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**HAWAII'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE  
REMAINS AT 2.6 PERCENT IN SEPTEMBER – SECOND LOWEST  
UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE NATION**

**49,850 More People Employed and 5,900 Less People Unemployed During  
Lingle-Aiona Administration**

**HONOLULU** - The Hawai'i State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations announced today that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September was 2.6 percent, marking the third straight month at this rate. For the second month in a row, Hawai'i had the second lowest unemployment rate in the nation. In contrast, the national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate inched up by 0.1 percentage point, going from 4.6 percent in August to 4.7 percent in September.

One year ago, Hawai'i and the U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rates stood at 2.2 percent and 4.6 percent respectively. In September, there were 634,950 employed and 17,100 unemployed, for a total seasonally adjusted statewide labor force of 652,050.

Since December 2002, the month the Lingle-Aiona Administration took office, Hawai'i's employed population has grown from 586,350 employed persons to 634,950, an increase of 49,850. Alternatively, those in Hawai'i on unemployment have steadily decreased by 5,900 persons, as unemployment shrunk from 21,600 persons to 17,100.

“A thriving Hawai'i economy over the long-term is reflected in the fact that today we have more people employed and less people unemployed than five years ago,” said Darwin L.D. Ching, Interim Director of Labor and Industrial Relations. “Such a feat is a testament to Hawai'i's economy, our local employers and their employees and the economic policies and programs implemented by this Administration. This effort must continue if we want to sustain a thriving economy in Hawai'i for the long term.”

Over the last couple years, the Administration has launched programs designed to assist people looking for work to prospective employers. In 2005, the Administration launched a dynamic new welfare-to-work program called **SEE Hawai'i Work**. SEE Hawaii Work has succeeded in placing more than 700 welfare recipients who had little to no earned income or job experience with diverse private sector companies statewide. Thus far, 220 of these SEE trainees have completed their 6 to 12 months of on-the-job subsidized employment and graduated from SEE. To date, 196 SEE graduates – 89 percent – are now employed in unsubsidized jobs; and over 130 of these graduates are no longer on the welfare rolls. In addition, 51 SEE employees were hired in unsubsidized jobs before finishing their entire subsidized training period.

The program began in February 2005 on Oahu, June 2005 on Kauai, Maui and the east side of the Big Island, and February 2006 on the west side of the Big Island. In 2007, SEE started working with clients on Molokai.

In 2006, the Administration also unveiled a new online jobs database, called **HireNet Hawai'i**, designed to help connect employers and job-seekers. HireNet Hawai'i is a first-of-its-kind integrated employment matching system that provides Hawai'i's employers and jobseekers with access to the most advanced and comprehensive job-matching system in the state, revolutionizing the way in which Hawai'i businesses hire employees.

HireNet Hawai'i allows jobseekers to post their resumes online and search for all available jobs in Hawai'i, with a search engine that "spiders" company and government websites, newspaper postings, and corporate job boards for employment opportunities in Hawaii. They can register on this secure system, match their skills with occupations, search job postings, research occupational wages and industry trends, and create custom occupational profiles from their queries.

Employers are able to post their job openings, at no cost, and search for candidates to fill their employment needs. Employers can also use HireNet Hawai'i for recruitment and educational services, download required employment posters, review Labor Laws, and connect to the DLIR's Workforce Development Division. HireNet Hawai'i can be found accessed through the DLIR's website at <http://hawaii.gov/labor> or directly at [www.HireNetHawaii.com](http://www.HireNetHawaii.com).

Since HireNet Hawai'i's roll out on July 27, 2006, the state's leading employment matching system has attracted over **34,715** new job seekers and **2,049** employers looking to fill **7,449** postings of available jobs. Additionally, **25,216** resumes have been posted on the system for review by potential employers.

State of Hawaii Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data			
	<u>Sep 2007</u>	<u>Aug 2007</u>	<u>Sep 2006</u>
Labor Force	652,050	642,450	641,850
Employment	634,950	625,850	626,550
Unemployment	17,100	16,600	15,300

	SEP 2007	AUG 2007	SEP 2006
<b>STATE</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>
HONOLULU*	2.6	2.4	2.3
HAWAII COUNTY*	3.5	3.3	2.8
KAUAI*	2.6	2.4	2.3
MAUI COUNTY*	3.5	3.0	2.3
Maui Island*	3.5	3.0	2.2
Molokai*	6.1	5.9	5.2
Lanai*	1.6	1.2	2.2
<b>U. S.</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.6</b>

\* non-seasonally adjusted

### **Industry Payroll Employment**

In another measure of employment, total seasonally adjusted nonagricultural jobs grew by 3,700 to 633,400. Leisure and Hospitality (+200) and Other Services (+300) reported increases in employment even with an anticipated closure of a Maui hotel for renovation. The largest job growth occurred in the State government primarily in State Education. Compared with September 2006, the seasonally adjusted job count grew by 12,500 or 2.0 percent, with the private sector accounting for the largest percentage increase rising by 10,400 or 83.2 percent. Over-the-year, the industries showing prominent gain in jobs in the private sector included Leisure & Hospitality (+2,100), Construction (+2,000) and Educational & Health Services (+1,900).

**Seasonally Adjusted Non-Ag. Jobs (State)**

SELECTED SERIES:	Sep-07	Aug-07	Sep-06*
NATURAL RESOURCES, MINING AND CONSTRUCTION	38,100	38,100	36,100
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES	121,100	121,300	121,000
Wholesale Trade**	18,400	18,400	17,900
Retail Trade**	69,900	70,000	69,600
EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH SERVICES	73,200	73,500	71,300
Educational Services**	14,300	14,500	14,000
Health Care and Social Assistance**	58,900	59,000	57,300
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	109,800	109,600	107,700
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation**	11,500	11,500	11,400
Accommodation & Food Services**	98,300	98,100	96,300
OTHER SERVICES	27,000	26,700	26,300
GOVERNMENT	125,100	121,600	123,000
Federal Government**	31,800	31,800	31,500
State Government**	75,300	71,800	74,000
Local Government**	18,000	18,000	17,500
<b>TOTAL: STATE</b>	<b>633,400</b>	<b>629,700</b>	<b>620,900</b>

❖ **Leisure & Hospitality (+200)**

Leisure & Hospitality increased by 200 jobs with Accommodation & Food Services accounting for the total growth. Jobs in Accommodation and Food Services expanded mainly due to the hiring of restaurants workers. Arts, Entertainment & Recreation reported no change as the increase in museums, historical sites, and similar institutions made up for the drop in other amusement and recreation industries.

❖ **Other Services (+300)**

This miscellaneous category posted a 300 job gain over-the-month. Majority of the increase were in automotive repair and maintenance services as well as personal and laundry services.

❖ **Construction (No change)**

Construction remained unchanged. Within construction of buildings, residential building construction jobs gained for the second straight month as it was offset by the loss in nonresidential building construction. Over-the-year, construction employment grew by 2,000 jobs or 5.5 percent. Residential, commercial, industrial and resort construction activities continued its contribution to much of this growth.

❖ **Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (-200)**

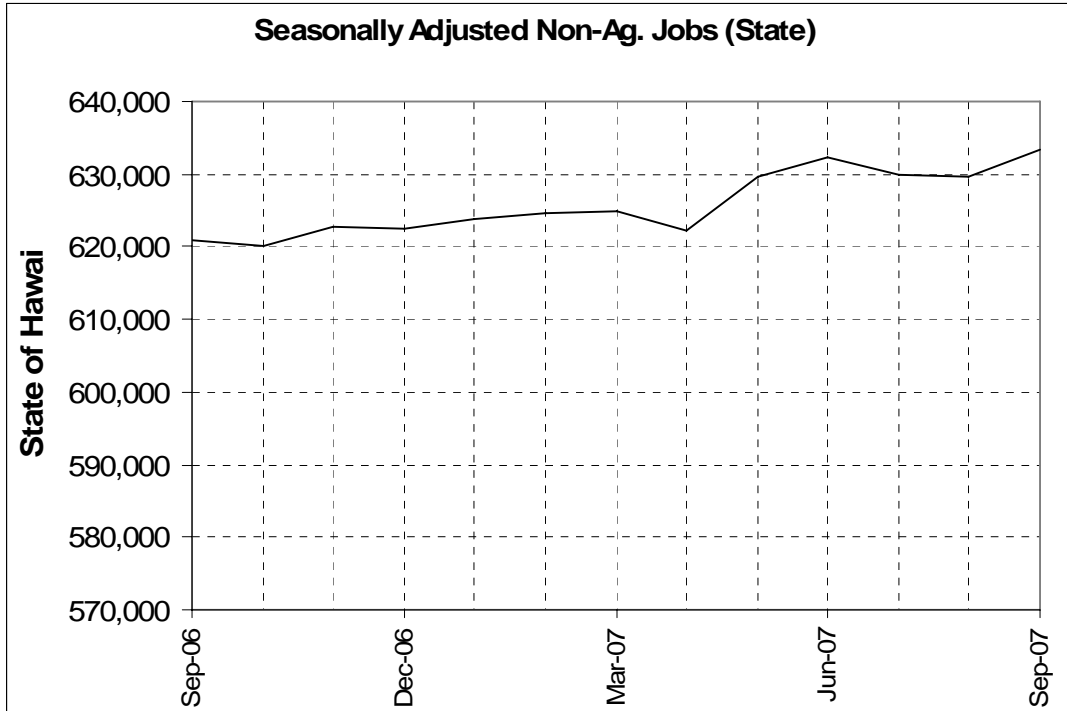
This major sector recorded a modest decrease of 200 jobs from August. Wholesale remained relatively stable. Retail Trade fell very minimally by 100 jobs in clothing and clothing accessories stores. Transportation also lost 100 jobs, mainly in air transportation.

❖ **Educational and Health Services (-300)**

The downturn in employment of 300 jobs was shared between Education and Health Care and Social Assistance. Health Care and Social Assistance fell by 100 jobs specifically in individual and family services. Educational services slowed down by the remaining 200 jobs in private schools.

❖ **Government (+3,500)**

Government gained the most over-the-month. Since last month, Federal and Local Government reported no change. All of the growth came from State Government predominantly in the Department of Education. This large growth was mainly due to the continual universal year-round school schedule in public schools, which began last year.



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**LABOR FORCE AND JOBCOUNT ESTIMATES**  
**September 2007 Report, Statewide**

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR -- LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES							
STATEWIDE							
<i>(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)</i>							
	Sep-07	Aug-07	Sep-06	CHANGE FROM ONE MONTH AGO		CHANGE FROM ONE YEAR AGO	COMMENTS
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	646.9	642.7	641.9	4.2	0.7%	5.0	0.8%
TOTAL EMPLOYED	628.8	625.8	626.6	3.0	0.5%	2.2	0.4%
UNEMPLOYED	18.1	16.9	15.3	1.2	7.1%	2.8	18.3%
percent of Labor Force	2.8%	2.6%	2.4%				
Total Nonfarm	629.6	623.5	618.6	6.1	1.0%	11.0	1.8%
Total Private	508.3	507.8	498.8	0.6	0.1%	9.5	1.9%
Goods Producing	53.0	53.0	52.0	0.0	0.0%	1.0	1.9%
Service-Providing	576.6	570.5	566.6	6.1	1.1%	10.0	1.8%
Private Service-Providing	455.3	454.8	446.8	0.5	0.1%	8.6	1.9%
Nat. Res & Construct	38.1	38.1	36.7	0.0	0.1%	1.4	3.8%
Construction of Buildings	13.1	13.0	12.2	0.1	0.9%	0.9	7.2%
Special Trade Contractors	19.7	19.7	19.2	0.0	0.7%	0.6	7.2%
Manufacturing	14.9	14.9	15.3	0.0	0.0%	-0.4	-2.6%
Durable Goods	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.4%	0.0	-0.5%
Non-Durable Goods	10.4	10.4	10.8	0.0	-0.2%	-0.4	-3.5%
Trade, Transportation,	120.6	120.9	121.0	-0.3	-0.2%	-0.4	-0.3%
Wholesale Trade	18.4	18.3	17.9	0.0	0.3%	0.4	2.4%
Retail Trade	69.5	69.8	69.1	-0.2	-0.3%	0.4	0.6%
Food and Beverage Sto	13.0	13.0	12.8	0.0	0.1%	0.2	1.4%
Grocery Stores	10.8	10.8	10.7	0.0	0.2%	0.1	0.6%
Clothing and Clothing	11.5	11.7	11.3	-0.2	-1.8%	0.2	1.8%
General Merchandise S	12.3	12.3	12.1	0.0	0.4%	0.3	2.4%
Department Stores	9.0	8.9	9.0	0.0	0.5%	0.0	-0.1%
Trans,Warehouse, Util	32.7	32.8	33.9	-0.1	-0.3%	-1.2	-3.5%
Utilities	3.1	3.1	2.9	0.0	-0.2%	0.1	4.2%
Transport & Warehouse	29.7	29.7	31.0	-0.1	-0.3%	-1.3	-4.2%
Air Transportation	9.9	9.9	10.2	0.0	-0.4%	-0.3	-3.0%
Information	11.3	11.4	11.0	-0.1	-1.0%	0.3	2.4%
Telecommunications	4.1	4.1	4.2	0.0	0.3%	-0.2	-4.1%
Financial Activities	30.3	30.3	29.8	0.0	-0.1%	0.5	1.7%
Finance and Insurance	17.2	17.2	16.9	0.0	-0.1%	0.3	1.7%
Real Estate and Renta	13.1	13.1	12.9	0.0	-0.2%	0.2	1.8%
Professional and Busin	83.1	82.9	79.4	0.2	0.2%	3.7	4.7%
Professional, Scienti	24.6	24.7	23.9	-0.1	-0.4%	0.7	2.9%
Management of Compani	7.7	7.7	7.7	0.0	-0.1%	0.0	0.6%
Administrative and Su	50.8	50.5	47.8	0.3	0.6%	3.0	6.3% Proservice+200
Employment Services	21.8	21.7	19.0	0.1	0.6%	2.8	14.8%
Educational and Health	72.9	72.2	71.3	0.7	1.0%	1.6	2.3%
Educational Services	14.3	13.5	14.1	0.8	5.9%	0.2	1.4% seasonal increase
Elementary and Second	7.8	7.5	7.5	0.3	4.0%	0.3	3.7%
Health Care and Socia	58.7	58.7	57.3	-0.1	-0.1%	1.4	2.5%
Ambulatory Health Car	22.9	22.9	23.1	0.0	0.0%	-0.1	-0.5%
Hospitals	14.5	14.5	13.7	0.0	0.0%	0.8	5.7%
Nursing and Residenti	6.8	6.8	6.7	0.0	0.2%	0.1	1.6%
Social Assistance	14.5	14.6	13.8	-0.1	-0.5%	0.7	4.8%
Leisure and Hospitalit	110.1	110.2	108.0	-0.1	-0.1%	2.1	2.0%
Arts, Entertainment,	11.6	11.6	11.4	0.0	0.0%	0.2	1.6%
Accommodation and Foo	98.5	98.6	96.6	-0.1	-0.1%	1.9	2.0%
Accommodation	39.1	39.4	39.2	-0.2	-0.6%	0.0	0.0%
Food Services and Dri	59.3	59.2	57.4	0.1	0.2%	1.9	3.4%
Full-Service Restaura	30.6	30.7	29.4	-0.1	-0.3%	1.2	4.1%
Other Services	27.0	26.8	26.3	0.2	0.6%	0.7	2.6%
Government	121.2	115.7	119.8	5.5	4.8%	1.4	1.2%
Federal Government	31.6	31.8	31.4	-0.2	-0.7%	0.2	0.7%
Ship Building & Repai	3.9	4.0	4.1	-0.2	-1.4%	-0.4	-2.3%
Department of Defense	16.1	16.3	16.4	-0.1	-2.3%	-0.2	-5.9%
State Government	71.8	65.3	71.0	6.5	10.0%	0.7	1.0%
State Govt. Education	47.6	41.3	47.0	6.4	15.4%	0.6	1.3% seasonal increase
Local Government	17.8	18.6	17.4	-0.7	-4.0%	0.5	2.7% seasonal decrease



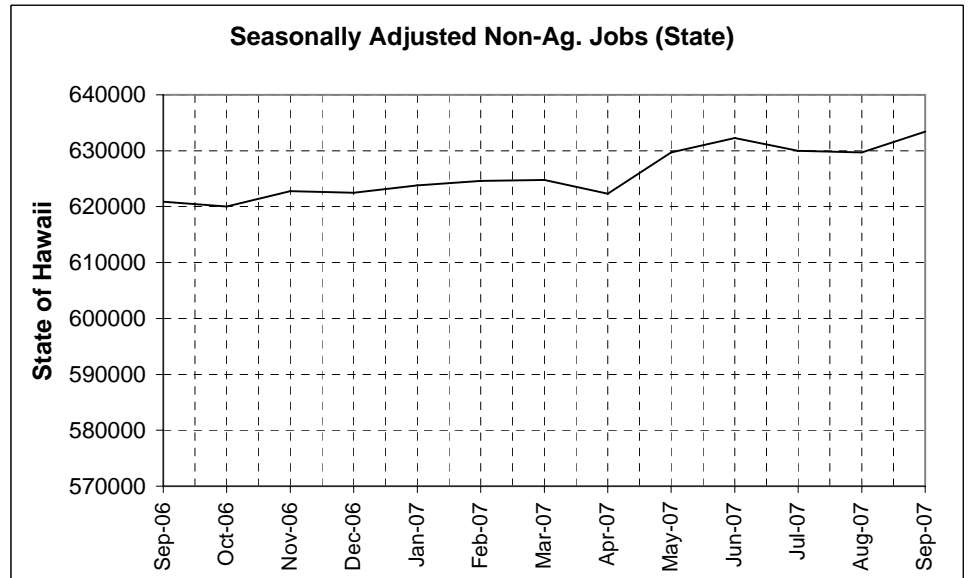
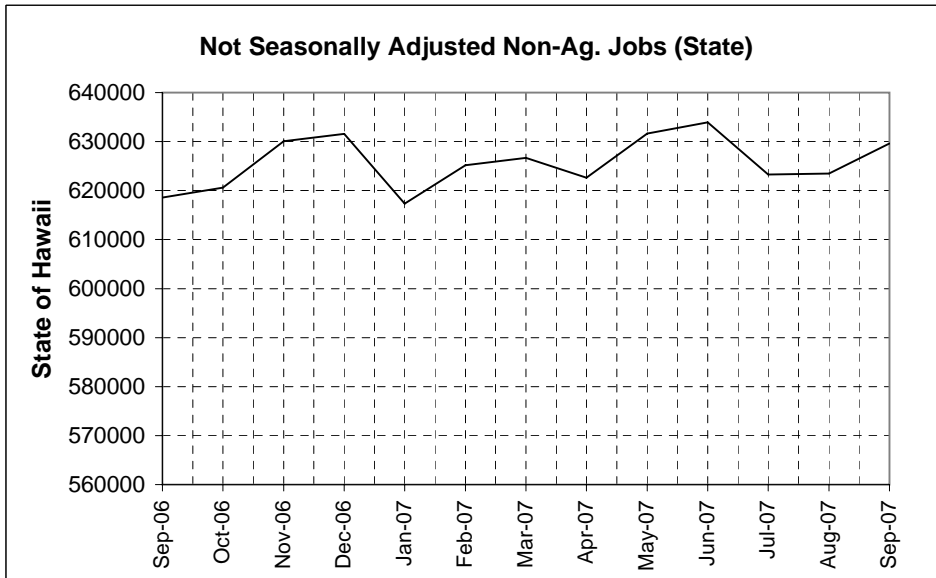
**Not Seasonally Adjusted Non-Ag. Jobs (State)**

	Sep-07	Aug-07	Sep-06*
NAT. RESOURCES, MINING & CONSTR.	38,100	38,100	36,750
MANUFACTURING	14,900	14,900	15,300
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES	120,600	120,900	121,000
Wholesale Trade	18,350	18,300	17,900
Retail Trade	69,550	69,750	69,150
INFORMATION	11,300	11,400	11,050
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	30,300	30,350	29,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	83,100	82,900	79,350
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	72,950	72,200	71,300
Educational Services	14,250	13,450	14,050
Health Care & Social Assistance	58,700	58,750	57,250
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	110,100	110,200	107,950
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11,600	11,600	11,400
Accommodation & Food Services	98,500	98,600	96,550
OTHER SERVICES	27,000	26,850	26,300
GOVERNMENT	121,250	115,700	119,800
Federal Government	31,600	31,850	31,400
State Government	71,800	65,250	71,050
Local Government	17,850	18,600	17,350
<b>TOTAL: STATE</b>	<b>629,600</b>	<b>623,500</b>	<b>618,600</b>
<b>TOTAL: HONOLULU MSA</b>	<b>461,350</b>	<b>454,900</b>	<b>455,100</b>

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Educational Services**	14,300	14,500	14,000
Health Care and Social Assistance**	58,900	59,000	57,300
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	109,800	109,600	107,700
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<b>TOTAL: HONOLULU MSA**</b>	<b>464,700</b>	<b>460,400</b>	<b>457,300</b>

\* BENCHMARKED DATA \*\* NEW SERIES



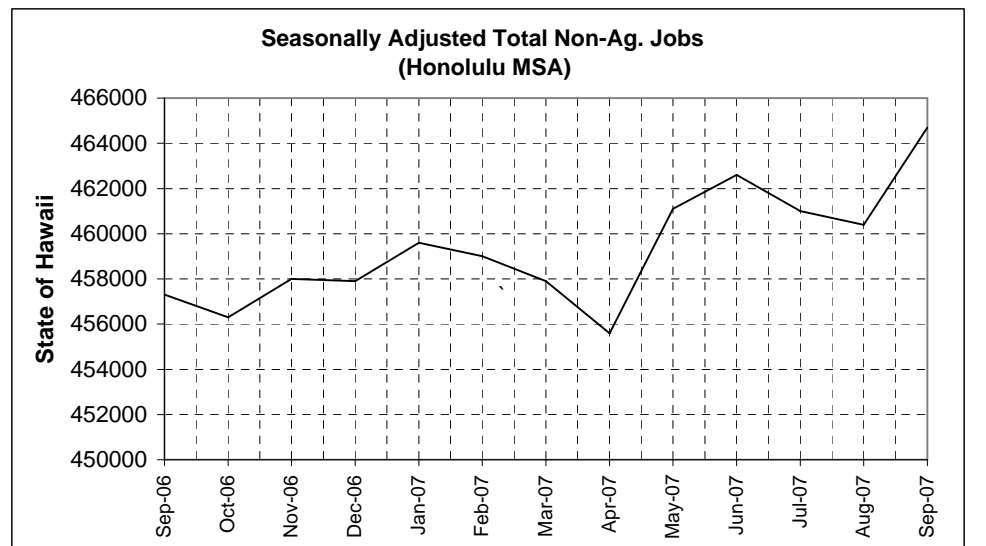
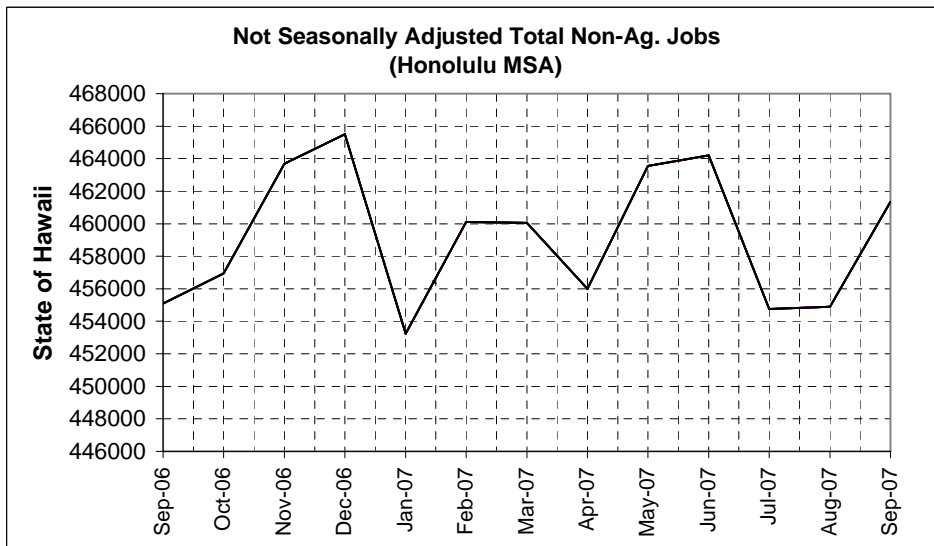
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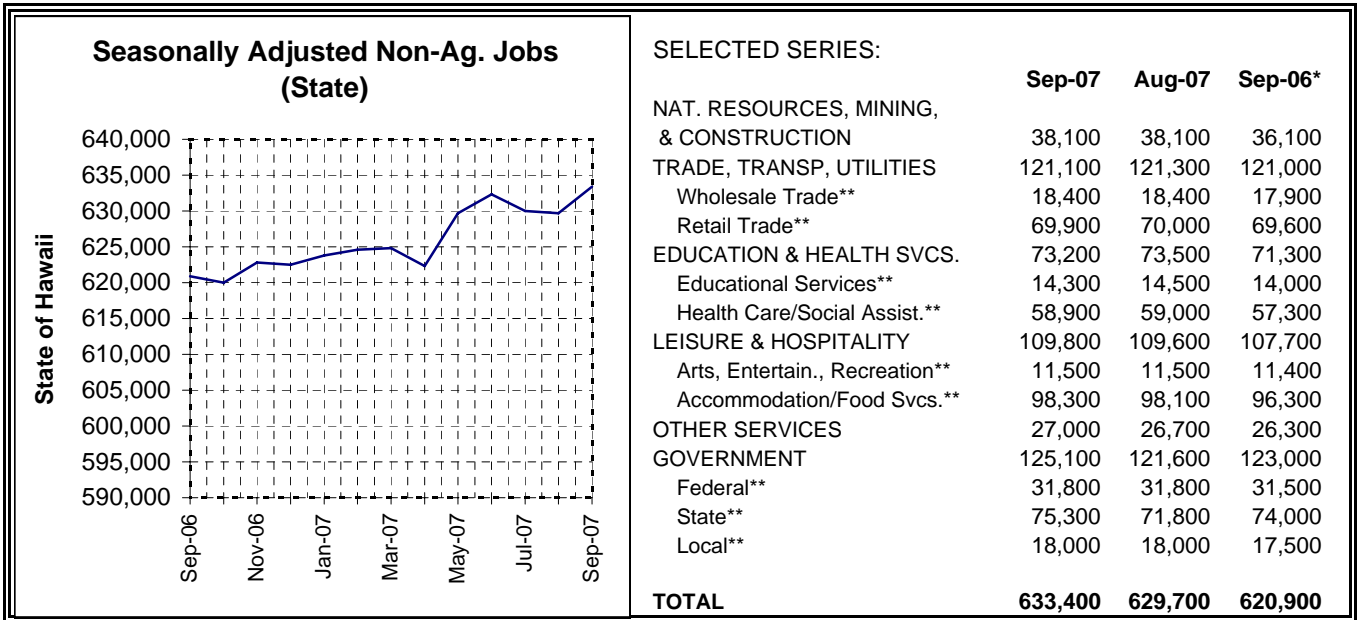
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	Aug-07	Jul-07	Aug-06*
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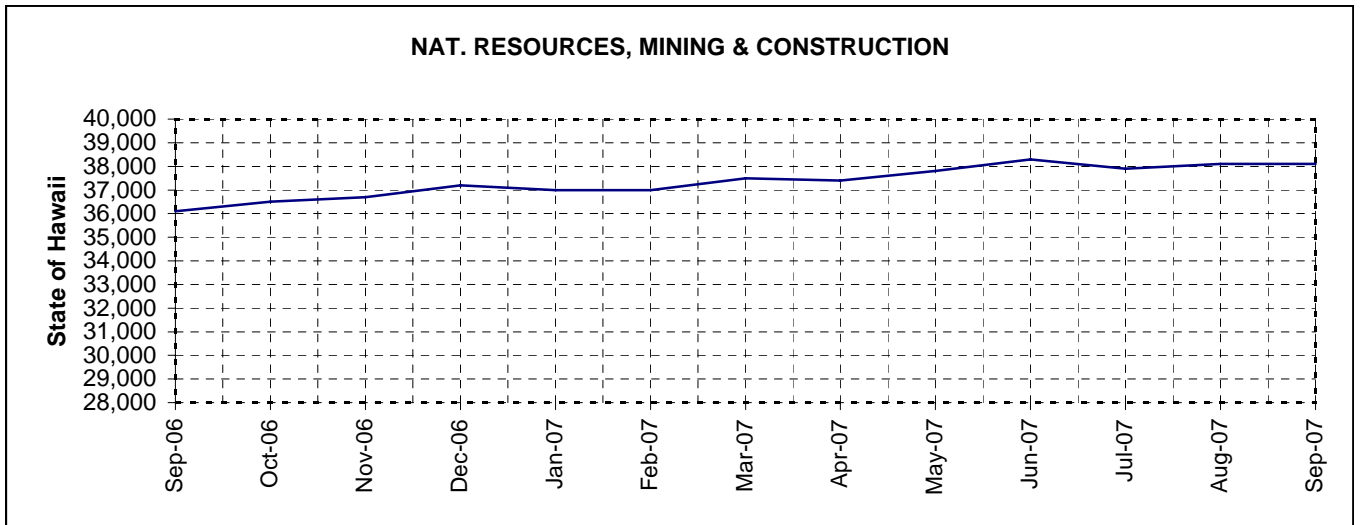




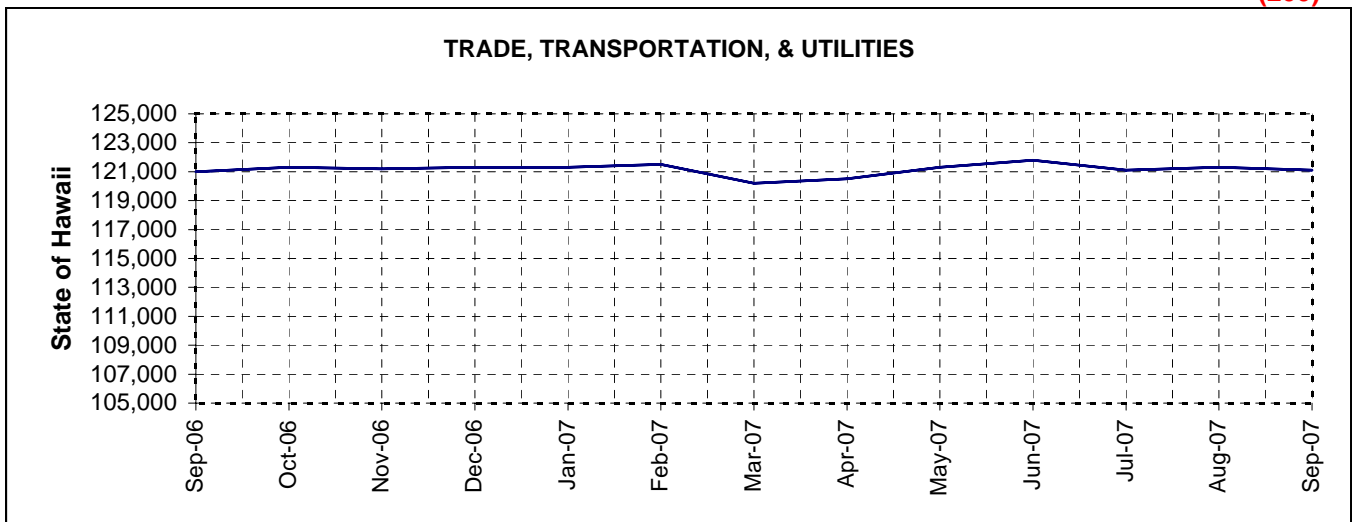
Aug-07 - Sep-07 (+3,700, + 0.6%)

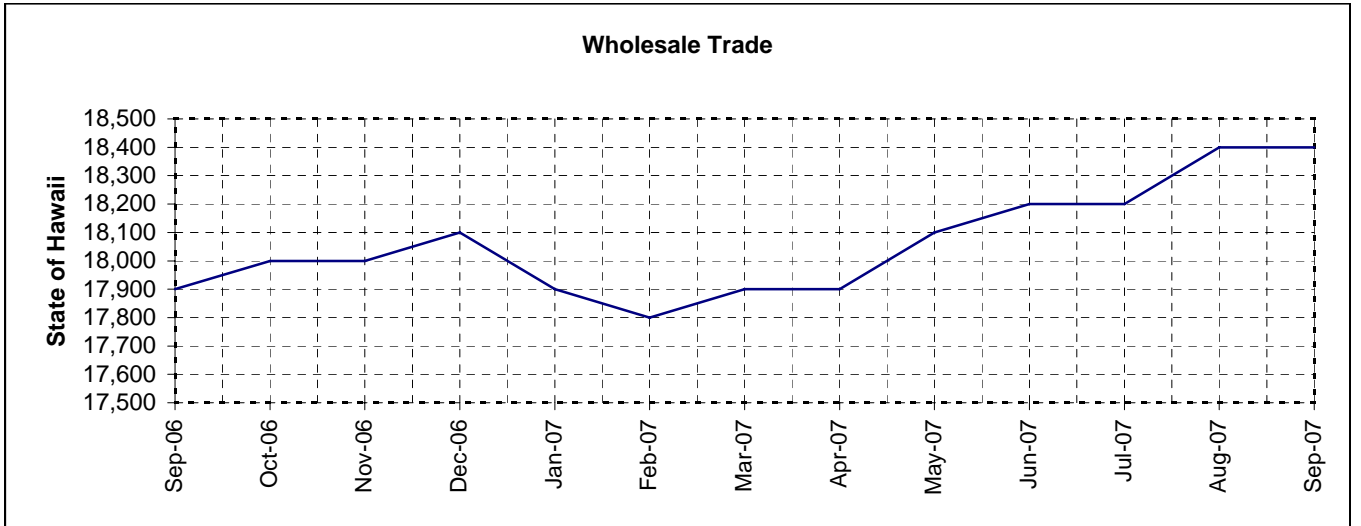
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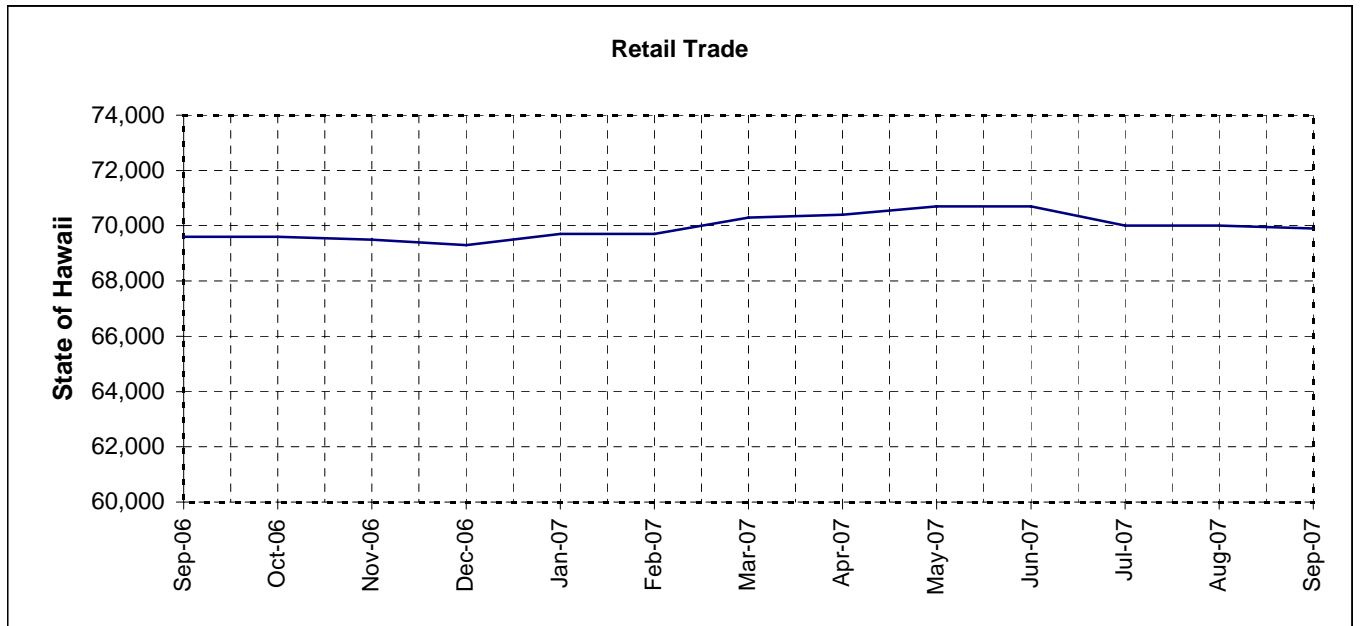


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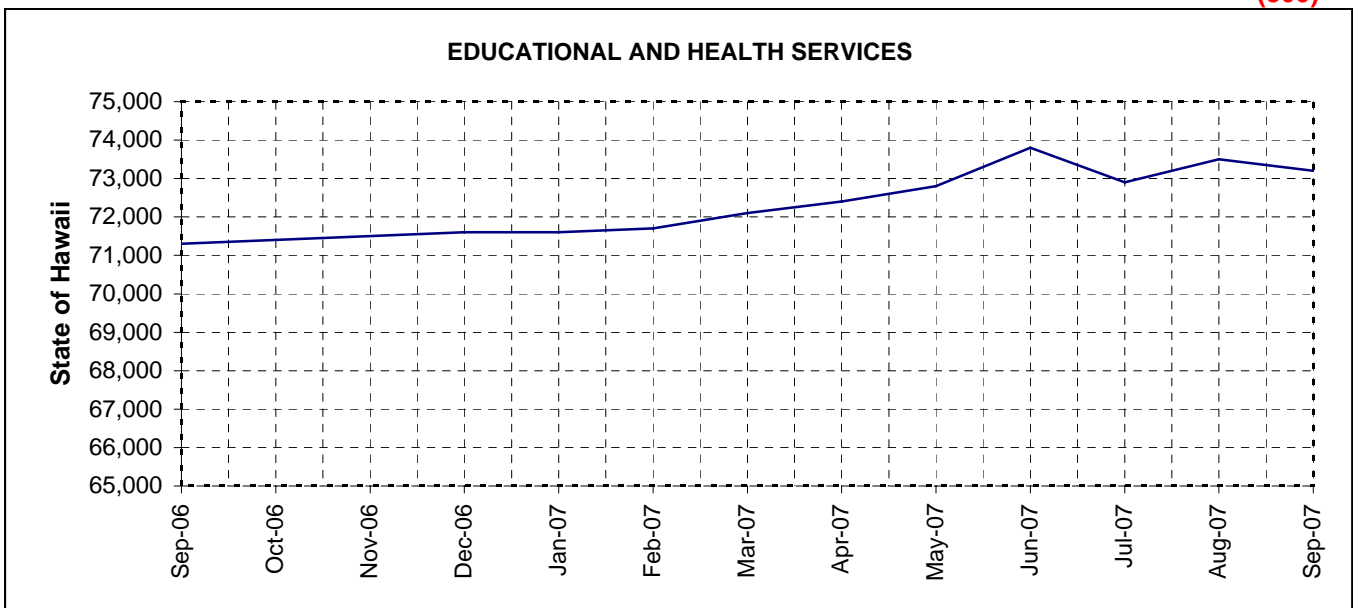




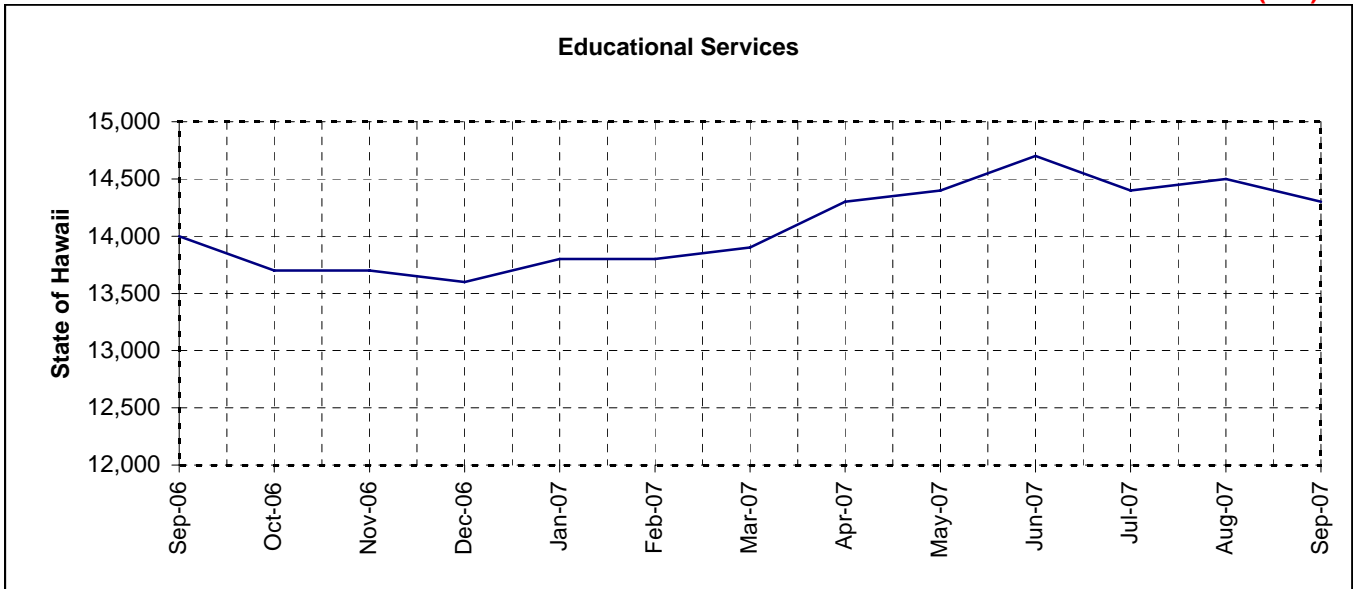
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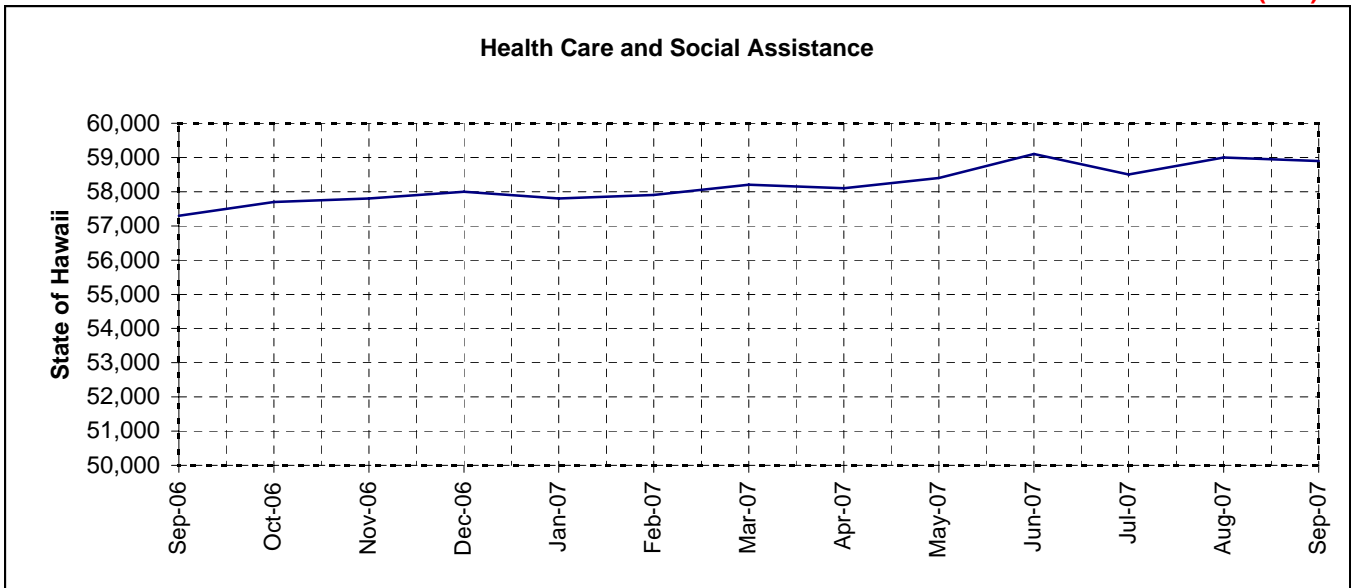
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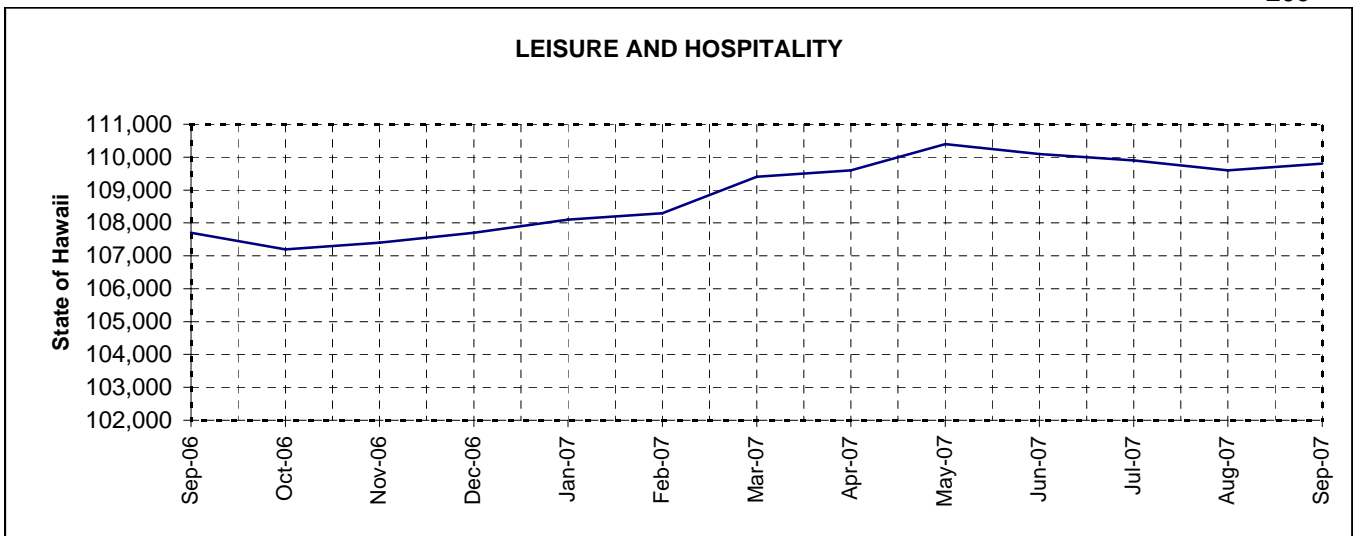
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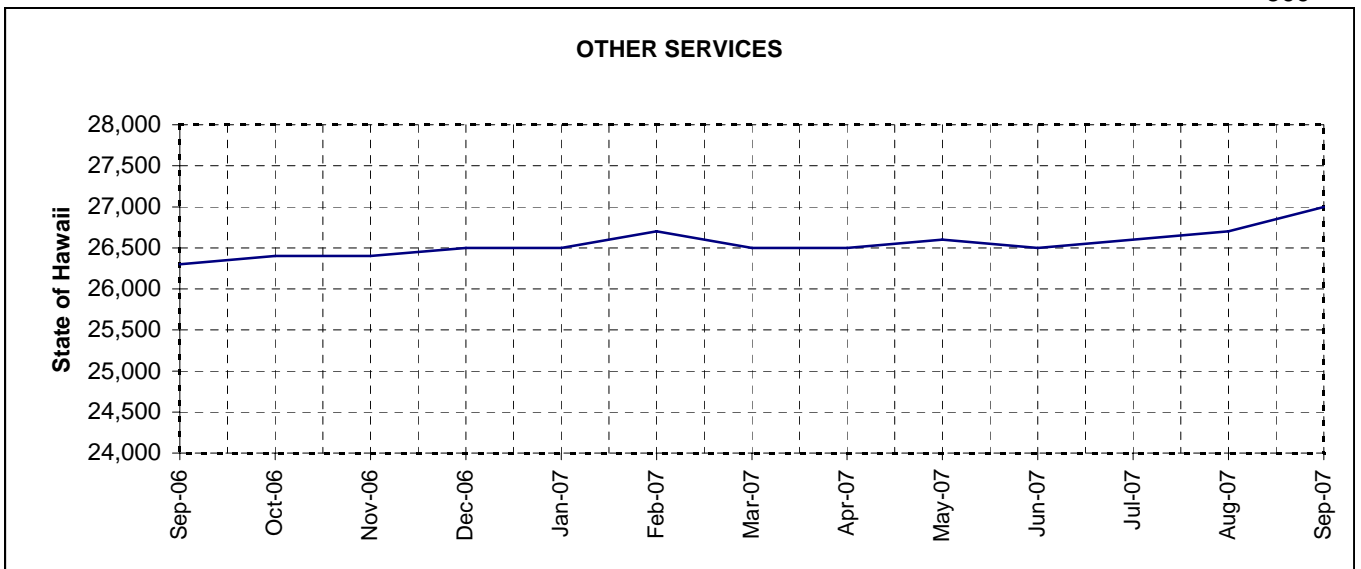
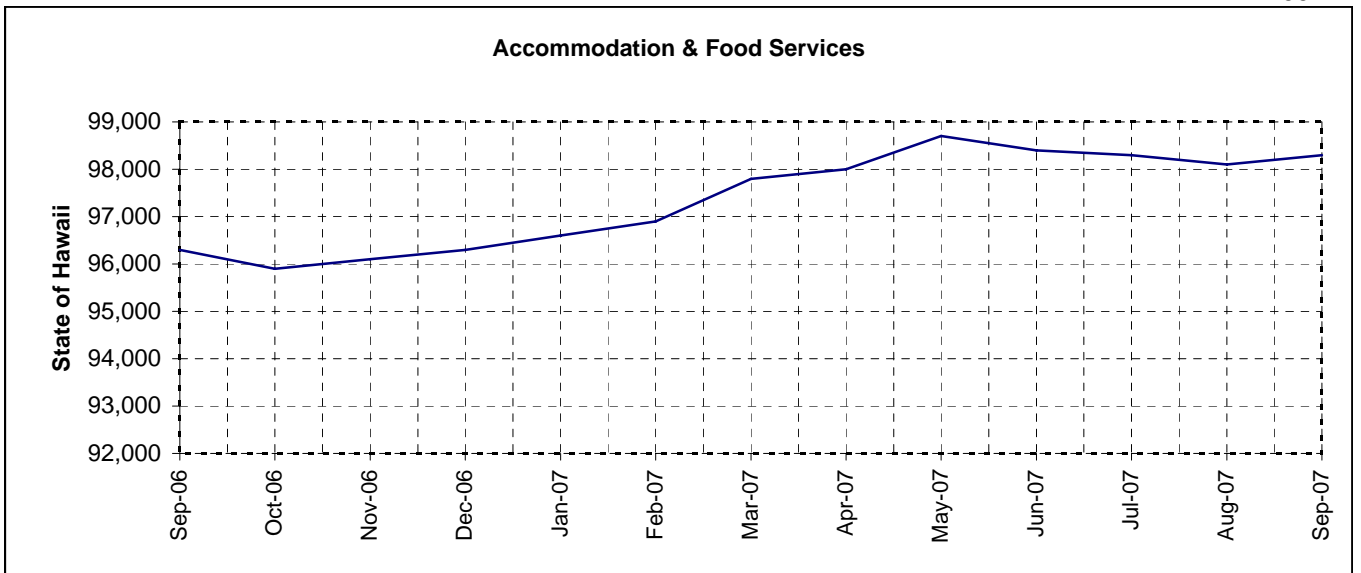
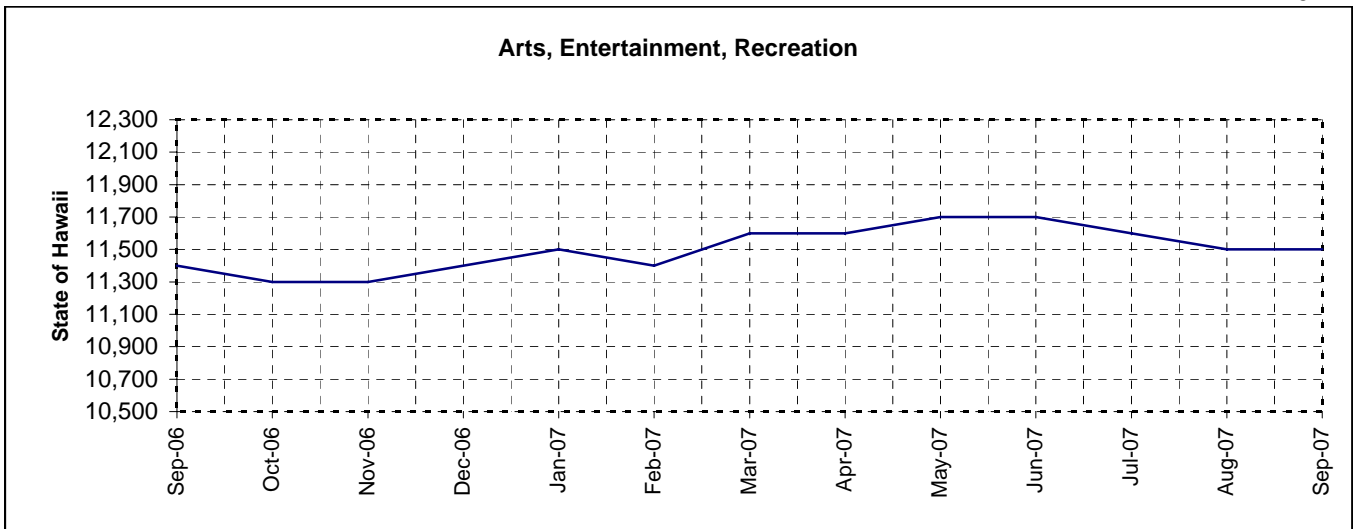


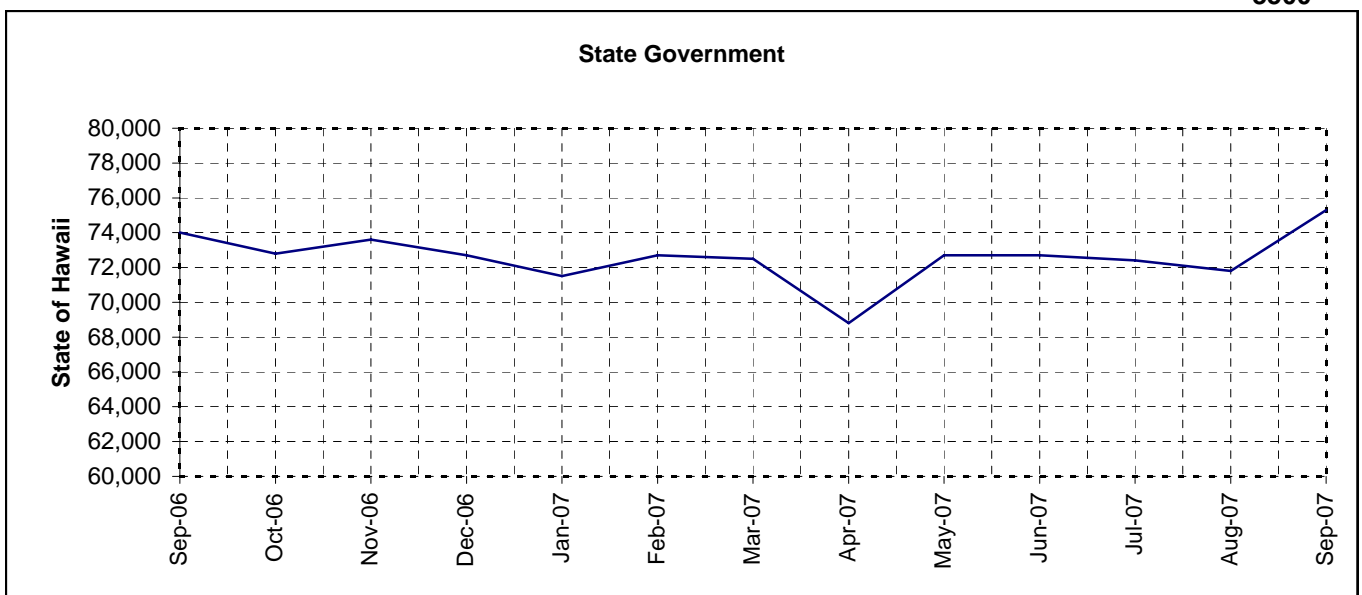
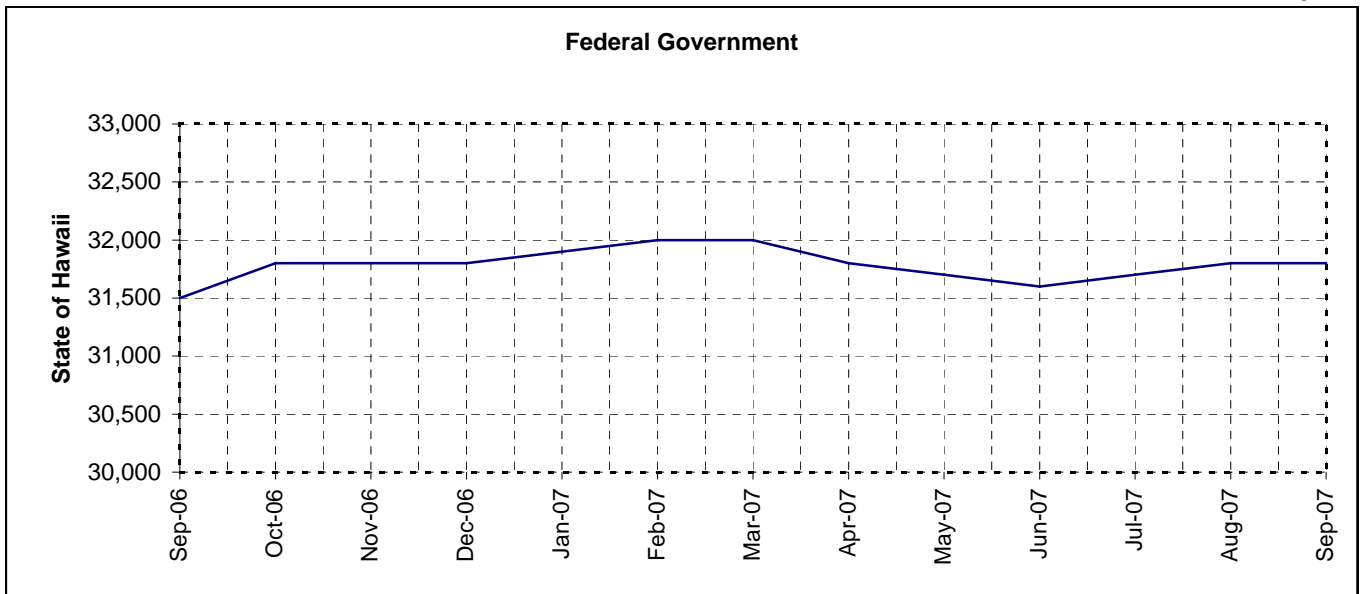
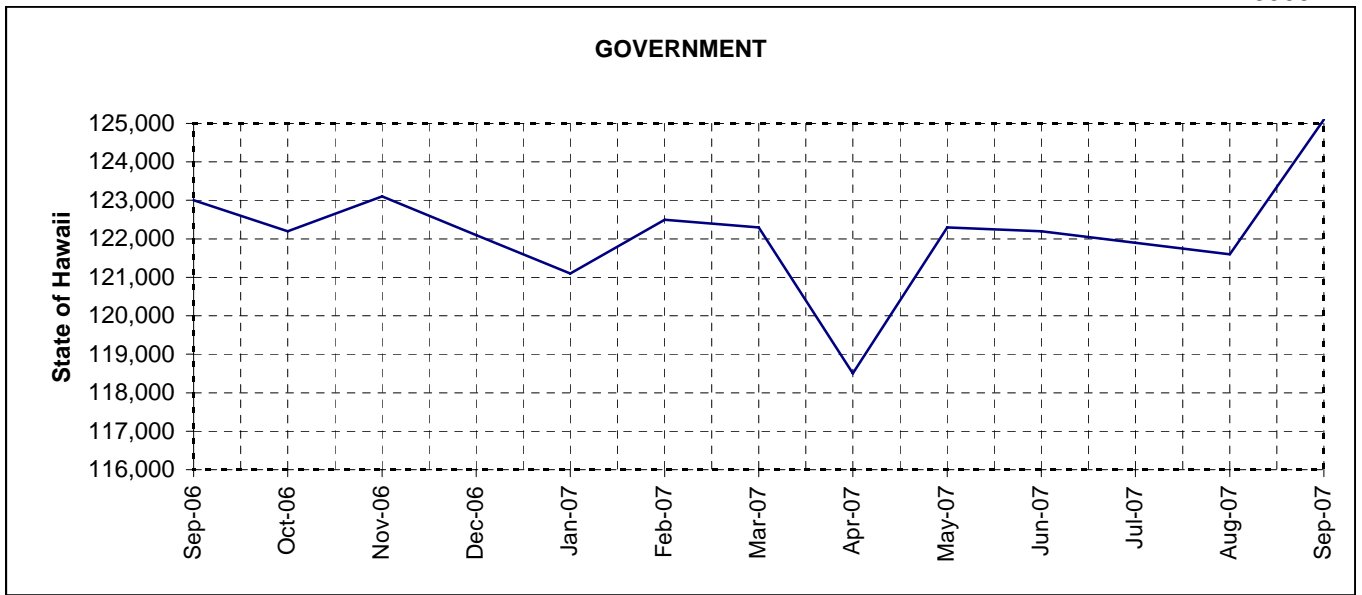
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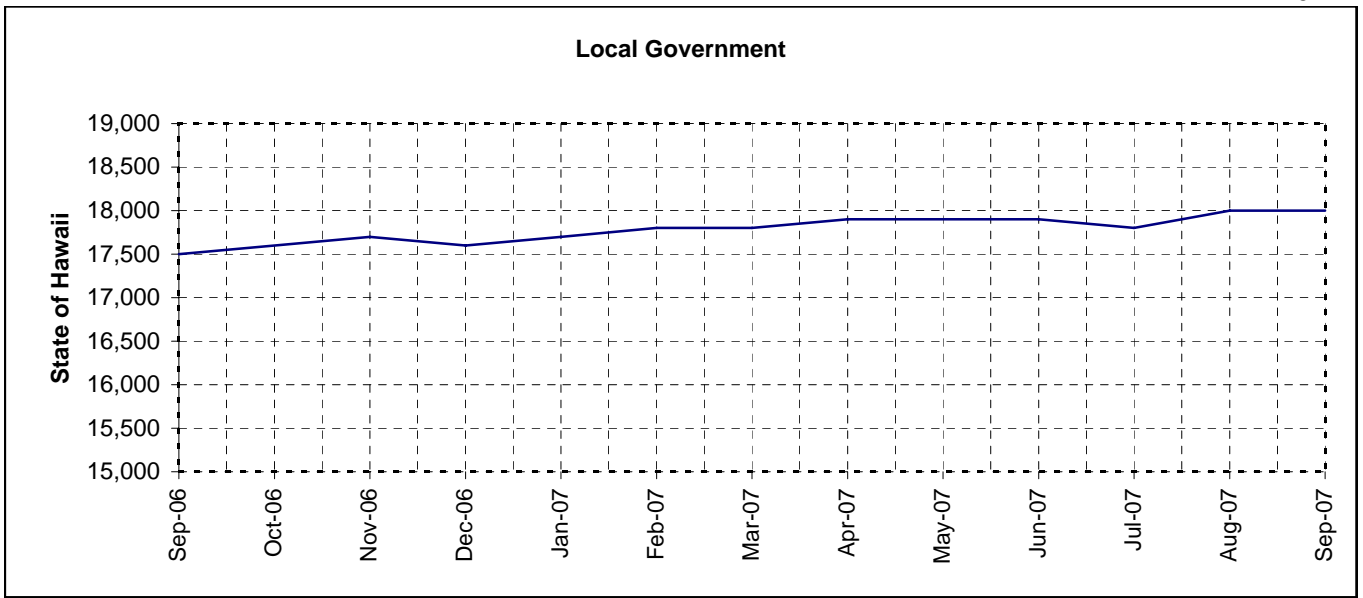


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**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES- NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

	SEP 2007	AUG 2007	SEP 2006
<b>STATE</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.4</b>
HONOLULU	2.6	2.4	2.3
HAWAII COUNTY	3.5	3.3	2.8
KAUAI	2.6	2.4	2.3
MAUI COUNTY	3.5	3.0	2.3
Maui Island	3.5	3.0	2.2
Molokai	6.1	5.9	5.2
Lanai	1.6	1.2	2.2
<b>U. S.</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.4</b>

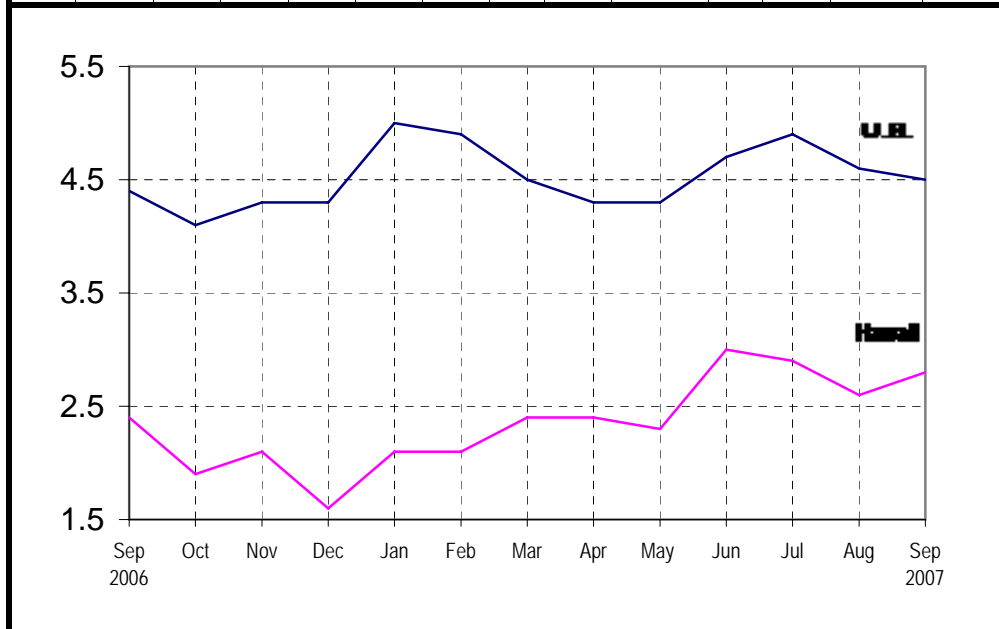
**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES- SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

	SEP 2007	AUG 2007	SEP 2006
<b>STATE</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>U. S.</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.6</b>

	Sep 2007	Aug 2007	Sep 2006
Labor Force	652,050	642,450	641,850
Employment	634,950	625,850	626,550
Unemployment	17,100	16,600	15,300

\*\* totals may not add up due to rounding

	Sep 2006	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep 2007
U. S.	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.3	5.0	4.9	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.5
Hawaii	2.4	1.9	2.1	1.6	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.3	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.8



	Sep 2006	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep 2007
U. S.	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.7
Hawaii	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.6

