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COUNTY OF HAWAII STATISTICS: **August**

	2002		2003		% Change	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
BUILDING PERMITS						
Total value of building permits authorized \$1,000	70,609	337,036	64,732	467,090	-8.3	38.6
Total number of building permits authorized	401	2,458	327	3,031	-18.5	23.3
Valuation of private projects (\$1,000)	67,318	305,173	64,176	452,194	-4.7	48.2
Number of private projects authorized	387	2,322	315	2,940	-18.6	26.6
Valuation of public projects (\$1,000)	3,291	31,862	556	14,896	-83.1	-53.2
Number of public projects authorized	14	136	12	91	-14.3	-33.1
Total new housing authorizations	187	1,067	159	1,673	-15.0	56.8
New single-family units authorized	149	826	120	1,310	-19.5	58.6
New multi-family units authorized	38	241	39	363	2.6	50.6
TOURISM						
Number of domestic visitor arrivals	82,790 *	624,948 *	85,633	644,946	3.4	3.2
Number of international visitor arrivals	34,326 *	211,304 *	29,291	185,744	-14.7	-12.1
Number of foreign cruise ship arrivals	10,059 *	107,654 *	9,792	131,983	-2.7	22.6
Hotel/Condominium Resort Occupancy (%)						
Hawaii County average	80.9	70.3	81.9	70.5	1.0	0.2
Hilo	69.0	60.7	75.8	64.2	6.8	3.5
Kona	82.8	80.1	82.1	76.8	-0.7	-3.3
Kohala coast	82.6	68.7	83.0	69.4	0.4	0.7
LABOR FORCE						
Civilian labor force	70,300 *	70,338 *	73,900	73,113	5.1	3.9
Number of unemployed	4,000 *	4,225 *	4,600	4,263	15.0	0.9
Unemployment rate	5.7 *	6.0 *	6.2	5.8		
Total employed	66,400 *	66,138 *	69,300	68,850	4.4	4.1
Total wage & salary jobs ***	55,700 *	55,588 *	56,800	57,075	2.0	2.7
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	3,900 *	3,838 *	4,100	3,988	5.1	3.9
Manufacturing	1,400 *	1,438 *	1,400	1,400	-	-2.6
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	11,800 *	11,600 *	12,100	12,125	2.5	4.5
Wholesale Trade	1,400 *	1,338 *	1,400	1,400	-	4.6
Retail Trade	8,000 *	7,838 *	8,300	8,275	3.8	5.6
Finance & Insurance	900 *	900 *	1,000	963	11.1	7.0
Leisure & Hospitality Services	12,500 *	12,338 *	12,800	12,713	2.4	3.0
Accommodation & Food Services	11,200 *	11,088 *	11,300	11,313	0.9	2.0
Government	10,900	11,350 *	11,000	11,400	0.9	0.4
TRANSPORTATION						
Gasoline consumption (1,000 gals.)	6,790	46,615	6,678	56,771	-1.6	21.8
TAX COLLECTIONS (\$1,000)						
	14,131	142,101	19,079	151,799	35.0	6.8
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (Honolulu, all items)						
(1982-84=100) (1st = 180.1) (2d = 180.4)		180.3		180.1		1.3
POPULATION (July 1, 2002)						
		154,794				

*Revised

**Duplex & apartment units

***Total wage & salary jobs incl. Multiple jobholders & excl. non-agric. Self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics