

Section 12 Prices

This section presents indexes of consumer prices in Honolulu and comparisons of Honolulu living costs with those in mainland cities. The Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations is the leading source for this information. Comparable mainland statistics appear in the Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1961, Section 12.

Table 1.-- CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL ITEMS COMBINED, FOR HONOLULU: ANNUAL AVERAGES, 1940 TO 1961, AND FOR SELECTED MONTHS, 1961 AND 1962

(March 1943=100.)

Year	Index	Year	Index	Year	Index	Year and mo.	Index
1940...	77.9	1947...	127.5	1954...	141.8	1961.....	168.4
1941...	82.5	1948...	134.1	1955...	143.8	March...	166.3
1942...	93.4	1949...	132.2	1956...	145.8	June....	168.0
1943...	100.4	1950...	127.7	1957...	151.0	Sept....	169.3
1944...	102.1	1951...	135.7	1958...	157.4	Dec.....	170.2
1945...	104.3	1952...	139.2	1959...	160.5	1962.....	...
1946...	111.3	1953...	140.4	1960...	164.2	March...	170.8

Source: Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, news releases and records; Hawaii Employers Council, The Consumers' Price Index (December 29, 1950). Data for 1940-1942 are unofficial.

PRICES

Table 2.-- CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, BY ITEM, FOR HONOLULU: MARCH 1940 TO MARCH 1962

(March 1943=100.)

Item	March 1962	March 1960	March 1955	March 1950	March 1945	March 1940
All items.....	170.8	163.0	143.6	126.0	103.9	77.1
Food at home.....	179.9	172.2	156.3	133.1	100.7	69.1
Clothing.....	131.9	129.2	118.8	112.9	101.4	69.3
Rent.....	(NA)	136.5	123.3	110.8	99.6	95.0
Fuel, light.....	140.4	138.7	127.4	107.2	100.0	100.0
House furnishings.....	167.1	163.6	140.5	123.0	103.0	73.3
Miscellaneous.....	199.7	185.8	153.1	133.0	110.6	96.7
Transportation.....	224.5	193.7	171.1	128.7	95.6	(NA)
Medical care.....	196.3	188.3	158.9	139.6	110.0	(NA)
Household operation.....	173.4	167.4	143.0	126.4	104.0	(NA)
Recreation.....	192.3	189.4	148.5	136.4	119.8	(NA)
Personal care.....	205.8	182.5	132.7	129.8	120.5	(NA)

NA Not available.

Source: Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, news releases; Hawaii Employers Council, The Consumers' Price Index (December 29, 1950). The 1940 data are unofficial.

Table 3.-- LIVING COSTS IN HONOLULU COMPARED WITH COSTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.: 1951 AND 1959

Year	Honolulu as percent of Washington, D.C.
1951.....	115
1959.....	117.6

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Measuring Comparable Living Costs in Cities of Diverse Characteristics," Monthly Labor Review, October 1956; U.S. Civil Service Commission, Living Costs of Federal Employees in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, 1959 (February 1960).