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COUNTY OF HAWAII STATISTICS: **August**

	2008		2009		% Change	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
BUILDING PERMITS						
Total value of building permits authorized (\$1,000)	64,348	582,612	34,939	295,375	-45.7	-49.3
Total number of building permits authorized	379	3,036	275	2,160	-27.4	-28.9
Valuation of private projects (\$1,000)	41,271	538,784	33,058	215,621	-19.9	-60.0
Number of private projects authorized	369	2,978	272	2,010	-26.3	-32.5
Valuation of public projects (\$1,000)	23,077	43,826	1,881	79,755	-91.8	82.0
Number of public projects authorized	10	58	3	150	-70.0	158.6
Total new housing authorizations - Units	87	883	70	529	-19.5	-40.1
New single-family units authorized	87	801	70	494	-19.5	-38.3
New multi-family units authorized**	-	4	-	2	-	-50.0
TOURISM						
Number of domestic visitor arrivals	87,577	740,280 *	86,515	665,667	-1.2	-10.1
Number of international visitor arrivals	30,890 *	205,042 *	22,488	180,265	-27.2	-12.1
Number of cruise ship arrivals	13,753 *	165,355 *	12,315	125,302	-10.5	-24.2
Hotel/Condominium Resort Occupancy (%)						
Hawaii County average	63.5	64.5	57.2	56.0	-6.3	-8.5
Kohala coast	66.6	63.8	61.3	55.9	-5.3	-7.9
LABOR FORCE						
Civilian labor force	86,700 *	87,094 *	86,650	86,619	-0.1	-0.5
Number of unemployed	5,450 *	4,275 *	8,950	8,663	64.2	102.6
Unemployment rate	6.3 *	4.9	10.3	10.0		
Total employed	81,250 *	82,825 *	77,700	77,956	-4.4	-5.9
Total wage & salary jobs ***	64,468 *	66,143 *	61,900	63,131	-4.0	-4.6
Leisure & Hospitality Services	13,534 *	14,187 *	12,600	12,981	-6.9	-8.5
Accommodation & Food Services	11,686 *	12,290 *	10,850	11,244	-7.2	-8.5
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	13,759 *	14,248 *	13,400	13,494	-2.6	-5.3
Wholesale Trade	1,731 *	1,755 *	1,600	1,663	-7.6	-5.2
Retail Trade	9,292 *	9,519 *	9,150	9,194	-1.5	-3.4
Government	12,403 *	12,558 *	12,400	12,850	-	2.3
Education and Health Services	7,566 *	7,517 *	7,550	7,619	-0.2	1.4
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	5,290 *	5,436 *	4,350	4,550	-17.8	-16.3
Manufacturing	1,500 *	1,573 *	1,450	1,463	-3.3	-7.0
Finance & Insurance	1,200	1,221 *	1,200	1,181	-	-3.3
TRANSPORTATION						
Gasoline consumption (1,000 gals.)	6,323	50,451	7,191	49,090	13.7	-2.7
TAX COLLECTIONS (\$1,000)						
	26,635	216,211 *	23,708	185,945	-11.0	-14.0
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (Honolulu, all items)						
(1982-84=100) (Jan. - June)		216.6		227.3		4.9
POPULATION (July 1, 2008)						
		175,784				

*Revised

**Duplex & apartment units

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