

Section 6

LAND USE AND OWNERSHIP

General statistics on the use, ownership, and tenure of land appear in this section. Information on specific use or ownership categories is given elsewhere: parks in Section 7, military land in Section 10, agriculture in Section 19, forests in Section 20, and sugar cane land in Section 22.

Considerable caution is necessary in comparing statistics from different sources on land use, ownership, or tenure. Variations in definitions and survey dates seriously affect comparability in many instances, even where terminology is relatively unambiguous and misinterpretation seems unlikely. An example of such difficulties is the wide range in estimates of Federal land, with totals ranging from 339,757 acres to 688,130.

Tabulations by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and General Services Administration, Hawaii State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Hawaii State Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism and its Land Use Commission, City and County of Honolulu Department of Finance, and City and County of Honolulu Planning Department provided the data for this section. *Historical Statistics of Hawaii*, Section 12, contains limited information for earlier years. Statistics for the nation as a whole are available in Sections 6, 7, and 23 of the *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1997*.

Table 6.01-- LAND OWNERSHIP, COVER, OR USE: 1982 TO 1992

[In thousand of acres. Based on sample data and subject to sampling variation. Small differences between reported values accordingly may not be statistically significant]

Land ownership, cover, or use	1982 1/	1987 1/	1992	
			Estimated value	Sampling variation 2/
Total surface area	4,093.3	4,093.3	4,093.3	227.8
LAND OWNERSHIP				
Federal land 3/	350.8	430.4	431.9	131.1
Nonfederal land	3,701.5	3,621.8	3,620.8	236.2
Developed	123.4	128.5	149.8	29.2
Rural	3,578.1	3,493.3	3,471.0	237.7
Water area	41.0	41.1	40.6	22.9
LAND COVER OR USE				
Cropland	303.1	294.1	274.3	43.1
Cultivated	268.2	252.2	228.6	39.3
Noncultivated	34.9	41.9	45.7	20.0
Grazing land	1,019.7	996.6	1,013.4	132.7
Forest land	1,575.3	1,538.4	1,482.5	199.4
Minor land cover/uses	656.8	643.0	680.4	189.0
All other land cover/uses	538.4	621.2	642.7	132.7

1/ Revised from *Data Book 1993-94*, table 6.1.

2/ 95-percent confidence interval, plus or minus.

3/ Includes ceded land; excludes leased land and submerged land.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service), 1992 National Resources Inventory.

**Table 6.02-- LAND USE AND STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF OAHU:
1989 AND 1994**

[1994 figures were revised]

Subject	June 1989: Oahu total	June 1994		
		Oahu total	Honolulu district	Rest of Oahu
LAND USE (IN ACRES)				
All existing uses	375,455	375,146	54,124	321,022
Residential	29,219	31,110	9,798	21,312
Industrial	11,865	8,658	3,788	4,869
Commercial	4,404	4,177	1,523	2,653
Hotel	301	319	132	187
Agriculture	74,229	70,400	300	70,100
Usable vacant	38,218	38,632	2,531	36,101
Other	217,218	221,851	36,051	185,800
STRUCTURES BY YEAR BUILT 1/				
All structures	151,105	160,693	64,259	96,434
Before 1930	7,668	6,777	5,220	1,557
1930 to 1939	9,296	8,537	5,486	3,051
1940 to 1949.	15,548	14,477	8,357	6,120
1950 to 1959	30,314	29,516	14,189	15,327
1960 to 1969	41,366	40,846	15,420	25,426
1970 to 1979	28,210	28,324	8,145	20,179
1980 to 1989	18,703	20,244	5,245	14,999
1990 and later	-	11,972	2,197	9,775
DWELLING UNITS BY TYPE 1/				
All dwelling units	263,203	280,846	150,182	130,664
Single family and duplex	139,904	148,850	57,623	91,227
Low density multi-family	13,592	20,639	1,391	19,248
High density multi-family	109,707	111,357	91,168	20,189

1/ Data exclude structures on military bases.

Source: City and County of Honolulu, Planning Information Branch, records.

**Table 6.03-- LAND USE AND STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF OAHU:
1992 AND 1997**

Subject	June 1992: Oahu total	June 1997		
		Oahu total	Honolulu district	Rest of Oahu
LAND USE (IN ACRES)				
All existing uses	375,220	374,899	54,117	320,783
Residential	30,162	32,109	9,914	22,194
Industrial	9,361	9,594	3,790	5,804
Commercial	4,464	4,277	1,544	2,733
Hotel	305	317	130	187
Agriculture	69,927	56,846	300	56,545
Usable vacant	39,769	48,270	2,431	45,839
Other	221,233	223,487	36,007	187,480
STRUCTURES BY YEAR BUILT 1/				
All structures	156,126	165,734	64,450	101,284
Before 1930	7,922	6,387	5,016	1,371
1930 to 1939	8,770	8,268	5,287	2,981
1940 to 1949.	14,788	14,139	8,180	5,959
1950 to 1959	29,744	29,180	14,002	15,178
1960 to 1969	40,999	40,618	15,325	25,293
1970 to 1979	28,096	28,252	8,126	20,126
1980 to 1989	20,245	20,206	5,220	14,986
1990 and later	5,562	18,684	3,294	15,390
DWELLING UNITS BY TYPE 1/				
All dwelling units	271,108	290,716	152,041	138,675
Single family and duplex	144,815	153,593	58,107	95,486
Low density multi-family	15,760	23,672	1,392	22,280
High density multi-family	110,533	113,451	92,542	20,909

1/ Data exclude structures on military bases.

Source: City and County of Honolulu, Planning Information Branch, records.

**Table 6.04-- ESTIMATED ACREAGE OF LAND USE DISTRICTS:
1964 TO 1997**

[Total acreage, including inland water, as classified by the Hawaii State Land Use Commission under the provisions of Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended. All data are approximate]

Year and month	Total area 1/	Classification by State Land Use Commission 2/			
		Urban	Conservation	Agricultural	Rural
UNADJUSTED 3/					
1964: August	4,111,500	117,800	1,862,600	2,124,400	6,700
1969: August	4,111,500	140,163	2,009,087	1,955,875	6,375
1974: March	4,111,500	147,472	1,986,429	1,968,727	8,872
1978: December	4,111,500	151,929	1,976,106	1,974,230	9,235
1983: December	4,112,388	156,568	1,975,473	1,970,146	10,201
1984: December	4,112,388	158,620	1,969,351	1,974,236	10,181
1985: December	4,112,388	163,211	1,968,804	1,970,189	10,184
1986: December	4,112,388	165,165	1,967,638	1,969,401	10,184
1987: December	4,112,388	166,507	1,967,168	1,968,524	10,189
ADJUSTED 3/					
1987: December	4,112,388	165,607	1,967,247	1,969,345	10,189
1988: December	4,112,388	171,230	1,967,194	1,963,766	10,198
1989: December	4,112,388	175,285	1,960,976	1,965,935	10,192
1990: December	4,112,388	178,114	1,960,608	1,963,491	10,175
1991: December	4,112,388	181,407	1,959,621	1,961,294	10,066
1992: December	4,112,388	180,912	1,960,615	1,960,795	10,066
1993: December	4,112,388	187,697	1,958,897	1,955,704	10,090
1994: December	4,112,388	189,418	1,974,549	1,938,505	9,916
1995: December	4,112,388	190,257	1,976,016	1,936,197	9,918
1996: December	4,112,388	191,941	1,974,994	1,935,526	9,927
1997: December	4,112,388	192,158	1,974,994	1,935,305	9,931

1/ These totals differ somewhat from the official figures based on measurements by the Geography Division of the U.S. Bureau of the Census, cited in Section 5. The increase in the 1984 total area reflects additions to the Urban District on Oahu at Honolulu International Airport (Reef runway and South Ramp refill) created from former submerged lands.

2/ For definitions, see Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 205-2.

3/ For changes in classification resulting from court decisions on past Commission actions.

Source: Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Land Use Commission, records.

Table 6.05-- ESTIMATED ACREAGE OF LAND USE DISTRICTS, BY ISLANDS: DECEMBER 31, 1997

[Total acreage, including inland water, as classified by the Hawaii State Land Use Commission under the provisions of Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended. All data are approximate]

Island	Total area 1/	Classification by State Land Use Commission 2/			
		Urban	Conservation	Agricultural	Rural
State total	4,112,388	192,158	1,974,994	1,935,305	9,931
Hawaii	2,573,400	52,855	1,305,706	1,214,183	656
Maui	465,800	20,836	194,836	246,369	3,759
Kahoolawe	28,800	-	28,800	-	-
Lanai	90,500	3,228	38,197	46,678	2,397
Molokai	165,800	2,539	49,768	111,627	1,866
Oahu	386,188	98,364	156,618	131,206	-
Kauai	353,900	14,336	198,769	139,542	1,253
Niihau	45,700	-	-	45,700	-
Kaula and Lehua	400	-	400	-	-
Other islands 3/	1,900	-	1,900	-	-

1/ These totals differ somewhat from the official figures based on measurements by the Geography Division of the U.S. Bureau of the Census, cited in Section 5.

2/ For definitions, see Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 205-2.

3/ The Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, from Nihoa to Kure Atoll, excluding Midway.

Source: Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Land Use Commission, records.

Table 6.06-- LAND OWNERSHIP OR TENURE, BY ISLANDS: FALL 1988

[In acres. Government land leased to private users is included with privately owned land]

Island	All land 1/	Land owned by government 2/			Privately owned land
		Federal	State	Counties	
State total 3/ Percent	4,035,601 100.0	338,035 8.4	1,188,242 29.4	14,898 0.4	2,494,426 61.8
Hawaii	2,497,055	229,848	817,391	1,278	1,448,537
Maui	448,170	26,875	102,345	1,568	317,381
Kahoolawe	28,800	28,800	-	-	-
Molokini	19	19	-	-	-
Lanai	88,985	5	124	14	88,843
Molokai	170,910	211	47,601	265	122,831
Oahu	403,154	48,861	69,541	11,162	273,590
Kauai	351,292	3,158	150,984	610	196,540
Niihau	46,705	-	-	-	46,705
Lehua and Kaula	512	256	256	-	-

1/ Because of the omission of public thoroughfares and for other reasons, totals by island may differ considerably from official area estimates in other tables in this volume.

2/ State land ceded by presidential proclamation or governor's executive order to the federal government appears in most cases to have been classified for this table as federal land, even though title to it technically remains with the state. Land ceded by the state to the counties, in contrast, has probably been classified as state land. For both types of ceded land, treatment may have varied from parcel to parcel.

3/ Data exclude the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (1,722 acres).

Source: City and County of Honolulu, Department of Finance, Real Property Assessment Division, records. Tabulation by State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

Table 6.07-- LAND PARCELS, BY COUNTIES: 1991 TO 1997

[As of January 1]

Year	State total	City and County of Honolulu	County of Maui	County of Hawaii	County of Kauai
1991	431,271	227,449	52,362	126,497	24,963
1992	438,388	231,893	53,414	127,444	25,637
1993	446,276	236,138	55,379	128,543	26,216
1994	452,568	240,652	56,108	128,954	26,854
1995	459,646	245,257	57,044	129,708	27,637
1996	467,966	250,320	57,992	131,060	28,594
1997	471,942	252,587	58,866	131,658	28,831

Source: City and County of Honolulu, Department of Finance, Real Property Assessment Division, *Real Property Tax Valuations, Tax Rates, & Exemptions, State of Hawaii* (annual).

**Table 6.08-- PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CEMETERIES,
CHURCHES, HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS, BY COUNTIES: 1997**

[Exempt from real property taxes, in number of parcels and exemptions in thousands
of dollars.]

Category	Cemeteries	Churches	Hospitals	Schools
PARCELS				
State total	106	1,434	83	174
Honolulu	47	800	68	121
Maui	4	216	10	12
Hawaii	46	288	1	38
Kauai	9	130	4	3
AMOUNT				
State total	47,591	1,323,525	544,480	800,115
Honolulu	42,427	1,072,976	494,302	734,794
Maui	1	124,606	28,340	15,228
Hawaii	2,734	83,383	10,799	36,434
Kauai	2,428	42,560	11,040	13,659

Source: City and County of Honolulu, Department of Finance, Real Property Assessment Division, *Real Property Tax Valuations, Tax Rates & Exemptions, 1997-1998 Tax Year, State of Hawaii* (July 1997).

**Table 6.09-- LAND OWNED IN FEE SIMPLE BY SELECTED LARGE
LANDOWNERS: 1995 TO 1997**

[In acres. Unless otherwise specified, as of December 31]

Landowner	1995	1996	1997
Eight large landowners	999,726	999,063	996,226
Percent of total land area 1/	24.3	24.3	24.2
Bernice P. Bishop Estate 2/	3/ 366,198	366,184	366,098
Parker Ranch	3/ 137,547	137,007	136,602
Castle & Cooke, Inc.	101,119	100,510	100,023
Dole Food Company, Inc.	28,757	28,746	28,745
Samuel M. Damon Estate	121,608	121,600	121,595
Alexander and Baldwin Properties	90,800	93,160	93,020
C. Brewer and Company, Ltd.	81,997	80,156	79,343
James Campbell Estate	3/ 71,700	71,700	70,800

1/ Based on area of 4,110,966 acres.

2/ As of July 1.

3/ Revised.

Source: Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, annual survey of major landowners.

Table 6.10-- REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY OR LEASED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: 1992 TO 1994

Subject	Sept. 30, 1992	Sept. 30, 1993	Sept. 30, 1994
OWNED			
Number of installations	310	310	317
Land area, total (acres)	640,179.0	650,185.9	688,129.5
Percent of State area	15.6	1/ 15.8	1/ 16.8
Urban	14,401.8	23,679.7	21,412.5
Rural	625,777.2	626,506.2	666,717.0
Number of buildings	16,190	16,131	16,336
Floor area of bldgs. (1,000 sq. ft.)	76,868	76,294	77,457
Cost, total (\$1,000) 2/	2,972,378	3,226,317	3,397,196
Land	96,527	117,709	90,674
Buildings	1,948,140	2,061,209	2,222,696
Structures and facilities	927,711	1,047,399	1,083,826
Predominant usage of land (acres):			
Agriculture and grazing	-	-	-
Forest and wildlife	271,237.0	271,237.0	337,342.0
Parks and historic sites	245,343.6	245,343.6	220,526.7
Power development and distribution	-	-	-
Military, excluding airfields	108,791.0	112,056.8	111,014.8
Airfields	6,423.3	9,166.0	6,794.9
Harbor and port facilities	0.8	2.9	2.9
Reclamation and irrigation	-	-	-
Office building locations	64.2	62.4	62.4
Flood control and navigation	7,674.0	1,907.2	1,907.2
Vacant	1.5	1.5	1.5
Institutional	-	-	-
Housing	87.4	87.4	87.4
Storage	6.8	778.2	778.2
Industrial	42.9	9,037.4	9,037.1
Research and development	30.3	30.3	274.2
Misc. land	476.2	475.2	300.2
LEASED			
Number of leases	266	240	557
Land area, total (acres)	8,765.9	8,016.3	15,176.0
Urban	505.3	102.6	638.3
Rural	8,260.6	7,913.7	14,537.7
Number of building locations	222	213	515
Floor area of buildings (sq. ft.)	737,559	726,154	979,725
Annual rental (\$1,000)	7,752	8,920	9,805

Footnote and source on next page.

Table 6.10-- REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY OR LEASED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: 1992 TO 1994 -- Con.

1/ The U.S. percentage was 29.8. The Hawaii percentage ranked 16th among the 50 States and D.C.

2/ At time of acquisition. Includes estimated equivalent cost of properties acquired through donation, exchange, devise, forfeiture, or judicial process.

Source: U.S. General Services Administration, *Summary Report of Real Property Owned by the United States Throughout the World* (annual) and *Summary Report of Real Property Leased by the United States Throughout the World* (annual).

**Table 6.11-- DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS ACREAGE,
LESSEES, AND APPLICANTS, BY ISLANDS: JUNE 30, 1997**

[The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands administers land set aside for the benefit of qualified native Hawaiians, who are eligible to receive homestead leases and financial assistance from the Department]

Subject	State total	Hawaii	Maui	Molokai	Oahu	Kauai
Acreage 1/ In homestead use	197,075 40,464	114,574 27,238	30,266 447	25,384 11,005	6,721 959	20,130 815
Homestead leases 2/ Residential	6,428 5,087	1,778 1,035	576 510	813 388	2,797 2,739	464 415
Agricultural	1,043	473	66	399	58	47
Pastoral	298	270	-	26	-	2
Applicant waiting list 2/ Residential	29,162 15,815	11,120 4,839	5,743 2,743	1,630 711	7,284 6,014	3,385 1,527
Agricultural	11,535	5,130	2,684	780	1,270	1,671
Pastoral	1,813	1,151	336	139	-	187

1/ Data based on latest figures from the trust resolution project. Acreages are rounded to the nearest acre and include 7,939 acres of new lands out of the 16,518-acre land transfer from the Public Land Trust. Oahu total includes 14.4 acres of Kalawahine land provided under Act 150, SLH 1990, 1,356 acres at Lualualei under Executive Orders to the the U.S. Navy, 53.615 acres at Princess Kahanu Estates, and 20.114 acres at Waianae Kai.

2/ Residence, agriculture, or pasture. Since applicants may apply for two types of leases, duplications occur. The Department estimates the unduplicated Statewide total number of applicants at about 16,000. Data are subject to audit.

Source: Hawaii State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, records.

**Table 6.12-- STATE PUBLIC AND SET-ASIDE LAND INVENTORY,
BY COUNTIES: JANUARY 10, 1995**

[In thousands of acres]

Type of document	State total	City and County of Honolulu	County of Hawaii	County of Kauai	County of Maui
All types	1,409.8	72.3	980.2	155.4	201.9
Public lands	431.1	19.5	327.5	38.1	46.0
General lease 1/	358.1	10.4	295.5	39.5	12.7
Revocable permit 2/	163.7	3.9	70.1	37.4	52.3
Unencumbered lands 3/	94.0	13.2	67.1	3.2	10.5
Lands set aside to other government agencies	768.4	42.6	536.5	96.6	92.7
Executive order	269.3	17.7	200.1	26.1	20.4
Governor's proclamation	517.2	29.2	340.3	72.7	75.0
Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands	191.6	4.8	107.8	19.0	60.0
University of Hawaii	1.7	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.1
Hawaii Housing Authority	1.5	1.2	0.1	0.05	0.1
Highways and roads	15.2	3.4	7.7	1.2	2.9

1/ Long-term leases. Mostly agricultural and pasture land. Includes land covered by water licenses not set aside to other government agencies.

2/ Month-to-month leases. Mostly agricultural and pasture land. Includes land licenses.

3/ Parcels with no documents and not in use.

Source: Hawaii State Department of Land and Natural Resources, Land Management Division, records.