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**HAWAII'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DIPS
TO 2.4 PERCENT IN JUNE**

Lowest Unemployment in the Nation

HONOLULU - The Hawai'i State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations announced today that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June was 2.4 percent, a slight decline from May's rate of 2.5 percent. Hawai'i tied with Montana to post the lowest unemployment rate in the nation. Nationally, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained constant for the third consecutive month at 4.5 percent. For the first half of the year, Hawai'i's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has averaged 2.4 percent.

In June, Hawai'i's seasonally adjusted labor force totaled 653,100, and was comprised of 637,350 employed and 15,750 unemployed. Over-the-year, the number of employed has expanded by 10,050, or 1.6 percent, while the number of unemployed has gone down by 550, or 3.4 percent.

State of Hawaii Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data			
	<u>Jun 2007</u>	<u>May 2007</u>	<u>Jun 2006</u>
Labor Force	653,100	654,000	643,600
Employment	637,350	637,850	627,300
Unemployment	15,750	16,200	16,300

	JUN 2007	MAY 2007	JUN 2006
STATE	2.4	2.5	2.5
HONOLULU*	2.9	2.2	3.1
HAWAII COUNTY*	4.0	3.1	4.0
KAUAI*	2.9	2.2	3.0
MAUI COUNTY*	2.8	2.2	3.0
Maui Island*	2.6	2.1	2.9
Molokai*	9.1	5.5	7.5
Lanai*	2.3	2.5	1.0
U. S.	4.5	4.5	4.6

* non-seasonally adjusted

Industry Payroll Employment

In another measure of employment, total seasonally adjusted nonagricultural jobs increased over-the-month by 2,100 to 631,800 mainly due to job gains experienced in the Education & Health Services (+700), Construction (+400) and Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (+400). In the first half of 2007, job growth averaged 1,400 per month, with four out of every five jobs from the private sector. Since June 2006, the seasonally adjusted jobcount expanded by 14,800 or 2.4 percent with the private sector accounting for 86.5 percent of the growth with 12,800 jobs most notably in Leisure & Hospitality (+2,500 each) and Educational & Health Services (+2,200).

“Hawai‘i continues to experience positive job growth in numerous industries,” said Nelson B.

Befitel, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations. “The continued expansion of the economy is keeping Hawai‘i’s unemployment population at a consistently low level.”

Seasonally Adjusted Non-Ag. Jobs (State)			
SELECTED SERIES:	Jun-07	May-07	Jun-06*
NATURAL RESOURCES, MINING AND CONSTRUCTION	38,200	37,800	35,700
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES	121,700	121,300	121,100
Wholesale Trade**	18,200	18,100	18,000
Retail Trade**	70,600	70,700	70,100
EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH SERVICES	73,500	72,800	71,300
Educational Services**	14,700	14,400	14,200
Health Care and Social Assistance**	58,800	58,400	57,100
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	110,300	110,400	107,800
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation**	11,700	11,700	11,700
Accommodation & Food Services**	98,600	98,700	96,100
OTHER SERVICES	26,500	26,600	26,000
GOVERNMENT	122,300	122,300	120,300
Federal Government**	31,600	31,700	31,600
State Government**	72,700	72,700	71,200
Local Government**	18,000	17,900	17,500
TOTAL: STATE	631,800	629,700	617,000

❖ **Educational & Health Services (+700)**

Educational & Health Services posted job gains for the fifth consecutive month. Education rose by 300 jobs in private schools. While Health Care and Social Assistance added 400 jobs most of which were in social programs as well as to staff workers in the doctor’s offices.

❖ **Construction (+400)**

Construction continued to grow for the third straight month rising by 400 jobs each month. As in last month, the increase was due to hiring more special trades contractors as building equipment contractors and building finishing contractors continue work on renovated and new projects.

❖ **Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (+400)**

This major industry also steadily rose for three consecutive months. The minimal increase in Wholesale Trade was offset by similar drop in Retail Trade. The majority of the growth was predominantly in Transportation primarily due to the hiring of workers to staff Hawai'i Superferry, which is scheduled to launch its inaugural voyage within a couple of months.

❖ **Leisure & Hospitality (-100)**

Leisure & Hospitality showed little change falling slightly by 100 jobs. Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation reported no change. The gain in museums, historical sites and similar institutions made up for the decrease in performing arts, spectacular sports, and related industries. Accommodations & Food Services fell modestly by 100 jobs mostly in Accommodations resulting from falling occupancy rates. This may partially be due to more visitors opting to staying in condominiums and on cruise ships.

❖ **Other Services (-100)**

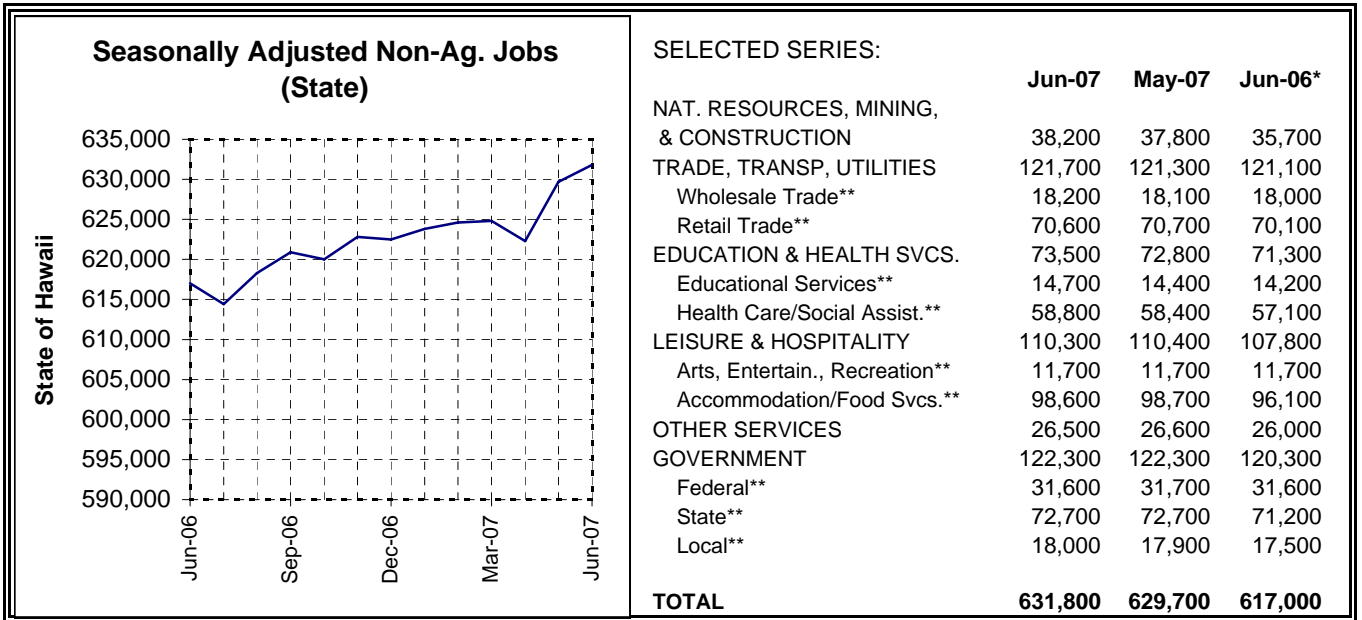
This miscellaneous group lost a nominal 100 jobs mainly in personal and laundry services.

❖ **Government (No Change)**

Government remained unchanged. The increase in Federal Government was offset by the decrease in Local Government. State Government remained stable over-the-month.

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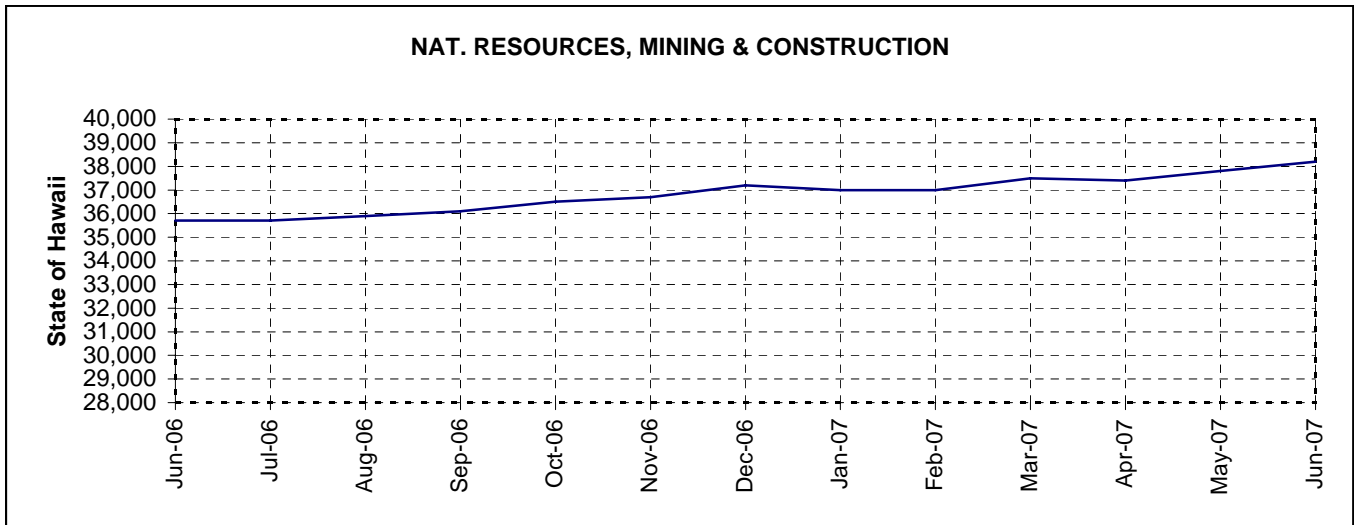
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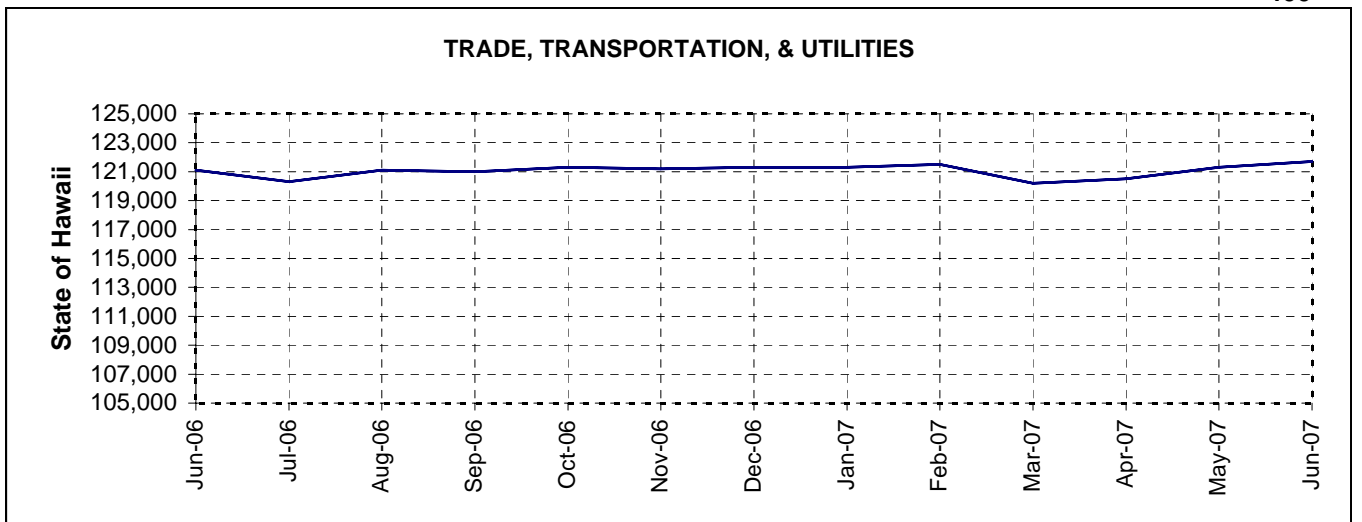
May-07 - Jun-07 (+2,100, + 0.3%)

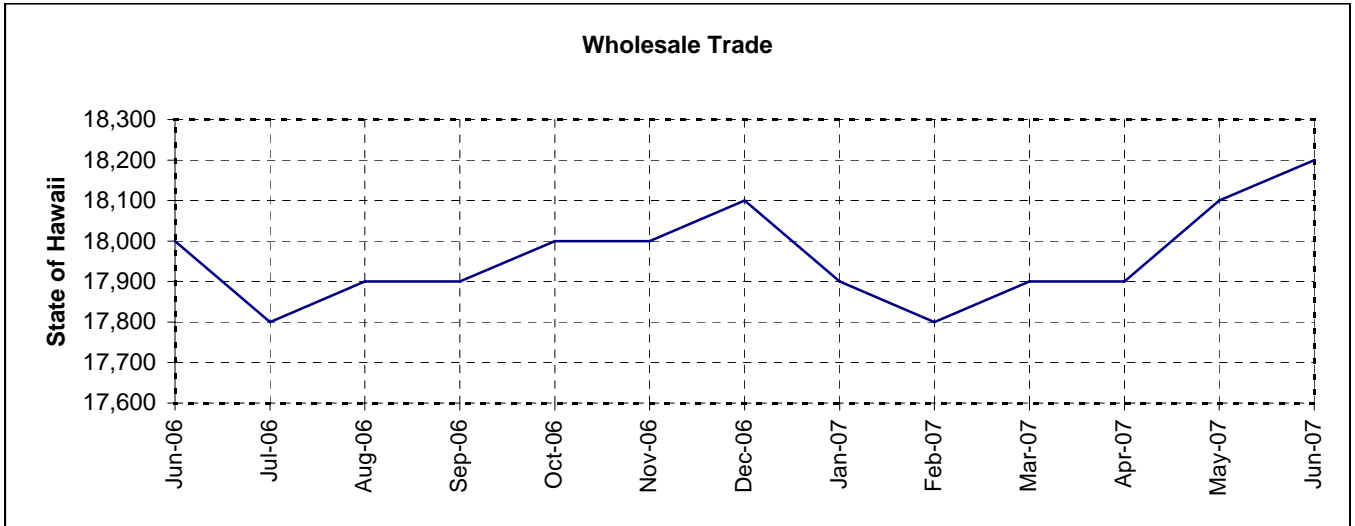
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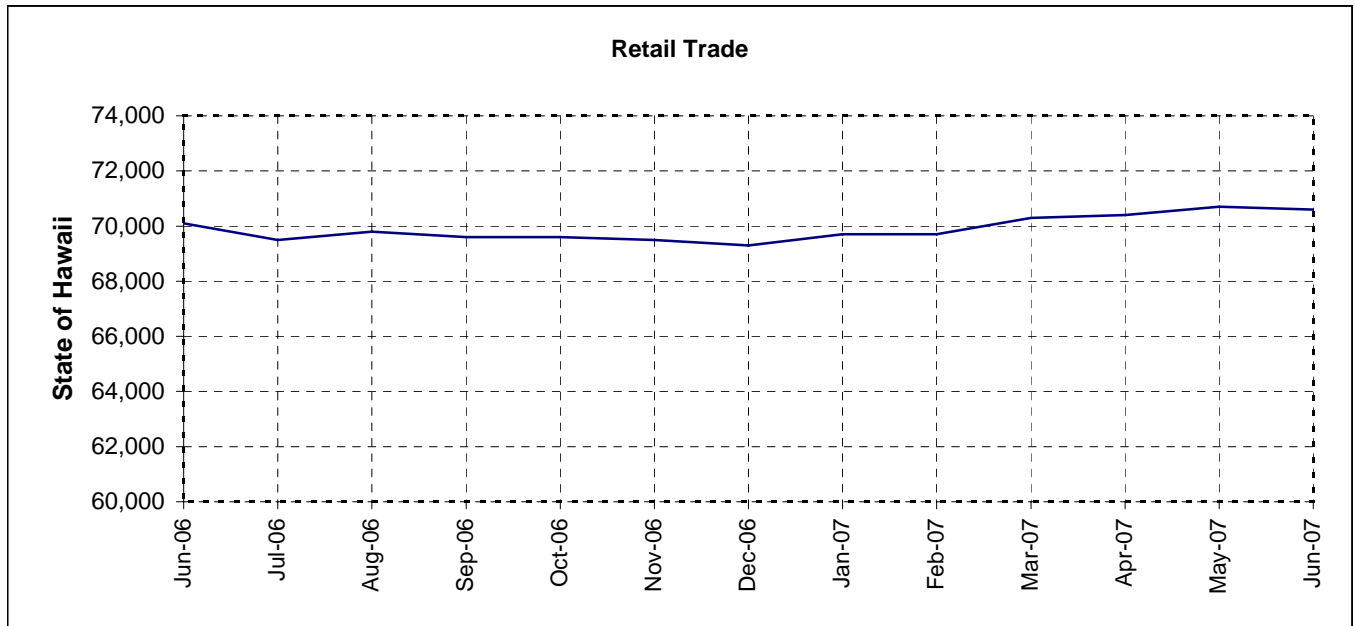


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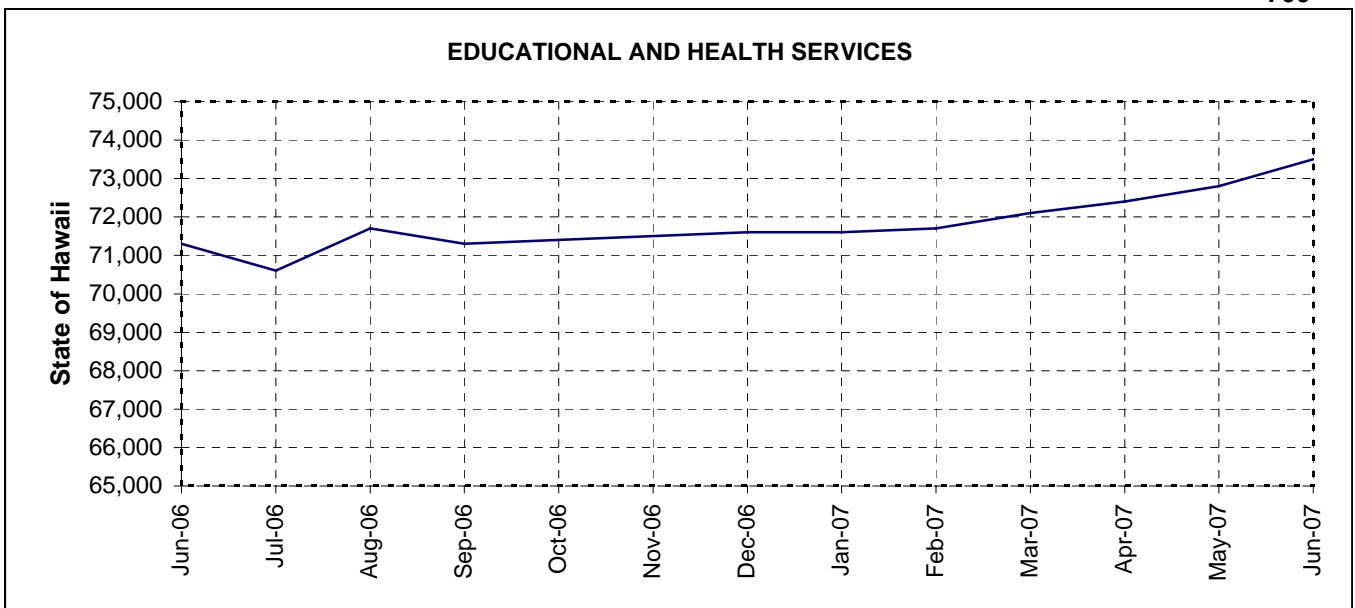


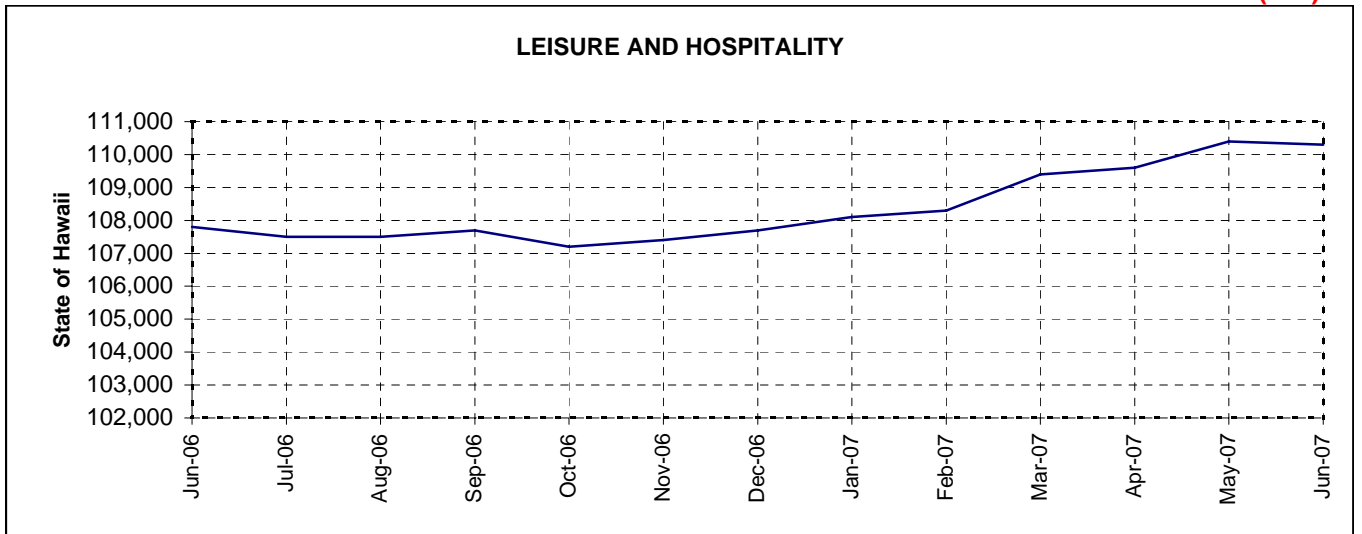
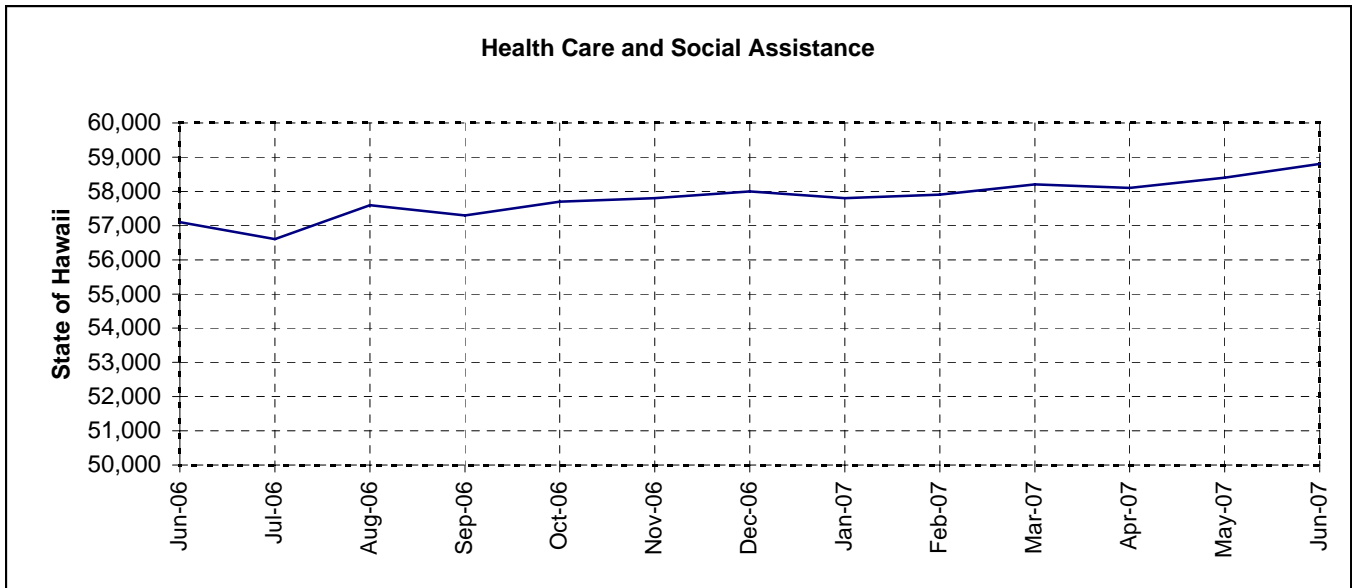
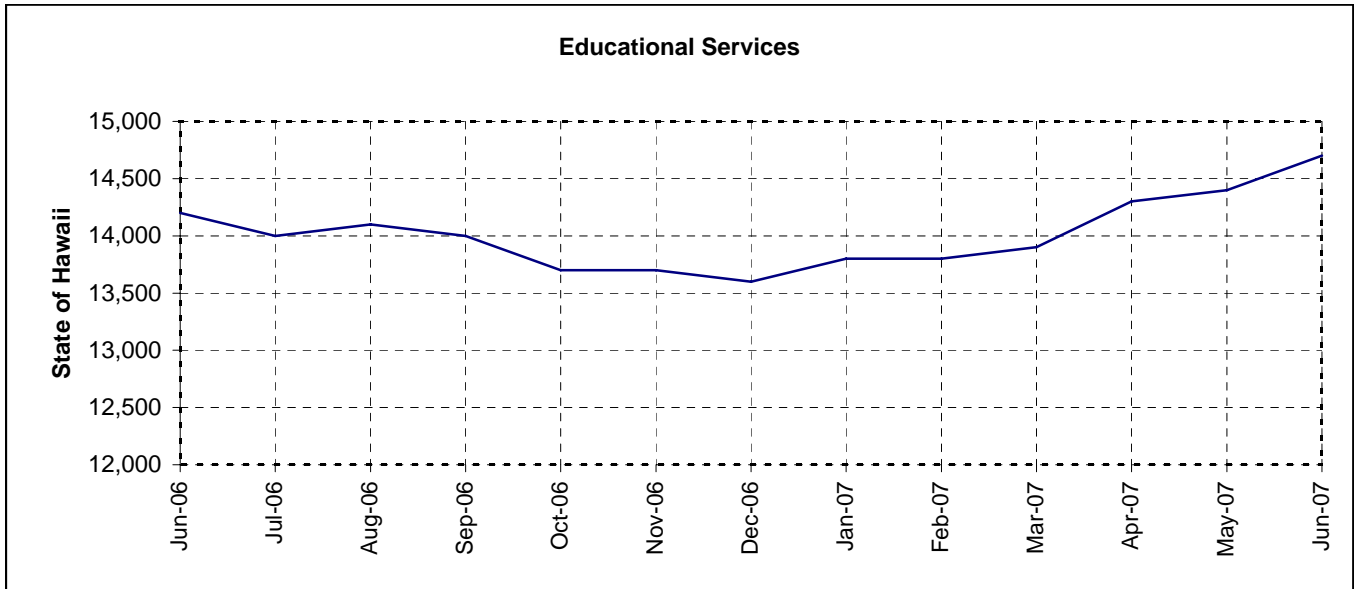


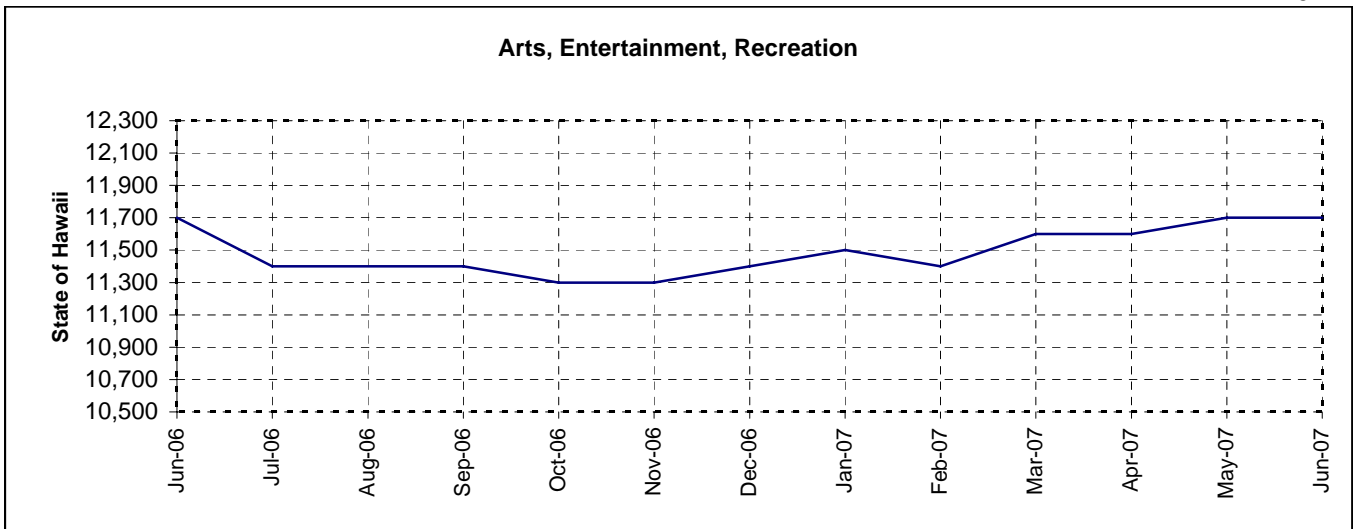
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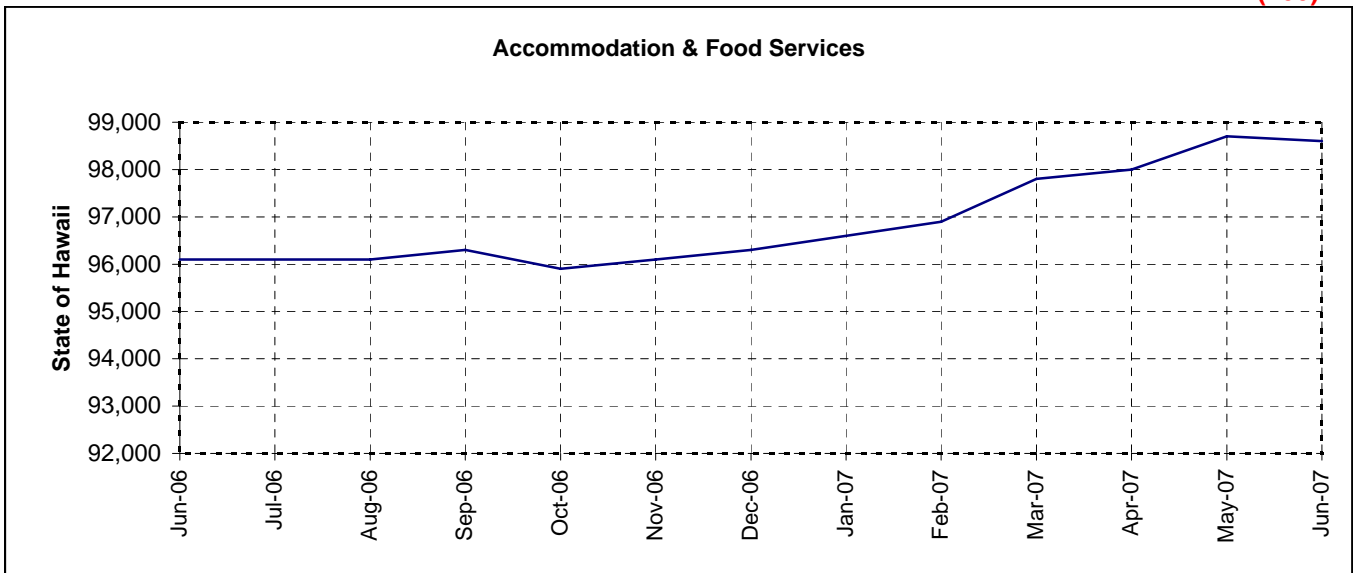
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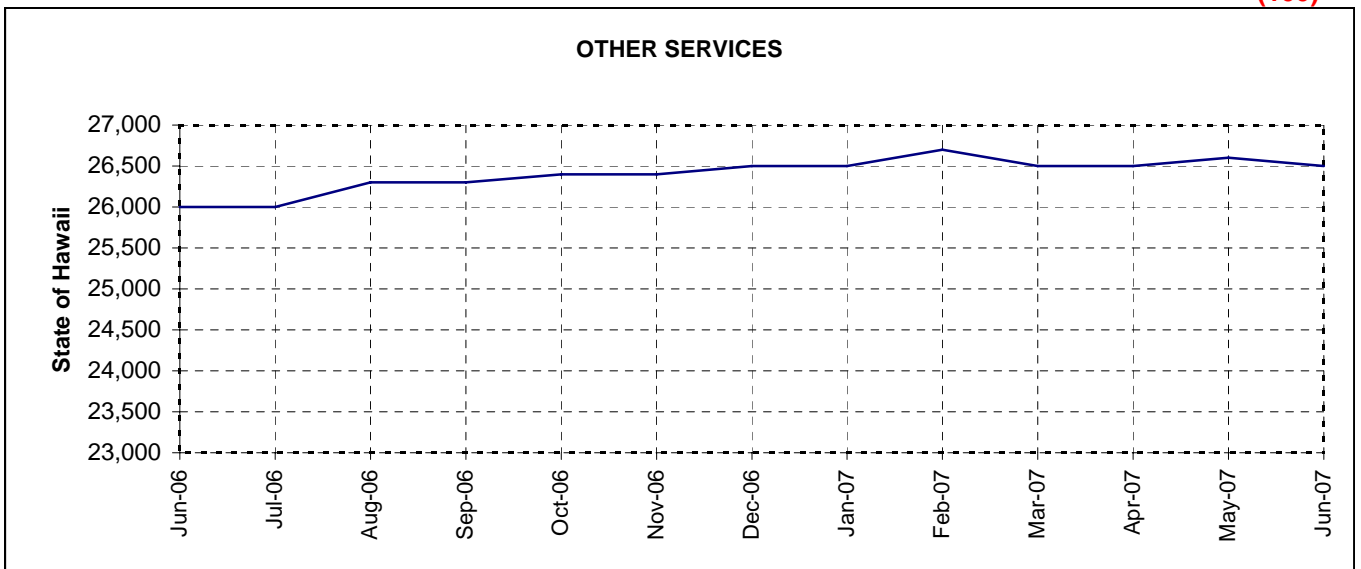


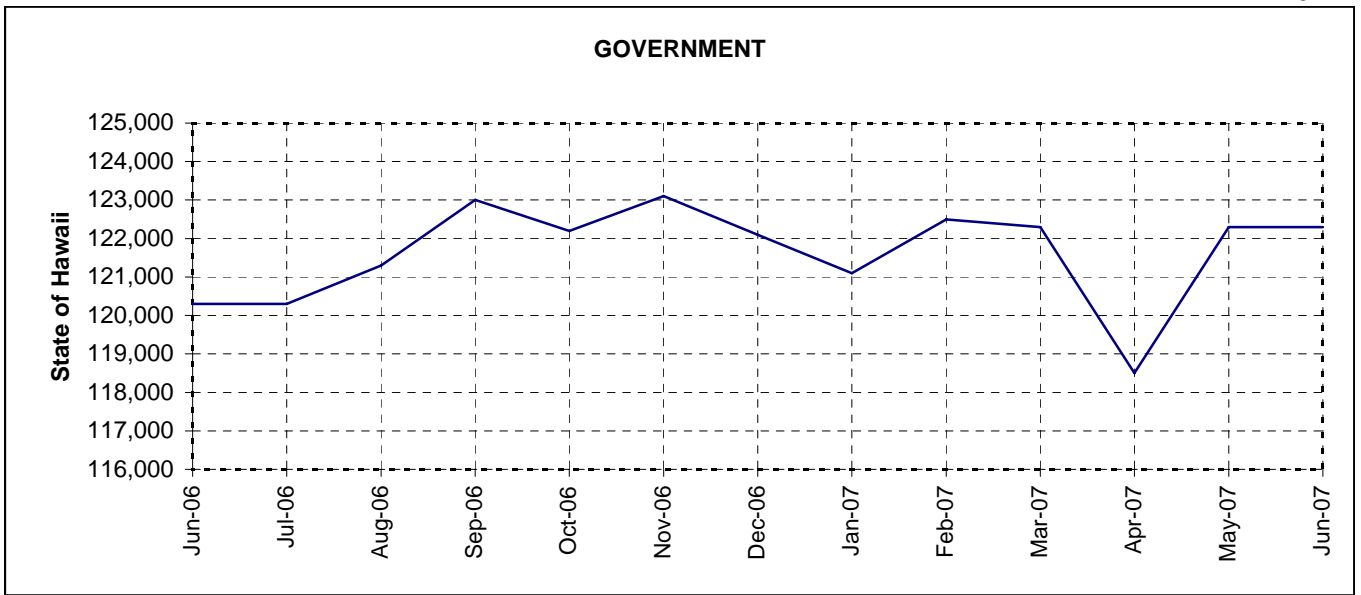


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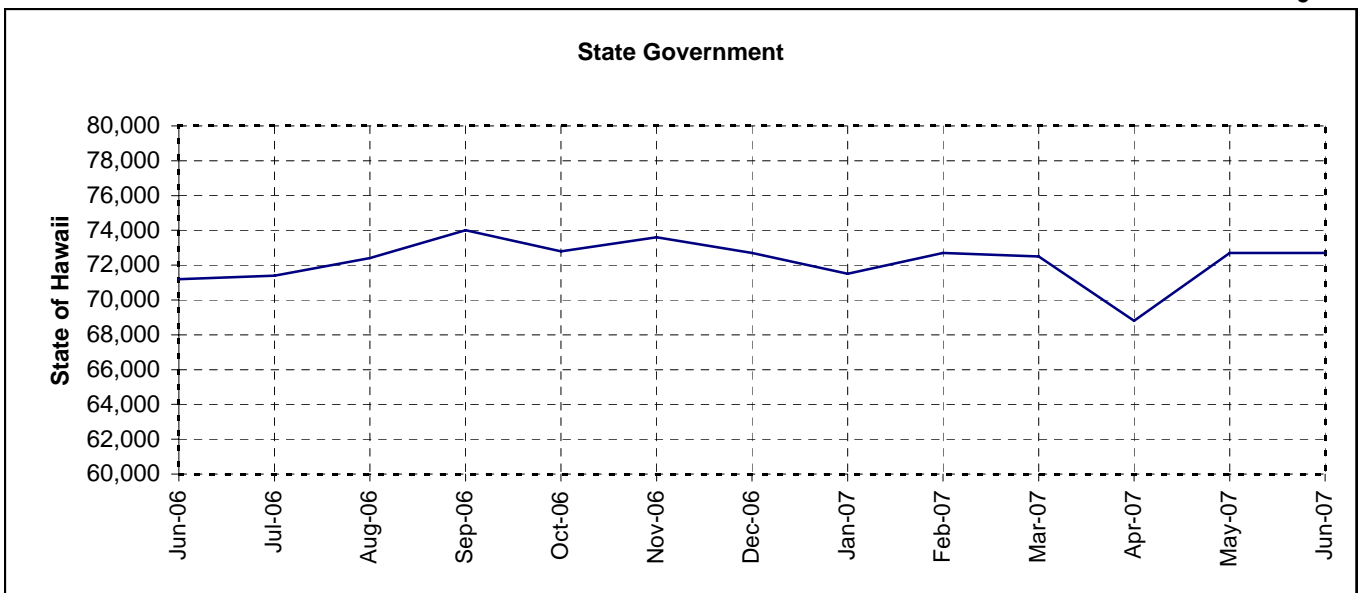
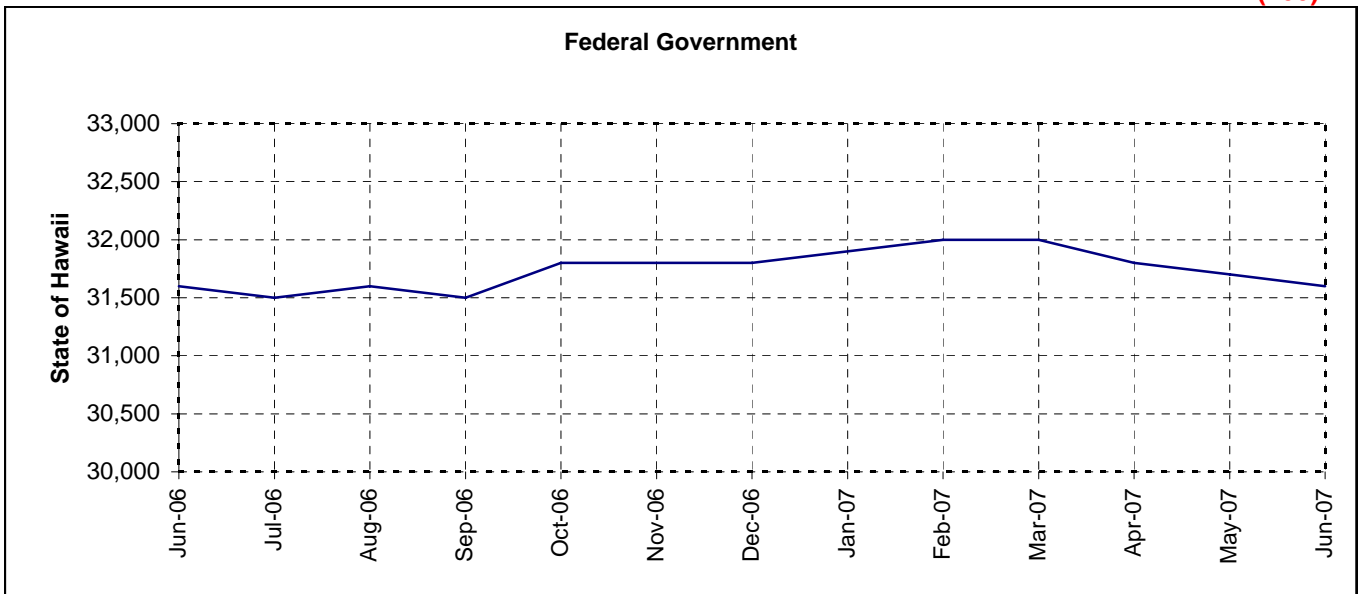


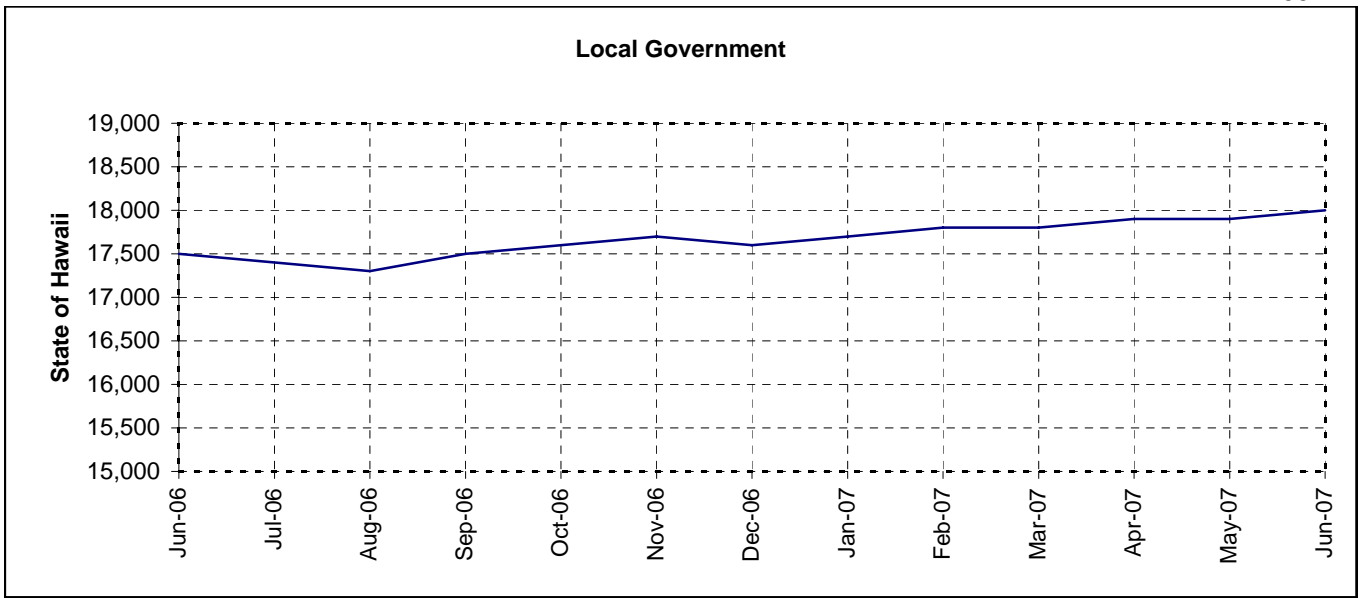
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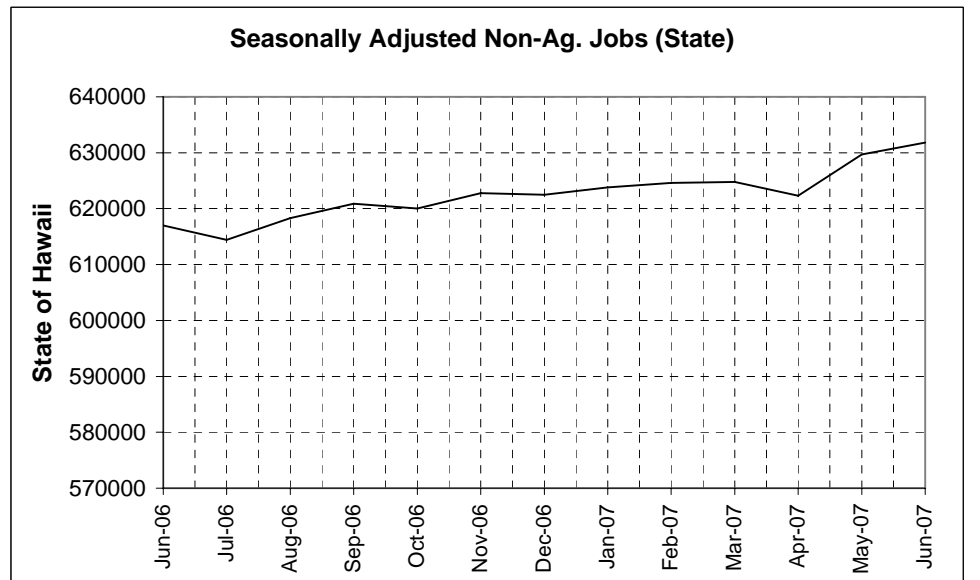
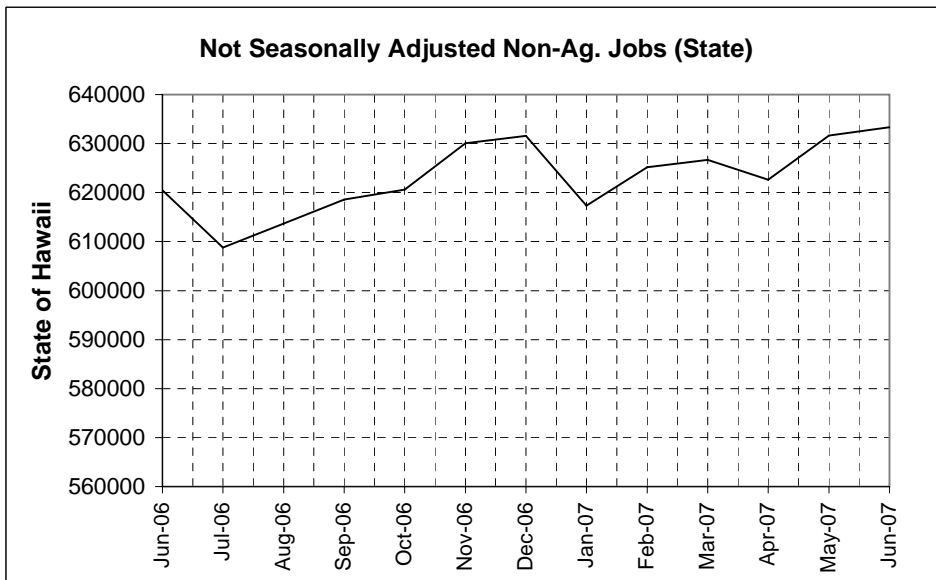
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Wholesale Trade	18,250	18,100	18,050
Retail Trade	69,900	69,550	69,700
INFORMATION	10,850	11,000	10,700
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	30,400	30,350	30,150
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	83,450	82,050	78,700
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	73,450	73,050	71,650
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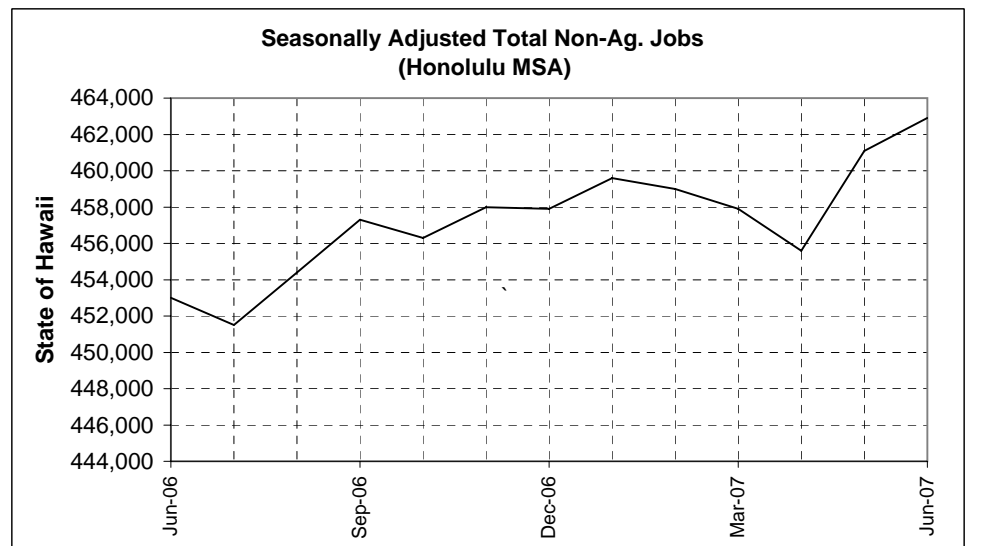
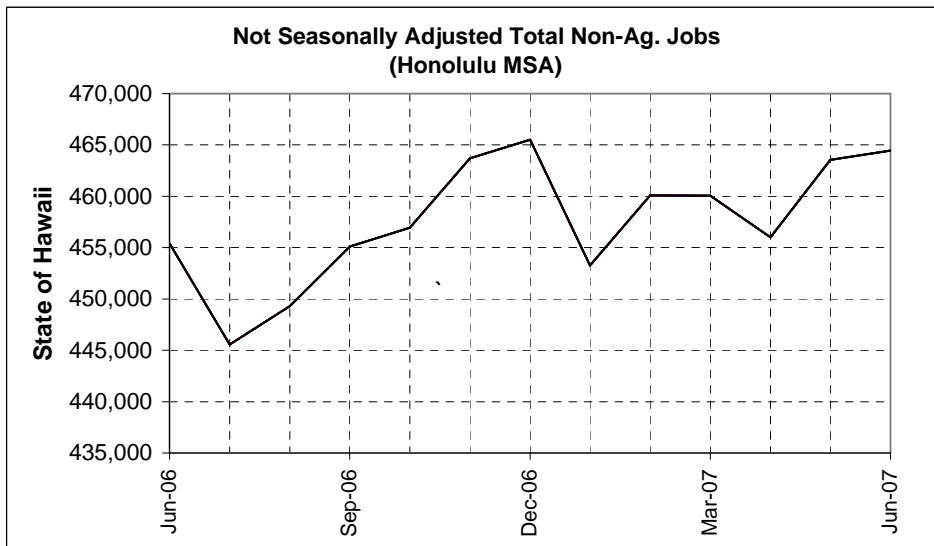
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LABOR FORCE AND JOBCOUNT ESTIMATES
June 2007 Report, Statewide

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR -- LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES								
STATEWIDE								
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)								
	Jun-07	May-07	Jun-06	CHANGE FROM ONE MONTH AGO		CHANGE FROM ONE YEAR AGO		
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	657.1	651.8	646.6	5.3	0.8%	10.5	1.6%	
TOTAL EMPLOYED	637.1	636.5	625.8	0.6	0.1%	11.3	1.8%	
UNEMPLOYED	20.0	15.3	20.9	4.7	30.7%	-0.9	-4.3%	
percent of Labor Force	3.0%	2.3%	3.2%					
Total Nonfarm	633.4	631.6	620.4	1.7	0.3%	12.9	2.1%	
Total Private	509.8	506.2	498.3	3.5	0.7%	11.4	2.3%	
Goods Producing	53.4	53.1	51.2	0.3	0.6%	2.2	4.3%	
Service-Providing	580.0	578.6	569.2	1.4	0.2%	10.7	1.9%	
Private Service-Providing	456.4	453.2	447.1	3.2	0.7%	9.2	2.1%	
Nat. Res & Construct	38.3	38.0	36.0	0.2	0.6%	2.3	6.3%	
Construction of Buildings	12.9	12.8	11.8	0.1	1.3%	1.1	9.6%	
Special Trade Contractors	19.8	19.6	18.9	0.1	0.7%	0.9	9.4%	
Manufacturing	15.1	15.0	15.2	0.1	0.7%	-0.1	-0.5%	
Durable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.5	0.0	0.4%	0.0	-0.2%	
Non-Durable Goods	10.7	10.6	10.8	0.1	0.8%	-0.1	-0.6%	
Trade, Transportation,	121.0	120.3	121.0	0.7	0.6%	0.0	0.0%	
Wholesale Trade	18.2	18.1	18.0	0.1	0.7%	0.2	1.2%	
Retail Trade	69.9	69.6	69.7	0.3	0.5%	0.2	0.3%	
Food and Beverage Sto	13.0	12.8	12.9	0.2	1.3%	0.1	1.1%	
Grocery Stores	10.8	10.7	10.7	0.1	1.0%	0.1	0.8%	
Clothing and Clothing	11.8	11.7	11.4	0.1	0.8%	0.4	3.3%	
General Merchandise S	12.3	12.3	11.9	0.0	-0.3%	0.4	3.0%	
Department Stores	8.9	9.0	8.9	0.0	-0.3%	0.1	0.8%	
Trans,Warehouse, Util	32.8	32.6	33.2	0.2	0.7%	-0.4	-1.2%	
Utilities	3.1	3.0	2.9	0.1	2.1%	0.1	4.2%	
Transport & Warehouse	29.8	29.6	30.3	0.2	0.5%	-0.5	-1.7%	
Air Transportation	10.4	10.3	10.2	0.0	0.5%	0.2	1.9%	
Information	10.8	11.0	10.7	-0.2	-1.4%	0.1	1.2%	
Telecommunications	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.3%	
Financial Activities	30.4	30.3	30.2	0.0	0.2%	0.2	0.7%	
Finance and Insurance	17.3	17.3	17.0	-0.1	-0.4%	0.3	1.5%	
Real Estate and Renta	13.1	13.0	13.2	0.1	0.8%	0.0	-0.2%	
Professional and Busin	83.5	82.1	78.7	1.4	1.7%	4.8	6.0%	
Professional, Scienti	24.7	24.2	24.3	0.5	2.0%	0.5	1.9%	
Management of Compani	7.7	7.6	7.5	0.1	1.4%	0.2	2.7%	
Administrative and Su	51.1	50.3	47.0	0.8	1.6%	4.1	8.7%	
Employment Services	22.0	21.3	18.1	0.7	3.1%	3.9	21.2%	
Educational and Health	73.4	73.0	71.7	0.4	0.5%	1.8	2.5%	
Educational Services	14.3	14.5	14.1	-0.2	-1.3%	0.3	1.8%	
Elementary and Second	7.7	7.7	7.4	0.0	0.0%	0.3	3.9%	
Health Care and Socia	59.1	58.5	57.6	0.6	1.0%	1.5	2.6%	
Ambulatory Health Car	23.2	23.1	23.0	0.1	0.6%	0.2	0.9%	
Hospitals	14.4	14.4	13.8	0.0	0.1%	0.6	4.6%	
Nursing and Residenti	6.7	6.7	6.7	0.0	0.3%	0.0	0.6%	
Social Assistance	14.7	14.3	14.1	0.4	2.9%	0.6	4.6%	
Leisure and Hospitalit	110.5	109.7	108.7	0.9	0.8%	1.8	1.7%	
Arts, Entertainment,	11.8	11.6	12.0	0.1	1.0%	-0.2	-1.9%	
Accommodation and Foo	98.8	98.0	96.7	0.7	0.8%	2.1	2.1%	
Accommodation	39.5	39.4	39.2	0.1	0.4%	0.3	0.7%	
Food Services and Dri	59.3	58.7	57.5	0.6	1.0%	1.8	3.1%	
Full-Service Restaura	30.8	30.5	29.4	0.3	1.0%	1.4	4.7%	
Other Services	26.7	26.7	26.2	0.0	0.0%	0.5	2.0%	
Government	123.6	125.4	122.1	-1.8	-1.4%	1.5	1.2%	
Federal Government	31.7	31.7	31.7	0.0	0.0%	0.0	-0.1%	
Ship Building & Repai	4.0	4.0	4.2	0.1	0.4%	-0.5	-3.0%	
Department of Defense	16.3	16.2	16.8	0.0	0.2%	-0.2	-5.4%	
State Government	73.8	76.0	72.8	-2.2	-2.9%	1.0	1.4%	
State Govt. Education	49.5	51.5	48.9	-2.0	-3.9%	0.7	1.3%	
Local Government	18.1	17.7	17.6	0.4	2.5%	0.5	3.0%	

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES- NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES- SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

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U. S.	4.8	5.0	4.6	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.3	5.0	4.9	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.7
Hawaii	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.4	1.9	2.1	1.6	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.3	3.0

	Jun 2006	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun 2007
U. S.	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5
Hawaii	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.4

