

## Subcounty Population Facts

The U.S. Census Bureau released subcounty population estimates on July 10, 2008. In this data release, Census Bureau ranked 262 incorporated places with population over 100,000. Honolulu CDP ranked the 49<sup>th</sup> place among the incorporated places in 2007 with a population of 375,571. This ranking was three places lower than the 2006 population ranking. On April 1, 2000, Honolulu CDP ranked the 47<sup>th</sup> place by population size. Ranking is based on population size with the largest being the first.

CDP stands for **census-designated place**. A CDP is an area identified by the U.S. Census Bureau for statistical purposes. CDPs are delineated for each decennial census as the statistical counterparts of incorporated places such as cities, towns, and villages. CDPs are communities that lack separate municipal government, but which otherwise physically resemble incorporated places. CDPs are delineated to provide data for settled concentrations of population that are identifiable by name but are not legally incorporated under the laws of the state in which they are located. The boundaries of a CDP have no legal status.

Hawaii is the only state that has no incorporated places recognized by the U.S. Census Bureau. The City and County of Honolulu is reported as Honolulu CDP and the balance of Honolulu.

Honolulu CDP consists of Honolulu District, comprising the area between Red Hill and Makapuu Point, south and southwest of the crest of the Koolau Mountains and the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. Honolulu and Arlington are the only CDPs for which postcental population estimates are calculated by the U.S. Census Bureau.

From April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2007, Honolulu CDP had only a 1.1% growth in population, from 371,657 in April 1, 2000 to 375,571 in July 1, 2007. This is the smallest growth compared with other counties in Hawaii, except Kalawao County where population actually decreased by 19.0%. The rest of Honolulu gained 5.1% in population during the same time period. The largest growth in population occurred in Hawaii County at 16.4%, followed by Maui County at 10.7%. Kauai County had a population growth of 7.5% between the two time periods. Statewide population growth was 5.9%.

Honolulu CDP accounted for 41.5% of Oahu's population in 2007, while 58.5% of Oahu's population lived in the rest of Oahu. On April 1, 2000, Honolulu CDP shared 42.4% of Oahu's population. Over the years, population in Honolulu CDP grew slower than other parts of Honolulu due to residential constructions outside of the Honolulu CDP.

Census Bureau used building permit information as the base for the population estimate.

In the press release, Census Bureau ranks New York City as the most populous city in the U.S. with 8.3 million people, followed by Los Angeles with 3.8 million people. Chicago is ranked the third largest city with a population of 2.8 million. Houston and Phoenix were the next in population size with 1.6 million people.

Source: Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Research and Economic Analysis Division.