

Introduction

These tables present the general demographic characteristics of Oahu's eight Development Plan Areas (DPAs) and 60 subareas (DPSAs). Data by DPA are presented for both 1990 and 2000. Data by DPSA are available for the year 2000 only.

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 DPAs in these tables are close approximations of the Development Plan Areas to which the City's eight Development Plans / Sustainable Communities Plans refer. They are approximations 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 DPA boundaries. In defining the DPAs, 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 between 1990 and 2000. Except for race-related data, all 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.

To provide greater geographic detail for the year 2000 data, each DPA is divided into a number of subareas. Some of these subareas correspond to Neighborhood Boards, such as those in the Primary Urban Center. Others were created to identify commonly recognized communities. More generally these subareas were defined to establish a common geography between actual Census data and projection data, which on Oahu are expressed in terms of 762 traffic analysis zones.

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.