<sup>6</sup>Hodges (People's), 14,226; Kimmel (Nonpartisan), 1,433; Johnson (Libertarian), 1,404.

<sup>7</sup>Independents for Godly Government.

<sup>8</sup>Penarozza (Independents for Godly Government), 3,461; Cate (People's), 2,408; Smith (Libertarian), 2,197.

Source: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, *Result of Votes Cast, General Election, State of Hawaii* (biennial).

**Table 209. — LEGISLATIVE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS, BY DISPOSITION: 1975 TO 1977**

Action	1975	1976	1977	
			Regular	Special
<b>House bills:</b>				
Carried over from previous year .....	—	1,854	—	—
Introduced .....	1,990	1,468	1,765	16
Passed .....	137	143	149	16
Vetoed .....	5	7	4	—
Became law .....	132	136	145	16
<b>Senate bills:</b>				
Carried over from previous year .....	—	1,663	—	—
Introduced .....	1,733	1,285	1,532	5
Passed .....	70	108	78	5
Vetoed .....	2	2	11	—
Became law .....	68	106	67	5
<b>House resolutions:</b>				
Introduced .....	831	709	767	—
Approved .....	377	455	538	—
<b>House concurrent resolutions:</b>				
Introduced .....	149	124	140	—
Approved .....	35	38	39	—
<b>Senate resolutions:</b>				
Introduced .....	455	469	523	—
Approved .....	237	259	308	—
<b>Senate concurrent resolutions:</b>				
Introduced .....	152	123	175	—
Approved .....	31	59	47	—

Source: Legislative Reference Bureau, records.