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**HAWAII'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT
2.7 PERCENT IN OCTOBER**

Nearly 10,000 New Private Sector Jobs Created over the last 12 Months

HONOLULU - The Hawai'i State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations announced today that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October was 2.7 percent, edging up slightly from 2.6 percent in September. In contrast, the national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged over-the-month at 4.7 percent. Hawai'i's .1 per cent increase was largely due to job losses in public and private education services, which collectively saw a decline of 1,800 for the month of October.

Over the past 12 months, Hawai'i's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has averaged 2.4 percent, which is over two percentage points lower than the U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate over the same period. The October seasonally adjusted statewide labor force totaled 646,700, and was comprised of 629,400 employed and 17,350 unemployed.

State of Hawaii Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data			
	<u>Oct 2007</u>	<u>Sep 2007</u>	<u>Oct 2006</u>
Labor Force	646,700	652,050	646,750
Employment	629,400	634,950	633,050
Unemployment	17,350	17,100	13,700

	OCT 2007	SEP 2007	OCT 2006
STATE	2.7	2.6	2.1
HONOLULU*	2.4	2.6	1.9
HAWAII COUNTY*	3.2	3.5	2.2
KAUAI*	2.4	2.6	1.9
MAUI COUNTY*	3.1	3.5	1.8
Maui Island*	3.1	3.5	1.8
Molokai*	5.0	6.1	4.4
Lanai*	1.1	1.6	1.3
U. S.	4.7	4.7	4.4

* non-seasonally adjusted

Industry Payroll Employment

In another measure of employment, total seasonally adjusted nonagricultural jobs decreased in October from September by 2,300 to 631,600. Leisure and Hospitality (+200) rose in employment, partly a result of some workers employed in other hotels due to last month's closure of a Maui hotel. Job losses occurred in Educational and Health Services mainly in private education. Trade, Transportation & Utilities experienced a sharp decline partially due to a water transportation company releasing a majority of its employees after halting its operation. The largest job reduction was in State Government predominantly in State Education.

From October 2006, the seasonally adjusted job count grew by 11,600 or 1.9 percent, with the private sector accounting for 84.5 percent of the increase. Over-the-year, the industries experiencing significant job gains in the private sector included Leisure & Hospitality (+2,800), Construction (+1,700) and Educational & Health Services (+1,400).

“Strong job growth continues to be the hallmark of Hawai‘i’s economy with close to 10,000 new private sector jobs created since October of last year,” said Darwin L.D. Ching, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations. “Hawai‘i’s private sector employers continue to ensure that Hawai‘i sustains one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation.”

Seasonally Adjusted Non-Ag. Jobs (State)

SELECTED SERIES:	Oct-07	Sep-07	Oct-06*
NATURAL RESOURCES, MINING AND CONSTRUCTION	38,200	38,300	36,500
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES	120,300	120,800	121,300
Wholesale Trade**	18,300	18,300	18,000
Retail Trade**	69,700	69,900	69,600
EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH SERVICES	72,800	73,200	71,400
Educational Services**	13,700	14,200	13,700
Health Care and Social Assistance**	59,100	59,000	57,700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	110,000	109,800	107,200
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation**	11,500	11,500	11,300
Accommodation & Food Services**	98,500	98,300	95,900
OTHER SERVICES	27,100	27,100	26,400
GOVERNMENT	124,000	125,300	122,200
Federal Government**	31,900	32,000	31,800
State Government**	74,000	75,300	72,800
Local Government**	18,100	18,000	17,600
TOTAL: STATE	631,600	633,900	620,000

❖ Leisure & Hospitality (+200)

Leisure & Hospitality registered job gains for the third consecutive month. This sector grew by 200 jobs over-the-month with Accommodation and Food Services accounting for the entire growth. Most of the increase occurred in Accommodation partly due to employees working in other hotels after being released from a Maui hotel which closed last month. Arts, Entertainment & Recreation again remained unchanged as the increase in museums,

historical sites and similar institutions was overshadowed by the decrease in other amusement and recreation industries.

❖ **Other Services (No change)**

This miscellaneous group remained relatively stable. The gain in civic and social organizations and grant making and giving services was offset by the loss in dry-cleaning and laundry services and automotive repair and maintenance.

❖ **Construction (-100)**

Construction edged down modestly from last month mainly in construction of buildings, consisting of residential building construction jobs. The industry also experienced an increase in special trade construction as building finishing contractors and building equipment contractors. Despite the slight drop in jobs, over-the-year, construction employment posted a notable 1,700 job gain or 4.7 percent. Most of the growth was attributed to jobs in residential, commercial, industrial and resort construction activities as well as various special trade contractors.

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

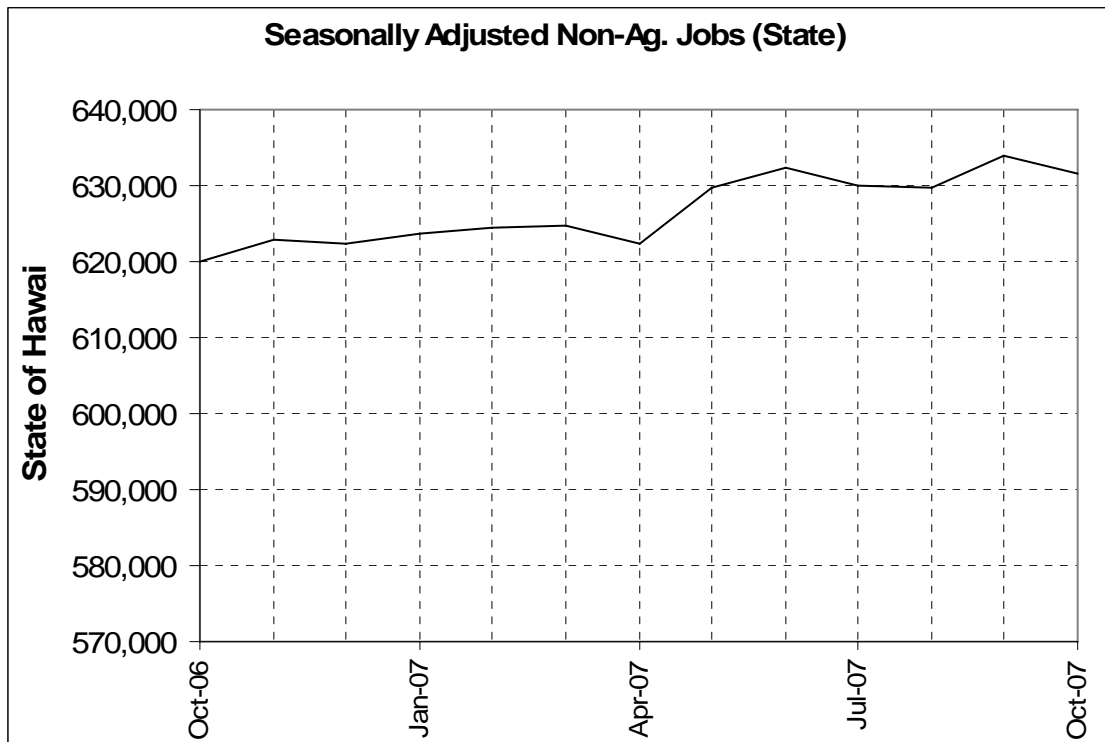
This major category recorded a drop in 400 jobs. Health Care and Social Assistance rose by 100 jobs from September mainly in ambulatory health care services which includes physicians' and other health practitioners' offices. Education services in private schools reported 500 fewer jobs over-the-month.

❖ **Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-500)**

The reduction in jobs in this sector was shared between Retail Trade and Transportation. Wholesale Trade remained essentially unchanged with a reported increase in grocery and related product merchant wholesalers countered by the loss in wholesale trade agents and brokers. Retail Trade fell by a minimal 200 jobs some of which were in food and beverage stores. Transportation experienced the drop in the remaining jobs due to the release of employees from a major water transportation company as well as less air transportation jobs.

❖ **Government (-1,300)**

Government jobs declined down by the most over-the-month. Federal and Local Government combined reported no change as the Federal Government lost 100 jobs while Local Government gained 100. The 1,300 drop in jobs occurred in the State Government's Department of Education. The large decline was attributed to the continual shift to the year-round school calendar in public schools.



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LABOR FORCE AND JOBCOUNT ESTIMATES
October2007 Report, Statewide

	DEPARTMENT OF LABOR -- LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES							
	STATEWIDE							
	(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)							
	Oct-07	Sep-07	Oct-06	CHANGE FROM ONE MONTH AGO		CHANGE FROM ONE YEAR AGO		
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	641.8	646.9	643.4	-5.1	-0.8%	-1.6	-0.2%	
TOTAL EMPLOYED	625.4	628.8	631.0	-3.4	-0.5%	-5.6	-0.9%	
UNEMPLOYED	16.4	18.1	12.4	-1.7	-9.4%	4.0	32.3%	
percent of Labor Force	2.6%	2.8%	1.9%					
Total Nonfarm	632.2	630.1	620.6	2.0	0.3%	11.6	1.9%	
Total Private	508.2	508.8	498.5	-0.6	-0.1%	9.7	2.0%	
Goods Producing	53.4	53.2	52.0	0.2	0.3%	1.3	2.6%	
Service-Providing	578.8	577.0	568.6	1.9	0.3%	10.3	1.8%	
Private Service-Providing	454.9	455.6	446.5	-0.7	-0.2%	8.4	1.9%	
Nat. Res & Construct	38.5	38.3	36.8	0.2	0.4%	1.7	4.6%	
Construction of Buildings	12.8	12.9	12.2	-0.1	-2.1%	0.6	3.6%	
Special Trade Contractors	20.4	20.0	19.2	0.3	-1.0%	1.2	4.6%	
Manufacturing	14.9	14.9	15.2	0.0	-0.1%	-0.3	-2.3%	
Durable Goods	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	-0.1%	0.0	-0.1%	
Non-Durable Goods	10.4	10.4	10.7	0.0	-0.1%	-0.3	-3.2%	
Trade, Transportation,	120.4	120.5	121.4	-0.1	-0.1%	-1.0	-0.8%	
Wholesale Trade	18.3	18.3	18.0	0.0	-0.1%	0.4	2.0%	
Retail Trade	69.8	69.5	69.7	0.2	0.3%	0.0	0.0%	
Food and Beverage Sto	13.0	13.0	12.8	0.0	-0.2%	0.1	0.9%	
Grocery Stores	10.8	10.8	10.7	0.0	0.1%	0.1	1.0%	
Clothing and Clothing	11.6	11.6	11.4	0.0	0.4%	0.2	2.0%	
General Merchandise S	12.6	12.4	12.3	0.3	2.0%	0.3	2.4%	
Department Stores	9.0	8.9	9.2	0.1	1.1%	-0.1	-1.3%	
Trans,Warehouse, Util	32.4	32.6	33.7	-0.3	-0.9%	-1.4	-4.1%	
Utilities	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	-0.2%	0.1	3.5%	
Transport & Warehouse	29.3	29.6	30.8	-0.3	-0.9%	-1.5	-4.8%	
Air Transportation	9.8	9.8	10.2	0.0	-0.4%	-0.4	-4.3%	
Information	11.3	11.6	11.0	-0.3	-2.7%	0.3	2.6%	
Telecommunications	4.1	4.1	4.2	0.0	0.0%	-0.2	-3.9%	
Financial Activities	30.4	30.3	29.8	0.1	0.2%	0.5	1.8%	
Finance and Insurance	17.2	17.2	16.9	0.1	0.3%	0.3	1.7%	
Real Estate and Renta	13.1	13.1	12.9	0.0	0.2%	0.3	2.0%	
Professional and Busin	83.1	83.1	79.2	0.0	0.1%	3.9	4.9%	
Professional, Scienti	24.4	24.4	23.9	0.0	0.1%	0.5	2.2%	
Management of Compani	7.7	7.7	7.6	0.0	0.3%	0.1	0.7%	
Administrative and Su	51.0	51.0	47.7	0.0	0.0%	3.3	6.9%	
Employment Services	21.6	21.6	18.9	0.0	0.2%	2.7	14.1%	
Educational and Health	73.0	73.0	71.6	0.0	0.0%	1.4	1.9%	
Educational Services	14.0	14.2	14.0	-0.3	-1.9%	-0.1	-0.5%	
Elementary and Second	7.4	7.7	7.1	-0.4	-4.6%	0.2	3.3%	
Health Care and Socia	59.1	58.8	57.6	0.2	0.4%	1.5	2.5%	
Ambulatory Health Car	23.2	23.1	23.1	0.1	0.3%	0.1	0.4%	
Hospitals	14.6	14.5	13.9	0.1	0.5%	0.7	5.2%	
Nursing and Residenti	6.8	6.8	6.7	0.0	0.1%	0.1	1.7%	
Social Assistance	14.5	14.4	14.0	0.1	0.6%	0.5	3.9%	
Leisure and Hospitalit	109.6	110.0	107.0	-0.4	-0.4%	2.6	2.4%	
Arts, Entertainment,	11.6	11.6	11.4	0.0	-0.2%	0.2	1.9%	
Accommodation and Foo	98.0	98.4	95.7	-0.4	-0.4%	2.4	2.5%	
Accommodation	39.2	39.2	38.9	-0.1	-0.2%	0.3	0.7%	
Food Services and Dri	58.9	59.2	56.7	-0.3	-0.5%	2.1	3.8%	
Full-Service Restaura	30.3	30.5	28.9	-0.1	-0.4%	1.4	5.0%	
Other Services	27.0	27.1	26.3	0.0	-0.2%	0.7	2.6%	
Government	124.0	121.4	122.1	2.6	2.1%	1.9	1.5%	
Federal Government	31.8	31.8	31.7	0.1	0.3%	0.2	0.6%	
Ship Building & Repai	4.0	4.0	4.2	0.1	0.7%	-0.2	-1.3%	
Department of Defense	16.3	16.2	16.6	0.0	1.1%	-0.2	-3.9%	
State Government	74.2	71.8	73.0	2.4	3.4%	1.2	1.7%	
State Govt. Education	49.9	47.6	48.8	2.3	4.8%	1.1	2.3%	
Local Government	17.9	17.8	17.4	0.1	0.3%	0.5	2.7%	

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES- NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

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HONOLULU	2.4	2.6	1.9
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MAUI COUNTY	3.1	3.5	1.8
Maui Island	3.1	3.5	1.8
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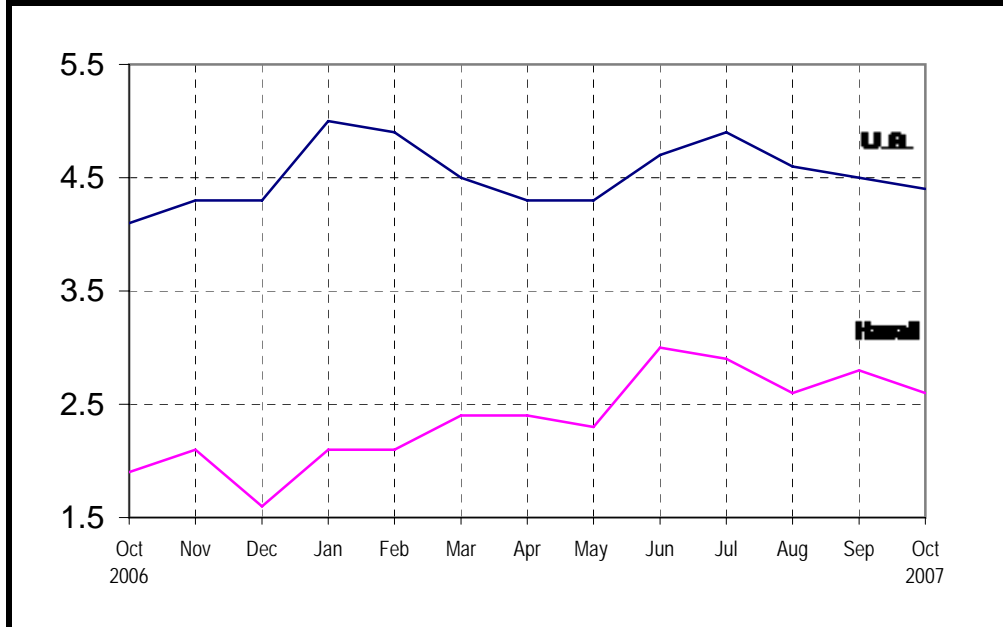
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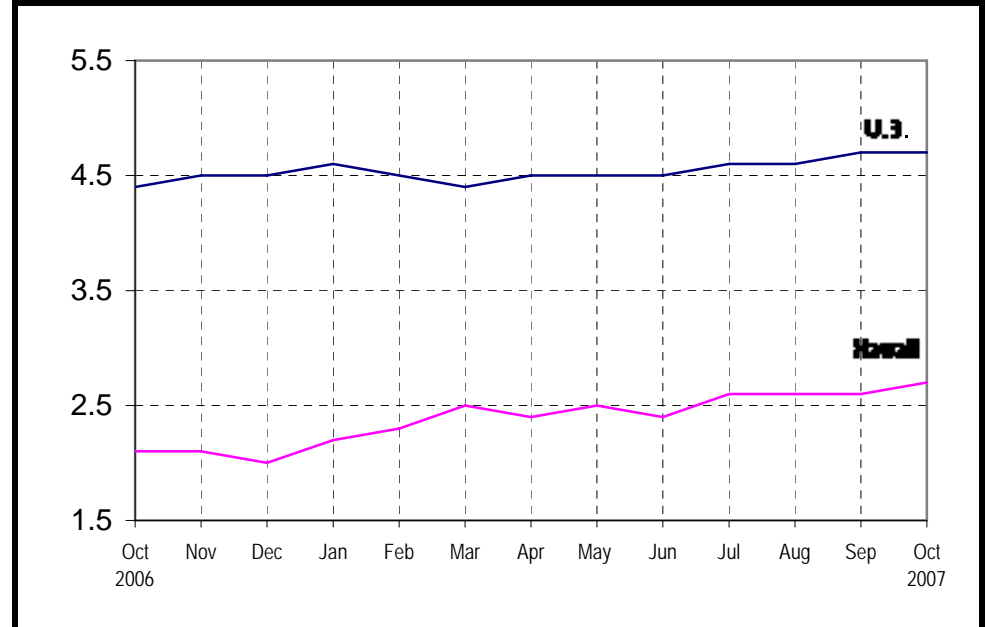
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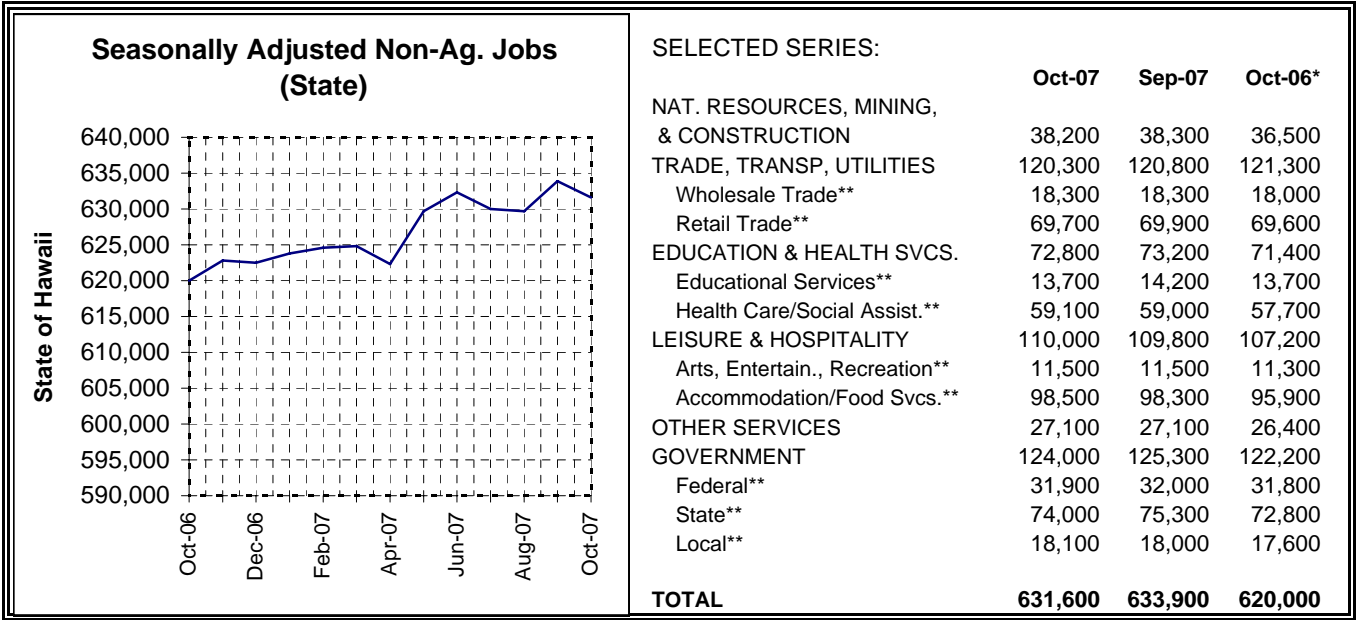
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	Oct 2006	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct 2007
U. S.	4.1	4.3	4.3	5.0	4.9	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.4
Hawaii	1.9	2.1	1.6	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.3	3.0	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.6



	Oct 2006	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct 2007
U. S.	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7
Hawaii	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7

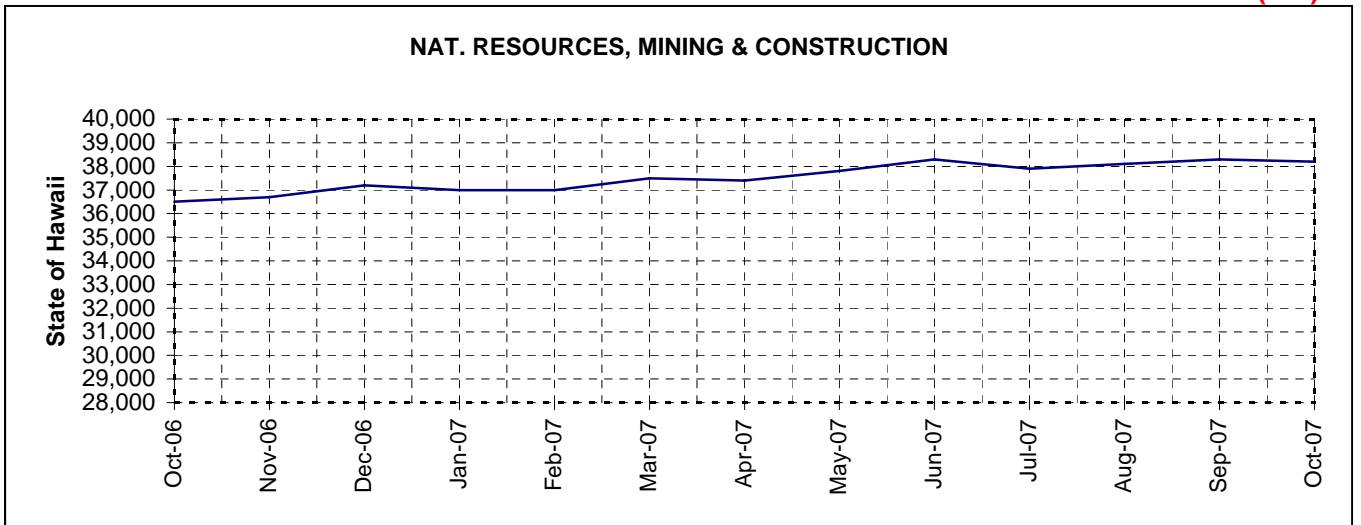




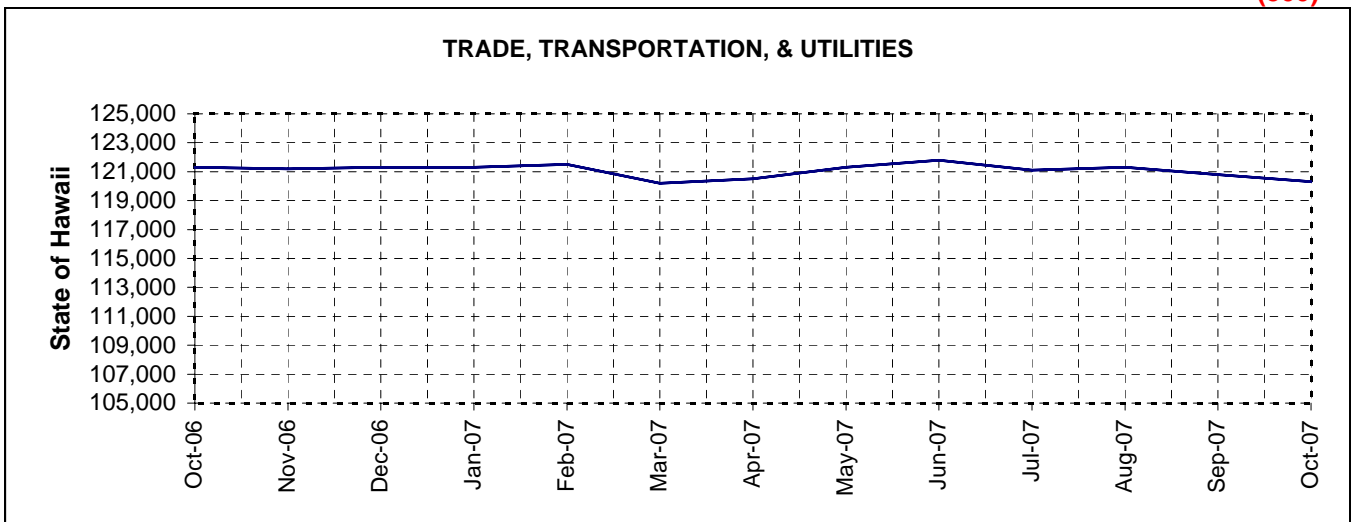
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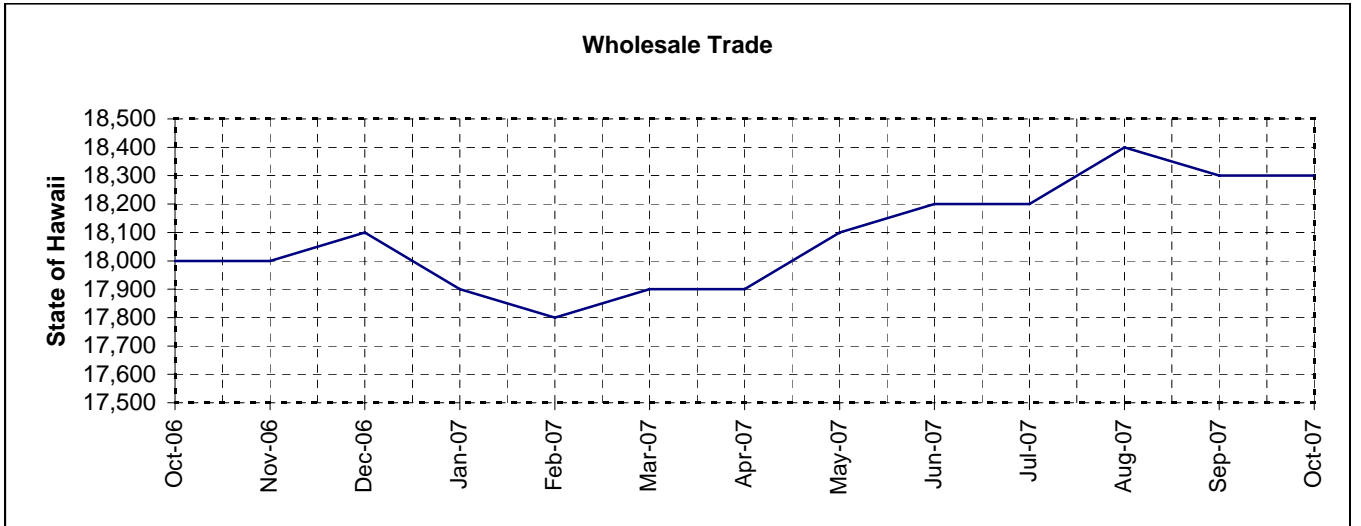
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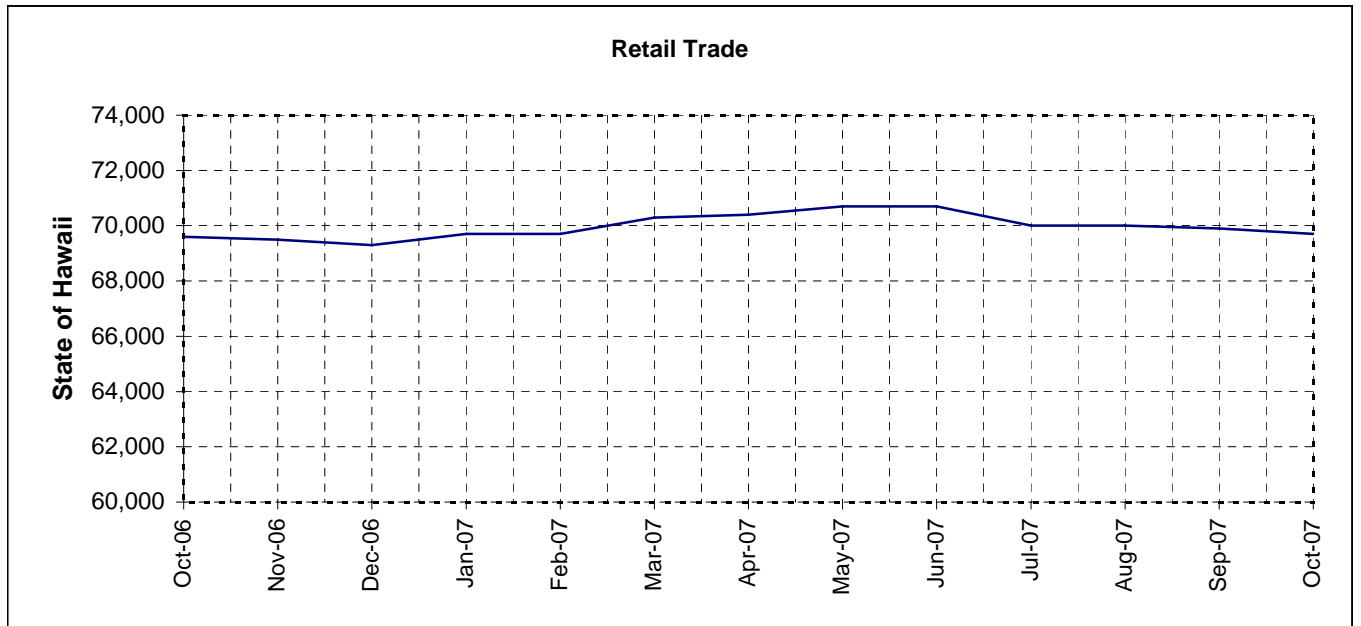


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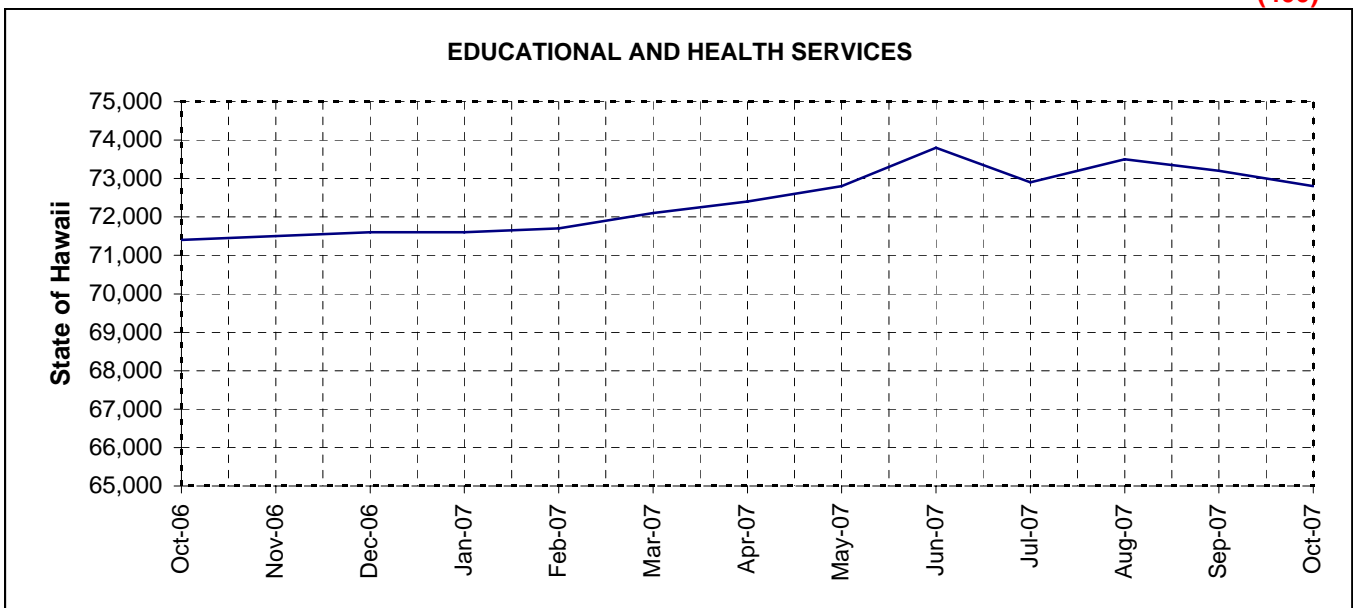




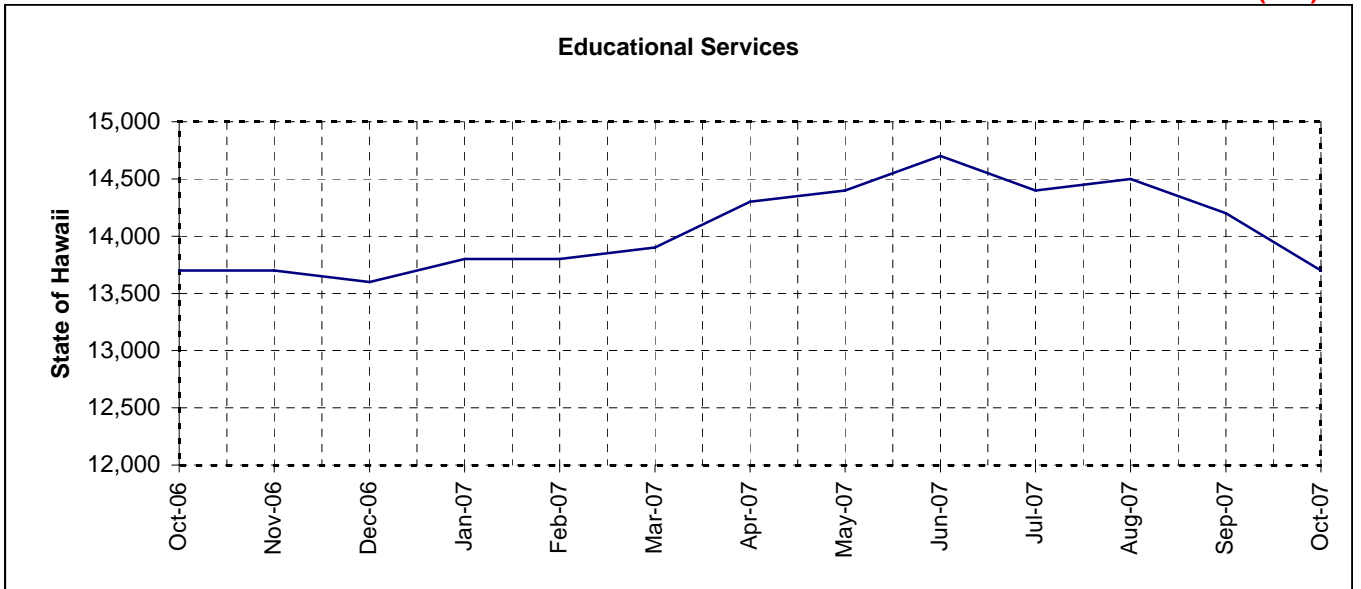
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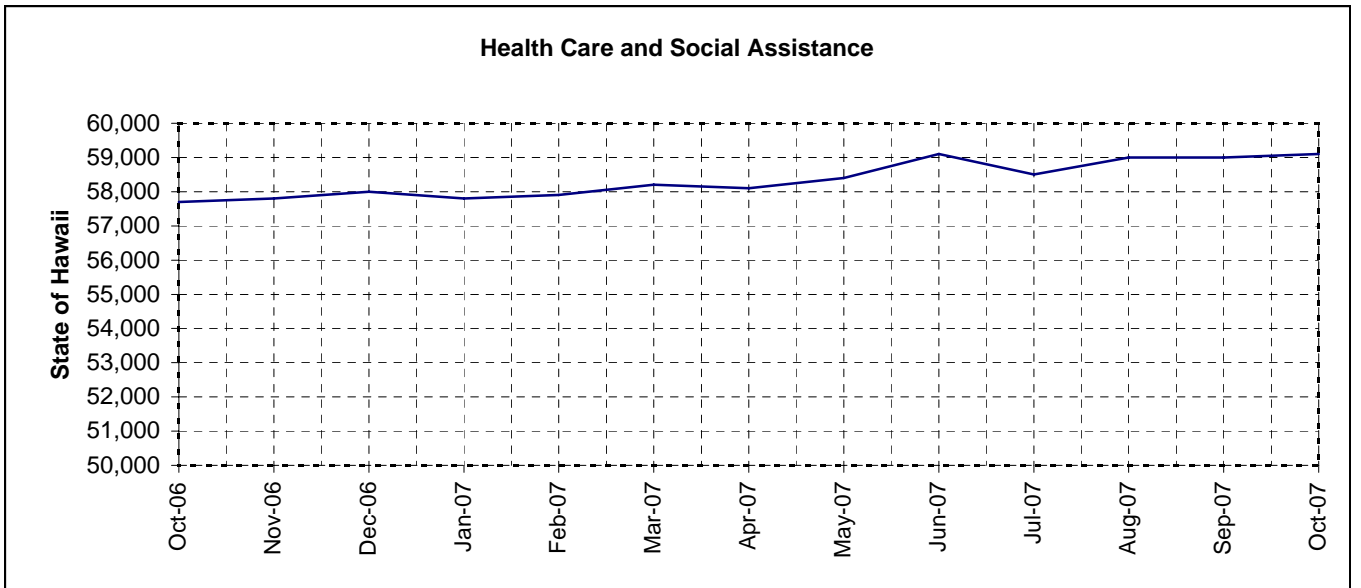
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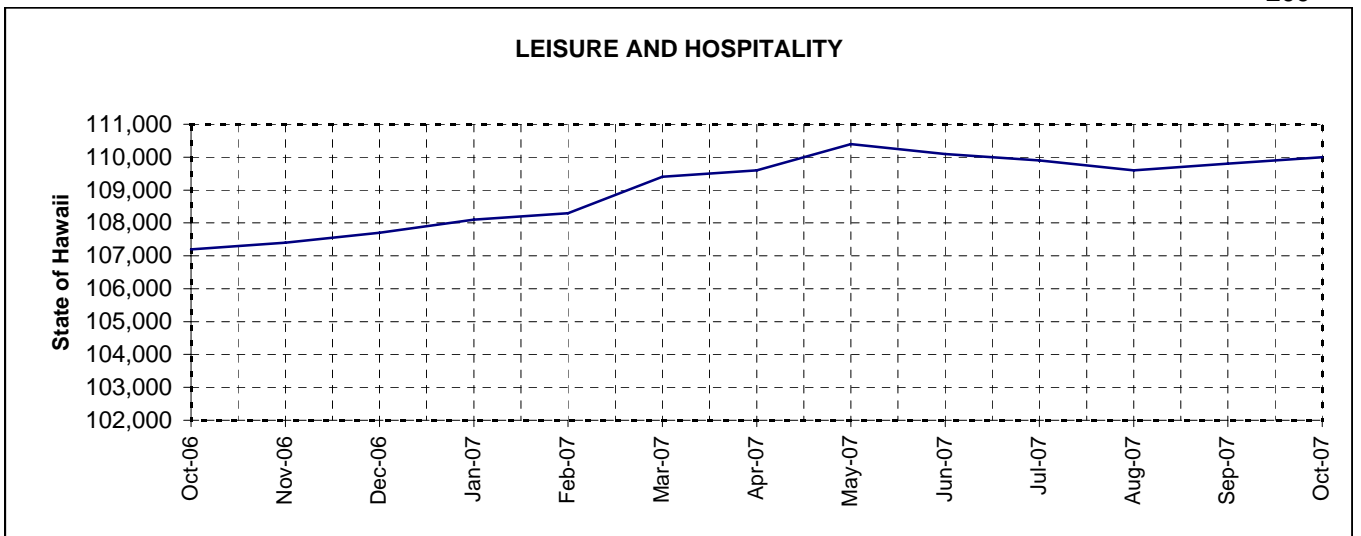
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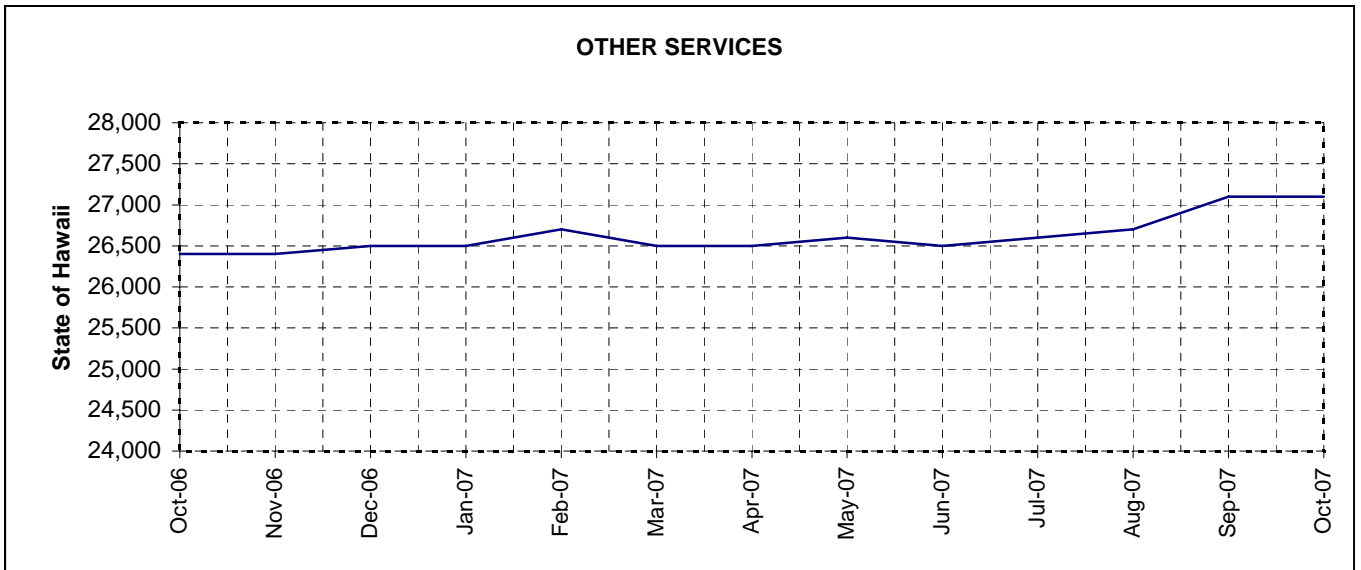
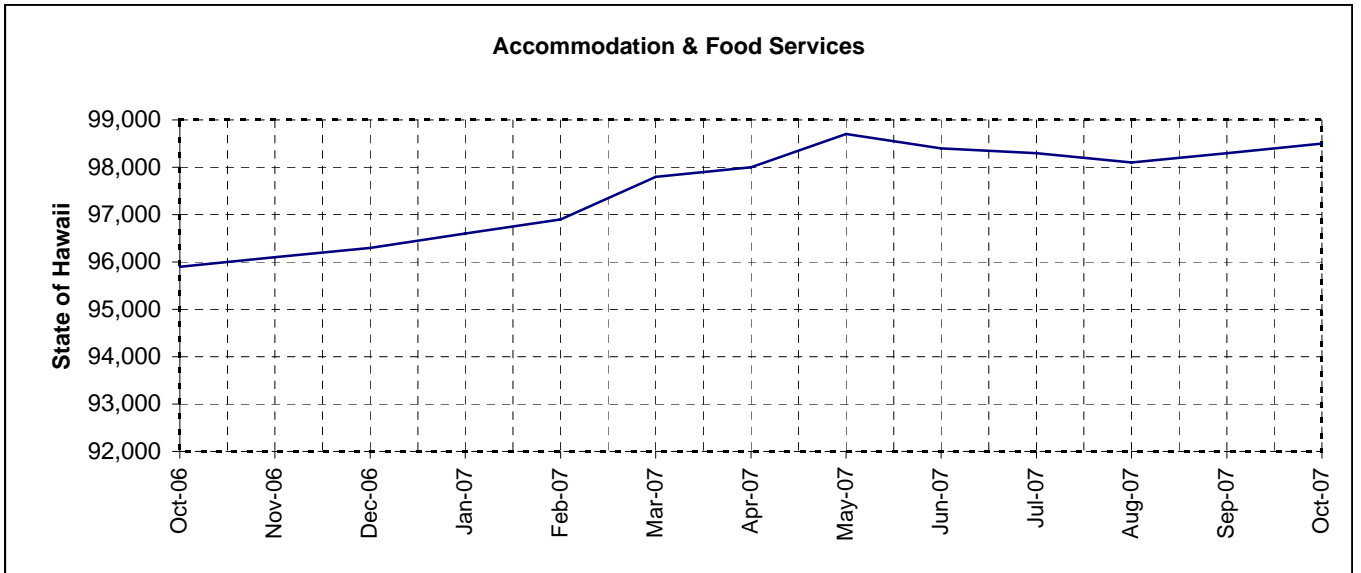
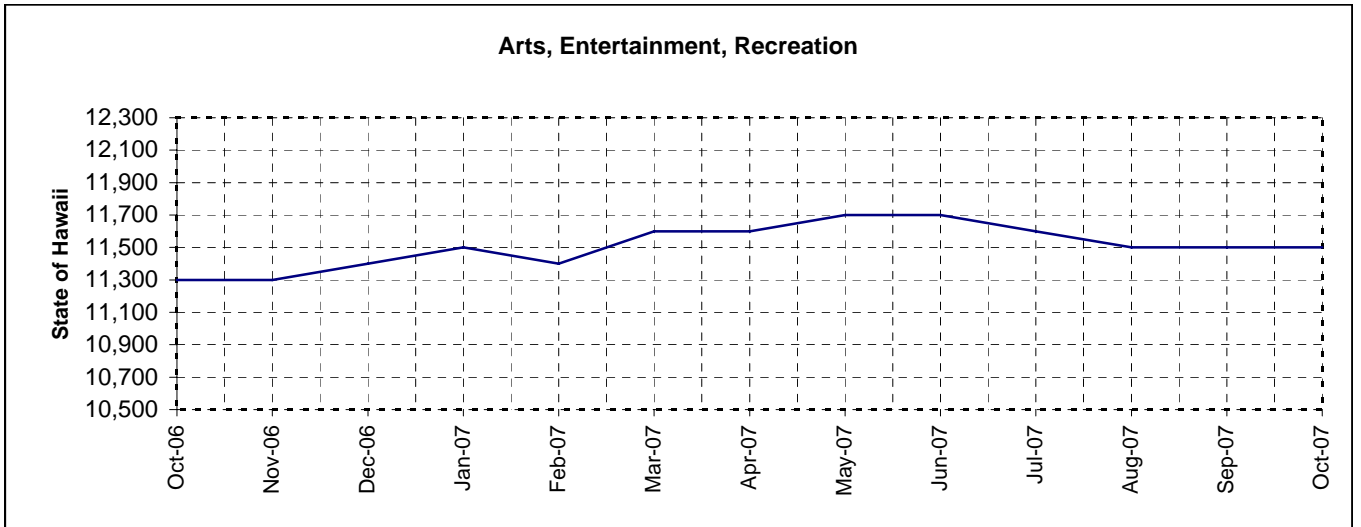


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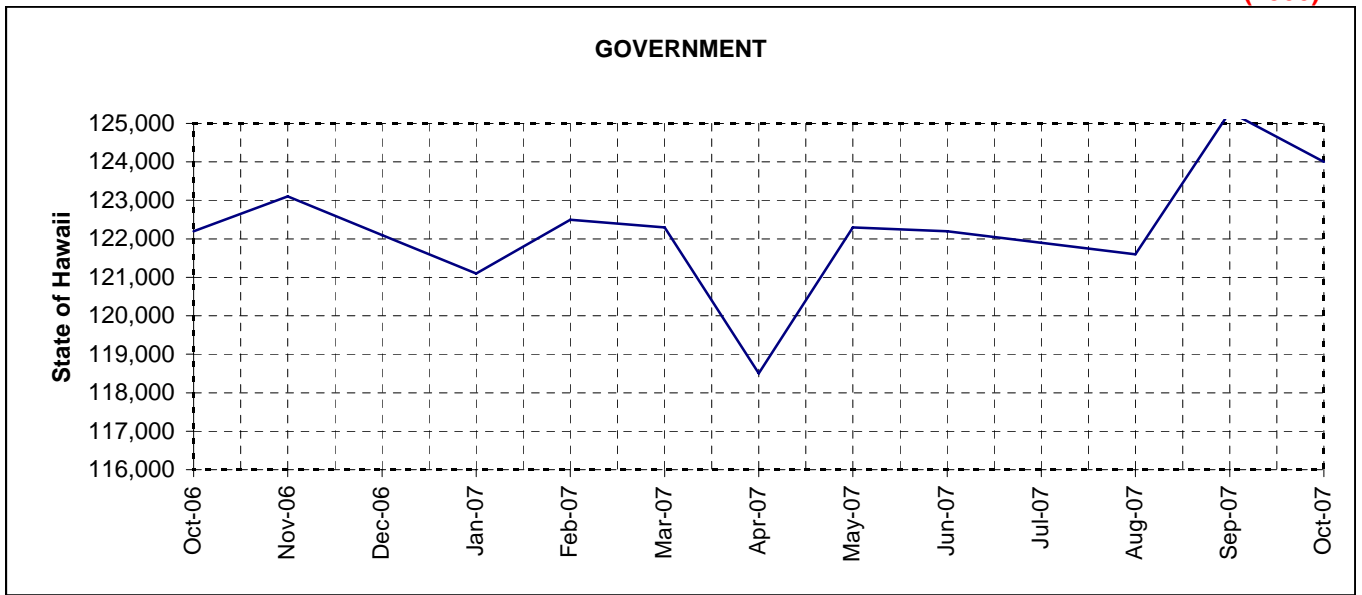


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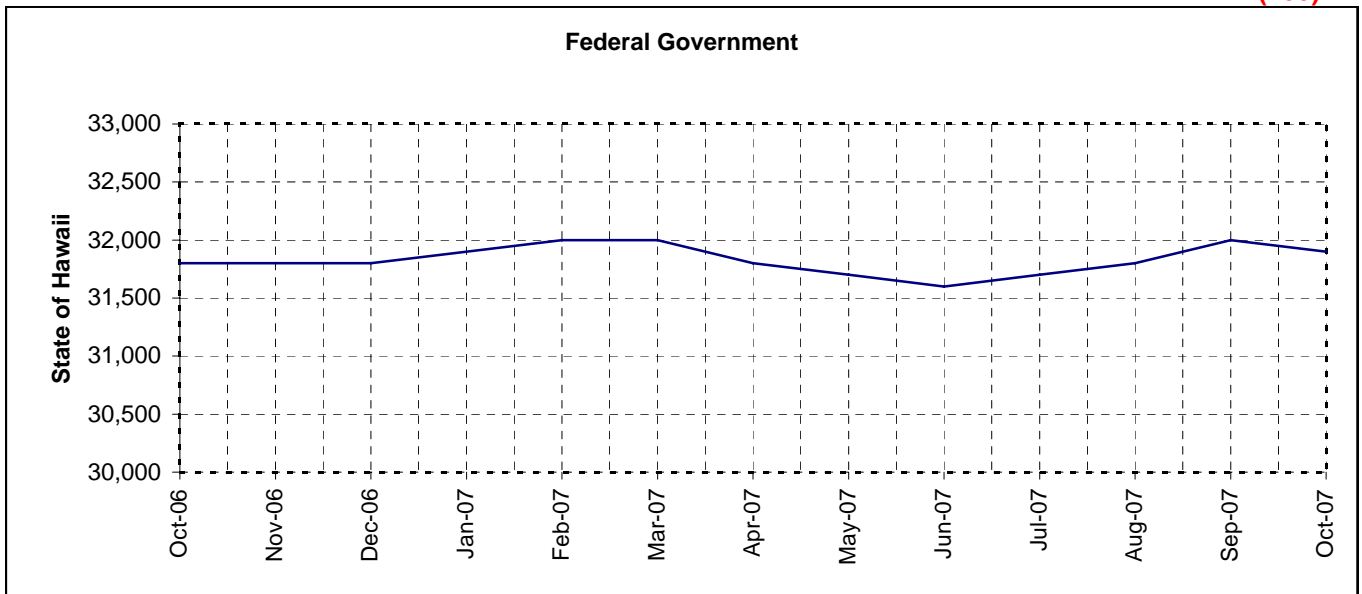




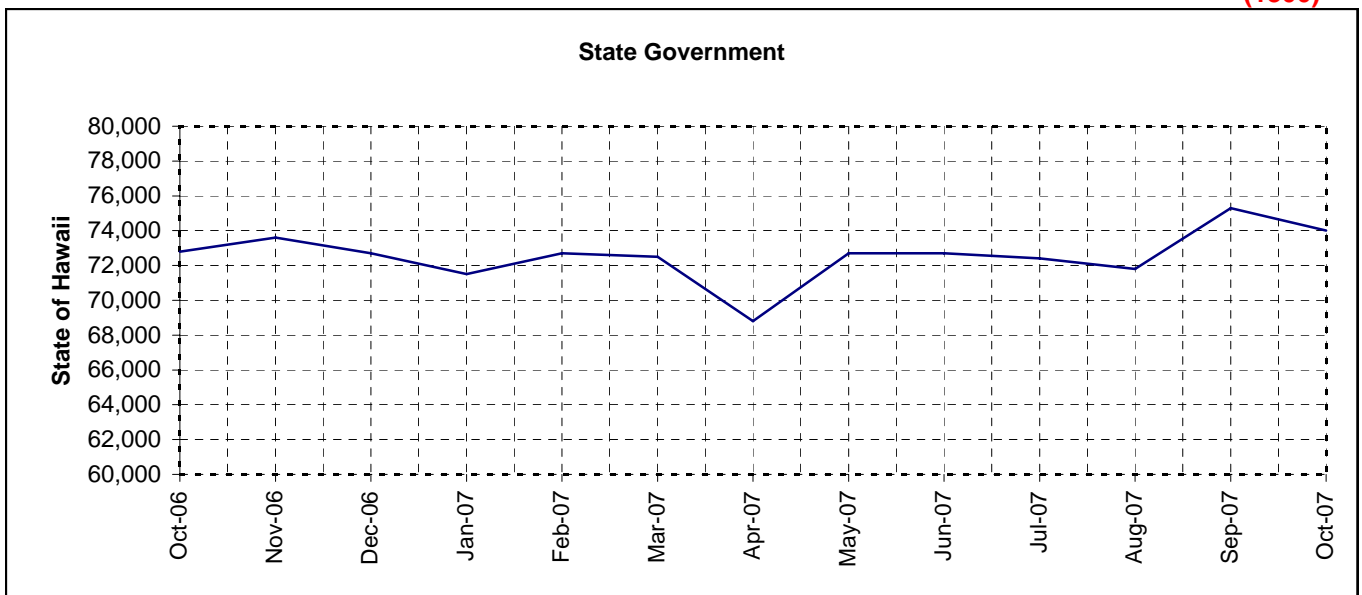
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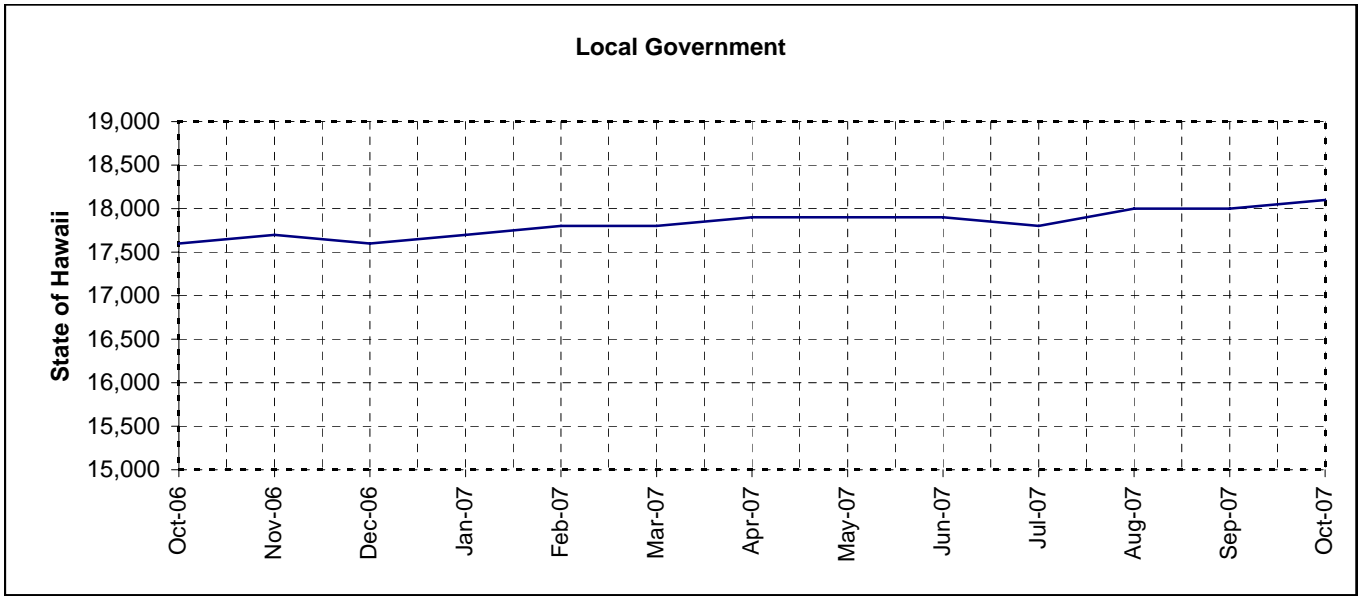


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