

## Introduction

These tables present the general demographic characteristics of the 35 neighborhood areas on Oahu for the years 1990 and 2000.

The data presented are derived from the responses of Honolulu residents to the short form of the decennial Census and are thus based on a complete count of the population. They are compiled from Census files STF1B in 1990 and SF1 in 2000 and are accurate geographically to the Census block, which typically corresponds to a street block in urban areas, but may represent a much larger area in outlying areas.

The neighborhood areas are equivalent, but not identical, to the 35 Neighborhood Boards created by the City Charter to facilitate citizen participation on the island. This is because the Census data is available only to the Census block level, and the boundaries of these blocks are generally not coincident with the official boundaries of the Neighborhood Boards. In defining the neighborhood areas, block lines were selected which would minimize conflict with the official boundaries.

The demographic characteristics presented were chosen on the basis of planning interest. They were also selected to enable comparison of the neighborhoods between 1990 and 2000. Except for race-related data, all neighborhood characteristics and statistics can be compared over time with good confidence. Race data is not comparable because in 1990, Census respondents could specify only one race, whereas in 2000, they could specify as many races as applicable. Many of the summary statistics generated by DPP are not available in standard Census products.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy, completeness and usefulness of the data. Users who encounter problems with the data, or find anomalies in the statistics, or have suggestions on ways to broaden the report's usefulness, are encouraged to bring them to the attention of the Planning Research Branch of the Department of Planning and Permitting, City and County of Honolulu.