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**HAWAII'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS
3.1 PERCENT IN JANUARY**

New Jobs Continue to be Created for Third Consecutive Month

HONOLULU- The Hawai'i State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations announced today that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January was 3.1 percent, remaining unchanged over December's rate, which was revised downward by 0.1 percentage point due to annual revision.

In contrast, the national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dipped by 0.1 percentage point over-the-month, going from 5.0 percent in December to 4.9 percent in January. Hawai'i's seasonally adjusted labor force in January totaled 653,700, and was comprised of 633,300 employed and 20,350 unemployed.

State of Hawaii Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data			
	<u>Jan 2008</u>	<u>Dec 2007</u>	<u>Jan 2007</u>
Labor Force	653,700	648,500	651,050
Employment	633,300	628,550	635,700
Unemployment	20,350	19,900	15,350

	JAN 2008	* DEC 2007	* JAN 2007
STATE	3.1	3.1	2.4
HONOLULU#	2.8	2.5	2.2
HAWAII COUNTY#	3.9	3.5	2.8
KAUAI#	3.1	3.1	2.3
MAUI COUNTY#	3.2	3.4	2.0
Maui Island#	3.1	3.3	2.0
Molokai#	7.0	6.5	3.9
Lanai#	4.1	3.1	1.8
U. S.	4.9	5.0	4.6

non-seasonally adjusted

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Industry Payroll Employment

In another measure of employment, total seasonally adjusted nonagricultural jobs increased for three consecutive months, which reflects the annual benchmarked revisions grew over-the-month from December 2007 by 2,700 to 628,700. The job gains in January over December were experienced in all major published sectors. There were increases in Construction; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; and Educational and Health Services (+200 each) followed by Leisure and Hospitality and Other Services (+100 each).

State government registered the largest job growth primarily in State Education. Over-the-year, the seasonally adjusted jobcount increased by 5,000 or nearly one percentage point with the private sector accounting for 76.0 percent of the growth most notably in construction (+2,100); Education and Health Services (+800) and Other Services (+700).

“It is important to note that while Hawai'i's economic growth is moderating, several industry sectors continue to create new jobs, helping to maintain a low unemployment rate in Hawai'i,” said Darwin L.D. Ching, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Seasonally Adjusted Non-Ag. Jobs (State)			
SELECTED SERIES:	Jan-08	Dec-07*	Jan-07*
NATURAL RESOURCES, MINING AND CONSTRUCTION	40,200	40,000	38,100
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES	121,300	121,100	122,000
Wholesale Trade	18,700	18,600	18,300
Retail Trade	70,100	69,900	70,300
EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH SERVICES	73,100	72,900	72,300
Educational Services	14,100	14,000	14,100
Health Care and Social Assistance	59,000	58,900	58,200
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	109,500	109,400	109,800
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	12,100	12,000	11,900
Accommodation & Food Services	97,400	97,400	97,900
OTHER SERVICES	26,900	26,800	26,200
GOVERNMENT	123,900	122,900	122,700
Federal Government	31,700	31,500	32,300
State Government	73,900	73,300	72,600
Local Government	18,300	18,100	17,800
TOTAL: STATE	628,700	626,000	623,700

* Benchmarked Data

❖ **Construction (+200)**

Construction continued to improve adding 200 jobs from December. The increase was experienced in residential building construction and building equipment contractors partially due to improved weather conditions.

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

This major group increased for the fourth consecutive month. Retail Trade trended up by 200 jobs in clothing and clothing accessories stores and health and personal care stores. Wholesale Trade rose by a modest 100 jobs mainly in industrial supplies merchant wholesalers. A slight loss of Transportation jobs occurred in school and employee bus transportation. The retail industry is expected to be boosted in the next month or two by the March opening of a major department store and expansion of a Honolulu shopping center, resulting in the hiring of hundreds of local residents.

❖ **Education and Health Care Services (+200)**

This sector posted a moderate growth in January for the third month in a row. Educational Services and Health Care and Social Assistance each registered a 100 job gain. Educational Services showed a modest increase in private schools while Health Care and Social Assistance added staff in physicians' offices and chiropractic offices.

❖ **Leisure and Hospitality (+100)**

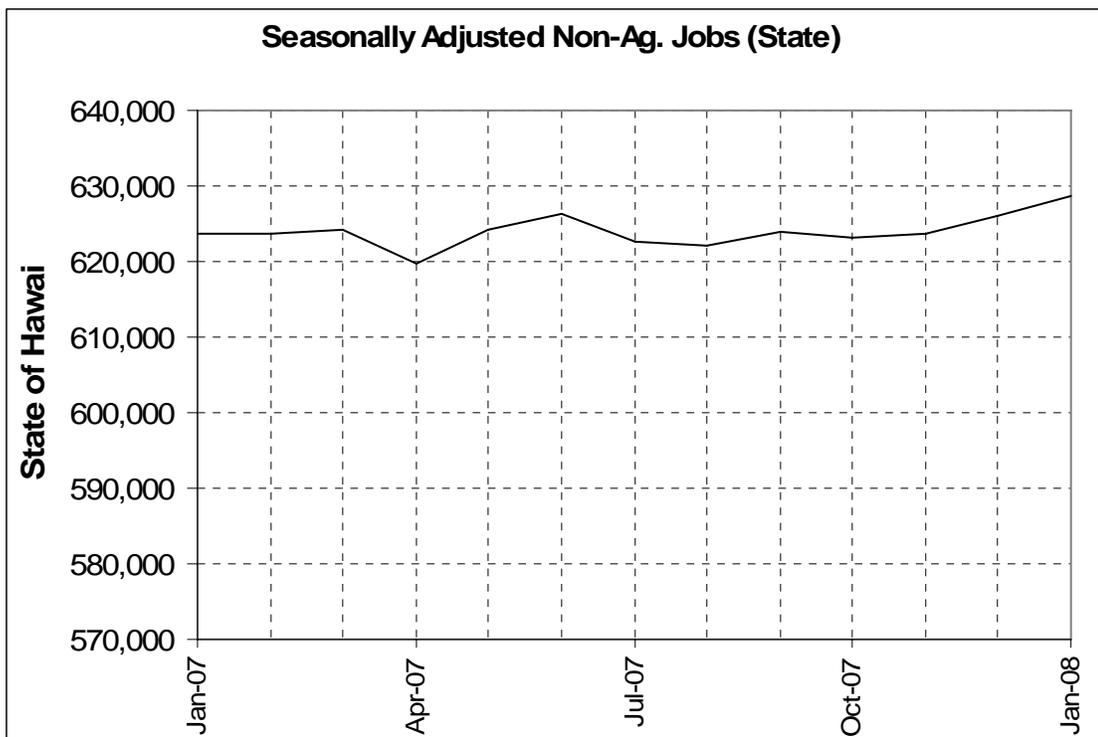
Leisure and Hospitality recorded an increase for the second straight month. Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation accounted for the entire increase partly due to more hiring in museums, historical sites, and similar institutions. Accommodations and Food Services remained relatively stable after registering a moderate 300 job expansion in December. There were minimal increases in hotels which helped offset a slight drop in food establishments.

❖ **Other Services (+100)**

This miscellaneous group also edged up by 100 jobs. The increase was experienced in personal and laundry services.

❖ **Government (+2,800)**

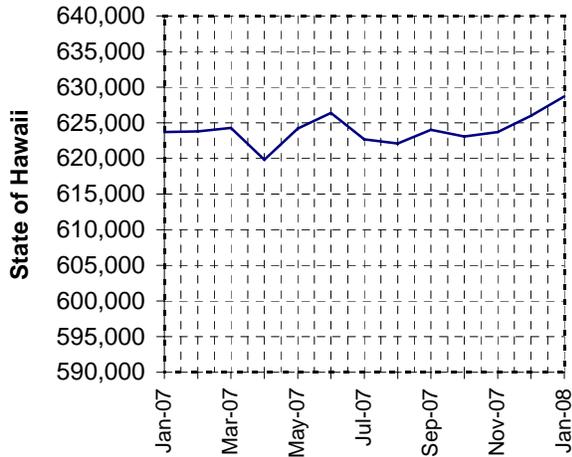
Government created the most jobs from December in all branches. Both Federal Government and Local Government each trended up by 200 jobs, with State Government adding 600 jobs primarily from the Department of Education.



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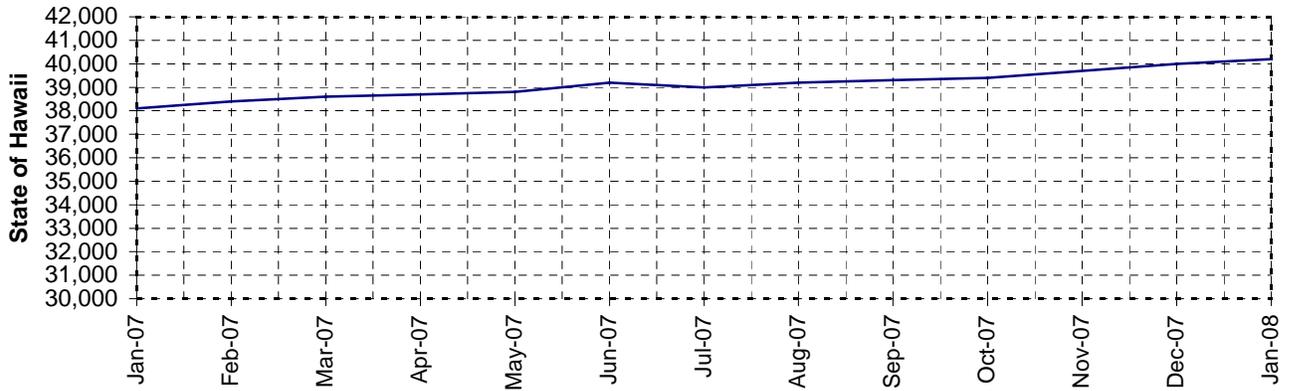
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Dec-07 - Jan-08p (+2,700, +.4%)

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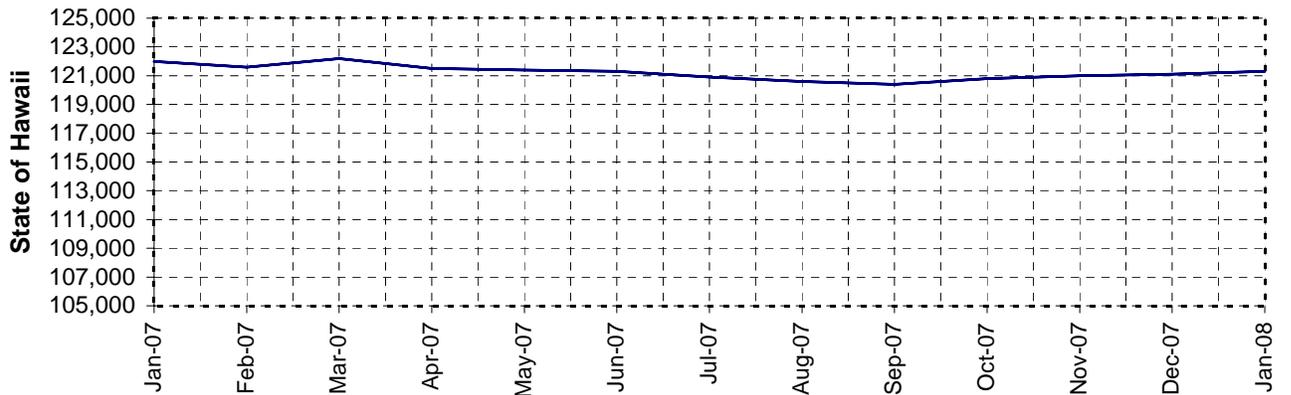
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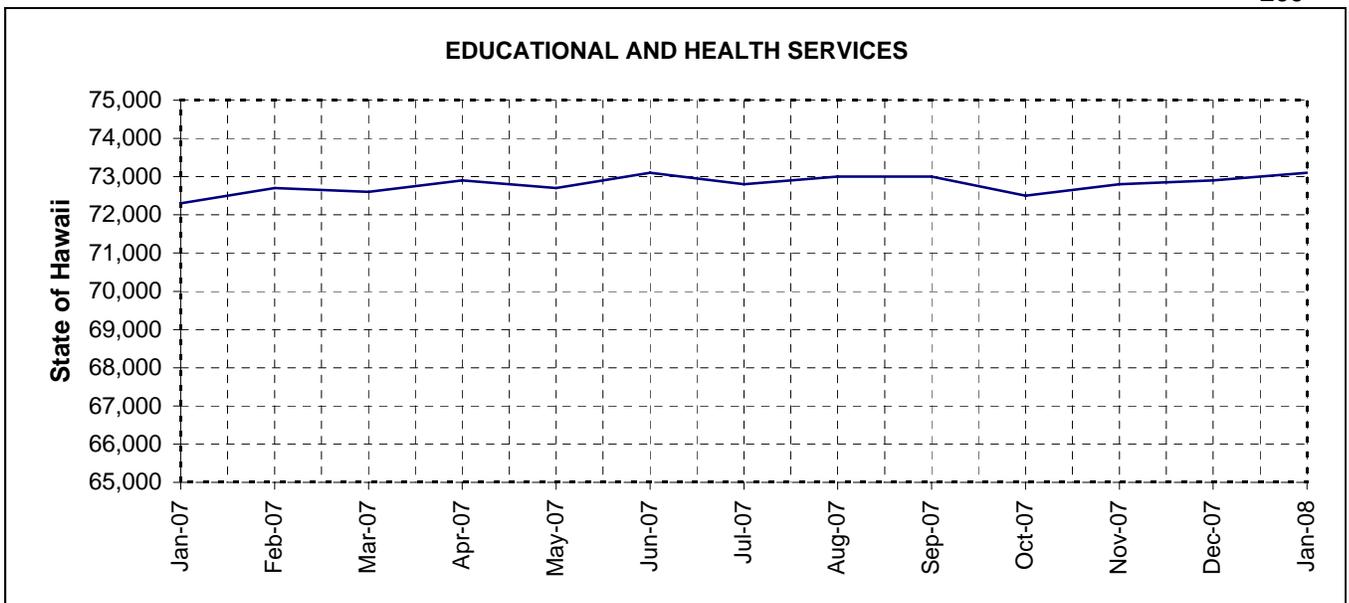
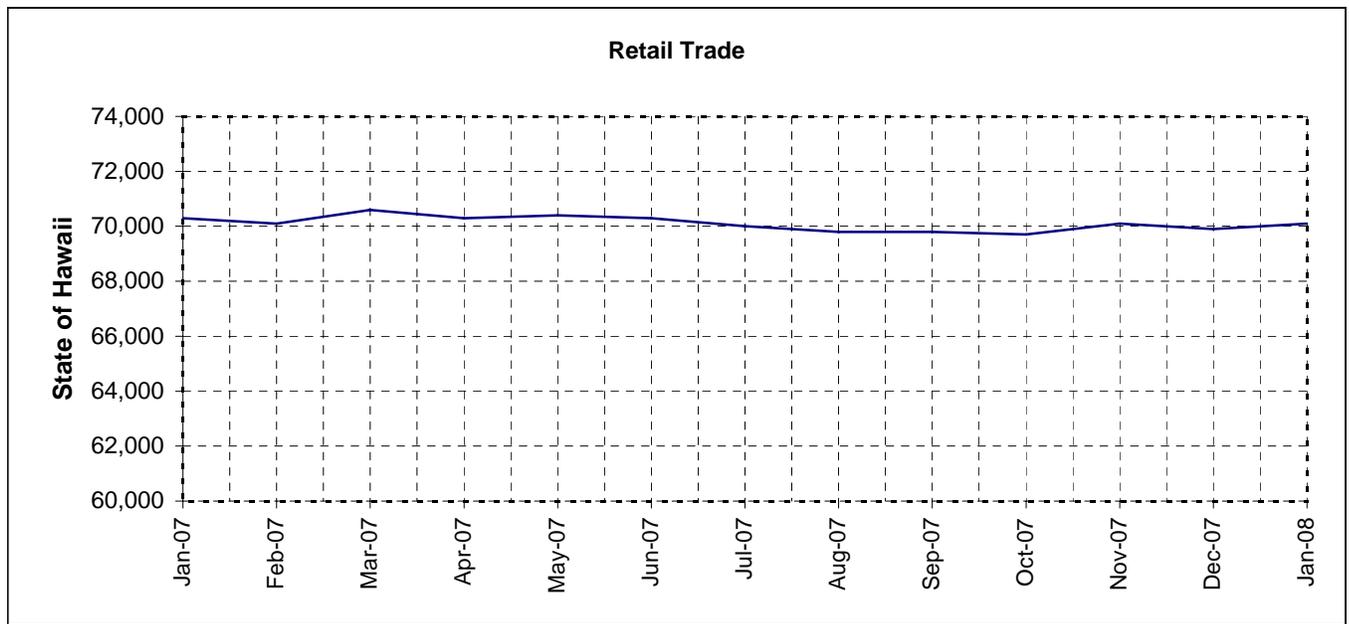
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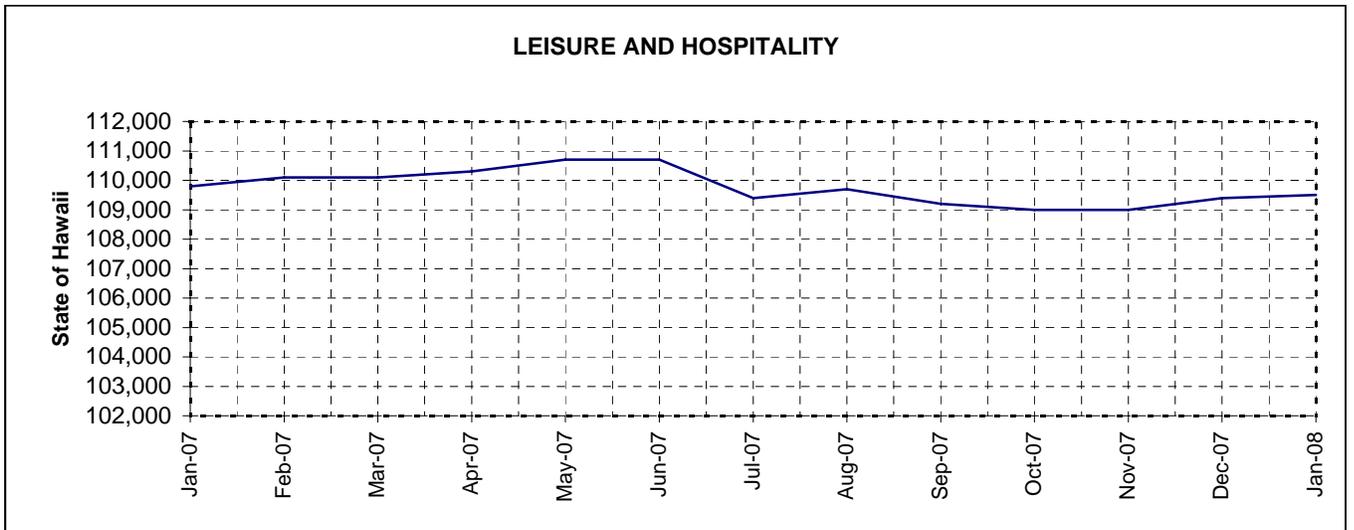
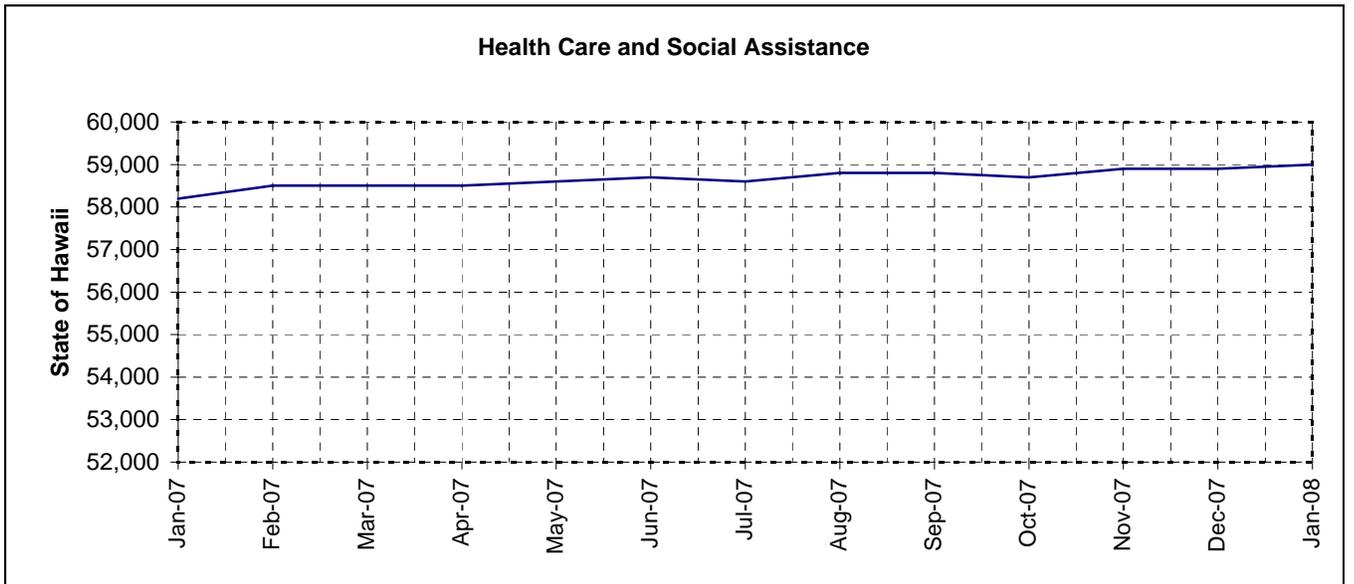
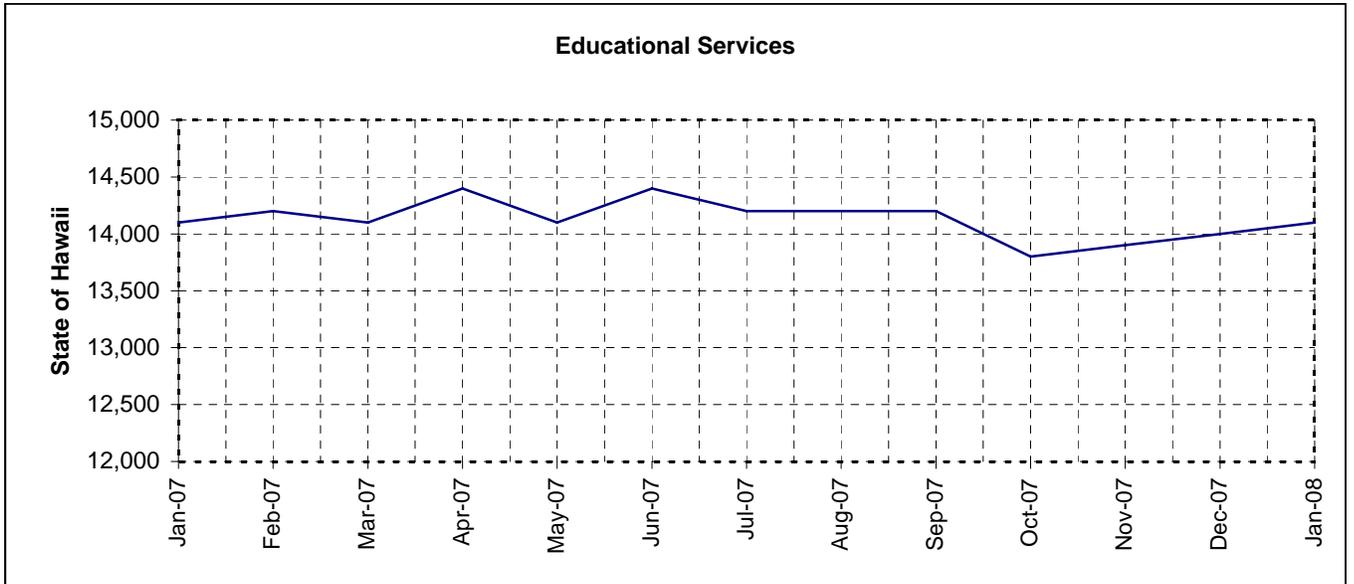


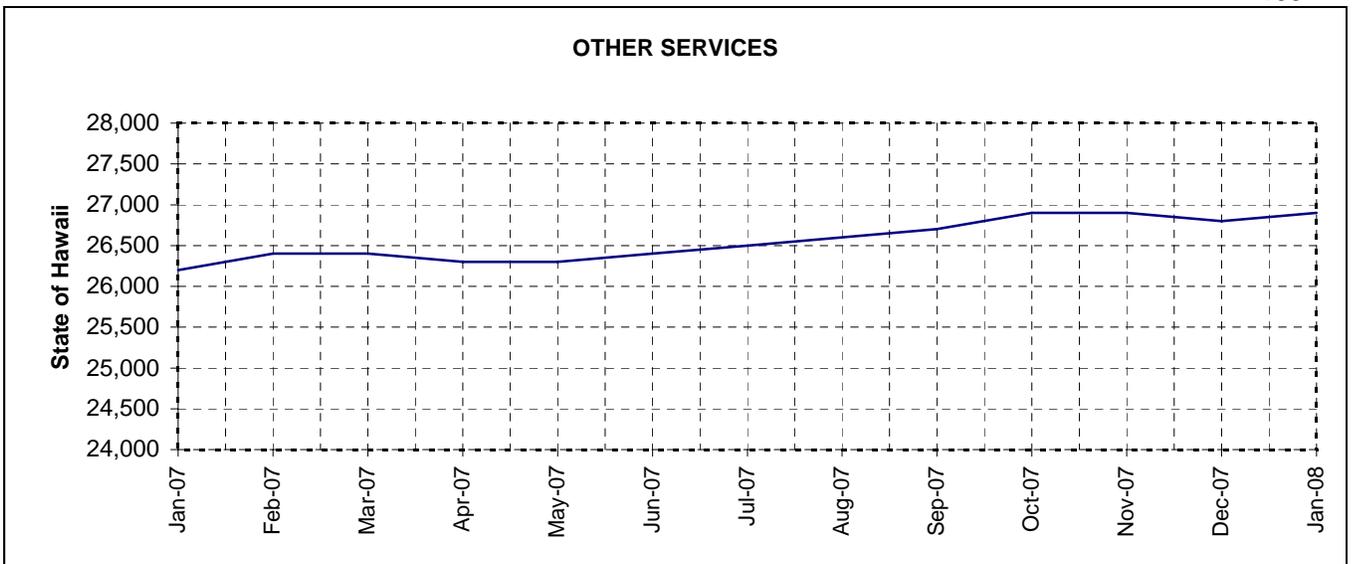
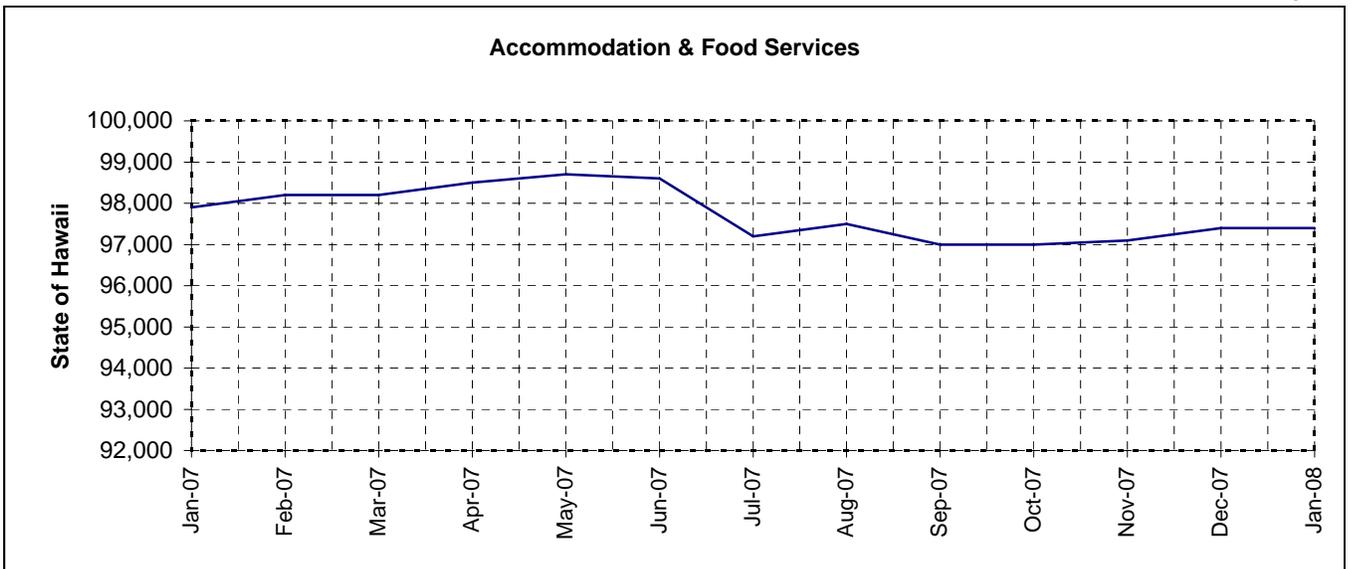
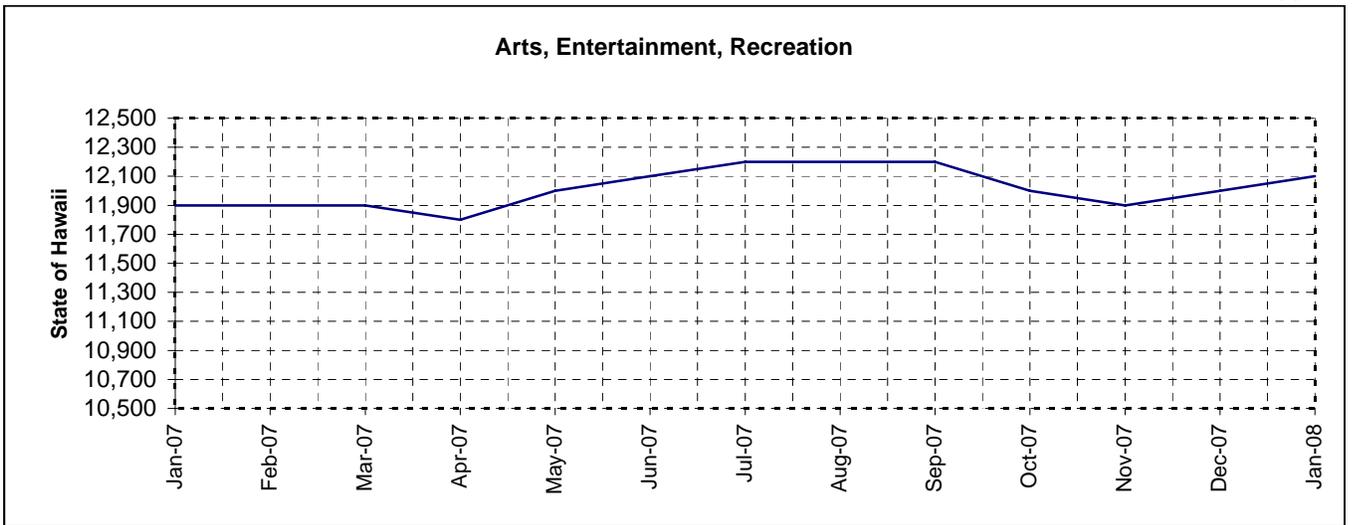
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TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES

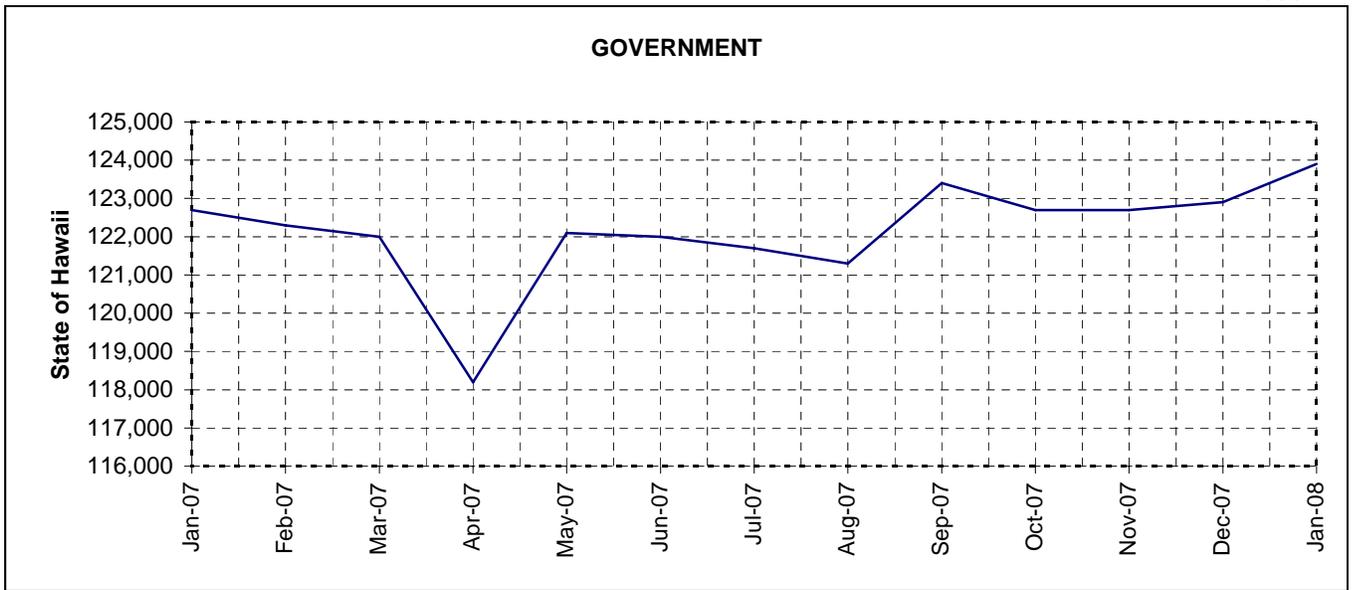




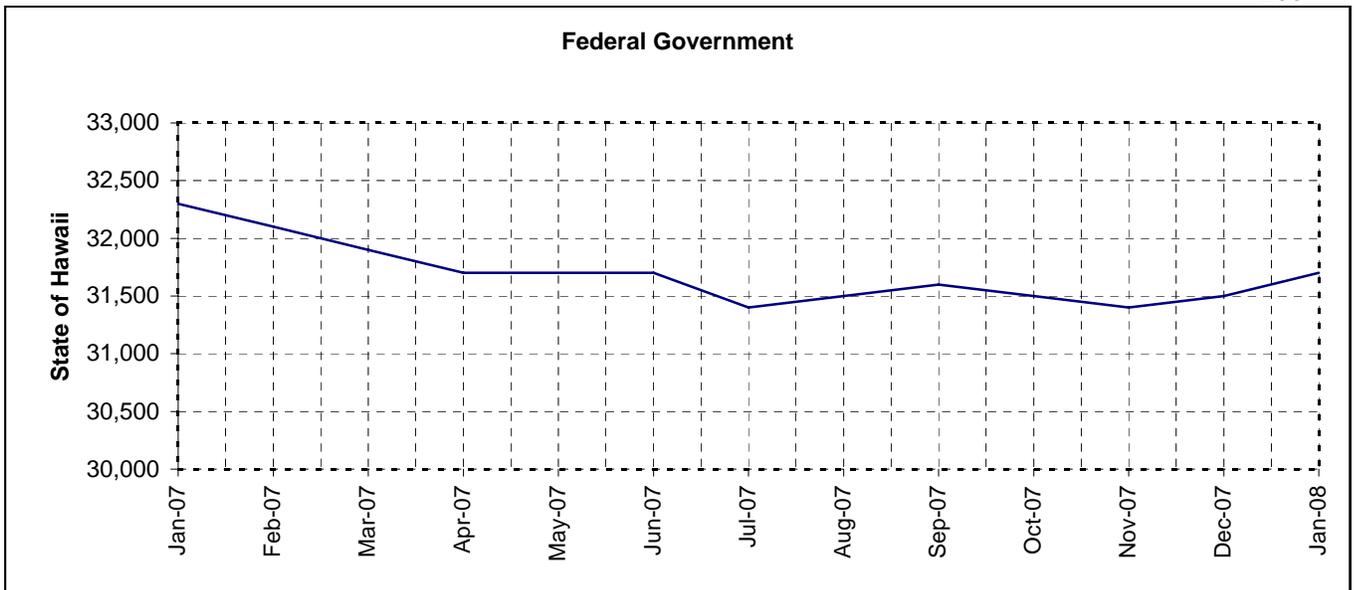




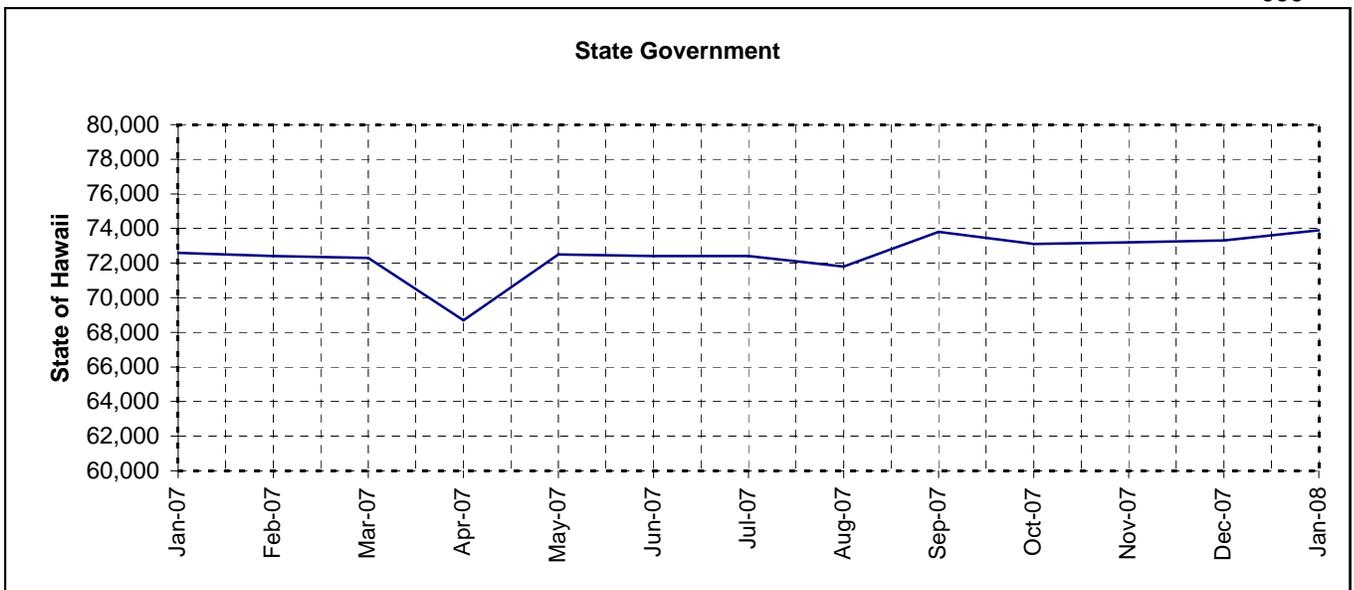
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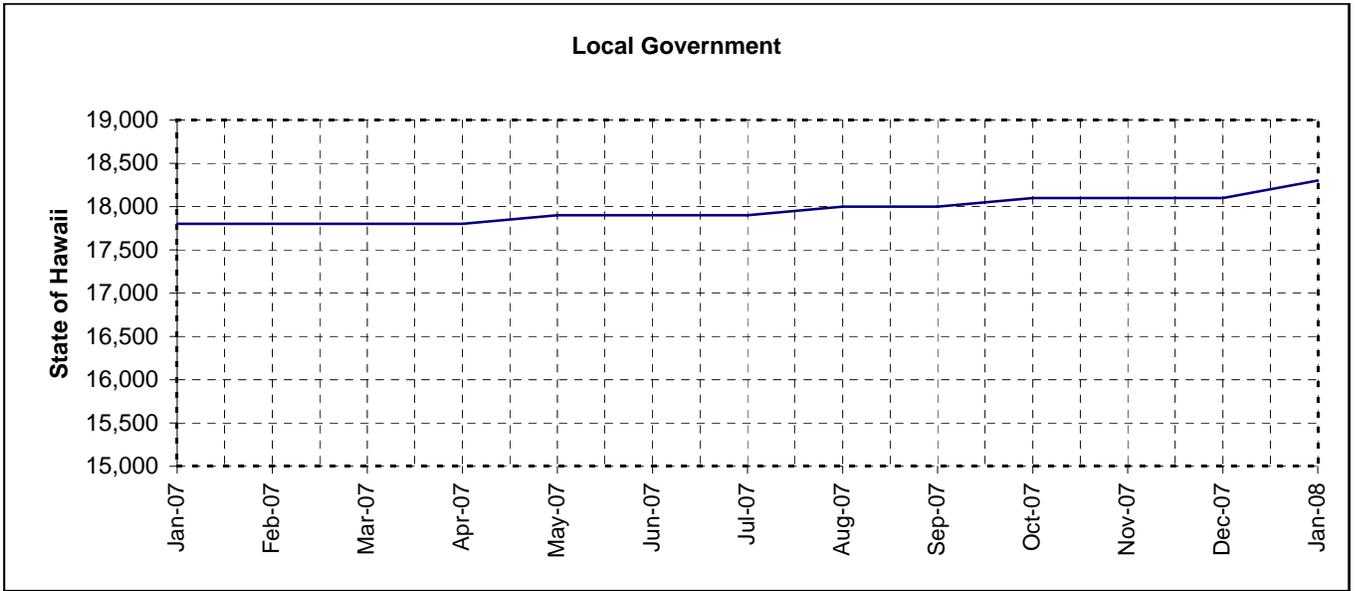


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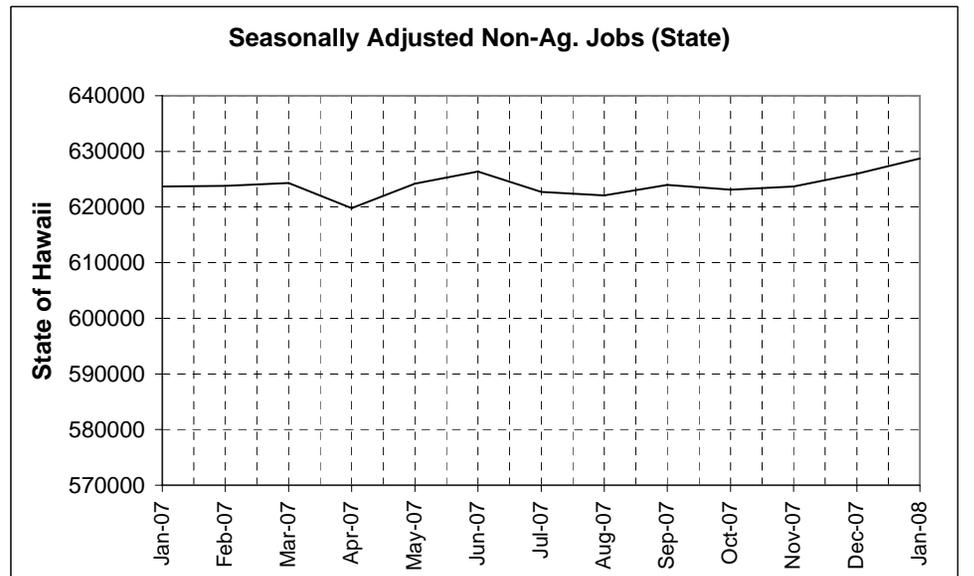
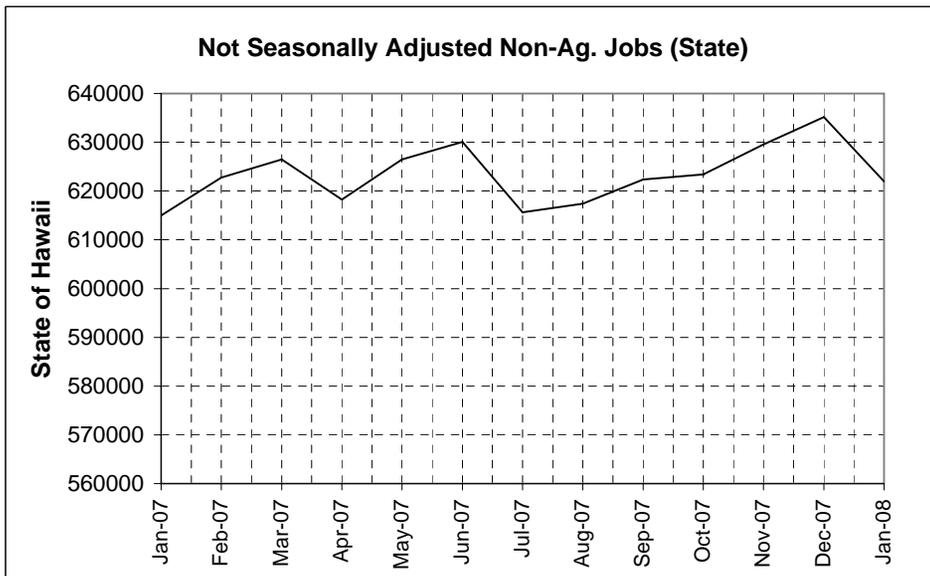
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NAT. RESOURCES, MINING & CONSTR.	39,650	40,250	37,450
MANUFACTURING	15,100	15,150	15,250
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES	121,550	124,700	121,600
Wholesale Trade	18,700	18,700	18,200
Retail Trade	70,050	73,000	70,400
INFORMATION	10,600	10,700	10,350
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	29,800	30,150	29,900
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	76,350	77,800	75,150
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	72,350	73,550	71,250
Educational Services	13,800	14,300	13,600
Health Care & Social Assistance	58,550	59,250	57,650
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	108,700	109,750	108,350
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11,900	11,950	11,550
Accommodation & Food Services	96,800	97,750	96,800
OTHER SERVICES	26,650	26,950	25,800
GOVERNMENT	121,250	126,200	119,850
Federal Government	31,650	31,850	32,250
State Government	71,500	76,250	69,900
Local Government	18,150	18,100	17,700
TOTAL: STATE	622,000	635,200	615,000
TOTAL: HONOLULU MSA	452,600	464,300	447,150

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LABOR FORCE AND JOBCOUNT ESTIMATES
December 2007 Report, Statewide

	DEPARTMENT OF LABOR -- LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES							
	STATEWIDE							
	(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)							
	Jan-08	Dec-07	Jan-07	CHANGE FROM ONE MONTH AGO		CHANGE FROM ONE YEAR AGO		
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	654.5	649.1	653.3	5.4	0.8%	1.2	0.2%	
TOTAL EMPLOYED	634.7	631.2	638.6	3.5	0.6%	-3.9	-0.6%	
UNEMPLOYED	19.9	18.0	14.7	1.9	10.6%	5.2	35.4%	
percent of Labor Force	3.0%	2.8%	2.3%					
Total Nonfarm	622.0	635.2	615.0	-13.2	-2.1%	7.0	1.1%	
Total Private	500.7	509.0	495.2	-8.2	-1.6%	5.6	1.1%	
Goods Producing	54.8	55.4	52.7	-0.6	-1.1%	2.0	3.9%	
Service-Providing	567.2	579.8	562.3	-12.5	-2.2%	5.0	0.9%	
Private Service-Providing	446.0	453.6	442.4	-7.6	-1.7%	3.5	0.8%	
Nat. Res & Construct	39.7	40.2	37.5	-0.6	-1.4%	2.2	5.9%	
Construction of Buildings	12.7	12.9	12.5	-0.2	2.1%	0.2	8.6%	
Special Trade Contractors	21.5	21.8	19.8	-0.2	-1.8%	1.8	1.3%	
Manufacturing	15.1	15.2	15.3	-0.1	-0.3%	-0.2	-1.0%	
Durable Goods	4.5	4.6	4.5	-0.1	-1.8%	0.0	-0.4%	
Non-Durable Goods	10.6	10.6	10.7	0.0	0.3%	-0.1	-1.2%	
Trade, Transportation,	121.6	124.7	121.6	-3.1	-2.5%	0.0	0.0%	
Wholesale Trade	18.6	18.7	18.2	-0.1	-0.7%	0.4	2.1%	
Retail Trade	70.0	73.0	70.4	-2.9	-4.0%	-0.4	-0.5%	
Food and Beverage Sto	12.7	13.3	12.7	-0.5	-3.8%	0.1	0.5%	
Grocery Stores	10.9	11.3	10.5	-0.4	-3.2%	0.4	3.6%	
Clothing and Clothing	11.6	12.2	11.9	-0.6	-4.9%	-0.3	-2.2%	
General Merchandise S	13.0	13.7	12.8	-0.7	-5.0%	0.2	1.7%	
Department Stores	9.2	9.8	9.3	-0.6	-6.2%	-0.1	-1.0%	
Trans,Warehouse, Util	32.9	33.0	33.0	-0.1	-0.3%	-0.1	-0.2%	
Utilities	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	-1.4%	0.0	1.5%	
Transport & Warehouse	29.9	30.0	30.0	0.0	-0.2%	-0.1	-0.3%	
Air Transportation	9.8	9.7	9.8	0.0	0.1%	-0.1	-0.8%	
Information	10.6	10.7	10.4	-0.1	-1.0%	0.2	2.0%	
Telecommunications	4.2	4.2	4.3	0.0	-0.2%	-0.1	-3.3%	
Financial Activities	29.8	30.2	29.9	-0.3	-1.2%	-0.1	-0.3%	
Finance and Insurance	16.7	16.9	17.0	-0.2	-1.0%	-0.3	-1.7%	
Real Estate and Renta	13.1	13.3	12.9	-0.2	-1.4%	0.2	1.4%	
Professional and Busin	76.3	77.8	75.1	-1.5	-1.9%	1.2	1.6%	
Professional, Scienti	24.6	25.0	24.3	-0.5	-1.8%	0.3	1.0%	
Management of Compani	7.6	7.7	7.6	0.0	-0.3%	0.1	0.7%	
Administrative and Su	44.1	45.1	43.2	-1.0	-2.3%	0.9	2.0%	
Employment Services	15.3	15.7	14.3	-0.4	-2.7%	1.0	7.0%	
Educational and Health	72.4	73.6	71.3	-1.2	-1.6%	1.1	1.6%	
Educational Services	13.8	14.3	13.6	-0.5	-3.5%	0.2	1.3%	
Elementary and Second	7.4	7.4	7.1	-0.1	-1.2%	0.2	3.3%	
Health Care and Socia	58.6	59.3	57.6	-0.7	-1.2%	0.9	1.6%	
Ambulatory Health Car	23.1	23.4	22.5	-0.3	-1.2%	0.6	2.5%	
Hospitals	14.1	14.3	14.5	-0.2	-1.1%	-0.4	-2.9%	
Nursing and Residenti	6.9	7.0	6.6	-0.1	-1.4%	0.2	3.3%	
Social Assistance	14.5	14.6	13.9	-0.2	-1.0%	0.6	4.1%	
Leisure and Hospitalit	108.7	109.7	108.4	-1.0	-0.9%	0.3	0.3%	
Arts, Entertainment,	11.9	12.0	11.6	-0.1	-0.6%	0.3	2.8%	
Accommodation and Foo	96.8	97.8	96.8	-1.0	-1.0%	0.0	0.0%	
Accommodation	39.0	39.1	39.4	-0.1	-0.3%	-0.4	-1.0%	
Food Services and Dri	57.8	58.6	57.4	-0.9	-1.5%	0.4	0.7%	
Full-Service Restaura	30.0	30.4	29.5	-0.4	-1.3%	0.5	1.5%	
Other Services	26.6	26.9	25.8	-0.3	-1.1%	0.8	3.2%	
Government	121.3	126.2	119.8	-4.9	-3.9%	1.4	1.2%	
Federal Government	31.7	31.8	32.3	-0.2	-0.5%	-0.6	-1.8%	
Ship Building & Repai	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	-0.3%	-0.5	-3.2%	
Department of Defense	16.1	16.2	16.7	0.0	0.8%	0.0	-1.1%	
State Government	71.5	76.3	69.9	-4.8	-6.3%	1.6	2.3%	
State Govt. Education	47.1	51.9	45.7	-4.8	-9.3%	1.4	3.0%	
Local Government	18.1	18.1	17.7	0.0	0.2%	0.4	2.4%	

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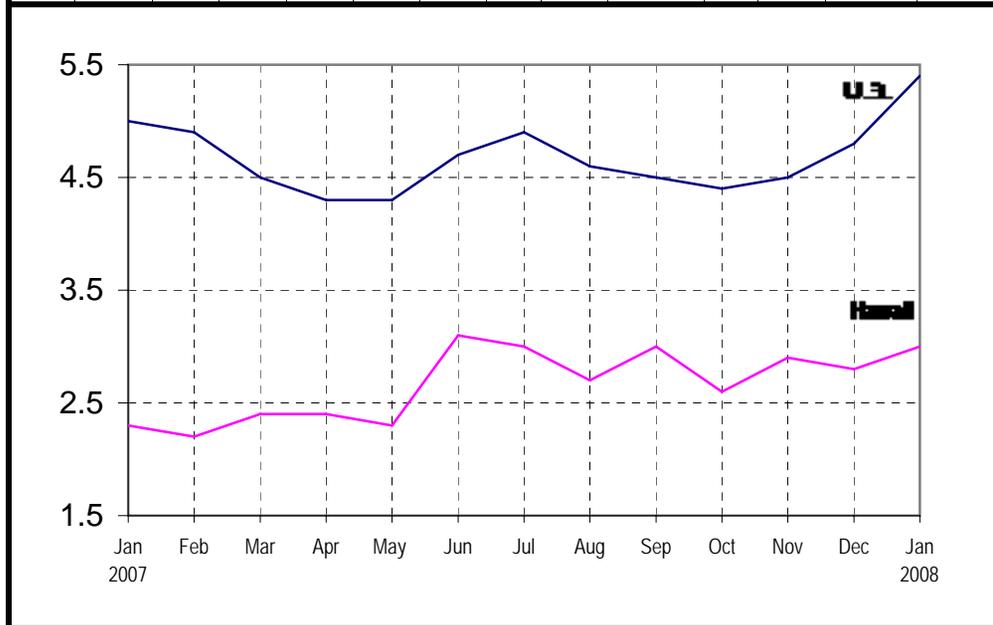
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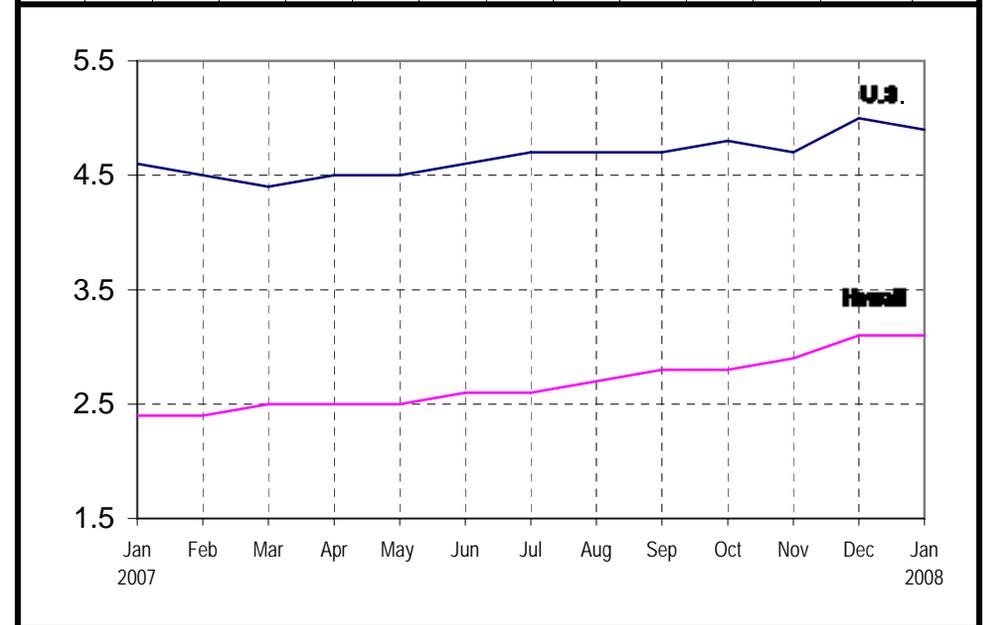
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Hawaii	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.3	3.1	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.9	2.8	3.0



	Jan 2007	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan 2008
U. S.	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.7	5.0	4.9
Hawaii	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.1

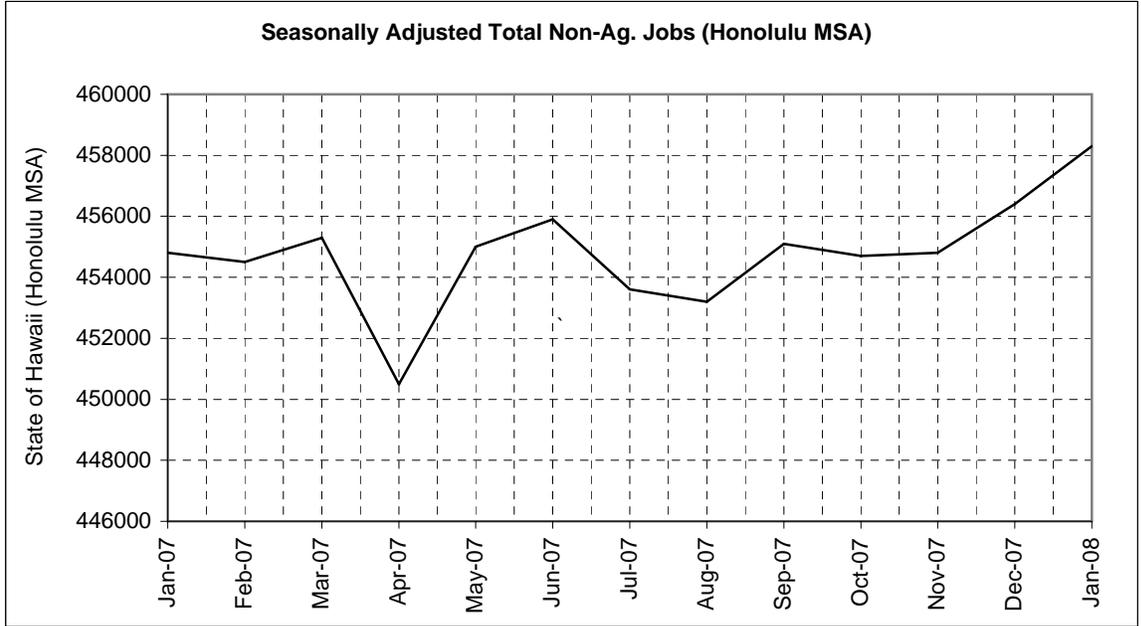


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