

Hawaiian Social History Timeline

- 0-300 A.D.: Estimated initial Polynesian settlement
- 1400-1500 A.D.: Arrival of “Pa’ao” aspects of structured class society
- 1778-1779 A.D.: Captain Cook “discovers” Ni’ihau-Kaua’i then rest of island group
- 1778-1821: Period of Hawaiian-Euroamerican trader relationship
- 1795-1819: Centralized Hawaiian Kingdom under Kamehameha
- 1795-1828: Sandalwood (*‘iliabi*) exploitation, *ari’i* consumerism
- 1819-1824: Liholiho monarch (Kamehameha II), under semi-regency of Ka’ahumanu
- 1821: Destruction of *kapu* by Ka’ahumanu, Keopuolani and Liholiho
- 1821: Arrival of missionaries from New England (U.S.)
- 1826: Under U.S. pressure Liholiho accepts personal *ari’i* sandalwood debts as government debts
- 1825-1854: Kauikeaouli monarch (Kamehameha III)
- 1835-1861: Dominance of whaling in Hawaii as cash industry
- 1846-1848: Mahele—the great land division shift from usufruct to land ownership: 60 % to King’s Lands (subdivided into Crown Lands (belonging to royal family) and Government Lands; 39% to Chiefly Lands (*ari’i/konohiki* claimants); -1% to *maka’ainana* (est. 68,000 pop.)
- 1854-1863: Alexander Liholiho monarch (Kamehameha IV)
- 1863-1872: Lot Kamehameha monarch (Kamehameha V)
- 1873-1874: William Lunalilo monarch
- 1874-1891: Kalakaua monarch
- 1876-1886: Reciprocity Treaty (sugar for Pearl Harbor)
- 1878-1889: Chinese labor migration (mass)
- 1878-1886: 1st Portuguese labor migration
- 1885-1900: Japanese labor migration (mass)
- 1887-1891: 2nd Reciprocity Treaty
- 1887: “Bayonet Constitution”, shift of constitutional monarchy
- 1891-1893: Liliuokalani monarch
- Jan. 17, 1893: Overthrow of the monarchy
- 1893-1899: Republic of Hawaii, S. Dole, president
- Jan. 1895: Failed counterrevolution to return the Monarchy
- 1899-1959: Territory of the United States—the Territory of Hawaii
- 1900-1901: Puerto Rican labor migration
- 1903-1905: Korean labor migration
- 1906-1913: 2nd Portuguese labor migration
- 1906-1946: Filipino labor migration
- 1928: Jamieson/Fukunaga kidnapping/murder case
- 1931: Massie/Kahanawai assault-rape/murder case
- Dec. 7, 1941: Japanese attack on O’ahu: Martial Law declared; by 1944 1/3 all of O’ahu controlled by Army, 300,000 acres + on O’ahu alone
- Oct. 1944: Military Law revoked, return to civilian law
- 1959-2009: State of Hawaii