



## HAWAII

### In Brief

"Until the mid-1950's, Republican candidates usually won office in Hawaii elections. The Democrats then began gaining strength. After Hawaii became a state in 1959, the voters elected Governor William F. Quinn, a Republican. Republicans controlled the Senate, and Democrats the House. In 1962, Democrat John A. Burns became governor and his party won control of both houses of the Legislature. Through the rest of the 1900's, Democrats held the governorship and controlled Hawaii's Legislature. In 2002, however, a Republican, Linda Lingle, was elected governor. Lingle became the first woman to serve as governor of the state."

*Resource: World Book 2008*

Capital: Honolulu

Area: 10,931 sq mi

Population: 1,285,498

*Resource: World Almanac 2008*

Hawaii had a 2007 population of about 1.3 million. It includes a higher percentage of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders and a higher percentage of Asians than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About half (51 percent) of Hawaii's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, compared to the national rate of 64 percent.

More information at: <http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/voting.html>

Selected Characteristics	Hawaii	U.S.
Median age	37.3	36.4
Women	50.0%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	24.7%	66.4%
Black alone	2.5%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	7.8%	14.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders alone	9.1%	0.2%
Asian alone	40.0%	4.4%
Median household income	\$61,160	\$48,451
Foreign born	16.3%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	9.3%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	29.7%	27.0%
Median home value	\$529,700	\$185,200

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Total Population Estimates (2007), State Population Estimates by Characteristics (2006), American Community Survey (2006).

## More Resources

<b>Government Information</b>
<p>The Official Web site for the State Hawaii <a href="http://www.ehawaii.gov/dakine/index.html">http://www.ehawaii.gov/dakine/index.html</a></p> <p>Governor of Hawaii <a href="http://hawaii.gov/gov">http://hawaii.gov/gov</a></p> <p>Hawaii - Elected Officials in U.S. Senate <a href="http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=HI">http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=HI</a></p> <p>Hawaii - Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives <a href="http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de">http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de</a></p>
<b>Elections 2008</b>
<p>Politics 1: Hawaii Directory <a href="http://www.politicsone.com/hi.htm">http://www.politicsone.com/hi.htm</a></p> <p>The Green Papers: Hawaii 2008 General Elections General <a href="http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/HI.phtml">http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/HI.phtml</a></p> <p>Office of Elections <a href="http://hawaii.gov/elections">http://hawaii.gov/elections</a></p>
<b>Statistics</b>
<p>Hawaii - Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau <a href="http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/15000.html">http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/15000.html</a></p>
<b>Media</b>
<p>Local newspapers <a href="http://www.newslink.org/hinews.html">http://www.newslink.org/hinews.html</a></p> <p>Local radio stations <a href="http://www.newslink.org/garadi.html">http://www.newslink.org/garadi.html</a></p>
<b>General Information</b>
<p>Infoplease Hawaii <a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108204.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108204.html</a></p> <p>50states.com - Hawaii <a href="http://www.50states.com/hawaii.htm">http://www.50states.com/hawaii.htm</a></p>

Please find more information at  
<http://usa.usembassy.de/classroom/electionproject2008/index>