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**HAWAII'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 2.8 PERCENT IN NOVEMBER**

Hawaii's Unemployment Rate Still Significantly Lower than the National Average of 5.4 Percent

**HONOLULU-** The Hawaii State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations announced today that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November was 2.8 percent, a slight increase of 0.1 percentage point over October. Since March, Hawaii's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has remained below three percent. In contrast, the U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable over-the-month at 5.0 percent. One year ago, Hawaii's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.1 percent, while the national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.4 percent.

Since January 2004, Hawaii's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has been at least two percentage points lower than the national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate. On a seasonally adjusted basis, in November, there were 630,900 employed and 18,350 unemployed in Hawaii, for a total labor force of 649,250. Compared with one year ago, the number of employed has risen by 31,650, or 5.3 percent, while the number of unemployed has declined by 550, or 3.0 percent, with the labor force as a whole growing by 31,050 or 5.0 percent.

In another measure of employment, total non-agricultural jobs in November remained unchanged from October at 605,200. Over-the-year, the jobcount has risen by 13,800, or 2.3 percent. Within the seasonally adjusted industry series, over-the-month job gains occurred in Leisure & Hospitality (+500), Other Services (+300), and Construction (+200). Job expansion in food and drinking establishments contributed significantly to the increase in Leisure & Hospitality.

Job losses in November over October were experienced in Government (-300), Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (-300), Education & Health Services (-200), and Manufacturing (-100). Compared with November 2004, there have been prominent employment gains in Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (+4,800), Construction (+3,400), Leisure & Hospitality (+3,000), and Education & Health Services (+1,700).

“Throughout 2005, significant job growth in Hawaii has occurred in abundance across several major industries”, said Nelson B. Befitel, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations.

**Unemployment Trust Fund**

To keep the public informed on the status of the state's Unemployment Compensation Fund (Fund), from which unemployment benefits are paid to qualified claimants, the following is the current status of the Fund and its projected status at the end of the year.

Fund Balance as of end of November 2005:	\$457,851,939
Taxes received year-to-date through end of November:	\$130,205,830
Interest received year-to-date through end of November:	\$16,142,920
Benefits paid year-to-date through end of November:	\$76,461,695
Current Tax Schedule:	Schedule "C"

Calendar year 2006 Tax Schedule and 2005 fund projections, as of the end of November:

Fund Balance, end of 2005:	\$457,200,000 (projected)
Taxes for Calendar Year 2005:	\$130,300,000 (projected)
Interest for Calendar Year 2005:	\$21,600,000 (projected)
Benefits for Calendar Year 2005:	\$82,700,000 (projected)

Tax Schedule for Calendar Year 2006:

Schedule "C"

For comparison purposes, in calendar year 2004 the Fund collected \$124.6 million in taxes and paid out \$104.7 million in benefits.

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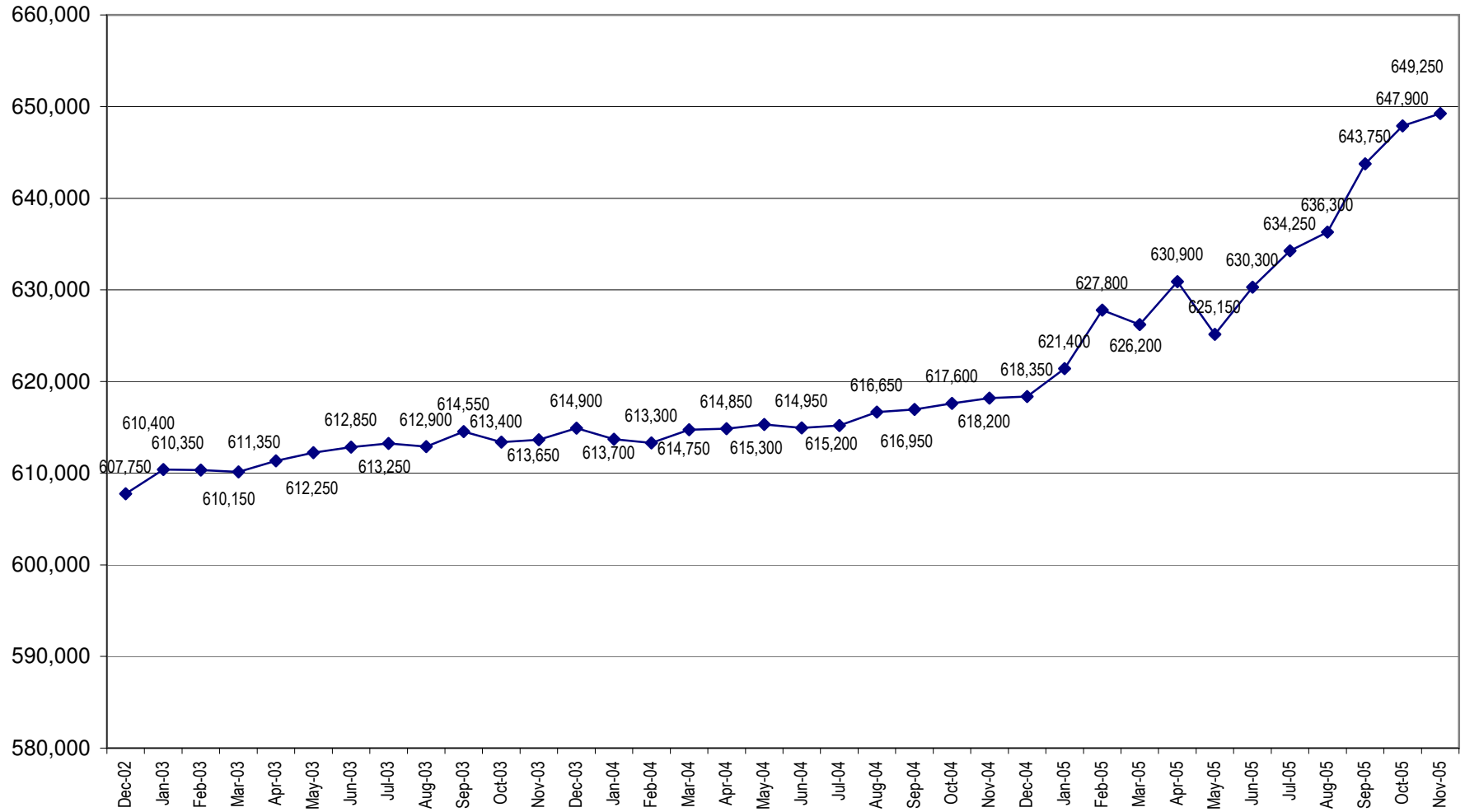
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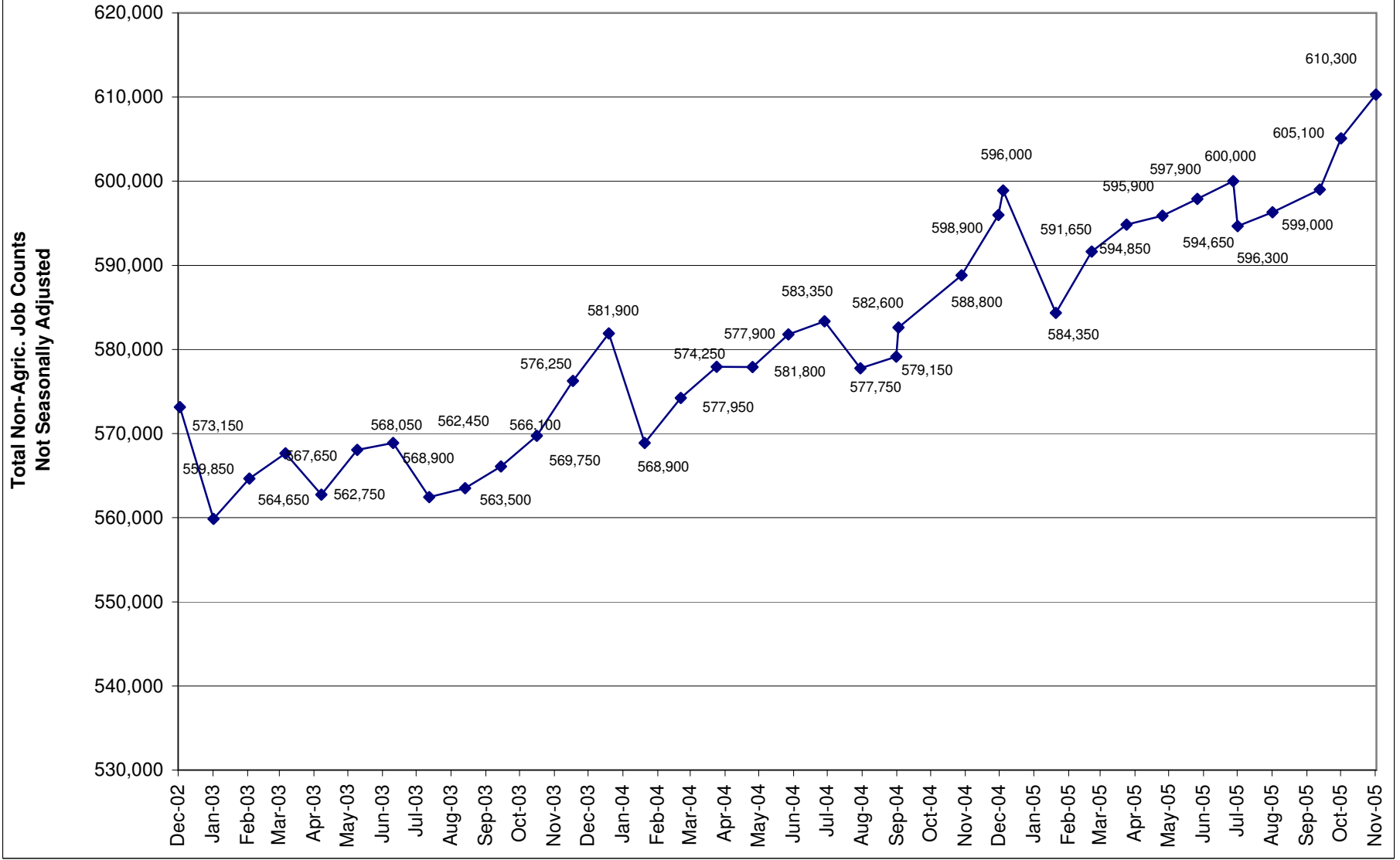
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### Hawaii Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Dec 2002 - Nov 2005p



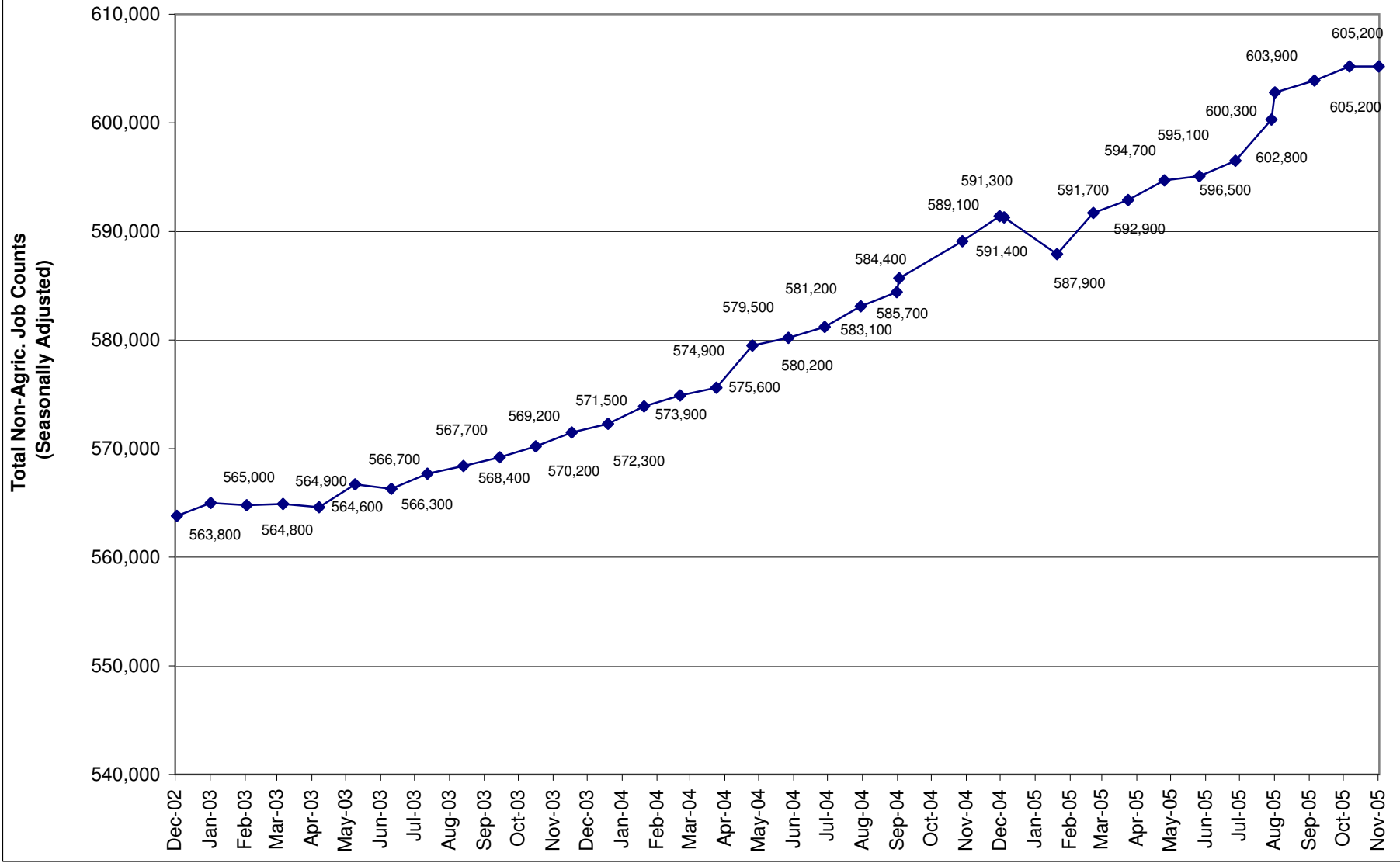
### Non-agricultural Jobcount (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



**LABOR FORCE AND JOBCOUNT ESTIMATES**  
**November 2005 Report, Statewide**

	DEPARTMENT OF LABOR -- LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES							
	STATEWIDE							
	<b>(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)</b>							
	Nov-05	Oct-05	Nov-04	CHANGE FROM ONE MONTH AGO		CHANGE FROM ONE YEAR AGO		
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	649.5	644.0	619.1	5.5	0.9%	30.4	4.9%	
TOTAL EMPLOYED	631.1	626.6	600.3	4.5	0.7%	30.8	5.1%	
UNEMPLOYED	18.4	17.5	18.8	0.9	5.1%	-0.4	-2.1%	
percent of Labor Force	2.8%	2.7%	3.0%					
Total Nonfarm	610.3	605.1	596.0	5.2	0.9%	14.3	2.4%	
Total Private	489.0	485.2	471.6	3.8	0.8%	17.4	3.7%	
Goods Producing	49.2	49.2	46.1	0.1	0.1%	3.1	6.8%	
Service-Providing	561.1	556.0	549.9	5.1	0.9%	11.2	2.0%	
Private Service-Providing	439.8	436.1	425.5	3.7	0.8%	14.3	3.4%	
Nat. Res & Construct	34.0	33.9	30.6	0.1	0.2%	3.4	11.2%	
Construction of Buildings	10.5	10.4	9.8	0.0	-0.9%	0.7	6.5%	
Special Trade Contractors	18.7	18.6	16.3	0.1	0.4%	2.4	7.4%	
Manufacturing	15.3	15.3	15.5	0.0	0.0%	-0.3	-1.8%	
Durable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	-0.3%	0.0	-1.1%	
Non-Durable Goods	10.9	10.9	11.2	0.0	0.2%	-0.2	-2.0%	
Trade, Transportation,	120.8	118.9	115.9	2.0	1.7%	4.9	4.2%	
Wholesale Trade	17.7	17.7	17.2	0.0	-0.2%	0.4	2.5%	
Retail Trade	71.6	69.7	69.6	1.9	2.7%	2.0	2.9%	
Food and Beverage Sto	12.9	12.9	12.9	0.0	0.2%	0.0	0.1%	
Grocery Stores	10.8	10.8	10.8	0.0	-0.2%	0.0	0.1%	
Clothing and Clothing	11.7	11.3	10.4	0.4	3.3%	1.2	11.8%	
General Merchandise S	13.1	12.4	13.1	0.8	6.2%	0.0	0.1%	
Department Stores	9.8	9.2	9.7	0.6	6.8%	0.1	1.0%	
Trans,Warehouse, Util	31.6	31.5	29.1	0.1	0.3%	2.5	8.5%	
Utilities	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.2%	0.1	4.6%	
Transport & Warehouse	28.7	28.6	26.4	0.1	0.4%	2.4	9.0%	
Air Transportation	10.3	10.2	10.3	0.0	0.1%	0.0	-0.1%	
Information	10.7	10.7	11.2	0.0	0.1%	-0.5	-4.0%	
Telecommunications	4.0	4.0	3.8	0.0	0.3%	0.2	4.9%	
Financial Activities	29.5	29.4	28.7	0.1	0.2%	0.8	2.8%	
Finance and Insurance	16.5	16.5	16.4	0.0	0.0%	0.1	0.6%	
Real Estate and Renta	13.0	12.9	12.3	0.1	0.5%	0.7	5.7%	
Professional and Busin	74.7	74.4	71.4	0.3	0.4%	3.3	4.6%	
Professional, Scienti	23.5	23.3	23.1	0.1	0.5%	0.3	1.4%	
Management of Compani	7.3	7.3	7.0	0.0	0.6%	0.3	4.7%	
Administrative and Su	43.9	43.8	41.3	0.1	0.3%	2.6	6.4%	
Employment Services	16.6	16.5	15.0	0.1	0.9%	1.6	10.8%	
Educational and Health	70.8	70.5	69.0	0.3	0.4%	1.7	2.5%	
Educational Services	14.1	13.9	13.9	0.1	0.9%	0.2	1.1%	
Elementary and Second	7.3	7.2	7.1	0.1	1.6%	0.2	2.2%	
Health Care and Socia	56.7	56.6	55.1	0.1	0.2%	1.6	2.9%	
Ambulatory Health Car	22.2	22.1	21.5	0.1	0.4%	0.7	3.2%	
Hospitals	14.2	14.2	14.2	0.0	0.2%	0.1	0.6%	
Nursing and Residenti	6.7	6.8	6.5	0.0	-0.7%	0.2	3.8%	
Social Assistance	13.5	13.4	12.9	0.1	0.5%	0.6	4.4%	
Leisure and Hospitalit	108.3	107.4	105.3	0.9	0.8%	3.0	2.8%	
Arts, Entertainment,	11.7	11.8	11.7	-0.1	-0.6%	0.0	-0.4%	
Accommodation and Foo	96.6	95.6	93.5	0.9	1.0%	3.0	3.2%	
Accommodation	39.0	38.9	38.4	0.2	0.5%	0.6	1.7%	
Food Services and Dri	57.5	56.8	55.1	0.8	1.3%	2.4	4.3%	
Full-Service Restaura	29.4	29.0	28.2	0.3	1.2%	1.2	4.3%	
Other Services	25.0	24.8	24.0	0.2	0.9%	1.1	4.4%	
Government	121.3	119.9	124.4	1.4	1.2%	-3.1	-2.5%	
Federal Government	31.2	31.1	31.3	0.1	0.4%	-0.1	-0.2%	
Ship Building & Repai	4.1	4.1	4.2	0.0	-0.2%	0.0	-0.6%	
Department of Defense	16.5	16.5	16.6	0.0	-0.2%	-0.1	-0.5%	
State Government	72.9	71.6	76.1	1.3	1.8%	-3.2	-4.2%	
State Govt. Education	49.2	47.7	49.1	1.6	3.3%	0.1	0.2%	
Local Government	17.2	17.1	17.0	0.1	0.3%	0.2	1.1%	

### Non-agricultural Jobcount (Seasonally Adjusted)



### Not Seasonally Adjusted Non-Ag. Jobs

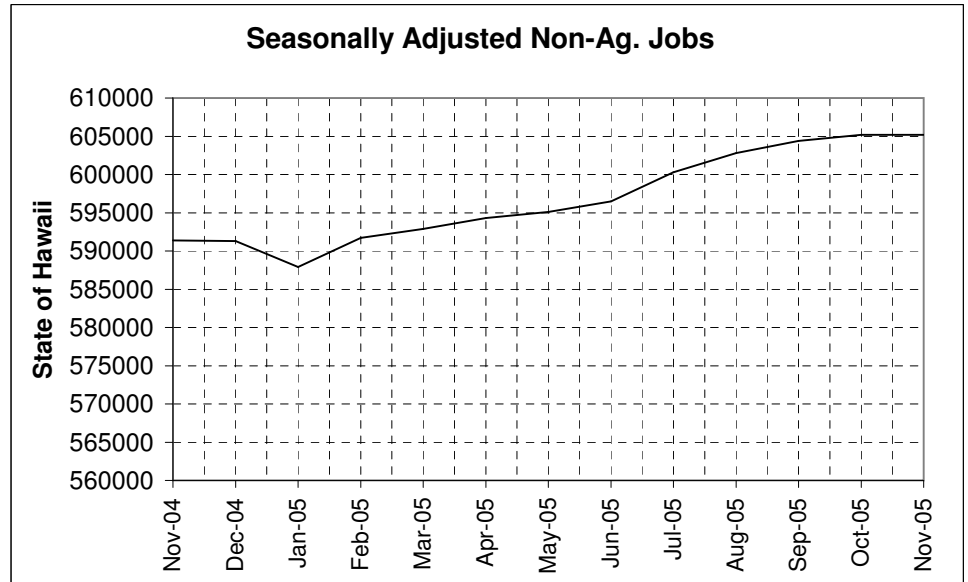
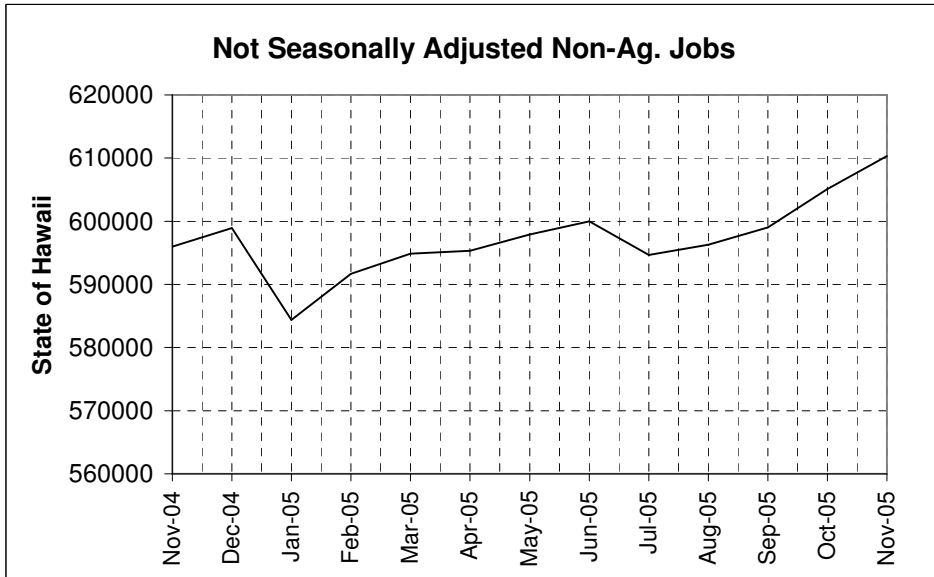
	Nov-05	Oct-05	Nov-04*
NAT. RESOURCES, MINING & CONSTR.	33,950	33,900	30,550
MANUFACTURING	15,250	15,250	15,550
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES	120,850	118,850	115,950
INFORMATION	10,700	10,700	11,150
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	29,500	29,400	28,700
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	74,700	74,350	71,400
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	70,750	70,500	69,000
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	108,250	107,400	105,300
OTHER SERVICES	25,050	24,800	24,000
GOVERNMENT	121,300	119,900	124,450
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>610,300</b>	<b>605,100</b>	<b>596,000</b>

\* BENCHMARKED DATA

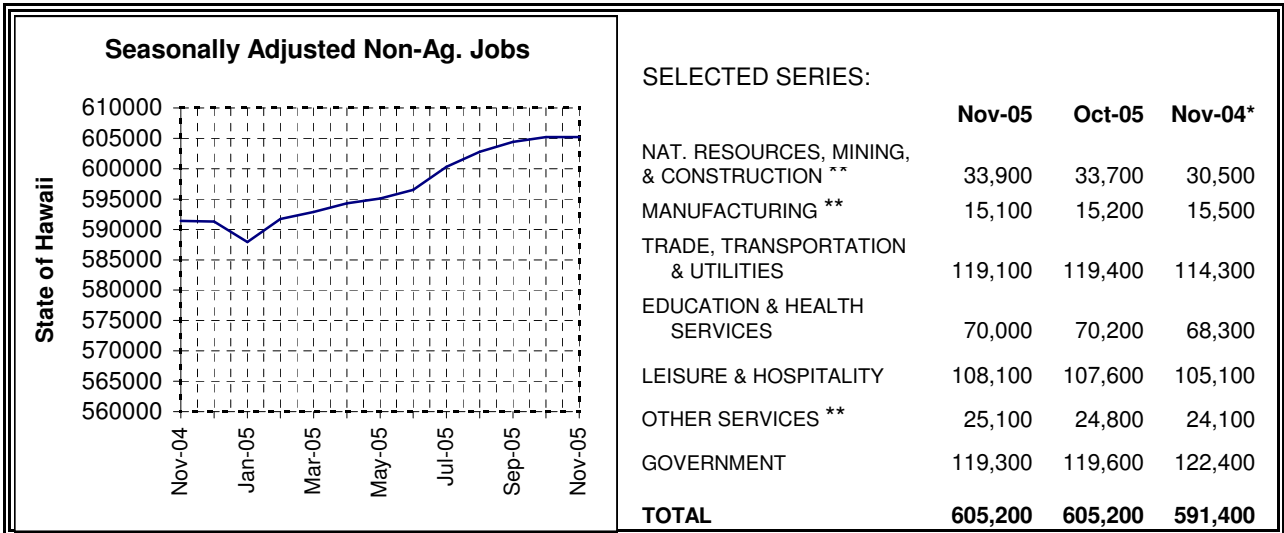
### Seasonally Adjusted Non-Ag. Jobs

	Nov-05	Oct-05	Nov-04*
NAT. RESOURCES, MINING & CONSTR. **	33,900	33,700	30,500
MANUFACTURING **	15,100	15,200	15,500
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES	119,100	119,400	114,300
EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH SERVICES	70,000	70,200	68,300
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	108,100	107,600	105,100
OTHER SERVICES **	25,100	24,800	24,100
GOVERNMENT	119,300	119,600	122,400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>605,200</b>	<b>605,200</b>	<b>591,400</b>

\*\* NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES



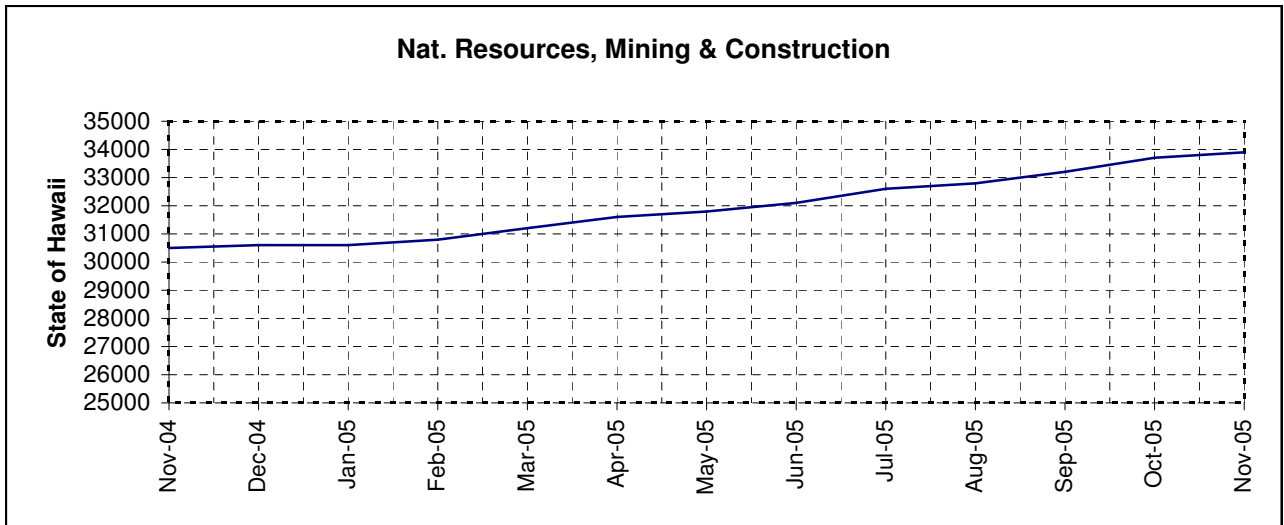




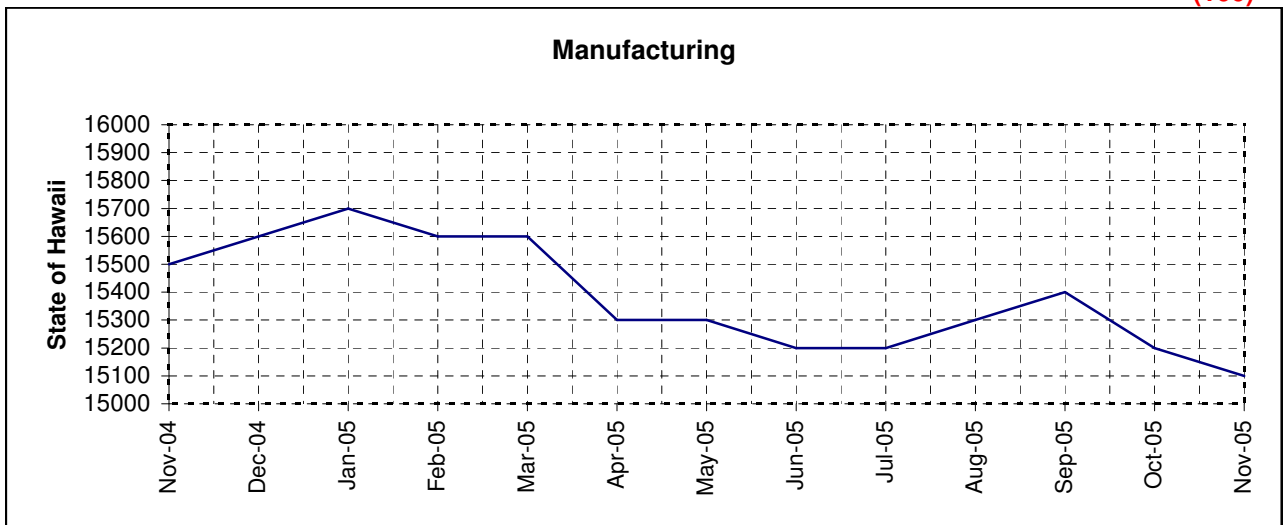
Oct-05 - Nov-05 (No Change)

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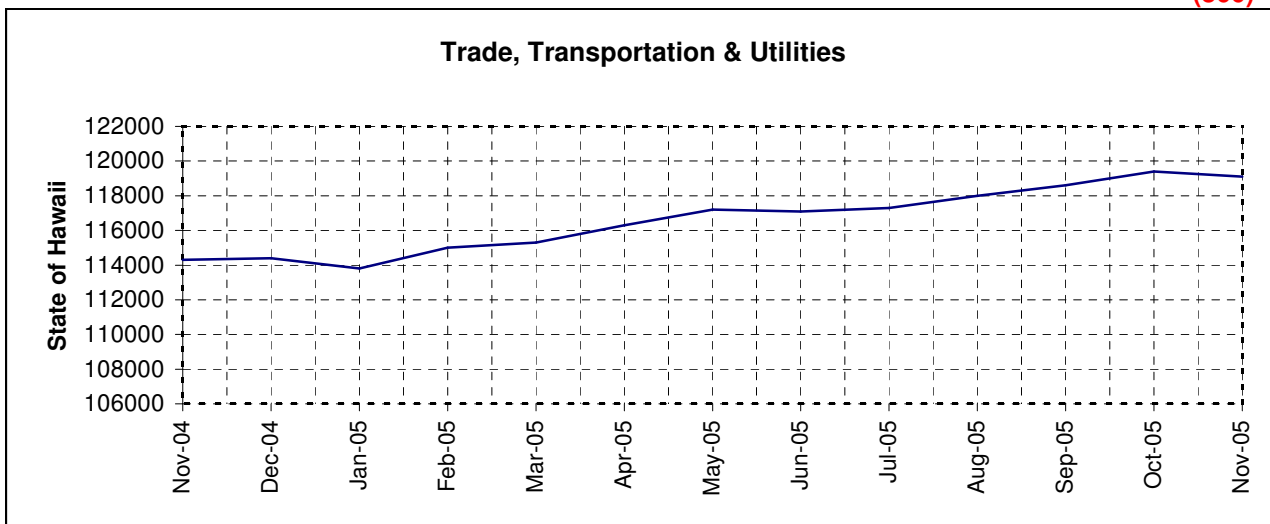
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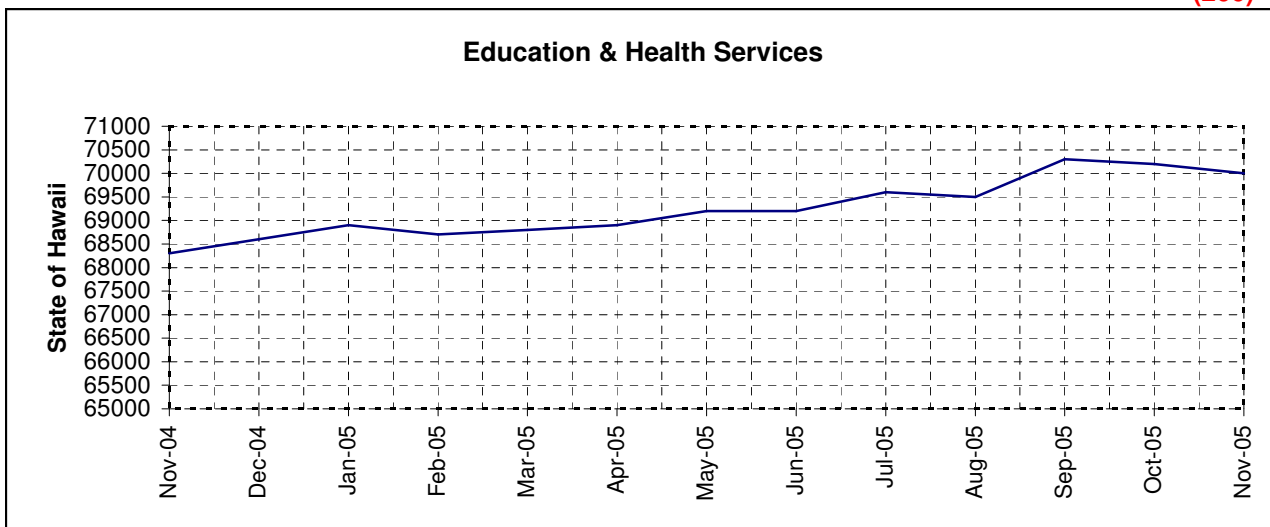
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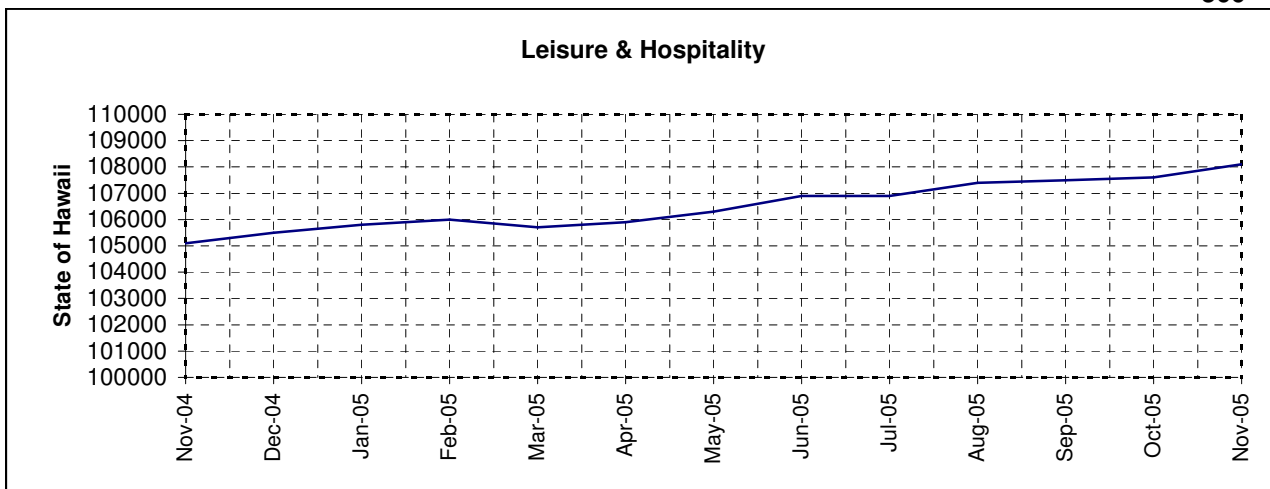
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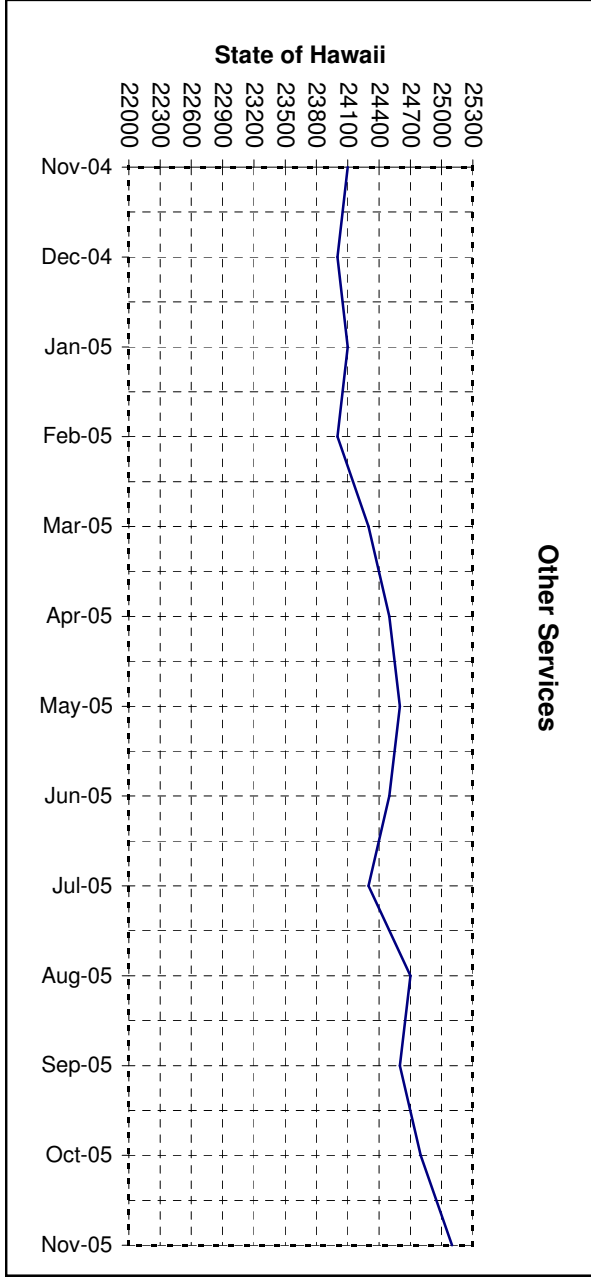
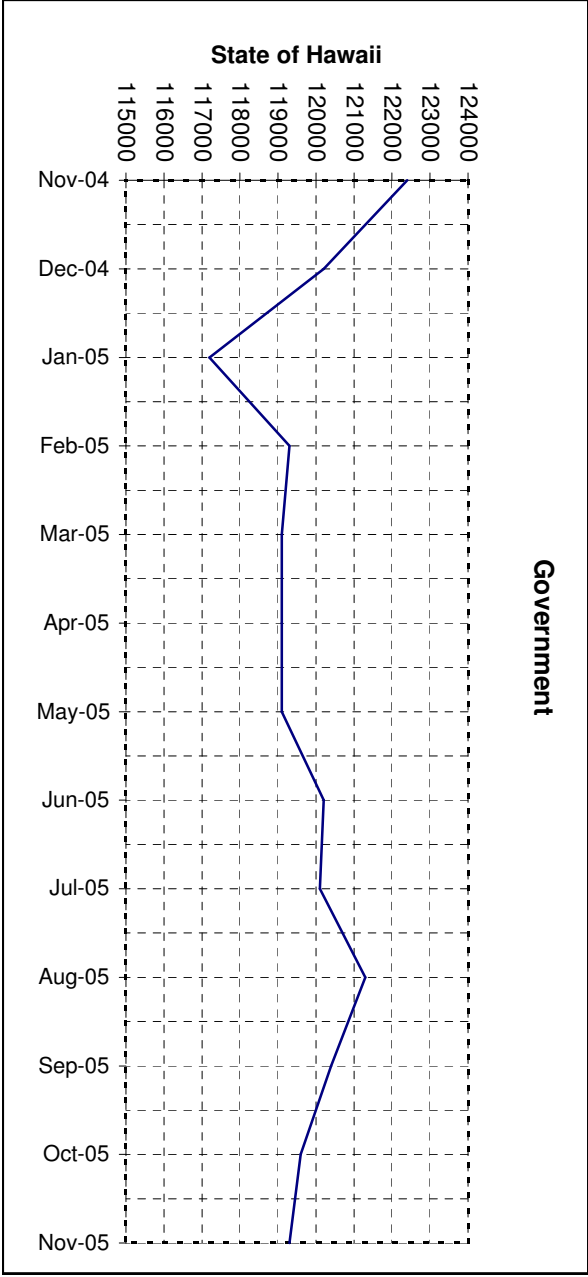


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**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES- NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES- SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

	NOV 2005	OCT 2005	NOV 2004
<b>STATE</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.0</b>
HONOLULU	2.8	2.7	3.0
HAWAII COUNTY	3.1	3.1	3.4
KAUAI	2.7	2.6	3.3
MAUI COUNTY	2.8	2.6	2.8
Maui Island	2.6	2.4	2.5
Molokai	9.1	8.5	9.0
Lanai	3.0	1.6	3.6
<b>U. S.</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>5.2</b>

	NOV 2005	OCT 2005	NOV 2004
<b>STATE</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>U. S.</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>

	<u>Nov 2005</u>	<u>Oct 2005</u>	<u>Nov 2004</u>
Labor Force	649,250	647,900	618,200
Employment	630,900	630,300	599,250
Unemployment	18,350	17,600	18,900

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

	Nov 2004	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov 2005
U. S.	5.2	5.1	5.7	5.8	5.4	4.9	4.9	5.2	5.2	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.8
Hawaii	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.4	3.3	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.8

	Nov 2004	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov 2005
U. S.	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.1	5.0	5.0
Hawaii	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8

