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**HAWAII'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT
3.9 PERCENT IN JULY**

National Unemployment Rate rises to 5.7 percent

HONOLULU- The Hawai'i State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations announced today that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July was 3.9 percent, a slight increase from 3.8 percent in June. In comparison, the U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate went from 5.5 percent in June to 5.7 percent in July. In the past year, Hawai'i's seasonally adjusted labor force has expanded by 17,150, or 2.6 percent, to 664,700. In July, there were 638,600 employed and 26,150 unemployed statewide.

State of Hawaii Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data			
	<u>July 2008</u>	<u>June 2008</u>	<u>July 2007</u>
Labor Force	664,700	663,250	647,600
Employment	638,600	638,050	630,550
Unemployment	26,150	25,200	17,050

	JUL 2008	JUN 2008	JUL 2007
STATE	3.9	3.8	2.6
HONOLULU#	3.9	4.2	2.8
HAWAII COUNTY#	5.8	6.0	3.8
KAUAI#	4.3	4.5	2.8
MAUI COUNTY#	4.4	4.6	3.1
Maui Island#	4.2	4.3	3.0
Molokai#	11.9	12.2	6.1
Lanai#	5.2	5.7	2.6
U. S.	5.7	5.5	4.7

non-seasonally adjusted

Industry Payroll Employment

In another measure of employment, total seasonally adjusted nonagricultural jobs declined over-the-month from June by 3,100 to 622,900. The job gain in the private sector occurred in Construction (+100). Job reduction was most notable in Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-800) partially resulting from the release of additional staffing with the departure of a cruise ship. There were also declines in Educational and Health Services and Leisure and Hospitality (-400 each). Government reported a 100 job loss. From July 2007, the seasonally adjusted job count reported a 200 job gain. Over-the-year, the industries in the private sector experiencing job growth were Educational and Health Services (+1,800) and Other Services (+600).

“Hawai‘i’s job numbers continue to reflect the effects of external economic conditions on our economy,” said Colleen Y. LaClair, Deputy Director of Labor and Industrial Relations. “We are encouraged that Hawai‘i continues to post unemployment rates significantly lower than the U.S. average.”

Seasonally Adjusted Non-Ag. Jobs (State)			
SELECTED SERIES:	Jul-08	Jun-08	Jul-07
NATURAL RESOURCES, MINING AND CONSTRUCTION	39,300	39,200	39,000
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES	118,200	119,000	120,900
Wholesale Trade	18,500	18,500	18,400
Retail Trade	70,500	70,800	70,000
EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH SERVICES	74,600	75,000	72,800
Educational Services	15,200	15,400	14,200
Health Care and Social Assistance	59,400	59,600	58,600
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	108,000	108,400	109,400
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11,300	11,400	12,200
Accommodation & Food Services	96,700	97,000	97,200
OTHER SERVICES	27,100	27,100	26,500
GOVERNMENT	124,500	124,600	121,700
Federal Government	31,900	32,000	31,400
State Government	74,100	74,000	72,400
Local Government	18,500	18,600	17,900
TOTAL: STATE	622,900	626,000	622,700

❖ **Construction (+100)**

Construction edged upward for the second consecutive month even while other sectors reported job losses. The increase occurred in heavy and civil engineering construction mainly in utility system construction and highway, street, and bridge construction.

❖ **Other Services (No change)**

This miscellaneous sector remained relatively stable. The increase in personal care service was setback by labor unions and similar labor organizations as well as auto repair and maintenance.

❖ **Educational and Health Services (-400)**

Educational and Health Services experienced job decline after reporting an increase in June. Education slipped by 200 jobs in private education. Health Care and Social Assistance also registered a 200 job decrease. The losses were in Hospitals due to some private institutions releasing staff; as well as in Social Assistance due to fewer workers reported in physicians' offices.

❖ **Leisure and Hospitality (-400)**

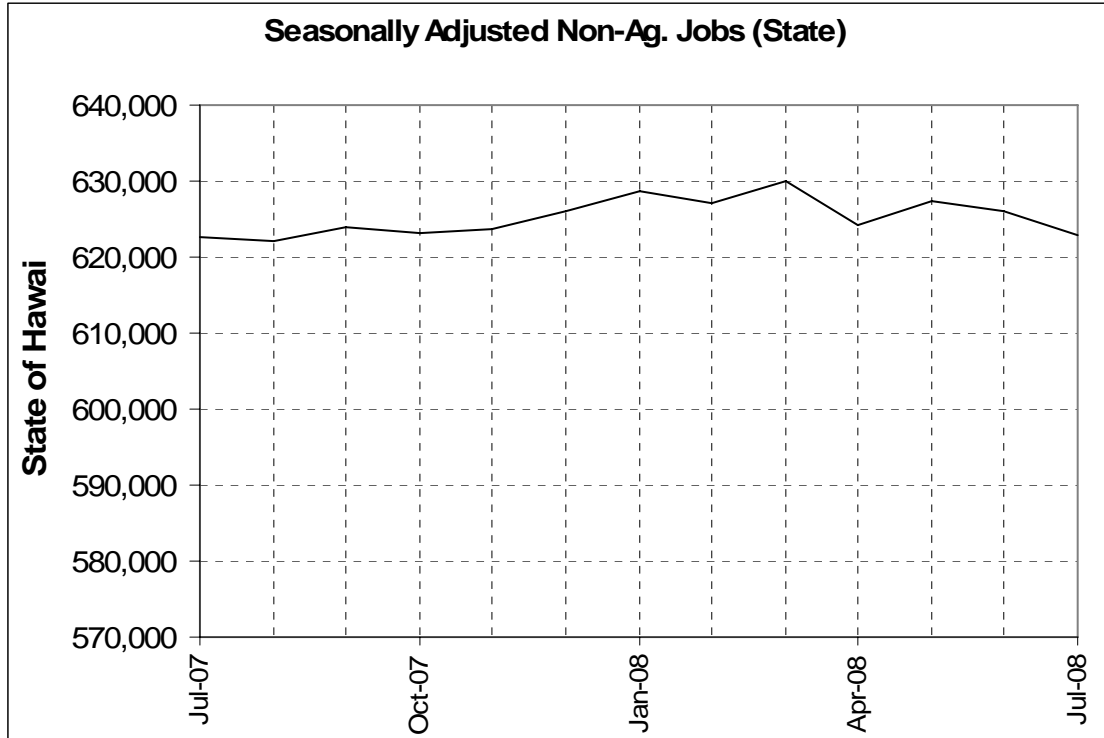
This major industry continued its downturn trend. Arts, Entertainment and Recreation contracted by a modest 100 jobs in promoters of performing arts, sports, and similar events. Accommodation and Food Services accounted for the remaining 300 job reduction. While part of the drop was due to releasing hotel staffing resulting from slow business, the bulk of the job losses were in Food Services in full-services restaurants.

❖ **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-800)**

This industrial group experienced the largest over-the-month drop in July. Wholesale Trade remained unchanged for the third consecutive month. The uptrend in merchant wholesalers, durable goods was countered by the downtrend in merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods. Retail Trade reported a drop of 300 jobs, which occurred in various sectors in the industry including clothing and clothing accessories stores; food and beverage stores; and building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers. The remaining job decline was in Transportation and Warehousing primarily resulting from the departure of a cruise ship as it continued its release of additional personnel.

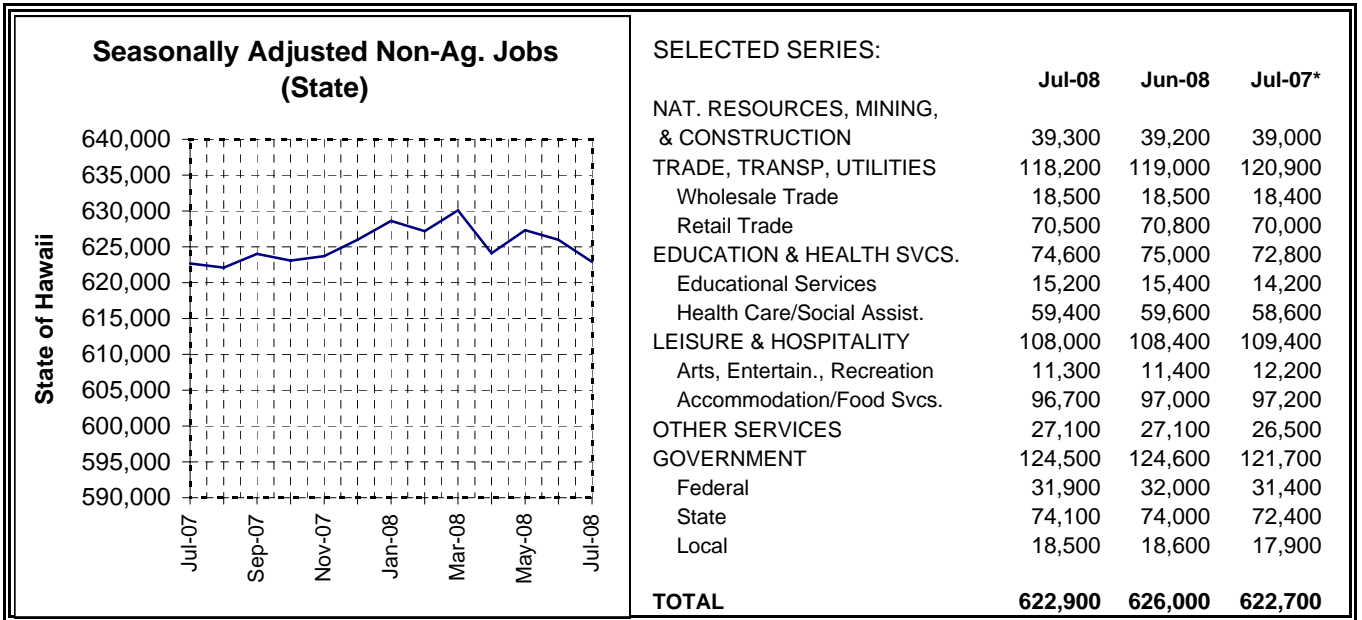
❖ **Government (-100)**

Government decreased by a minimal 100 jobs. Both Federal Government and Local Government each reported a loss of 100 jobs. State Government recorded a gain of 100 jobs mainly in the Department of Education.



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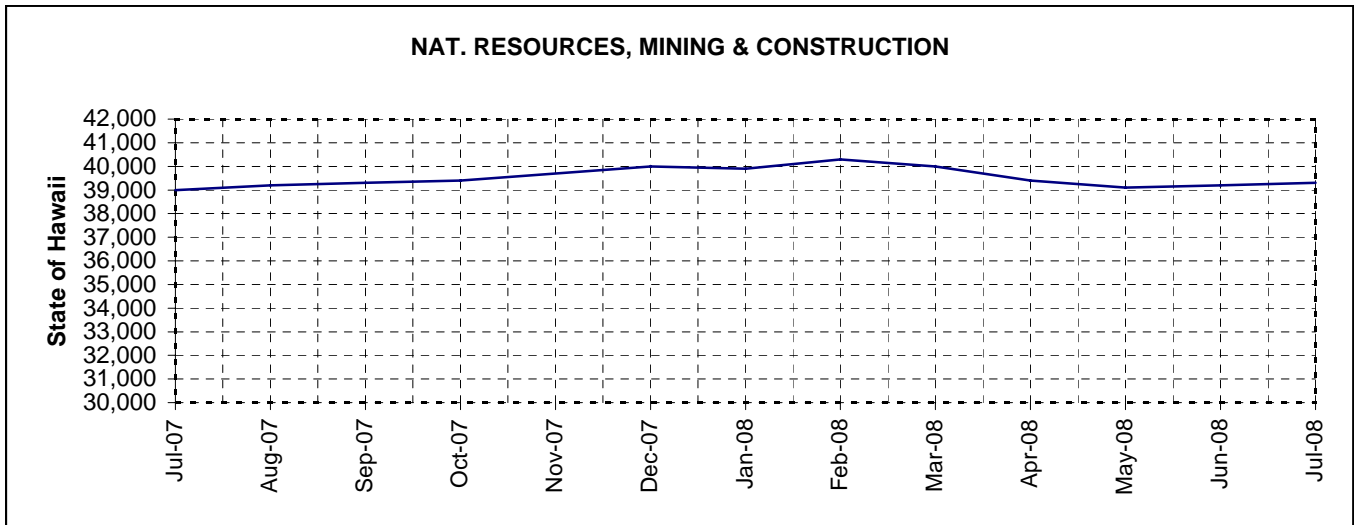
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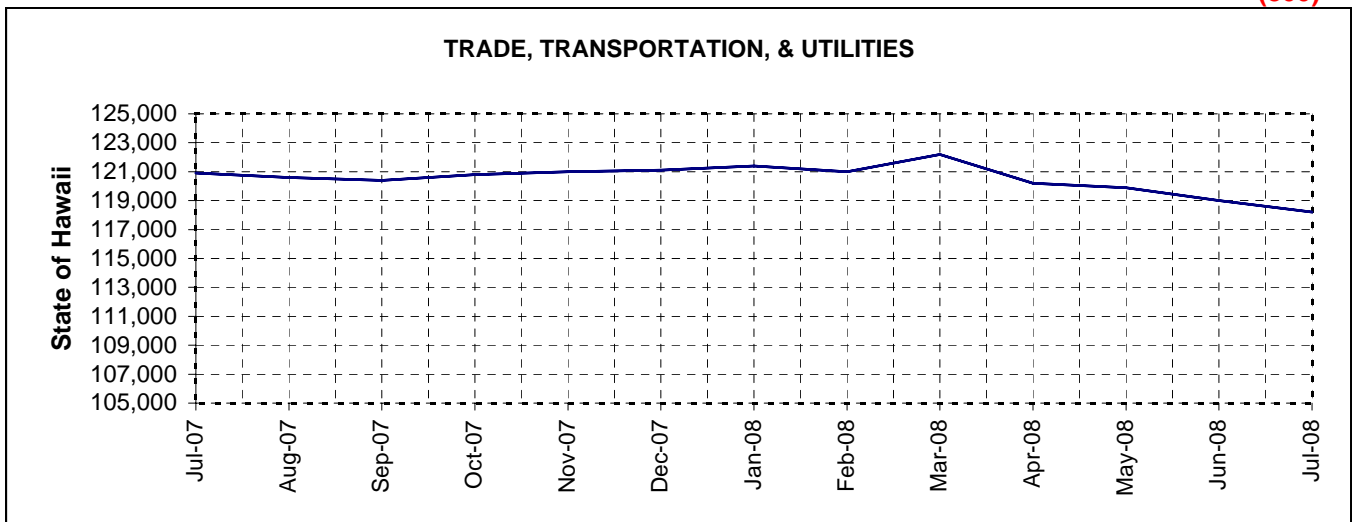
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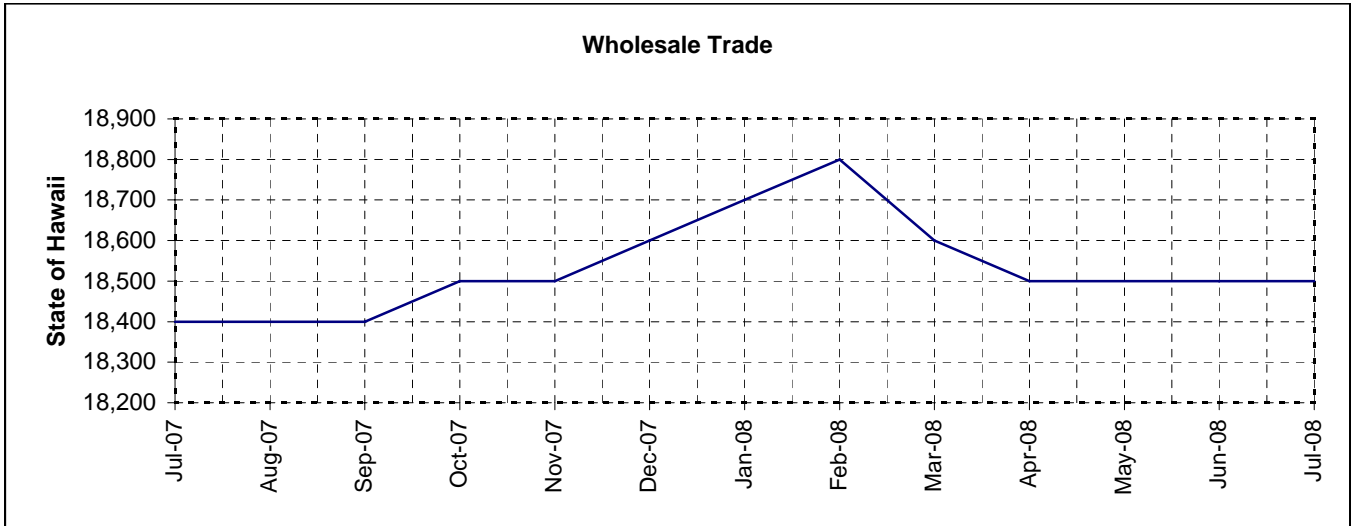
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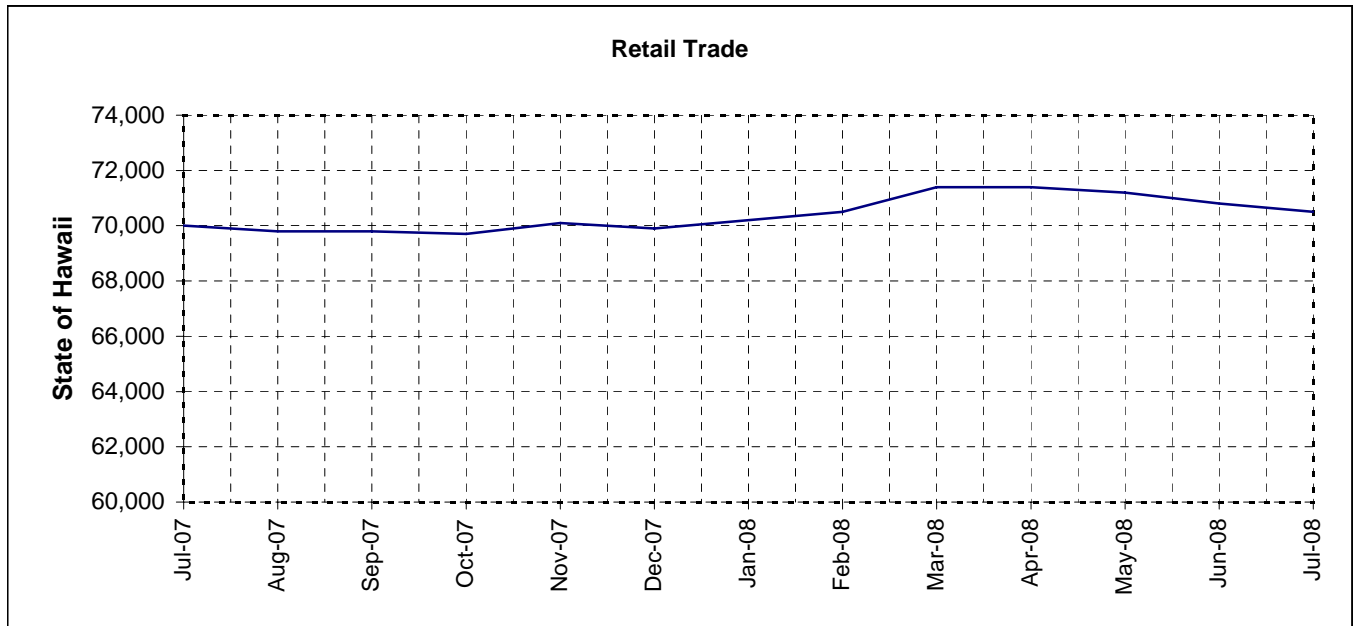


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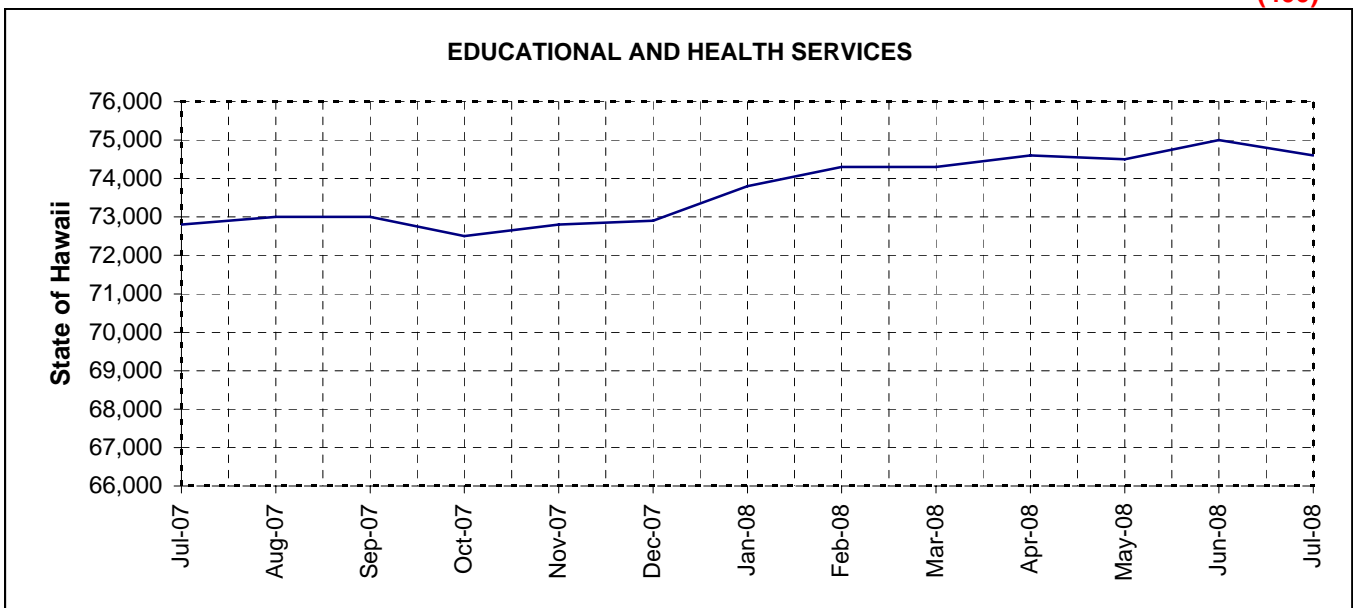




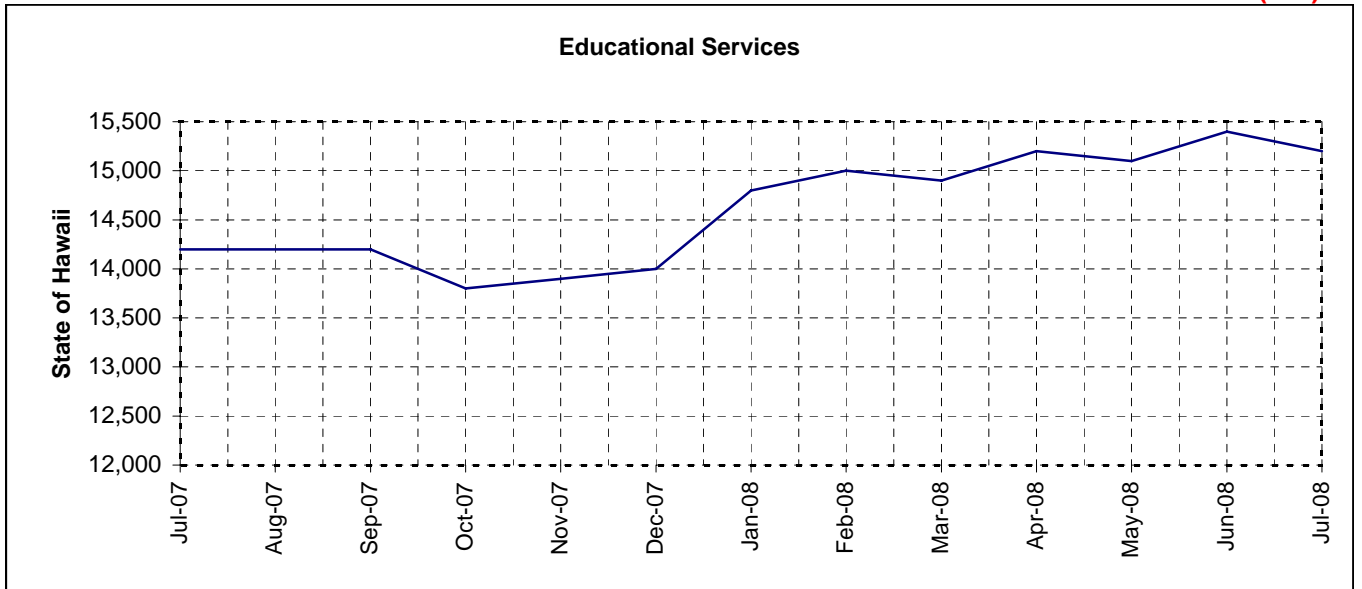
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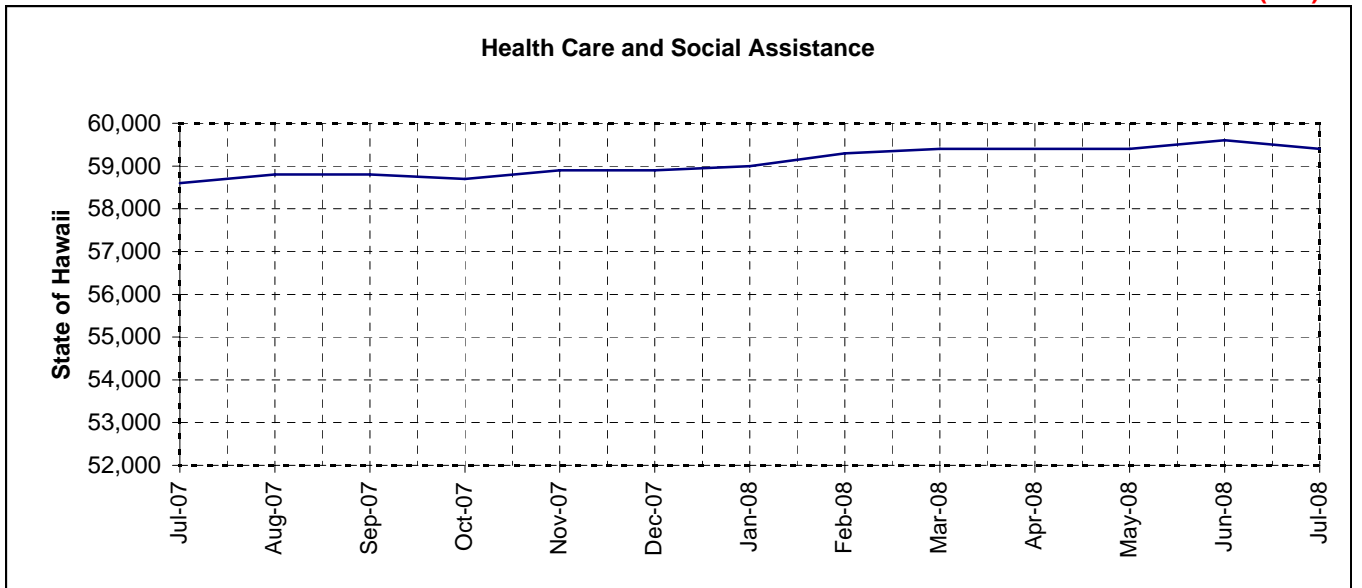
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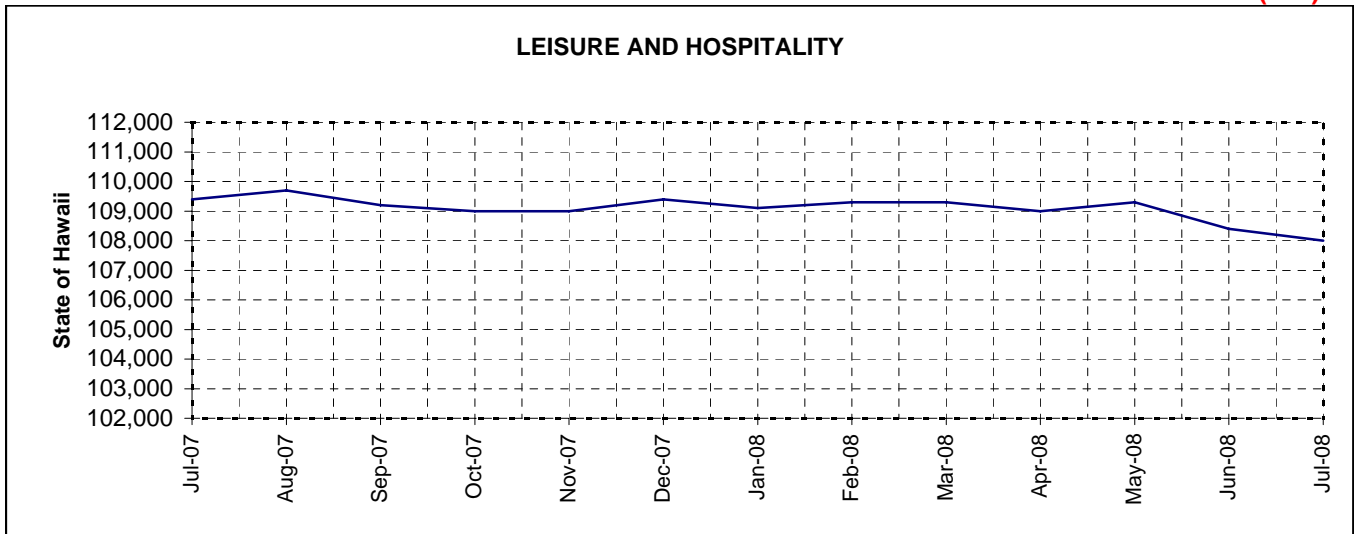
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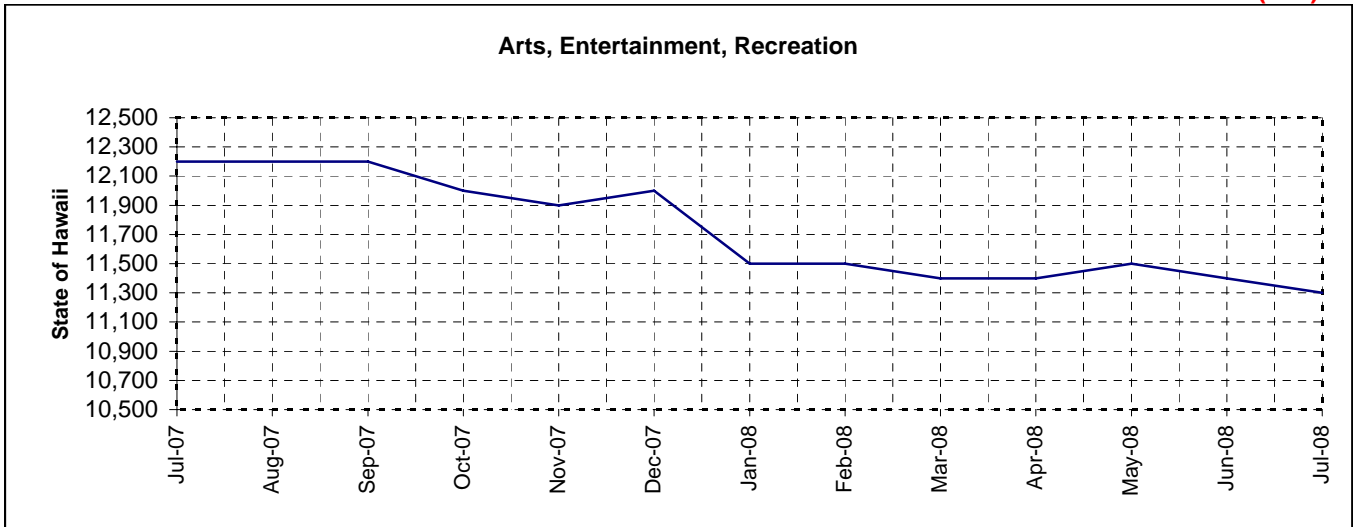
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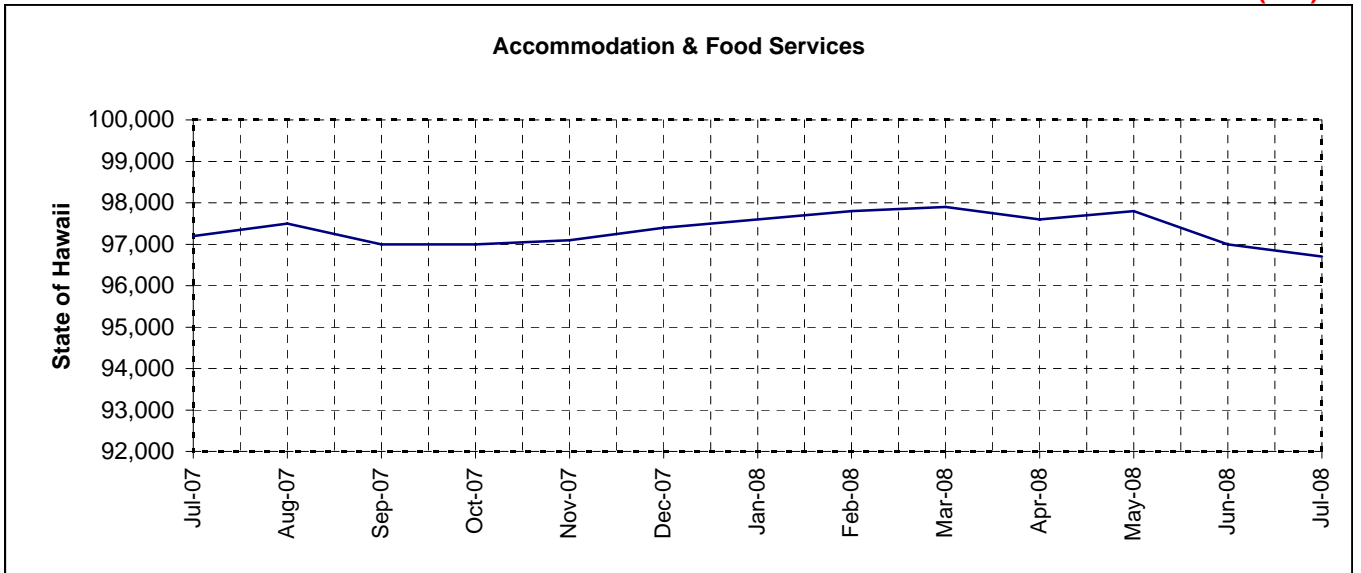
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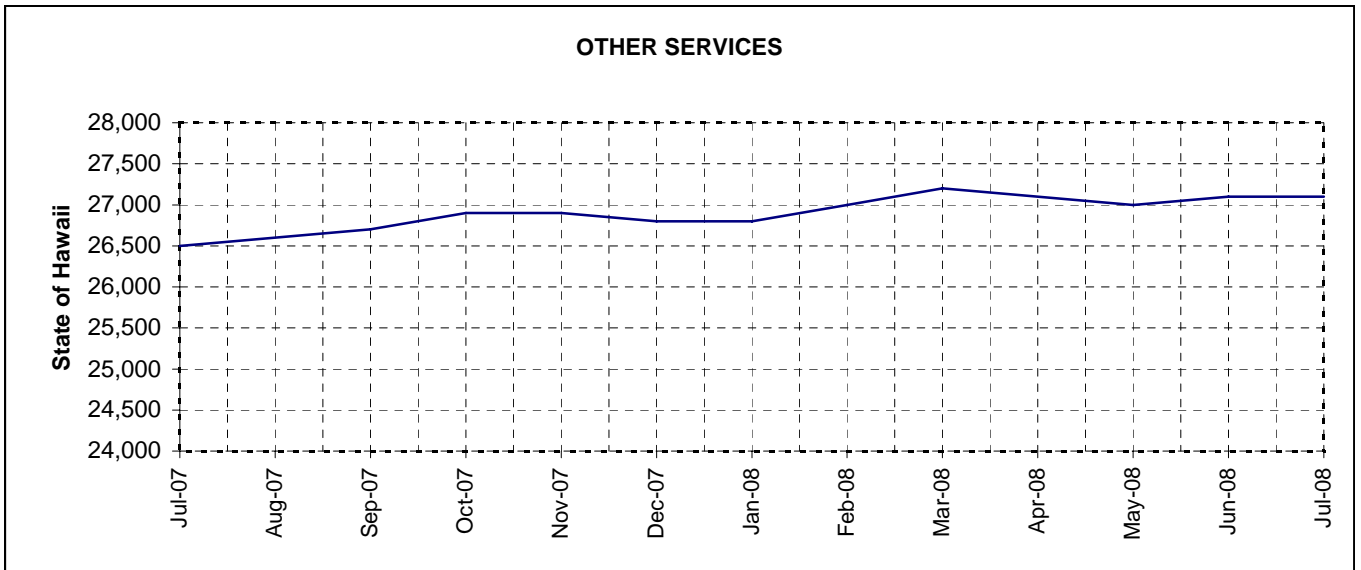
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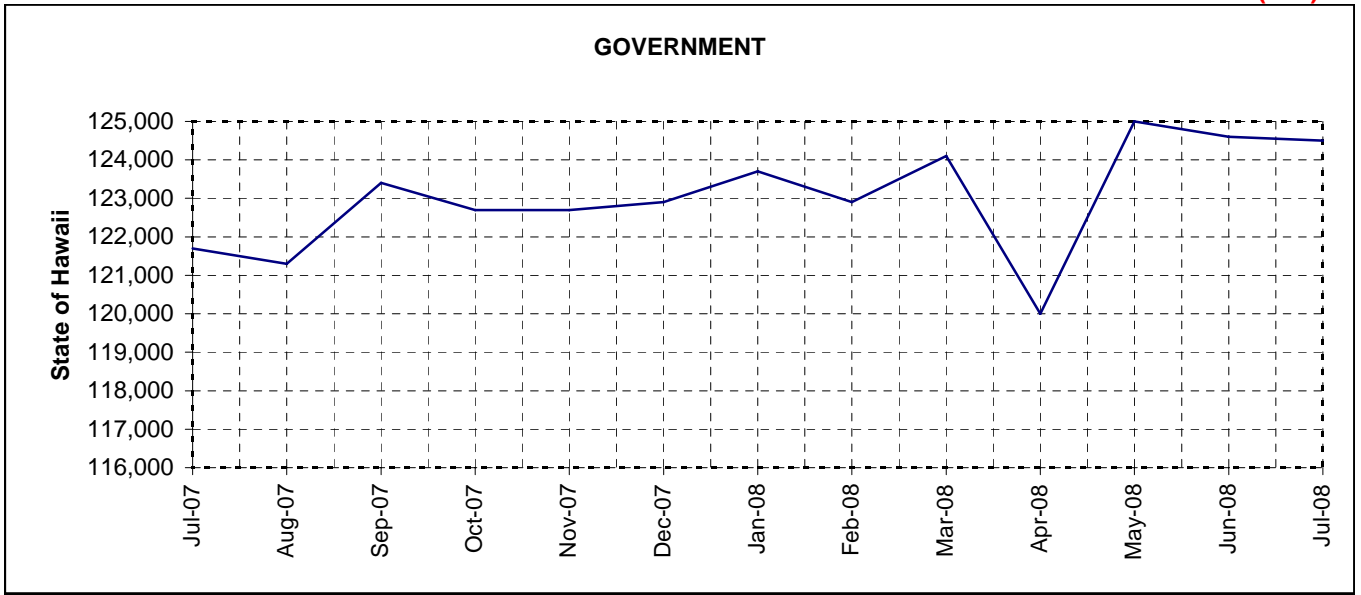
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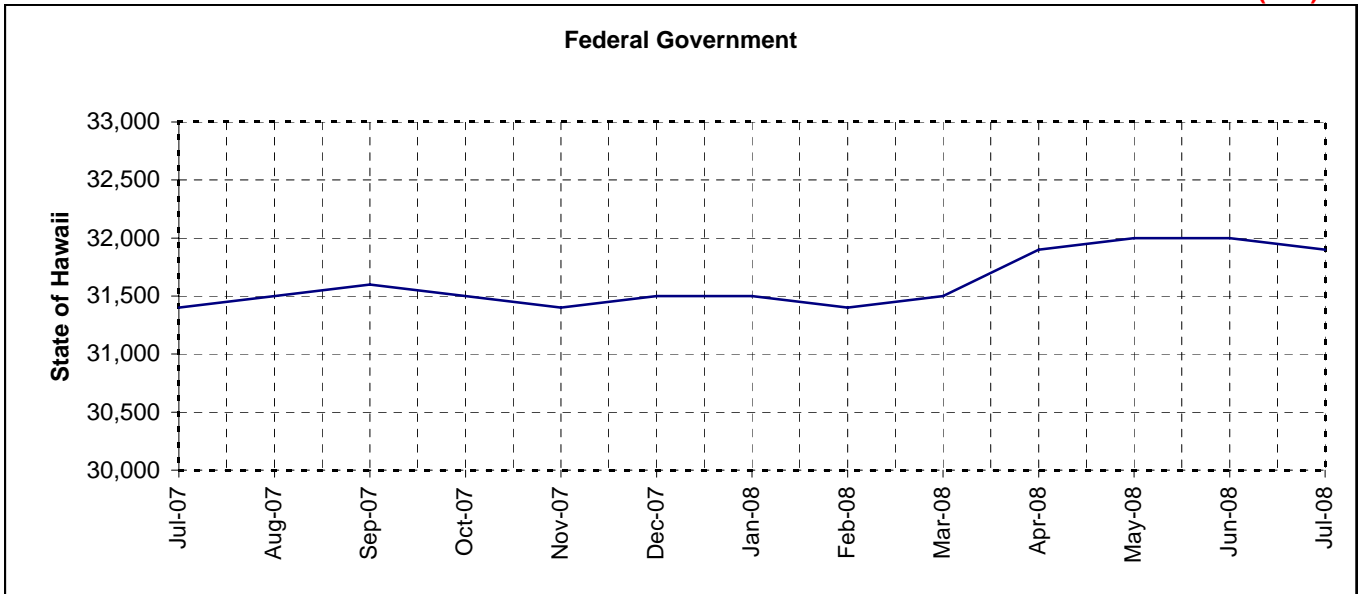
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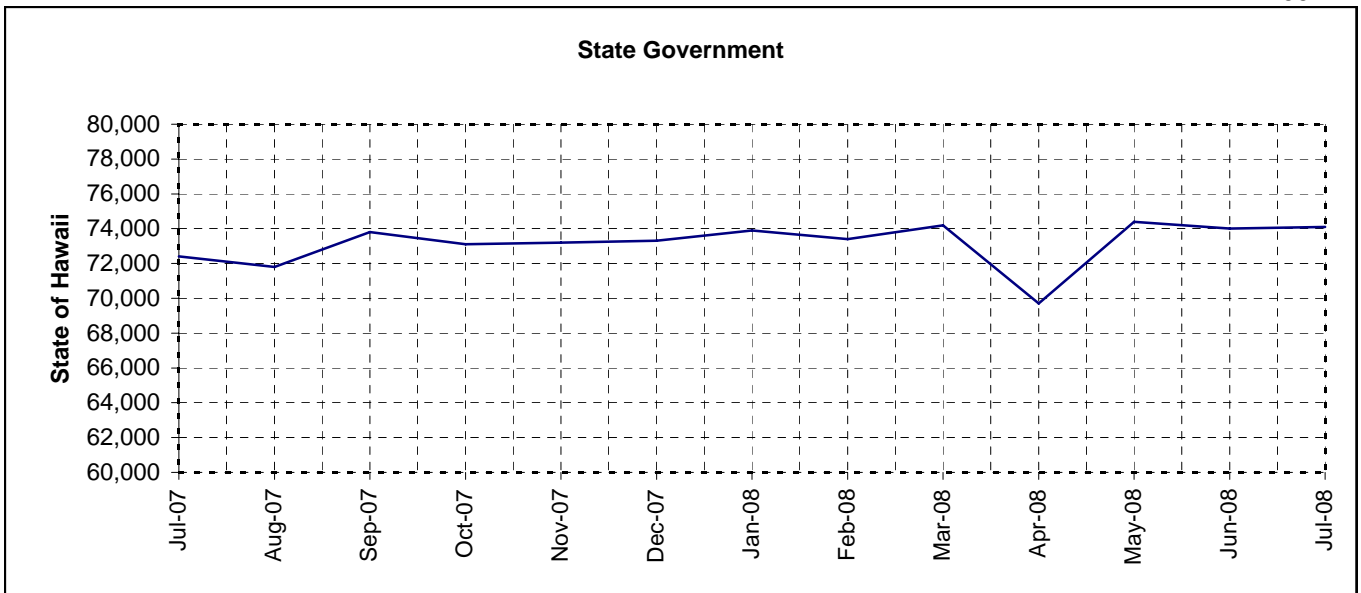
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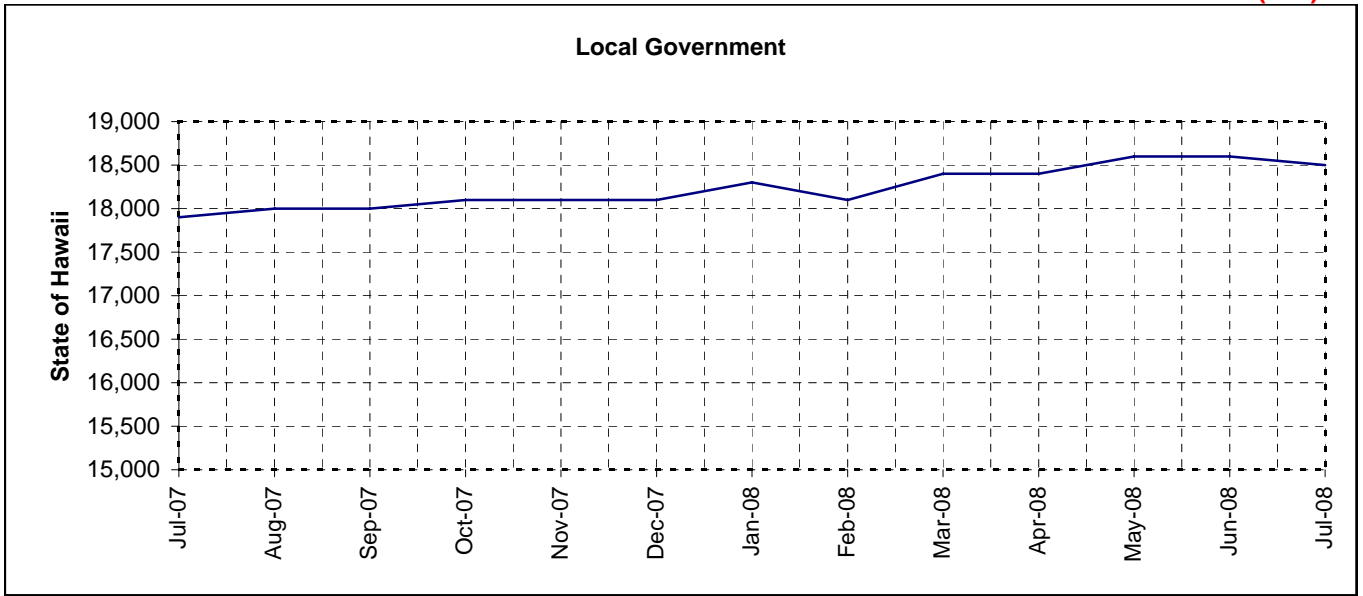


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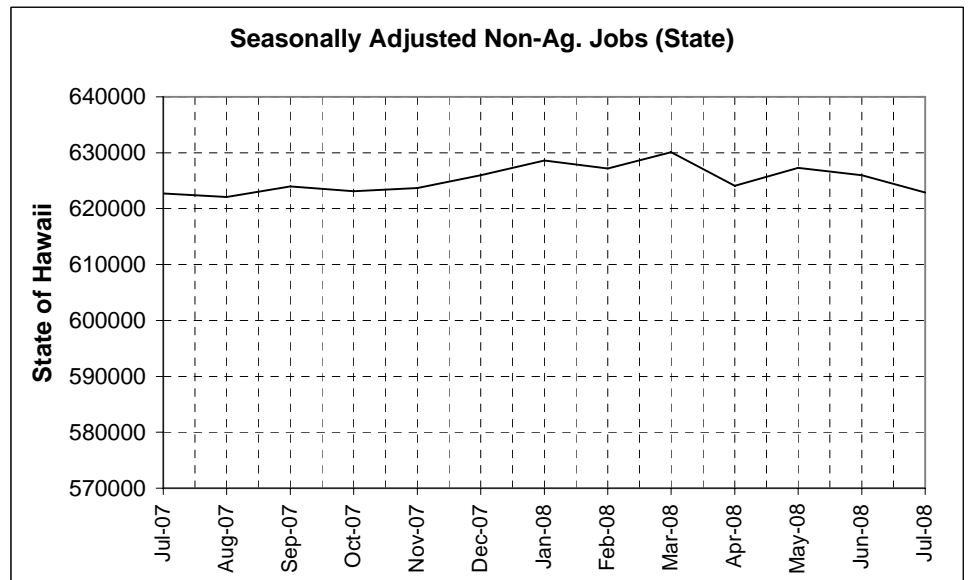
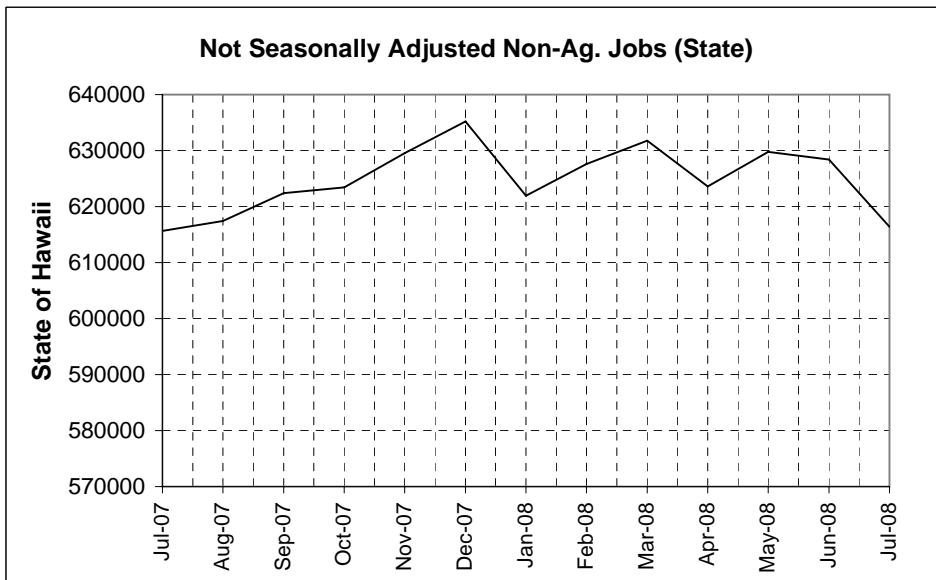
Not Seasonally Adjusted Non-Ag. Jobs (State)

	Jul-08	Jun-08	Jul-07*
NAT. RESOURCES, MINING & CONSTR.	39,450	39,450	39,200
MANUFACTURING	15,000	15,100	15,100
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES	117,650	118,450	120,750
Wholesale Trade	18,500	18,550	18,400
Retail Trade	70,100	70,450	69,550
INFORMATION	10,200	10,900	10,400
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	29,650	29,750	30,150
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	76,700	77,450	75,850
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	74,250	75,300	72,350
Educational Services	14,650	15,200	13,850
Health Care & Social Assistance	59,600	60,100	58,550
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	108,500	108,950	109,950
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11,350	11,450	12,150
Accommodation & Food Services	97,150	97,500	97,800
OTHER SERVICES	27,150	27,200	26,400
GOVERNMENT	117,850	125,850	115,400
Federal Government	32,050	32,000	31,500
State Government	66,600	75,150	65,300
Local Government	19,200	18,700	18,550
TOTAL: STATE	616,400	628,400	615,650
TOTAL: HONOLULU MSA	446,950	457,600	446,950

Seasonally Adjusted Non-Ag. Jobs (State)

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LABOR FORCE AND JOBCOUNT ESTIMATES
July 2008 Report, Statewide

	DEPARTMENT OF LABOR -- LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES							
	STATEWIDE							
	(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)							
	Jul-08	Jun-08	Jul-07	CHANGE FROM ONE MONTH AGO		CHANGE FROM ONE YEAR AGO		
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	672.4	668.2	652.6	4.2	0.6%	19.8	3.0%	
TOTAL EMPLOYED	643.8	638.3	633.0	5.5	0.9%	10.8	1.7%	
UNEMPLOYED	28.6	29.9	19.6	-1.3	-4.3%	9.0	45.9%	
percent of Labor Force	4.2%	4.5%	3.0%					
Total Nonfarm	616.4	628.4	615.6	-12.0	-1.9%	0.8	0.1%	
Total Private	498.5	502.5	500.2	-4.0	-0.8%	-1.7	-0.3%	
Goods Producing	54.5	54.6	54.3	-0.1	-0.2%	0.1	0.3%	
Service-Providing	561.9	573.8	561.3	-11.9	-2.1%	0.6	0.1%	
Private Service-Providing	444.1	448.0	445.9	-3.9	-0.9%	-1.9	-0.4%	
Nat. Res & Construct	39.5	39.4	39.2	0.0	0.0%	0.2	0.6%	
Construction of Buildings	12.2	12.3	12.8	-0.1	4.7%	-0.5	7.6%	
Special Trade Contractors	21.6	21.6	21.0	0.0	-0.9%	0.6	-4.2%	
Manufacturing	15.0	15.1	15.1	-0.1	-0.6%	-0.1	-0.7%	
Durable Goods	4.6	4.6	4.6	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.1%	
Non-Durable Goods	10.4	10.5	10.5	-0.1	-0.9%	-0.1	-1.0%	
Trade, Transportation,	117.6	118.5	120.8	-0.8	-0.7%	-3.1	-2.6%	
Wholesale Trade	18.5	18.6	18.4	-0.1	-0.4%	0.1	0.5%	
Retail Trade	70.1	70.5	69.6	-0.4	-0.5%	0.5	0.8%	
Food and Beverage Sto	13.1	13.2	12.6	-0.1	-0.6%	0.5	4.0%	
Grocery Stores	11.1	11.2	10.7	-0.1	-0.7%	0.4	3.7%	
Clothing and Clothing	11.6	11.6	11.5	-0.1	-0.4%	0.0	0.4%	
General Merchandise S	13.2	13.2	12.5	0.0	-0.1%	0.7	5.3%	
Department Stores	9.4	9.4	9.0	0.0	-0.3%	0.5	5.0%	
Trans,Warehouse, Util	29.0	29.4	32.8	-0.4	-1.4%	-3.8	-11.5%	
Utilities	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.0%	0.0	1.3%	
Transport & Warehouse	25.9	26.3	29.7	-0.4	-1.5%	-3.8	-12.8%	
Air Transportation	7.6	7.5	9.7	0.0	0.4%	-2.2	-22.4%	
Information	10.2	10.9	10.4	-0.7	-6.1%	-0.2	-1.7%	
Telecommunications	4.1	4.1	4.2	0.0	0.0%	-0.1	-3.0%	
Financial Activities	29.6	29.7	30.2	-0.1	-0.3%	-0.5	-1.8%	
Finance and Insurance	16.6	16.7	17.0	-0.1	-0.6%	-0.4	-2.2%	
Real Estate and Renta	13.0	13.0	13.2	0.0	0.0%	-0.2	-1.2%	
Professional and Busin	76.7	77.5	75.9	-0.8	-1.0%	0.8	1.1%	
Professional, Scienti	25.0	25.0	24.5	0.0	0.1%	0.5	2.2%	
Management of Compani	7.6	7.7	7.7	0.0	-0.6%	0.0	-0.2%	
Administrative and Su	44.0	44.8	43.7	-0.8	-1.7%	0.3	0.7%	
Employment Services	14.9	15.5	14.5	-0.6	-3.9%	0.4	2.5%	
Educational and Health	74.2	75.3	72.4	-1.0	-1.4%	1.9	2.6%	
Educational Services	14.7	15.2	13.8	-0.5	-3.4%	0.8	6.0%	
Elementary and Second	7.9	7.9	7.7	0.0	0.2%	0.2	2.4%	
Health Care and Socia	59.6	60.1	58.5	-0.5	-0.9%	1.1	1.8%	
Ambulatory Health Car	23.7	23.8	23.0	-0.1	-0.5%	0.7	3.1%	
Hospitals	14.1	14.2	14.4	-0.1	-0.7%	-0.4	-2.4%	
Nursing and Residenti	7.1	7.1	6.8	0.0	-0.1%	0.2	3.3%	
Social Assistance	14.8	15.0	14.3	-0.3	-1.9%	0.5	3.2%	
Leisure and Hospitalit	108.5	108.9	110.0	-0.4	-0.4%	-1.5	-1.3%	
Arts, Entertainment,	11.4	11.5	12.2	-0.1	-0.9%	-0.8	-6.6%	
Accommodation and Foo	97.1	97.5	97.8	-0.3	-0.3%	-0.7	-0.7%	
Accommodation	38.3	38.3	38.9	0.0	0.0%	-0.6	-1.7%	
Food Services and Dri	58.9	59.2	58.9	-0.3	-0.5%	0.0	0.0%	
Full-Service Restaura	30.4	30.6	30.6	-0.2	-0.8%	-0.2	-0.8%	
Other Services	27.1	27.2	26.4	-0.1	-0.2%	0.7	2.8%	
Government	117.9	125.9	115.4	-8.0	-6.4%	2.5	2.1%	
Federal Government	32.0	32.0	31.5	0.0	0.1%	0.5	1.7%	
Ship Building & Repai	4.1	4.1	4.0	-0.4	-2.3%	0.0	-0.1%	
Department of Defense	16.1	16.5	16.1	0.0	0.2%	0.2	3.8%	
State Government	66.6	75.1	65.3	-8.5	-11.3%	1.3	2.0%	
State Govt. Education	41.7	50.4	41.2	-8.7	-17.3%	0.5	1.3%	
Local Government	19.2	18.7	18.6	0.5	2.7%	0.7	3.5%	

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES- NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	JUL 2008	JUN 2008	JUL 2007
STATE	4.2	4.5	3.0
HONOLULU	3.9	4.2	2.8
HAWAII COUNTY	5.8	6.0	3.8
KAUAI	4.3	4.5	2.8
MAUI COUNTY	4.4	4.6	3.1
Maui Island	4.2	4.3	3.0
Molokai	11.9	12.2	6.1
Lanai	5.2	5.7	2.6
U. S.	6.0	5.7	4.9

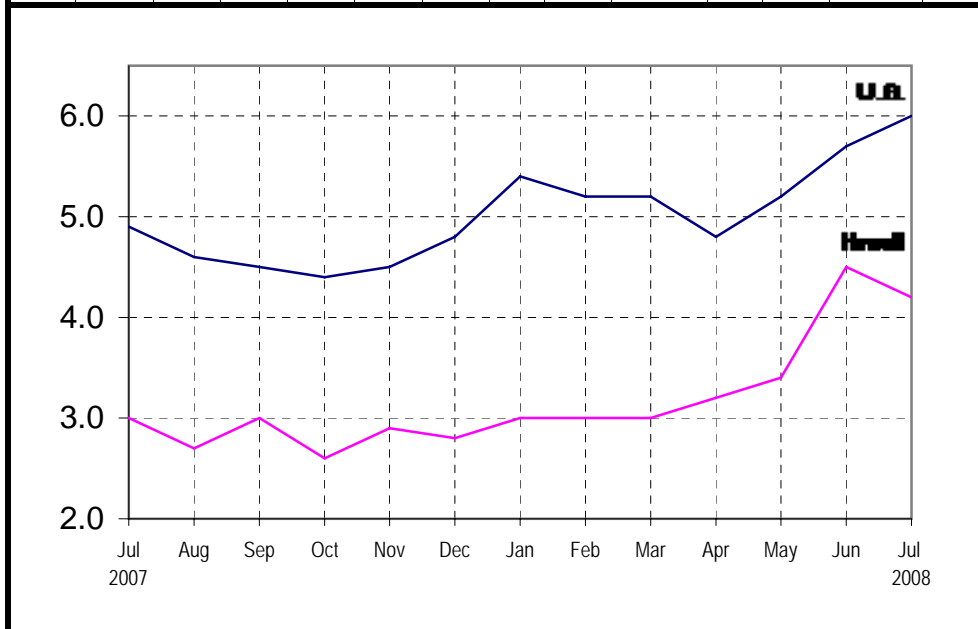
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Unemployment	26,150	25,200	17,050

**totals may not add due to rounding

	Jul 2007	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul 2008
U. S.	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.8	5.4	5.2	5.2	4.8	5.2	5.7	6.0
Hawaii	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.9	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.4	4.5	4.2



	Jul 2007	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul 2008
U. S.	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.7	5.0	4.9	4.8	5.1	5.0	5.5	5.5	5.7
Hawaii	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.8	3.9

