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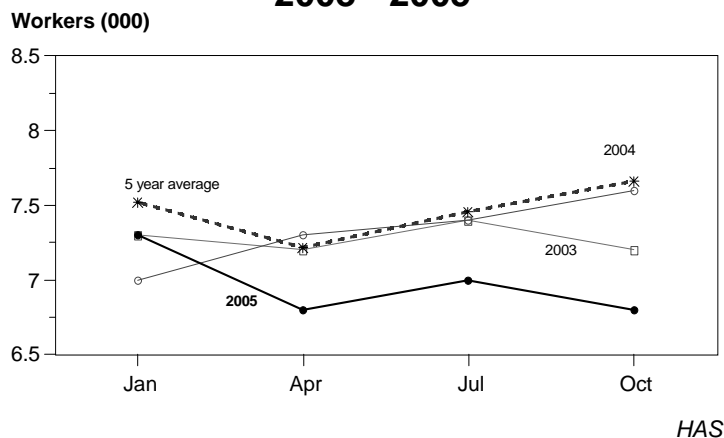
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AVERAGE AGRICULTURAL HIRED WORK FORCE BELOW YEAR AGO October 2005 Hired Work Force 11 Percent Below A Year Ago

AGRICULTURAL HIRED WORKERS STATE OF HAWAII 2003 - 2005



Hawaii's agricultural hired work force, at the farm level, totaled **6,800** during the October 9-15, 2005 survey week. According to the *USDA, NASS, Hawaii Field Office*, this was 11 percent and 3 percent below October 2004 and July 2005, respectively. The diversified agricultural sector, with 5,100 workers, accounted for 75 percent of the hired work force. The sugar and pineapple industry employed 650 and 1,100 workers, respectively. Sugar and pineapple figures do not include mill and cannery workers.

The annual average number of hired workers, working in agriculture during 2005 (the average of the 4 quarterly surveys: January, April, July, and October) was 7,000, a decrease of 4 percent from 2004.

The average wage paid to all hired workers during the October survey period was \$11.73 an hour, 21 cents more than October 2004 but 3 cents less than July 2005. The combined average wage for field and livestock workers was \$10.18 an hour, 17 cents and 13 cents more than a year ago and the previous quarter, respectively.

Farms employing from 1 to 9 workers paid an average of \$9.99 per hour, while the combined average wage for field and livestock workers was \$9.33 an hour.

The annual average wage rate for all hired workers during 2005 was \$11.58 an hour, 24 cents higher than 2004, while the combined average wage for field and livestock workers was \$9.99 an hour, 24 cents more.

HIRED WORKERS ON FARMS, STATE OF HAWAII, October 2005 ¹

Quarter	Hired workers			
	Total	Sugar	Pineapple	Other
October 10-16, 2004 ²	7,600	700	1,200	5,700
July 10-16, 2005	7,000	700	1,100	5,200
October 9-15, 2005	6,800	650	1,100	5,100

¹ Estimates for week includes the 12th of each survey month.

² Revised

ANNUAL AVERAGE NUMBER OF WORKERS ON FARMS, STATE OF HAWAII, 2001-2005 ¹

Year	Total farm workers ²	Self-employed farm operators	Unpaid workers ³	Hired workers			
				Total ²	Sugar	Pineapple	Other
2001	11,800	3,300	1,100	7,400	800	1,200	5,500
2002	NA	NA	NA	7,500	900	1,300	5,400
2003	NA	NA	NA	7,300	700	1,200	5,300
2004 ⁴	NA	NA	NA	7,300	700	1,200	5,400
2005	NA	NA	NA	7,000	700	1,100	5,200

¹ Averages are based on January, April, July, and October surveys.

² Sum of hired workers by type of farm may not add to hired workers total due to rounding.

³ Includes family members and others working 15 or more hours per week.

⁴ Revised

NA = Not available, data series discontinued starting July 2002.

ANNUAL AVERAGE NUMBER OF WORKERS ON FARMS, BY ISLANDS, 2001-2005 ¹

Year	Self-employed farm operators	Unpaid workers ²	Hired workers	Year	Self-employed farm operators	Unpaid workers ²	Hired workers
Hawaii				Maui			
2001	1,950	550	2,650	2001	500	150	1,800
2002	NA	NA	2,450	2002	NA	NA	2,250
2003	NA	NA	2,750	2003	NA	NA	1,650
2004	NA	NA	2,700	2004 ³	NA	NA	1,800
2005	NA	NA	2,500	2005	NA	NA	1,700
Kauai				Honolulu			
2001	350	150	650	2001	550	250	2,300
2002	NA	NA	750	2002	NA	NA	2,100
2003	NA	NA	750	2003	NA	NA	2,150
2004	NA	NA	650	2004	NA	NA	2,200
2005	NA	NA	700	2005	NA	NA	2,050

¹ Averages are based on the January, April, July, and October surveys.

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U.S. Hired Workers Down 4 Percent, Wage Rates Up 3 Percent From a Year Ago

There were 1,129,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 9-15, 2005, down 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 840,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 289,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.61 per hour during the October 2005 reference week, up 29 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.90 per hour, up 28 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$9.14 per hour compared with \$8.91 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.96 per hour, was up 27 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 42.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 4 percent from a year ago.

ANNUAL AVERAGE NUMBER OF WORKERS ON FARMS, UNITED STATES, 2003-2005 ¹

Year	Number of workers			Wage Rate		
	Self-employed farm operators	Unpaid workers ²	Hired workers	All hired	Field workers	Field & livestock workers
	-----	1,000 workers	-----	-----	Dollars per hour	-----
California						
2003	NA	NA	227.5	9.25	8.34	8.50
2004	NA	NA	210.5	9.33 ³	8.41 ³	8.58 ³
2005	NA	NA	178.0	9.76	8.81	9.00
United States						
2003	NA	NA	836.0	9.08	8.31	8.42
2004	NA	NA	825.2	9.23 ³	8.45	8.56 ³
2005	NA	NA	779.5	9.50	8.69	8.83

¹ Averages are based on January, April, July, and October surveys.

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³ Revised.

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HOURLY WAGE RATE by Type of Worker, October 2005 ¹

Quarter	All hired farm workers				Field & Livestock workers			
	Hawaii		California	United States	Hawaii		California	United States
	Farms with 1 - 9 workers	All farms			Farms with 1 - 9 workers	All farms		
	Dollars							
October 10-16, 2004	10.50	11.52	9.33 ²	9.32 ²	9.45	10.01	8.63 ²	8.69 ²
October 9-15, 2005 . .	9.99	11.73	10.12	9.61	9.33	10.18	9.36	8.96

¹ Perquisite such as room and board, housing, etc. are provided some workers in all categories, but the values are not included in the wage rates.

² Revised.

ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE by Type of Worker, 2001-2005 ^{1 2}

Year	All farms		Farms with 1 - 9 workers	
	All hired workers	Field / livestock	All hired workers	Field / livestock
			Dollars	
2001	10.83	9.29	8.86	8.15
2002	11.07	9.42	9.66	8.26
2003	11.33	9.60	9.62	8.52
2004	11.34	9.75	10.29	8.99
2005	11.58	9.99	10.30	9.75

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² The annual average wage rate is based on the January, April, July, and October surveys, weighted by the number of hours worked during each of the survey week.

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