

Section 14

ELECTIONS

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

More than 395,000 persons were registered to vote in the general election of November 7, 1978, and more than 292,000 actually voted. The number voting amounted to 46 percent of the 637,000 Hawaii residents of voting age at that time. The latter figure included numerous aliens, inmates of mental and penal institutions, and members of the armed forces and their dependents, groups that are either ineligible or unlikely to vote in Island elections. Among registered voters, females slightly outnumbered males and Democrats were far more numerous than Republicans.

A constitutional convention was convened on July 5, 1978. In the election for delegates to this convention, about 119,000 persons cast ballots out of 345,000 registered to vote. All of the constitutional amendments proposed by the convention were subsequently approved by the electorate.

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.

The 1979 State Legislature, with 76 members, included 66 males, 25 persons under 40 years of age, 36 persons of Japanese ancestry, 11 persons born in places other than Hawaii, and 60 Democrats.

In its 1978 session, the State Legislature considered 5,501 bills; 248 were passed and 239 became law. The Legislature also considered 1,521 resolutions, of which 875 were approved.

The official results of primary, general, and special elections are published by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Additional information is often available from the various County Clerks. In October 1978, the Department of Planning and Economic Development issued its Statistical Report 127, Potential Voters in Hawaii, November 1978. Characteristics of individual precincts are described in 1976 Hawaii Voting Behavior, compiled by Daniel W. Tuttle, Jr., and published by the Public Affairs Advisory Services, Inc., on May 31, 1978. Earlier figures for Hawaii appear in Historical Statistics of Hawaii, Section 24. National statistics appear in the Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1978, Section 16.

Table 216.-- POPULATION OF VOTING AGE AND PERCENT VOTING: NOVEMBER
1960 TO 1978

[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 Presi- dential Electors	For U.S. Represent- atives		
1960	371,000	49.7	49.2	Age, 1978:	
1962	390,000	...	49.9	18 to 24 years	146,000
1964	404,000	51.3	56.9	25 to 44 years	248,000
1966	417,000	...	49.9	45 to 64 years	177,000
1968	439,000	53.8	55.3	65 years and over	67,000
1970	473,000	...	44.0		
1972	536,000	50.4	51.3	Race, 1978:	
1974	574,000	...	45.2	White	246,000
1976	605,000	48.2	48.5	Black	10,000
1978	637,000	...	39.8	Other	381,000

Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census, "Projections of the Population
of Voting Age for States: November 1978." Current Population Reports,
Series P-25, No. 732, September 1978; Office of the Lieutenant Governor,
records.

Table 217.-- CITIZENS 18 YEARS OLD AND OVER REPORTED REGISTERED AND VOTING, BY RACE AND ETHNIC ORIGIN, FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU: NOVEMBER 1976

[Based on a sample of 2,291 households and subject to considerable sampling variation. For standard errors, see source.]

Race and ethnic origin <u>1/</u>	U.S. citizen						Percent of citizens reported--			
	Total citizens	Reported registered		Reported voted		Not a U.S. citizen	Registered		Voted	
		Total	In this jurisdiction	Total	In this jurisdiction		Total	In this jurisdiction	Total	In this jurisdiction
All races <u>2/</u>	447,266	305,679	272,496	276,675	254,997	42,982	68.3	60.9	61.9	57.0
White	164,132	110,894	85,551	97,753	80,545	3,733	67.6	52.1	59.6	49.1
Black	7,360	2,789	1,270	1,704	1,270	-	37.9	17.3	23.2	17.3
American Indian	8,052	4,038	2,662	3,530	2,588	331	50.1	33.1	43.8	32.1
Chinese	51,606	37,937	37,285	35,379	34,836	4,554	73.5	72.2	68.6	67.5
Japanese	136,053	98,580	96,278	91,232	89,839	10,043	72.5	70.8	67.1	66.0
Filipino	35,241	23,428	22,596	21,177	20,743	15,110	66.5	64.1	60.1	58.9
Korean	7,008	4,855	4,855	4,452	4,452	3,506	69.3	69.3	63.5	63.5
Other races	37,814	23,158	21,999	21,448	20,724	5,705	61.2	58.2	56.7	54.8
Spanish heritage <u>3/</u>	11,187	5,891	4,357	4,798	3,955	956	52.7	38.9	42.9	35.4
Spanish origin <u>4/</u>	17,795	9,192	7,587	8,099	7,041	551	51.7	42.6	45.5	39.6

1/ Treatment of part Hawaiians and other persons of mixed race not indicated in source.

2/ The number of voters in this jurisdiction, based on election returns rather than survey results, was 234,088, or 52.3 percent of the citizens 18 years of age and older; the survey thus overstated voter participation by 20,909.

3/ Persons who reported that Spanish was the language usually spoken in their homes when they were children, or persons in families in which the husband or wife reported Spanish as his or her mother tongue.

4/ Persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish origin or descent.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Registration and Voting in November 1976 -- Jurisdictions Covered by the Voting Rights Act Amendments of 1975," Current Population Reports, Special Studies, Series P-23, No. 74, September 1978, pp. 6, 15, and 22.

Table 218.-- REGISTERED VOTERS AND VOTES CAST IN PRIMARY,
GENERAL, AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS: 1968 TO 1978

Type and date of election	Registered voters <u>1/</u>			Votes cast		Percent of civilian population <u>2/</u>	
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Number	Percent of reg. voters	Registered	Voting
Primary elections:							
1968: Oct. 5	265,253	...	...	166,271	62.7	39.2	24.5
1970: Oct. 3	282,472	...	...	202,401	71.7	39.1	28.0
1972: Oct. 7	326,906	...	...	203,160	62.1	42.4	26.3
1974: Oct. 5	333,527	...	...	235,982	70.8	41.8	29.6
1976: Oct. 2	353,249	175,276	177,973	251,457	71.2	42.8	30.5
1978: Oct. 7	387,673	190,796	196,877	289,029	74.6	46.1	34.4
General elections:							
1968: Nov. 5	274,199	137,863	136,302	239,765	87.4	40.5	35.4
1970: Nov. 3	291,681	146,630	145,051	247,740	84.9	40.4	34.3
1972: Nov. 7	337,837	169,896	167,941	286,593	84.8	43.8	37.2
1974: Nov. 5	343,404	171,072	172,332	272,545	79.4	43.0	34.2
1976: Nov. 2 <u>3/</u>	363,045	180,265	182,780	309,025	85.1	44.0	37.4
1978: Nov. 7	395,262	194,412	200,850	292,690	74.0	47.0	34.8
Special elections: <u>4/</u>							
1968: June 1	242,827	...	...	110,370	45.5	35.8	16.3
1978: May 20	344,952	169,787	175,165	119,250	34.6	41.1	14.2

1/ Data by sex not available for primary elections before 1976 and the Constitutional Convention election of 1968. Data by sex for November 5, 1968 do not add exactly to the published total.

2/ Based on official estimates as of July 1.

3/ Number voting excludes 64 unregistered votes cast (overseas and nonresident).

4/ Constitutional Conventions of 1968 and 1978.

Source: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Result of Votes Cast for each election. Registered voters by sex for the 1968 general election from unpublished data.

Table 219.-- PARTY OF VOTERS REGISTERED FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS: 1970 TO 1978

General election	All registered voters	Democratic	Republican	Other parties	Non-partisan	Non-affiliated
1970: Nov. 3 ^{1/}	291,681	133,479	36,787	-	-	121,415
1972: Nov. 7	337,837	171,374	46,890	-	-	119,573
1974: Nov. 5	343,404	190,270	47,815	18	154	105,147
1976: Nov. 2	363,045	215,321	41,849	138	273	105,464
1978: Nov. 7	395,262	241,456	37,663	400	552	115,191

^{1/} Earliest year available.

Source: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Result of Votes Cast, General Election, State of Hawaii for 1970 (p. 79), 1972 (p. 98), 1974 (p. 89), 1976 (p. 134), and 1978 (p. 157).

Table 220.-- REGISTERED VOTERS AND VOTES CAST IN PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS,
BY COUNTIES: 1978

Election and county	Registered voters			Votes cast		Percent of civilian population <u>1/</u>	
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Number	Percent of reg. voters	Registered	Voting
PRIMARY ELECTION							
State total .	387,673	190,796	196,877	289,029	74.6	46.1	34.4
Hawaii	41,149	20,491	20,658	30,875	75.0	51.0	38.3
Maui	31,552	15,724	15,828	23,409	74.2	51.4	38.1
Honolulu	295,581	144,871	150,710	219,379	74.2	44.5	33.1
Kauai	19,391	9,710	9,681	15,366	79.2	56.2	44.5
GENERAL ELECTION							
State total .	395,262	194,412	200,850	292,690	74.0	47.0	34.8
Hawaii	41,837	20,820	21,017	32,852	78.5	51.8	40.7
Maui	32,002	15,924	16,078	24,184	75.6	52.1	39.4
Honolulu	301,758	147,824	153,934	219,584	72.8	45.5	33.1
Kauai	19,665	9,844	9,821	16,070	81.7	57.0	46.6

1/ Based on July 1 estimate.

Source: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Result of Votes Cast, for each election.

Table 221.— VOTES CAST FOR CANDIDATES FOR MAJOR OFFICES: PRIMARY ELECTION, OCTOBER 7, 1978

Office, party, and candidate	Votes
GOVERNOR	
Democrat:	
George R. Ariyoshi	130,527
Frank F. Fasi	126,903
Billy Kuaiwa	1,363
Valentine Huihui	685
Republican:	
John Leopold	20,524
Valentine K. Wessel, Sr.	1,093
Gabriel Juarez, Jr.	799
Aloha Democratic:	
John Moore	95
Libertarian:	
Gregory Reeser	55
Non-Partisan:	
Alema Leota	236
Frank Pore, Jr.	168
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	
Democrat:	
Jean Sadako King	72,279
Wayne K. Nishiki	70,582
Billie Beamer	59,600
David C. McClung	28,031
Van Diamond	20,581
William Masao Toyama	1,216
Virginia Teipel	1,002
James Silva	772
Mildred W. Shimabuku	630
Republican:	
Virginia Isbell	10,020
Lionel Kaipo Hanakahi	4,794
Richard E. Mello	4,346
Aloha Democratic:	
Lewis Goldstein	89
Libertarian:	
Lloyd George Silva	52
Non-Partisan:	
Mamu Taylor	309

Table 221.-- VOTES CAST FOR CANDIDATES FOR MAJOR OFFICES: PRIMARY ELECTION, OCTOBER 7, 1978 -- Cont.

Office, party, and candidate	Votes
REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS, DISTRICT 1	
Democrat:	
Cecil Heftel	92,597
John K. Larson	10,621
Anthony G. Montero	2,817
Republican:	
Bill Spillane	5,998
Spencer James Cabral	3,455
Aloha Democratic:	
Debra Figueroa	27
Libertarian:	
Pete Larsen	33
REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS, DISTRICT 2	
Democrat:	
Daniel K. Akaka	112,704
Republican:	
Charles Isaak	8,658
Libertarian:	
Amelia Lew Fritts	16

Source: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Result of Votes Cast, Primary Election, Saturday, October 7, 1978, State of Hawaii.

Table 222.-- VOTES CAST FOR MAJOR OFFICES: GENERAL ELECTIONS, 1974 TO 1978

Election and office	Democratic party		Republican party		Other parties	
	Candidate	Votes	Candidate	Votes	Candidate	Votes
November 5, 1974:						
Governor	Ariyoshi .	136,262	Crossley .	113,388	None .....	...
U.S. Senator	Inouye, D.	207,454	None .....	...	Kimmel <u>1/</u>	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 <u>2/</u>	3,923
U.S. Senator	Matsunaga	162,305	Quinn	122,724	Others <u>3/</u> .	17,063
U.S. Representative, Dist. 1	Heftel ...	60,050	Rohlfing .	53,745	Hashijo <u>4/</u>	23,807
U.S. Representative, Dist. 2	Akaka	124,116	Inouye, H.	23,917	Others <u>5/</u> .	8,066
November 7, 1978:						
Governor	Ariyoshi .	153,394	Leopold ..	124,610	Others <u>6/</u> .	3,583
U.S. Representative, Dist. 1	Heftel ...	84,552	Spillane .	24,470	Others <u>7/</u> .	6,390
U.S. Representative, Dist. 2	Akaka	118,272	Isaak	15,697	Fritts <u>2/</u> .	3,988

1/ People's.

2/ Libertarian.

3/ Hodges (People's), 14,226; Kimmel (nonpartisan), 1,433; Johnson (Libertarian), 1,404.

4/ Independents for Godly Government.

5/ Penaroza (Independents for Godly Government), 3,461; Cate (People's), 2,408; Smith (Libertarian), 2,197.

6/ Leota (nonpartisan), 1,982; Reeser (Libertarian), 1,059; Moore (Aloha Democratic), 542.

7/ Larsen (Libertarian), 4,295; Figueroa (Aloha Democratic), 2,095.

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

Table 223.--COMPOSITION OF THE 1979 HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE

Subject	House of Representatives			Senate		
	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Total	Democrats	Republicans
All members	51	42	9	25	18	7
Island of residence:						
Hawaii	5	5	-	3	3	-
Maui	4	4	-	2	2	-
Lanai	-	-	-	-	-	-
Molokai	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oahu	39	30	9	19	12	7
Kauai	3	3	-	1	1	-
Niihau	-	-	-	-	-	-
Year born:						
1918 or earlier	2	1	1	3	2	1
1919 to 1928	9	8	1	8	6	2
1929 to 1938	15	11	4	11	7	4
1939 to 1948	15	13	2	3	3	-
1949 or later	10	9	1	-	-	-
Sex:						
Male	44	39	5	22	17	5
Female	7	3	4	3	1	2
Ethnic stock:						
Caucasian, except						
Portuguese	5	4	1	5	3	2
Chinese	2	2	-	3	2	1
Filipino	1	1	-	1	1	-
Hawaiian (unmixed) ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Japanese	25	24	1	11	9	2
Korean	-	-	-	-	-	-
Negro	-	-	-	1	1	-
Portuguese	1	-	1	1	-	1
Puerto Rican	-	-	-	-	-	-
Samoan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other (unmixed)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mixed: Part-Hawaiian	8	6	2	3	2	1
Mixed: Non-Hawaiian	9	5	4	-	-	-
Place of birth:						
Hawaii	44	37	7	21	16	5
Mainland U.S.	6	4	2	4	2	2
U.S. terr. or poss. .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Foreign country	1	1	-	-	-	-

Source: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, records.

Table 224.-- PARTY MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE: 1969 TO 1979

Regular session	House of Representatives				Senate			
	Total	Demo-crats	Repub-licans	Vacant seats	Total	Demo-crats	Repub-licans	Vacant seats
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 <u>1/</u> ..	51	41	10	-	25	18	7	-
1979	51	42	9	-	25	18	7	-

1/ Forty Democrats and 11 Republicans were elected to the House of Representatives in the general election of November 1976. In January 1977, however, one Republican changed his affiliation to Democrat.

Source: Session Laws of Hawaii, 1969-1977; Office of the Lieutenant Governor, records.

Table 225.-- LEGISLATIVE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS, BY DISPOSITION: 1978 AND 1979

Action	1978 regular session		1979 regular session	
	Senate	House	Senate <u>1/</u>	House
Bills:				
Carried over from previous year ..	1,454	1,616	-	-
Introduced	1,092	1,339	1,825	1,759
Enacted	86	162	76	154
Vetoed	3	6	5	9
Became law	83	156	71	145
Resolutions:				
Offered	499	740	517	710
Adopted	336	442	287	397
Concurrent resolutions:				
Offered	132	150	123	183
Adopted	44	53	20	45

1/ Senate Bill 578, which proposes an amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution, was also passed.

Source: Legislative Reference Bureau, records.