

Section 14

ELECTIONS

This section presents data on the number and characteristics of election districts, 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 40 percent of the 631,000 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. All of the constitutional amendments proposed by the convention were subsequently approved by the electorate.

Hawaii has 2 Congressional, 8 Senatorial, 27 Representative, and 12 Councilmanic districts. It also contains 15 Soil Conservation districts, 32 Neighborhood Board areas, and 241 election precincts.

Elective offices in Hawaii include the President, 2 U.S. Senators, 2 U.S. Representatives, the Governor, 25 State Senators, 51 State Representatives, and various county officials. The minimum voting age is 18 years.

The 1980 State Legislature, with 76 members, included 66 males, 30 persons under 40 years of age, 34 persons of Japanese ancestry, 11 persons born in places other than Hawaii, and 60 Democrats.

In its 1979 session, the State Legislature considered 3,584 bills; 230 were passed and 216 became law. The Legislature also considered 1,533 resolutions, of which 749 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: 1979, Section 16.

Table 263.-- NUMBER OF ELECTION DISTRICTS, BY COUNTIES AND ISLANDS:
FEBRUARY 1980

County and island	Senatorial districts	Representative district	Councilmanic districts <u>1/</u>	Soil conservation districts	Neighborhood board areas <u>2/</u>	Precincts
State total	8	27	12	15	32	241
Counties:						
Hawaii	1	4	1	5	-	52
Maui	} 1	2	} 1	5	-	30
Kalawao		-		-	-	1
Honolulu	5	20	9	3	32	145
Kauai	1	1	1	2	-	13
Islands:						
Hawaii	1	4	1	5	-	52
Maui	} 1	2	1	} 4	} -	25
Lanai.....						
Molokai						
Oahu	5	20	9	3	32	145
Kauai	} 1	1	1	2	} -	12
Niihau						
Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.	(0)	(0)	(0)	-	-	(0)

0 Included with Oahu

1/ Although Hawaii and Maui County are not divided into councilmanic districts, council members are elected at large by specific areas.

2/ Includes 4 inactive boards.

Source: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, records.

Table 264.-- POPULATION OF VOTING AGE AND PERCENT VOTING: NOVEMBER 1960 TO 1980

(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. Repre- sentatives		
1960	371,000	49.7	49.2	Age, 1980:	
1962	390,000	...	49.9	18 to 24 years	146,000
1964	404,000	51.3	56.9	25 to 44 years	261,000
1966	417,000	...	49.9	45 to 64 years	176,000
1968	439,000	53.8	55.3	65 years and over ...	74,000
1970	473,000	...	44.0		
1972	536,000	50.4	51.3	Race, 1980:	
1974	574,000	...	45.2	White	244,000
1976	605,000	48.2	48.6	Black	9,000
1978	631,000	...	40.2	Other	404,000
1980	657,000	...	...

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, "Projections of the Population of Voting Age for States; November 1980," Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 879, March 1980.

Table 265.-- ESTIMATED POPULATION AND REGISTERED VOTERS, BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: 1978

Congressional district <u>1/</u>	Resident population: July 1	Registered voters: Nov.	Percent increase, 1970-1978 <u>2/</u>		Percent deviation from State average,	
			Population	Regist. voters	Population	Regist. voters
State	897,000	395,262	16.5	35.5	...	...
First	395,000	177,987	6.3	18.8	-11.8	-9.9
Second	501,000	217,275	25.8	53.1	11.8	9.9

1/ The First District consists of the area southwest of the crest of the Koolau Mountains, between Kalauao Stream and Makapuu Point, and includes Aiea, Hickam Housing, and Honolulu. The Second District includes the remainder of Oahu and the Counties of Hawaii, Kalawao, Kauai, and Maui. See HRS, 1976, Section 18-1.

2/ Based on 1978 boundaries. The boundary between the First and Second Districts was shifted in 1972 from Aiea Stream to Kalauao Stream, thus transferring Aiea from the Second District to the First. Percentages refer to a 99-month period (April 1, 1970 to July 1, 1978) for population and a 96-month period (November 3, 1970 to November 7, 1978) for registered voters.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, U.S. Census of Population and Housing: 1970, Final Report PHC (1)-88, table 1, and "New Census Population Estimates Indicate Extensive Congressional Re-districting After 1980" (Release CB79-137, August 1, 1979); Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Result of Votes Cast, General Election, State of Hawaii for November 3, 1970 and November 7, 1978.

Table 266.-- 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 267.-- 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 268.-- 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 <u>1/</u>	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 269.-- 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 270.— 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 270.-- 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 271.-- 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 272.-- ELECTED OFFICIALS, BY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT:
1967 AND 1977

Level of government	1967	1977
State	89	87
City and County of Honolulu	10	10
Counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui	34	30
Soil and Water Conservation Districts	45	45
Neighborhood Boards	-	299

Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census, 1977 Census of Governments, Vol. 1, No. 2, Popularly Elected Officials, GC77 (1)-2, pp. 10-11, as corrected by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Table 273.-- COMPOSITION OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS: 1894 TO 1978

Characteristic	1894 <u>1/</u>	1950	1968	1978
All delegates	38	63	82	102
Island of residence:				
Oahu	26	36	63	78
Other islands	12	27	19	24
Place of birth:				
Hawaii	19	50	63	71
Other places	17	11	12	31
Not available	2	2	7	-
Age when convention began:				
Under 45 years	16	21	41	64
45 years and over	20	14	41	38
Not available	2	28	-	-
Sex:				
Male	38	58	74	72
Female	-	5	8	30
Ethnic stock:				
Hawaiian or Part Hawaiian	6	9	8	15
Caucasian, except Portuguese .	29	25	19	30
Portuguese	3	5	4	3
Chinese	-	5	7	9
Filipino	-	-	4	2
Japanese	-	19	37	41
Other groups <u>2/</u>	-	-	3	2

1/ Includes 3 persons who served only partial terms (one who resigned on the third day, his replacement, and one excused after the seventeenth day).

2/ Includes persons of mixed race other than Part Hawaiians.

Source: Robert C. Schmitt, "Demographic Characteristics of Hawaii's Constitutional Conventions" (unpublished paper, January 29, 1980).

Table 274.-- COMPOSITION OF THE 1980 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:						
1919 or earlier ...	2	1	1	3	2	1
1920 to 1929	8	7	1	7	5	2
1930 to 1939	14	10	4	12	8	4
1940 to 1949	16	14	2	3	3	-
1950 or later	11	10	1	-	-	-
Sex:						
Male	44	39	5	22	17	5
Female	7	3	4	3	1	2
Ethnic stock:						
Caucasian, except Portuguese	6	5	1	5	3	2
Chinese	2	2	-	3	2	1
Filipino	1	1	-	1	1	-
Japanese	23	22	1	11	9	2
Negro	-	-	-	1	1	-
Portuguese	2	1	1	1	-	1
Other (unmixed) ^{1/}	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-

^{1/} Hawaiian (unmixed), Korean, Puerto Rican, Samoan, and other unspecified groups.

Source: Office of the Lieutenant Governor, records.

Table 275.-- PARTY MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE: 1969 TO 1979

Regular session	House of Representatives				Senate			
	Total	Democrats	Republicans	Vacant seats	Total	Democrats	Republicans	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 276.-- LEGISLATIVE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS, BY DISPOSITION:
1979 AND 1980

Action	1979 regular session		1980 regular session	
	Senate <u>1/</u>	House	Senate <u>2/</u>	House
Bills:				
Carried over from previous year ..	-	-	1,749	1,605
Introduced	1,825	1,759	1,321	1,295
Passed	76	154	116	201
Vetoed	5	9	2	4
Became law	71	145	112	197
Resolutions:				
Offered	517	710	386	633
Adopted	287	397	283	427
Concurrent resolutions:				
Offered	123	183	64	153
Adopted	20	45	18	38

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

2/ Senate Bills 1703 and 1973, which propose amendments to the Hawaii State Constitution, were also passed.

Source: Legislative Reference Bureau, records.