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COUNTY OF HAWAII STATISTICS: **March**

	2003		2004		% Change	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
<b>BUILDING PERMITS</b>						
Total value of building permits authorized \$1,000	56,275	182,340	120,700	238,303	114.5	30.7
Total number of building permits authorized	430	1,070	513	1,179	19.3	10.2
Valuation of private projects (\$1,000)	50,167	170,450	106,211	220,225	111.7	29.2
Number of private projects authorized	400	1,023	486	1,147	21.5	12.1
Valuation of public projects (\$1,000)	6,108	11,888	14,489	18,078	137.2	52.1
Number of public projects authorized	30	47	27	32	-10.0	-31.9
Total new housing authorizations	264	620	445	774	68.6	24.8
New single-family units authorized	168	403	146	471	-13.1	16.9
New multi-family units authorized	96	217	299	303	211.5	39.6
<b>TOURISM</b>						
Number of domestic visitor arrivals	81,408	226,414	83,237	227,411	2.2	0.4
Number of international visitor arrivals	24,533	84,602	24,026	74,420	-2.1	-12.0
Number of foreign cruise ship arrivals	23,209 *	58,766 *	17,337	46,611	-25.3	-20.7
Hotel/Condominium Resort Occupancy (%)						
Hawaii County average	72.9	70.8	78.6	75.0	5.7	4.2
Hilo	74.0	65.4	71.7	65.3	-2.3	-0.1
Kona	83.9	84.8	80.9	81.0	-3.0	-3.8
Kohala coast	68.6	66.9	79.2	75.1	10.6	8.2
<b>LABOR FORCE</b>						
Civilian labor force	73,600 *	73,333 *	75,100	75,567	2.0	3.0
Number of unemployed	4,300 *	3,867 *	3,500	3,800	-18.6	-1.7
Unemployment rate	5.8 *	5.3 *	4.7	5.1		
Total employed	69,300 *	69,433 *	71,600	71,767	3.3	3.4
Total wage & salary jobs ***	56,900 *	56,600 *	58,300	58,167	2.5	2.8
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	4,200 *	4,167 *	4,700	4,567	11.9	9.6
Manufacturing	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	-	-
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	11,900 *	11,967 *	12,200	12,267	2.5	2.5
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	-	-
Retail Trade	8,000 *	8,000 *	8,200	8,267	2.5	3.3
Finance & Insurance	1,000 *	1,000 *	1,000	1,000	-	-
Leisure & Hospitality Services	12,800	12,667 *	13,100	13,033	2.3	2.9
Accommodation & Food Services	11,300 *	11,167 *	11,600	11,533	2.7	3.3
Government	11,600	11,500 *	11,600	11,500	-	-
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>						
Gasoline consumption (1,000 gals.)	6,473	21,275	5,980	17,821	-7.6	-16.2
<b>TAX COLLECTIONS (\$1,000)</b>						
	14,934	55,919	17,679	65,519	18.4	17.2
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (Honolulu, all items)</b>						
(1982-84=100) (1st = 183.2) (2d = 185.7)		184.5				
<b>POPULATION (July 1, 2003)</b>						
		158,423				

\*Revised

\*\*Duplex & apartment units

\*\*\*Total wage & salary jobs incl. multiple jobholders & excl. non-agric. self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics