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**HAWAI'I'S SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT  
3.8 PERCENT IN JUNE**

**State's unemployment remains significantly lower than national 5.5 percent average**

**HONOLULU-** The Hawai'i State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations announced today that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June was 3.8 percent, an increase of 0.2 percentage point over May's revised rate of 3.6 percent. In comparison, the national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged over-the-month at 5.5 percent.

For the first six months of 2008, Hawai'i's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate averaged 3.3 percent. Since April 2002, Hawai'i's monthly seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has been at least 1.6 percentage points lower than the U.S. rate. In June, there were 638,150 employed and 25,200 unemployed statewide, for a seasonally adjusted labor force of 663,400.

State of Hawaii Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data			
	<u>June 2008</u>	<u>May 2008</u>	<u>June 2007</u>
Labor Force	663,400	663,350	649,850
Employment	638,150	639,800	633,200
Unemployment	25,200	23,550	16,650

	JUN 2008	MAY 2008	JUN 2007
STATE	3.8	3.6	2.6
HONOLULU#	4.2	3.1	3.0
HAWAII COUNTY#	6.0	4.8	4.1
KAUAI#	4.4	3.3	3.0
MAUI COUNTY#	4.6	3.5	2.8
Maui Island#	4.3	3.4	2.6
Molokai#	12.3	5.1	9.6
Lanai#	5.7	5.1	2.3
U. S.	5.5	5.5	4.5

# non-seasonally adjusted

### **Industry Payroll Employment**

In another measure of employment, total seasonally adjusted nonagricultural jobs decreased from May to June by 400 to 626,900. However, there were job gains in the private sector, which included Educational and Health Services (+400), Construction and Other Services (+100 each) following declines in all three industries from May. Job reductions were experienced in Leisure and Hospitality (-800) partially due to the temporary closure of a Waikiki hotel for renovation and the permanent closure of a Moloka'i hotel; and Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-500), in part due to the relocation of another cruise ship releasing some employees. State Government rose by 400 jobs in State Education.

In the first half of 2008, jobs grew by 1,700 or 0.3 percent with three out of every five jobs composed from the private sector. Over-the-year from June 2007, the seasonally adjusted job count reported a 500 job gain. During this period, the industries in the private sector experiencing noteworthy job growth were composed of Educational and Health Services (+1,800) and Other Services (+700).

“We continue to remain cautiously optimistic that Hawai‘i will be able to continue to show its resiliency, particularly in the private sector, in creating new jobs for those affected by the recent closures in the private sector,” said Darwin L.D. Ching, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations.

<b>Seasonally Adjusted Non-Ag. Jobs (State)</b>			
SELECTED SERIES:	<b>Jun-08</b>	<b>May-08</b>	<b>Jun-07*</b>
NATURAL RESOURCES, MINING AND CONSTRUCTION	39,200	39,100	39,200
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES	119,400	119,900	121,300
Wholesale Trade	18,400	18,500	18,400
Retail Trade	71,100	71,200	70,300
EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH SERVICES	74,900	74,500	73,100
Educational Services	15,400	15,100	14,400
Health Care and Social Assistance	59,500	59,400	58,700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	108,500	109,300	110,700
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11,500	11,500	12,100
Accommodation & Food Services	97,000	97,800	98,600
OTHER SERVICES	27,100	27,000	26,400
GOVERNMENT	124,400	125,000	122,000
Federal Government	31,800	32,000	31,700
State Government	74,000	74,400	72,400
Local Government	18,600	18,600	17,900
<b>TOTAL: STATE</b>	<b>626,900</b>	<b>627,300</b>	<b>626,400</b>

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

This industry posted the largest increase among the private sector, adding 400 jobs from May. Educational Services recorded a strong 300 job growth in private education. Health Care and Social Assistance composed the remaining 100 job gain. The increase occurred in Social Assistance mainly in community housing services.

❖ **Construction (+100)**

Construction improved slightly after two consecutive months of losses. Majority of the increase were special trades contractors in building equipment contractors. This industry continues to play an important role in our state with existing and new construction activities. Over the last two years from 2006, this group rose by a substantial 3,000 jobs or 8.3 percent.

❖ **Other Services (+100)**

This miscellaneous group showed a modest increase after a two month drop in jobs. Most of the increase occurred in civic and social organizations.

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

This major industrial sector continued its downturn trend. Wholesale and Retail Trade each recorded a drop of 100 jobs. Wholesale Trade posted a loss in grocery and related product merchant wholesalers, while Retail Trade experienced a contraction in gasoline stations with convenience stores. However, over-the-year, Retail Trade rose by 800 or 1.1 percent partly due to the expansion at a large shopping center in Honolulu. The remaining 300 job loss was in Transportation primarily due to the departure of a second cruise ship this year.

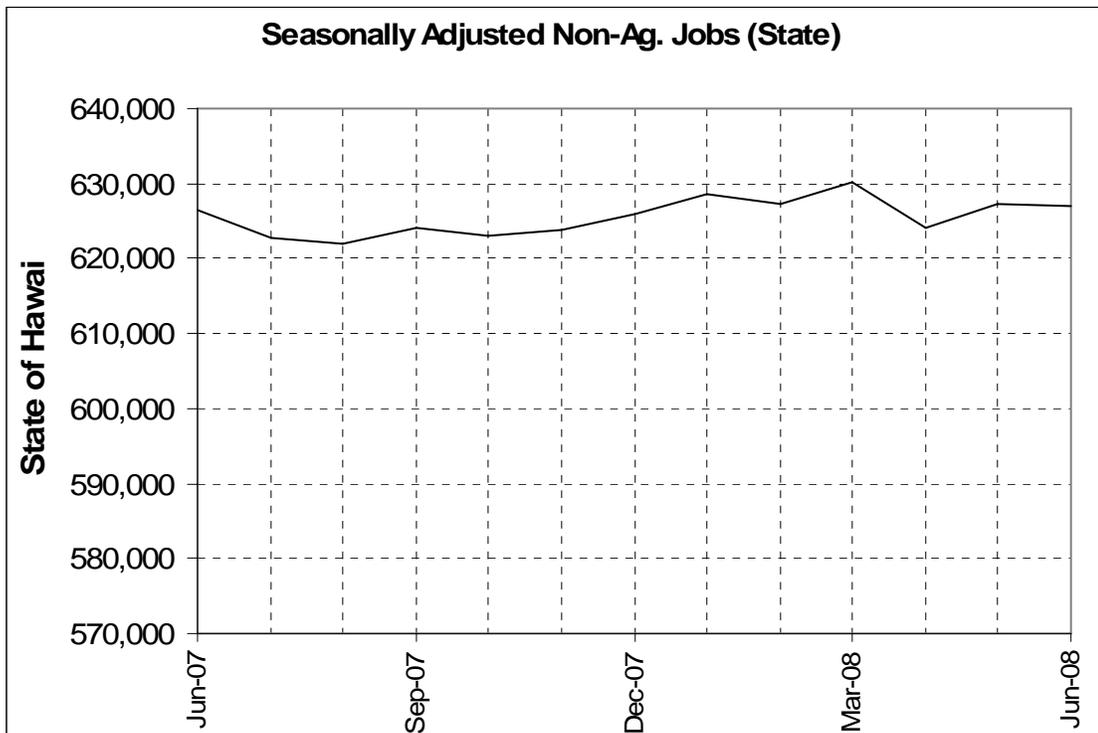
❖ **Leisure and Hospitality (-800)**

Leisure and Hospitality experienced the largest drop in June. Arts, Entertainment and Recreation remained stable. The upturn in museums, historical sites, and similar institutions was offset by the downturn in performing arts, spectacular sports, and related industries. Accommodation and Food Services composed the total decline of 800 jobs. The bulk of the reduction occurred in Accommodation mainly due to a Waikiki hotel temporarily releasing its

employees while it undergoes renovation as well as job losses from the permanent closure of a hotel on Moloka'i.

❖ **Government (-600)**

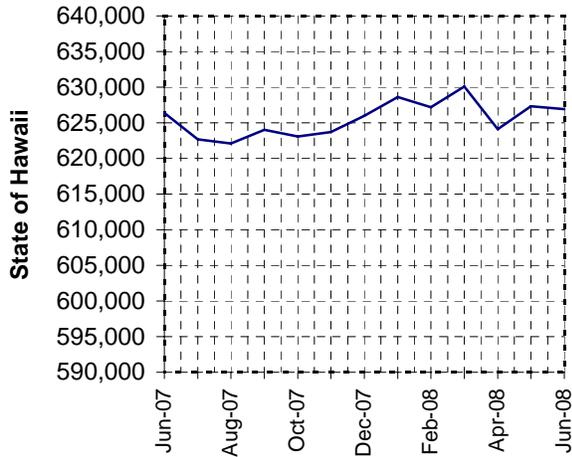
Government decreased by 600 jobs. Local Government remained unchanged. Federal Government reported a decrease of 200 jobs. State Government registered a loss of 400 jobs predominantly in the Department of Education.



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### Seasonally Adjusted Non-Ag. Jobs (State)



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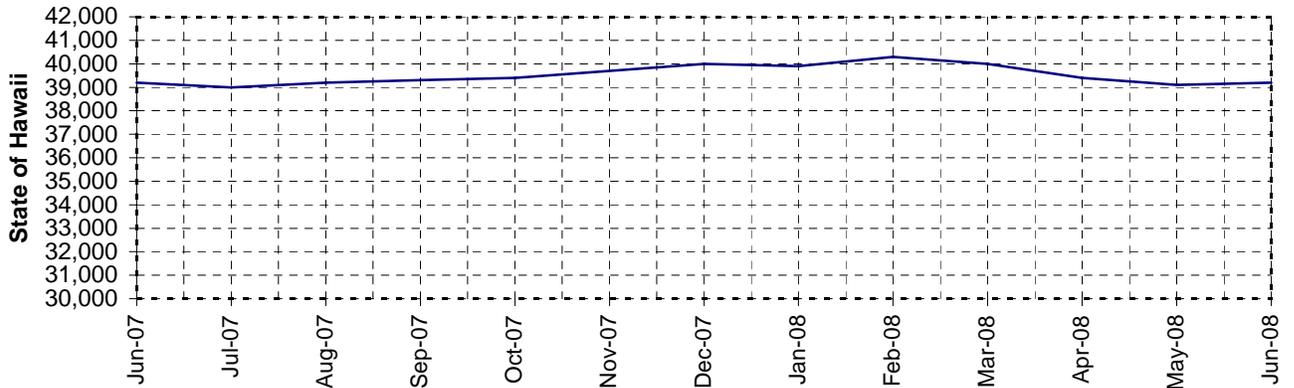
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May-08 -Jun-08 (-400, -.1%)

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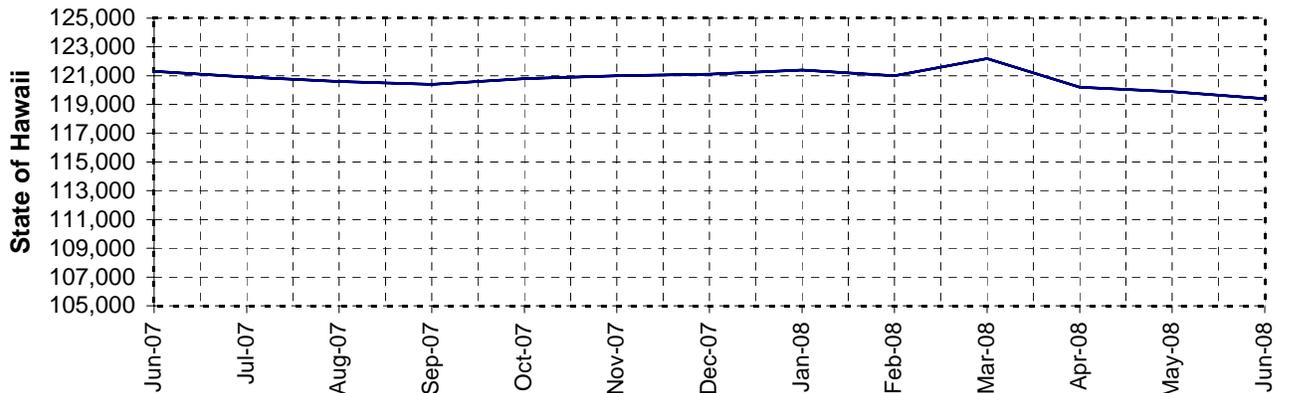
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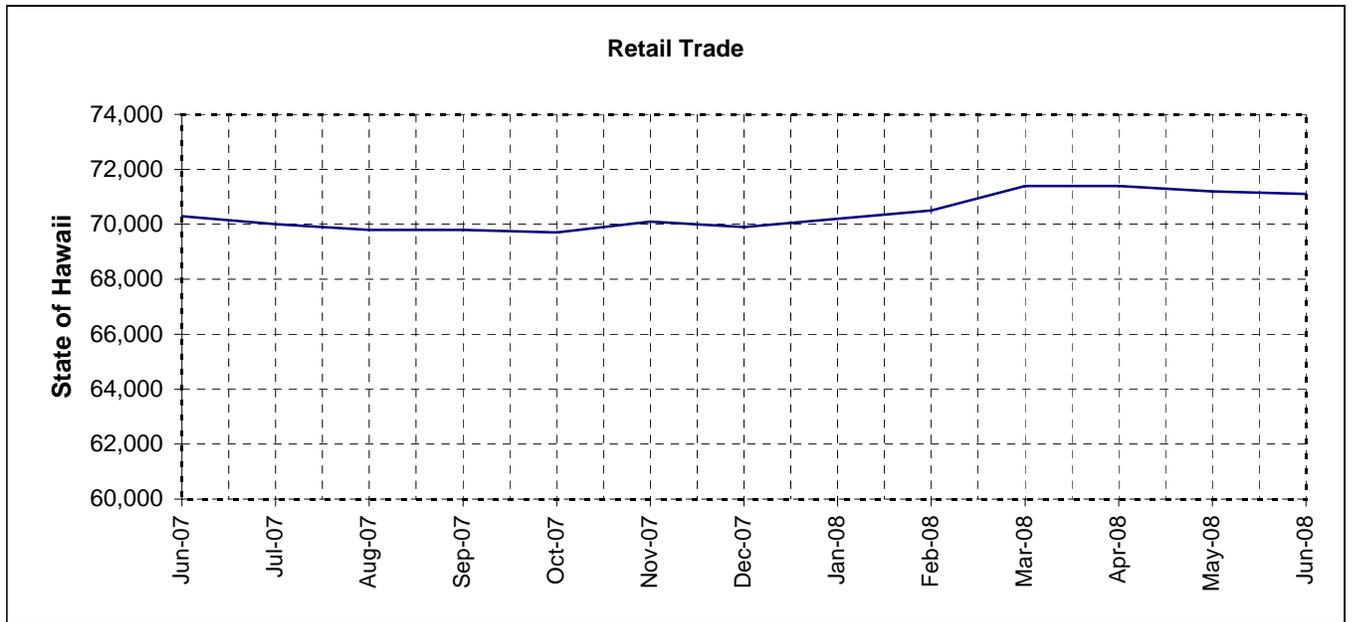
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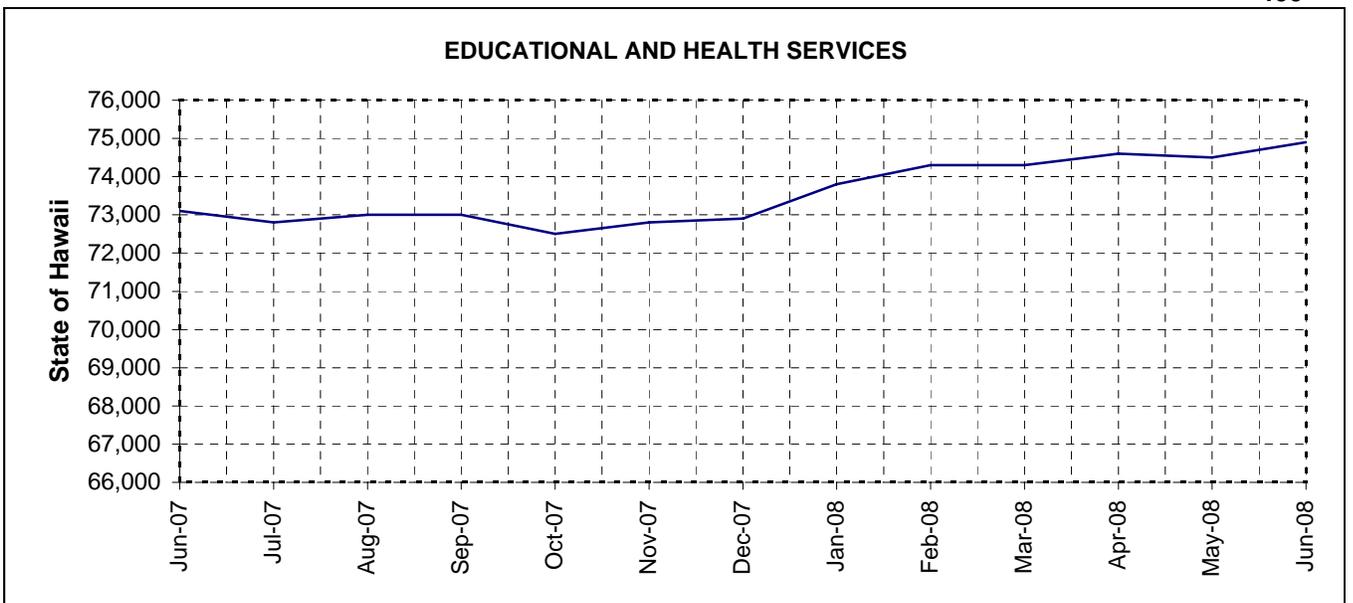
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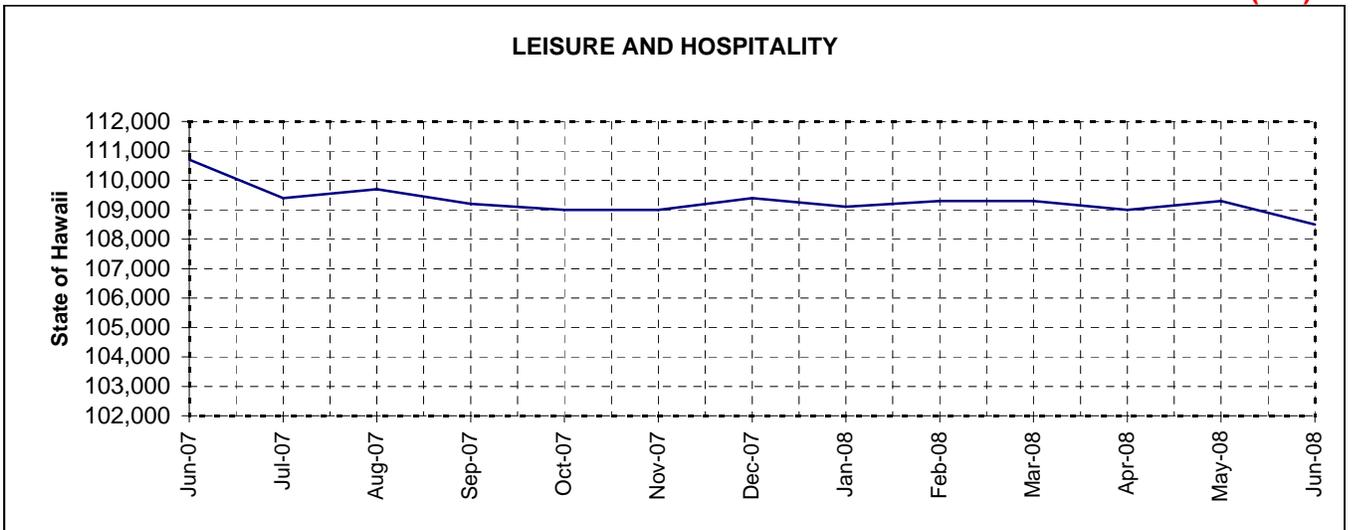
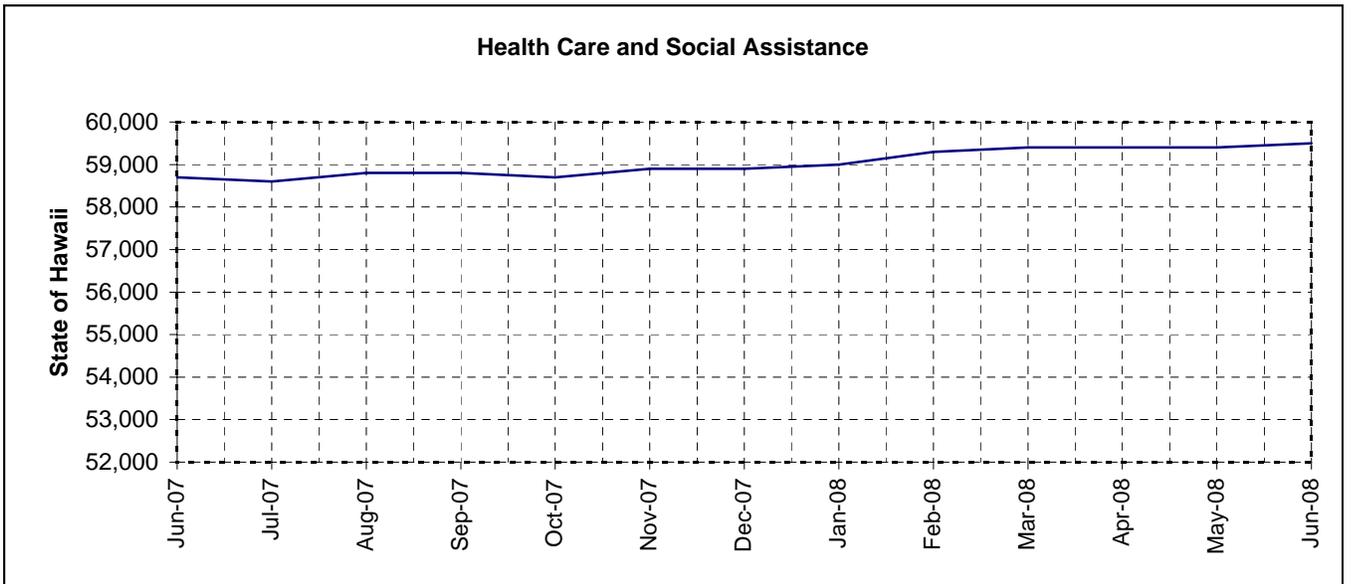
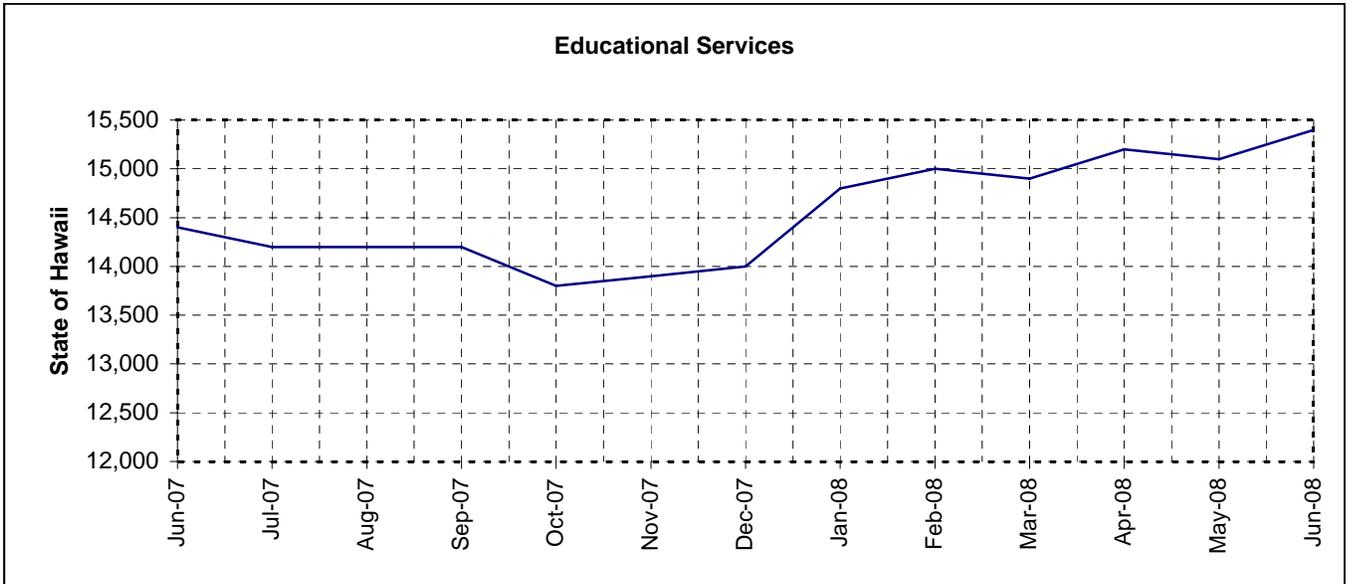


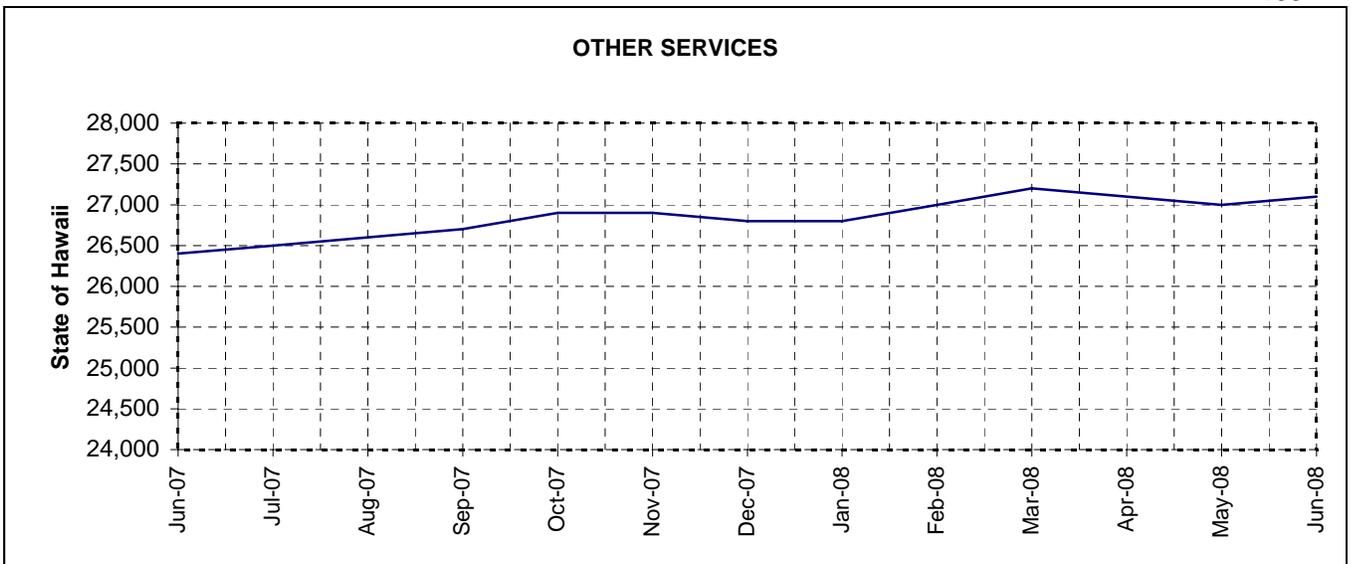
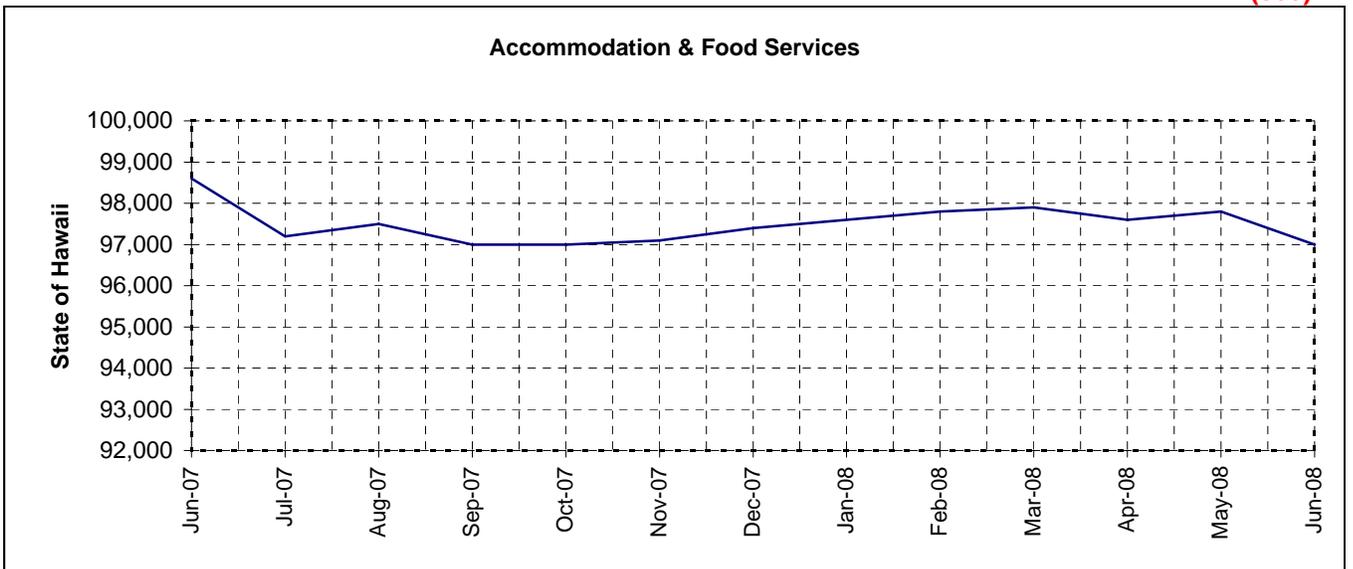
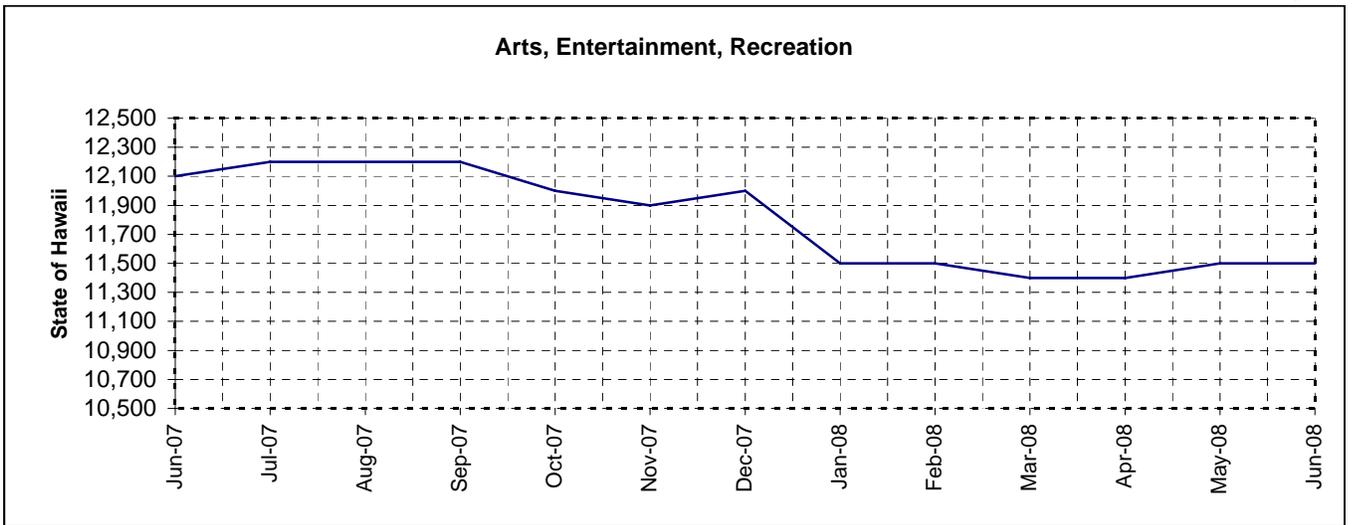
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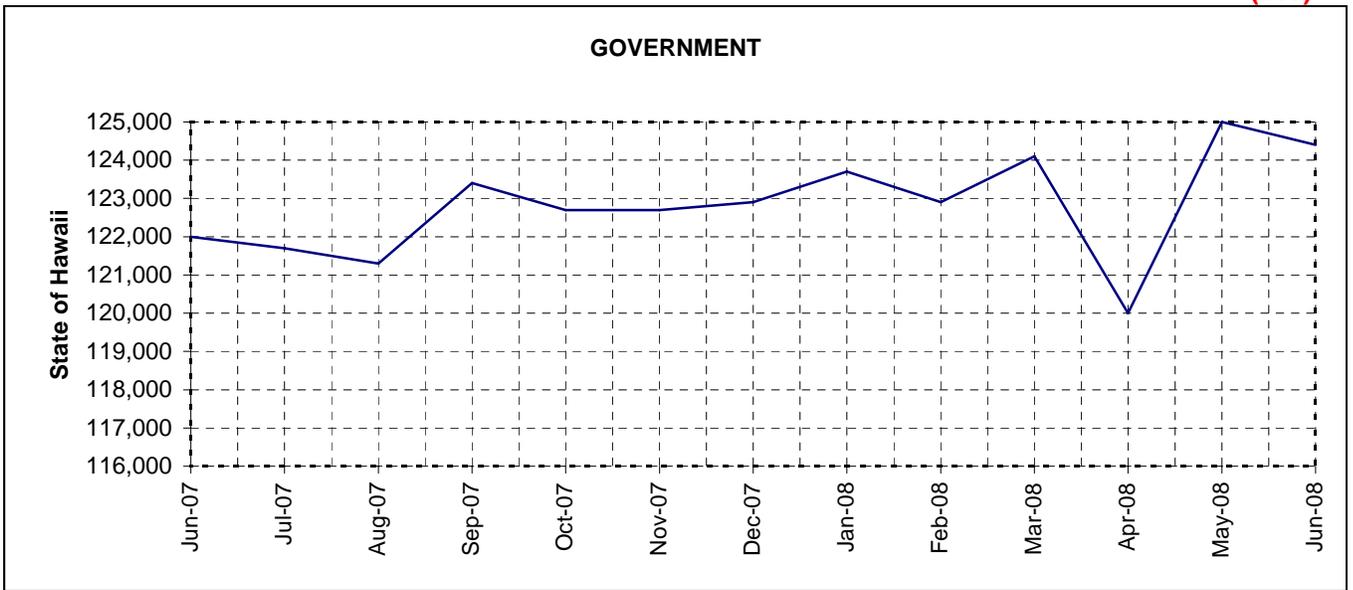
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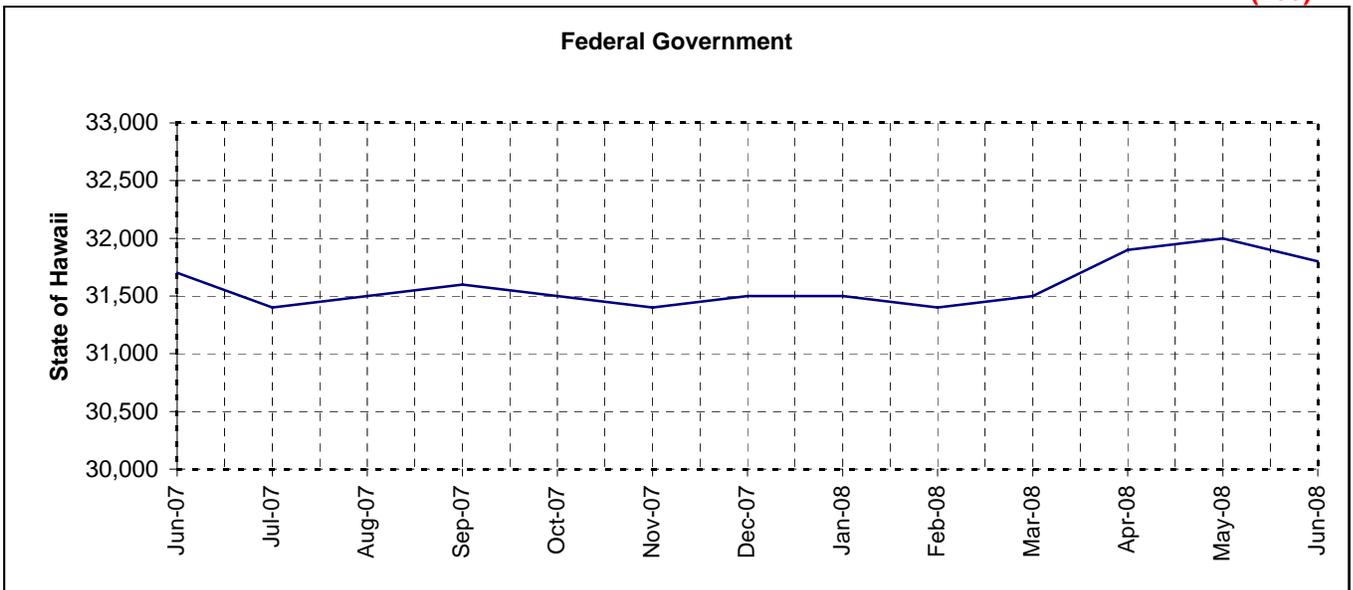




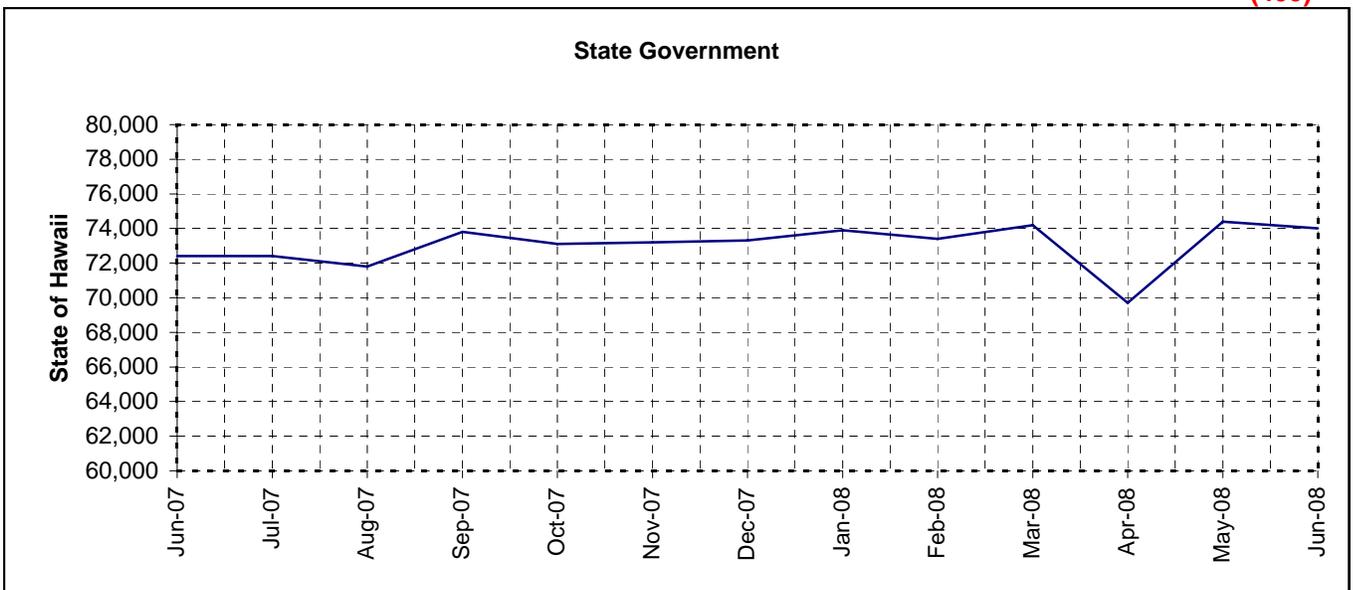
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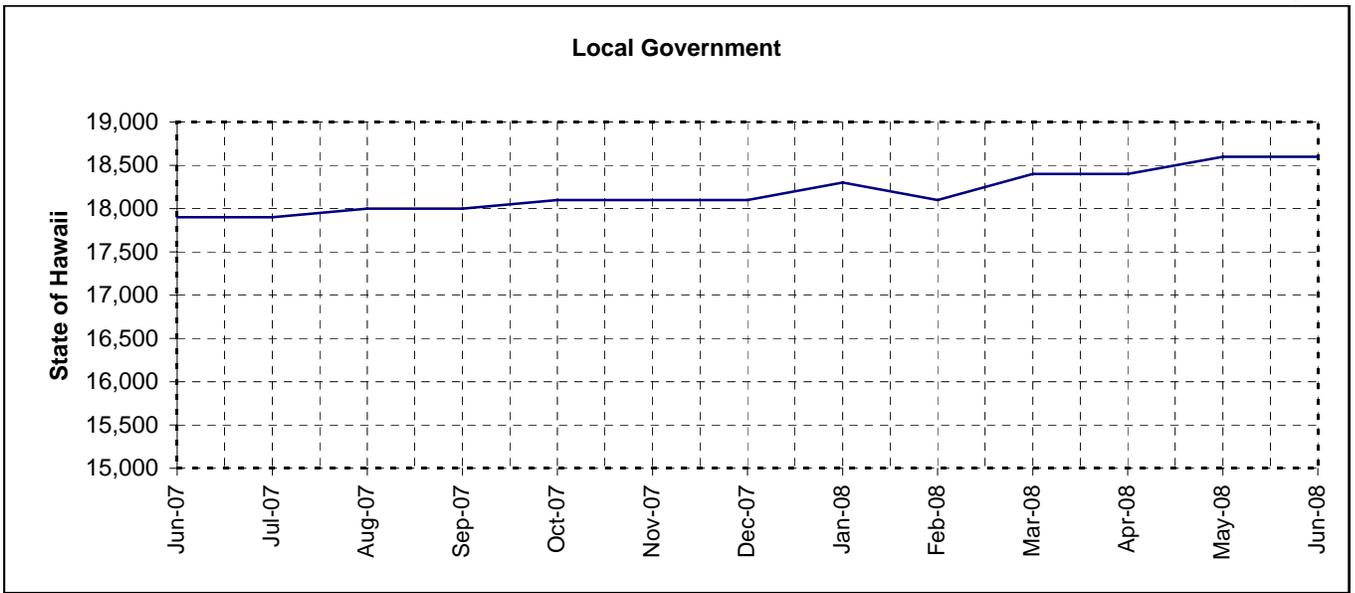


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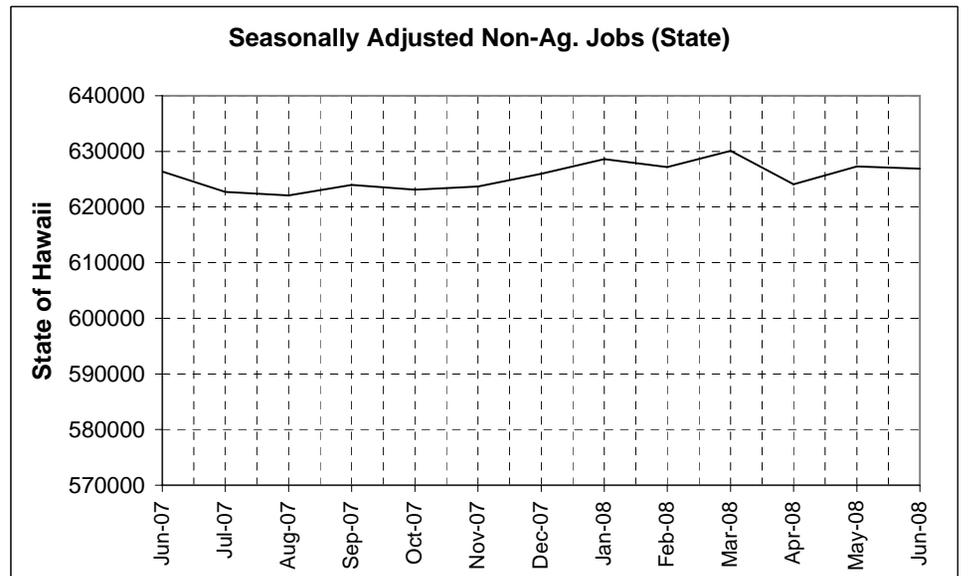
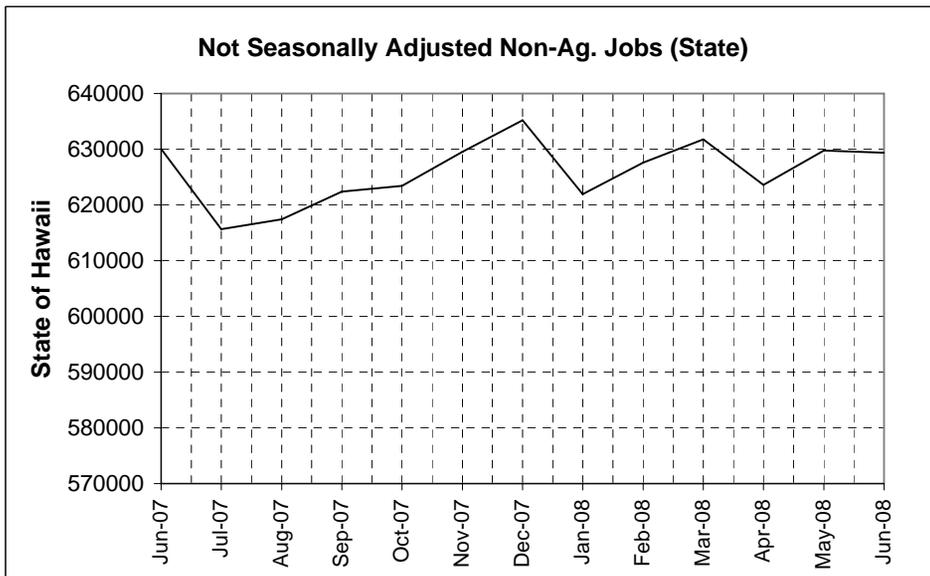
**Not Seasonally Adjusted Non-Ag. Jobs (State)**

	Jun-08	May-08	Jun-07*
NAT. RESOURCES, MINING & CONSTR.	39,400	39,250	39,350
MANUFACTURING	15,200	15,200	15,350
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES	118,850	119,000	121,400
Wholesale Trade	18,550	18,500	18,450
Retail Trade	70,750	70,450	70,000
INFORMATION	10,950	10,950	11,100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	29,950	29,950	30,250
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	77,800	76,600	77,100
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	75,200	74,850	73,650
Educational Services	15,200	15,350	14,450
Health Care & Social Assistance	60,000	59,500	59,200
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	109,100	108,900	111,700
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11,650	11,500	12,400
Accommodation & Food Services	97,500	97,400	99,300
OTHER SERVICES	27,250	27,100	26,650
GOVERNMENT	125,650	127,900	123,500
Federal Government	31,800	31,900	31,650
State Government	75,150	77,650	73,800
Local Government	18,700	18,350	18,050
<b>TOTAL: STATE</b>	<b>629,400</b>	<b>629,750</b>	<b>630,050</b>
<b>TOTAL: HONOLULU MSA</b>	<b>458,500</b>	<b>459,600</b>	<b>458,600</b>

**Seasonally Adjusted Non-Ag. Jobs (State)**

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NATURAL RESOURCES, MINING AND CONSTRUCTION	39,200	39,100	39,200
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION & UTILITIES	119,400	119,900	121,300
Wholesale Trade	18,400	18,500	18,400
Retail Trade	71,100	71,200	70,300
EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH SERVICES	74,900	74,500	73,100
Educational Services	15,400	15,100	14,400
Health Care and Social Assistance	59,500	59,400	58,700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	108,500	109,300	110,700
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Local Government	18,600	18,600	17,900
<b>TOTAL: STATE</b>	<b>626,900</b>	<b>627,300</b>	<b>626,400</b>
<b>TOTAL: HONOLULU MSA</b>	<b>456,500</b>	<b>457,200</b>	<b>455,900</b>

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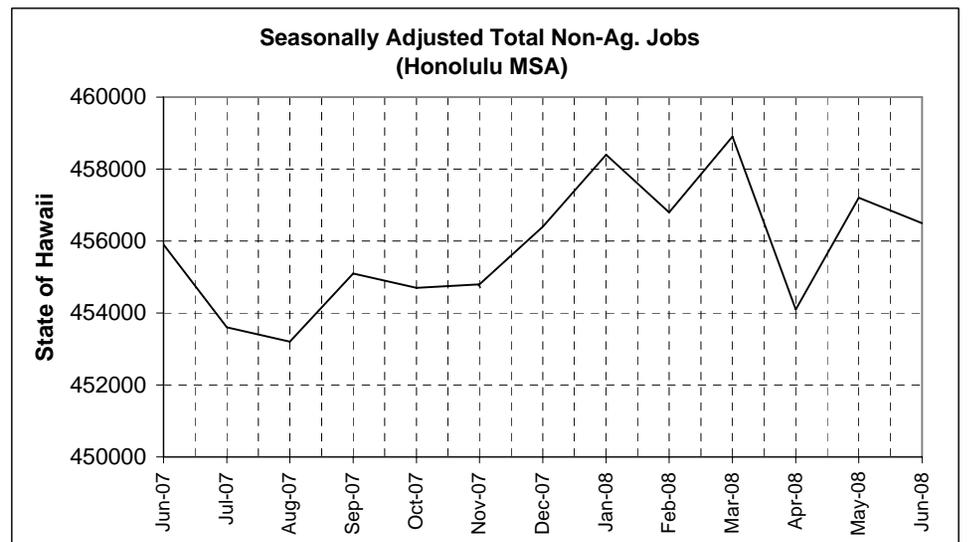
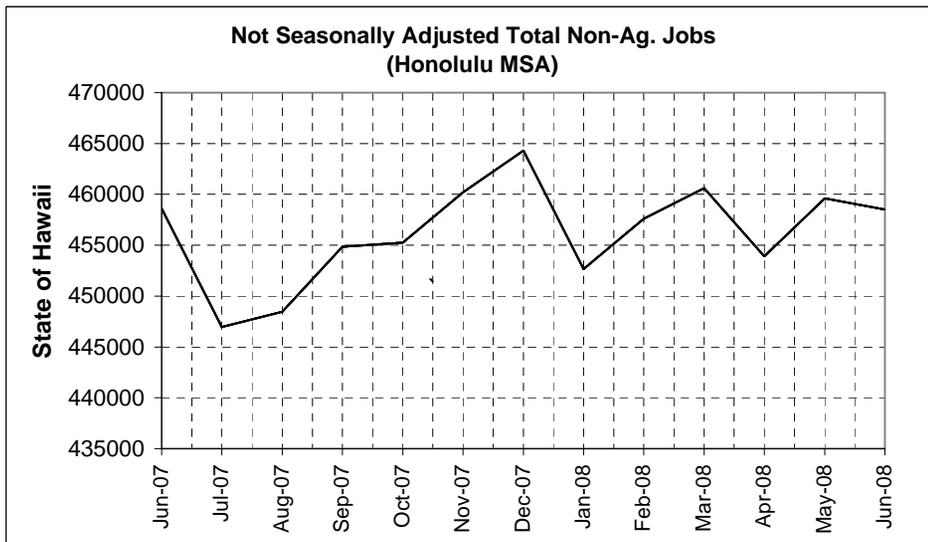
**Not Seasonally Adjusted Total Non-Ag. Jobs**

	Jun-08	May-08	Jun-07*
<b>HONOLULU MSA</b>	<b>458,500</b>	<b>459,600</b>	<b>458,600</b>

**Seasonally Adjusted Total Non-Ag. Jobs**

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<b>HONOLULU MSA</b>	<b>456,500</b>	<b>457,200</b>	<b>455,900</b>

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**LABOR FORCE AND JOBCOUNT ESTIMATES**  
**June 2008 Report, Statewide**

	DEPARTMENT OF LABOR -- LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES							
	STATEWIDE							
	<b>(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)</b>							
	Jun-08	May-08	Jun-07	CHANGE FROM ONE MONTH AGO		CHANGE FROM ONE YEAR AGO		
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	668.3	662.0	652.7	6.3	1.0%	15.6	2.4%	
TOTAL EMPLOYED	638.4	639.4	632.2	-1.0	-0.2%	6.2	1.0%	
UNEMPLOYED	29.9	22.5	20.6	7.4	32.9%	9.3	45.1%	
percent of Labor Force	4.5%	3.4%	3.1%					
Total Nonfarm	629.4	629.7	630.1	-0.4	-0.1%	-0.7	-0.1%	
Total Private	503.7	501.8	506.6	1.9	0.4%	-2.8	-0.6%	
Goods Producing	54.6	54.5	54.7	0.2	0.3%	-0.1	-0.2%	
Service-Providing	574.7	575.3	575.3	-0.5	-0.1%	-0.6	-0.1%	
Private Service-Providing	449.1	447.4	451.8	1.8	0.4%	-2.7	-0.6%	
Nat. Res & Construct	39.4	39.3	39.4	0.2	0.4%	0.0	0.1%	
Construction of Buildings	12.4	12.4	12.8	0.0	0.2%	-0.5	2.6%	
Special Trade Contractors	21.6	21.4	21.1	0.1	0.1%	0.4	-3.6%	
Manufacturing	15.2	15.2	15.4	0.0	0.0%	-0.1	-1.0%	
Durable Goods	4.6	4.6	4.7	0.0	0.0%	-0.1	-2.4%	
Non-Durable Goods	10.6	10.6	10.7	0.0	0.0%	0.0	-0.4%	
Trade, Transportation,	118.9	119.0	121.4	-0.2	-0.1%	-2.6	-2.1%	
Wholesale Trade	18.5	18.5	18.4	0.0	0.1%	0.1	0.5%	
Retail Trade	70.8	70.5	70.0	0.3	0.4%	0.8	1.1%	
Food and Beverage Sto	13.2	13.0	12.8	0.2	1.3%	0.4	2.8%	
Grocery Stores	11.2	11.0	10.8	0.1	1.3%	0.4	3.7%	
Clothing and Clothing	11.7	11.5	11.6	0.2	1.6%	0.1	1.2%	
General Merchandise S	13.3	13.2	12.4	0.0	0.2%	0.9	7.1%	
Department Stores	9.4	9.4	8.8	0.0	-0.1%	0.6	7.2%	
Trans,Warehouse, Util	29.6	30.0	33.0	-0.5	-1.6%	-3.4	-10.4%	
Utilities	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.0%	0.0	1.4%	
Transport & Warehouse	26.5	26.9	29.9	-0.5	-1.8%	-3.4	-11.4%	
Air Transportation	7.0	7.0	9.8	0.0	0.1%	-2.8	-28.8%	
Information	11.0	10.9	11.1	0.0	0.4%	-0.1	-1.3%	
Telecommunications	4.1	4.1	4.2	0.0	-0.5%	-0.1	-2.6%	
Financial Activities	29.9	29.9	30.2	0.0	0.0%	-0.3	-0.9%	
Finance and Insurance	16.8	16.8	17.1	0.0	0.0%	-0.3	-1.5%	
Real Estate and Renta	13.1	13.1	13.1	0.0	0.0%	0.0	-0.2%	
Professional and Busin	77.8	76.6	77.1	1.2	1.6%	0.7	0.9%	
Professional, Scienti	25.0	24.5	24.5	0.5	1.9%	0.5	2.1%	
Management of Compani	7.7	7.7	7.6	0.1	0.9%	0.1	1.1%	
Administrative and Su	45.1	44.4	45.0	0.7	1.5%	0.1	0.3%	
Employment Services	15.9	15.2	15.2	0.6	4.2%	0.7	4.5%	
Educational and Health	75.2	74.9	73.7	0.3	0.4%	1.5	2.1%	
Educational Services	15.2	15.4	14.5	-0.2	-1.2%	0.7	5.0%	
Elementary and Second	8.0	8.0	7.7	0.0	-0.1%	0.3	3.5%	
Health Care and Socia	60.0	59.5	59.2	0.5	0.9%	0.8	1.4%	
Ambulatory Health Car	23.8	23.7	23.1	0.1	0.5%	0.7	2.9%	
Hospitals	14.1	14.1	14.5	0.0	0.0%	-0.4	-2.7%	
Nursing and Residenti	7.1	7.0	6.8	0.1	0.9%	0.2	3.4%	
Social Assistance	15.0	14.7	14.7	0.3	2.2%	0.3	1.9%	
Leisure and Hospitalit	109.1	108.9	111.7	0.2	0.2%	-2.6	-2.3%	
Arts, Entertainment,	11.6	11.5	12.4	0.1	1.1%	-0.7	-5.9%	
Accommodation and Foo	97.5	97.4	99.3	0.1	0.1%	-1.8	-1.8%	
Accommodation	38.1	38.5	39.7	-0.4	-1.0%	-1.6	-4.0%	
Food Services and Dri	59.4	58.9	59.6	0.4	0.8%	-0.2	-0.4%	
Full-Service Restaura	30.9	30.6	31.0	0.3	0.9%	-0.1	-0.4%	
Other Services	27.2	27.1	26.6	0.1	0.4%	0.6	2.2%	
Government	125.6	127.9	123.5	-2.3	-1.8%	2.1	1.7%	
Federal Government	31.8	31.9	31.7	-0.1	-0.4%	0.1	0.4%	
Ship Building & Repai	4.1	4.1	4.0	0.0	0.2%	-0.1	-0.9%	
Department of Defense	16.4	16.3	16.5	0.0	-0.5%	0.1	2.1%	
State Government	75.1	77.6	73.8	-2.5	-3.2%	1.3	1.8%	
State Govt. Education	50.4	52.8	49.5	-2.3	-4.4%	0.9	1.9%	
Local Government	18.7	18.4	18.0	0.4	2.0%	0.7	3.8%	

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATES- NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

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Maui Island	4.3	3.4	2.6
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Lanai	5.7	5.1	2.3
U. S.	5.7	5.2	4.7

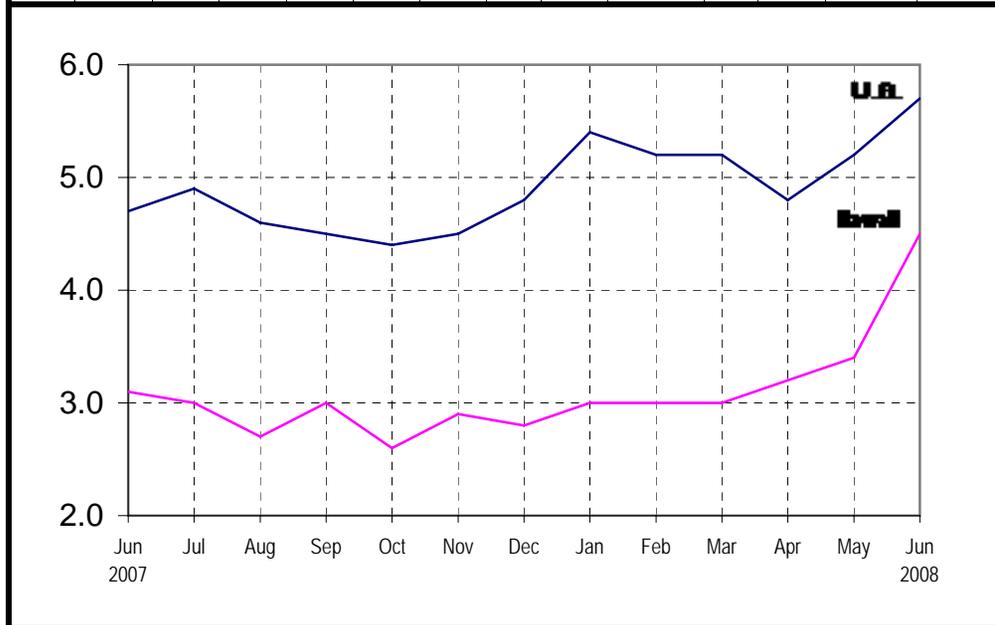
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U. S.	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.8	5.4	5.2	5.2	4.8	5.2	5.7
Hawaii	3.1	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.9	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.4	4.5



	Jun 2007	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun 2008
U. S.	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.7	5.0	4.9	4.8	5.1	5.0	5.5	5.5
Hawaii	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.8

