

Licenses To Carry Handguns in Hawai‘i, 2025

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Hawai‘i Revised Statutes § 134-9.6 requires the county police departments to provide data to the Department of the Attorney General as needed for this annual report on the licensing of private persons to carry handguns in public for the purpose of lawful self-defense in the State of Hawai‘i. The police data from the state’s four reporting counties were compiled to provide the statistics presented herein for calendar year 2025. This is the second edition of this annual report series. Data on carry licenses for professional security guards (e.g., armored bank car personnel) are included in this department’s “Firearm Registrations in Hawai‘i” annual report series.

Licensees

Licenses to carry (LTCs) concealed handguns are valid for four years in the State of Hawai‘i; license applications are submitted to the police departments on most days of the year; and licenses may be issued, denied, and/or revoked in the year(s) following application submission, making it complicated to report annually based statistics. In order to provide an unduplicated tally of all active licensees (i.e., including persons holding still-valid licenses issued in prior years plus new and renewed licensees from the current reporting year), the police departments make a total count on December 31. Those data are presented below in Table 1, which provides comparisons of licensee tallies across the state.

**Table 1: Total Active Licensees on 12/31/2025,
State of Hawai‘i and Counties**

	Total Active Licensees	% Change from Prior Year	Jurisdiction's % of Total State Licensees	Resident Population Age 21+ *	Jurisdiction's % of State Res. Pop. Age 21+ *	% Licensees in Jurisdiction's Res. Pop. Age 21+ *
C&C Honolulu	2,576	90.0	68.4	765,017	69.1	0.34
Hawai‘i County	656	54.4	17.4	160,047	14.4	0.41
Maui County	239	30.6	6.3	125,468	11.3	0.19
Kaua‘i County	293	20.6	7.8	57,181	5.2	0.51
State Total	3,764	70.5	100	1,107,713	100	0.34

* Based on 2024 state and county resident population estimates.

A statewide total of 3,764 private persons held a valid LTC on December 31, 2025, comprising 0.34% of the state’s resident population of persons age 21 or older, and marking a 70.5% increase from the 2,207 licensees tallied on December 31, 2024. All four counties reported increases for 2025, with the largest in the City and County of Honolulu (up 90.0%) and the smallest in Kaua‘i County (up 20.6%).

Licensees in 2025 were overrepresented in Hawai‘i County (17.4% of statewide licensees as compared to 14.4% of the state’s resident population over the age of 21) and Kaua‘i County (7.8% and 5.2%, respectively). Licensees were notably underrepresented in Maui County (6.3% of statewide licensees versus 11.3% of the resident population) and to a lesser degree in the City and County of Honolulu (68.4% and 69.1%, respectively).

Applications Received and Licenses Issued, Denied, and Revoked

Tables 2-6, shown on pages 3-7, present state and county data for all licensing activity performed during 2025, with breakdowns for applicant and licensee demographic categories. These measurements reflect only the actions that occurred during calendar year 2025. For example, some applications received later in 2025 were not completely processed by year's end, so the applications are reported in this publication but the associated outcomes (i.e., issued, denied, and/or revoked LTCs) will be reported accordingly in subsequent editions. As another example, applications that were received in 2024 are not counted in this report, but all associated outcomes that occurred during 2025 are. Readers are thus cautioned against calculating precise approval, denial, or revocation rates, although increasingly confident estimates of those measurements can be made as overlapping data for additional years are reported.

It is also important to note that Tables 2-6 include some duplicated counts of individual persons, as the focus here is on licensing activity (see section heading) rather than licensees. If a license applicant wishes to select between multiple qualified handguns to carry under different circumstances, s/he must qualify and apply for multiple LTCs, which can occur at the same or different points in the current year, or in subsequent years, relative to the first LTC. Moreover, the exact policies and procedures for this vary by county. In the absence of a statewide LTC records management system, and as demographic data must be reported for all types of licensing activity, the most straightforward (though still imperfect) way to manage and present such data is shown in Tables 2-6.

Table 2 reveals that a statewide total of 1,994 LTC applications were received by the county police departments throughout 2025, while 1,968 licenses were issued (as explained above, some licensees hold multiple licenses), 38 were denied, and eight were revoked. License denials and revocations are discussed in greater detail in the next section of this report.

As can be seen in each of Tables 2-6, and with only minor variation between counties, Hawai'i's LTC applicants and licensees are most commonly male; in their 30s through 50s; and of Caucasian, Filipino, Hawaiian, or Japanese racial/ethnic descent. The demographic profiles of applicants versus licensees are also quite similar, with no striking distinctions in application outcomes relative to age, sex, or race/ethnicity.

Table 2: Applications Received; Licenses Issued, Denied, and Revoked; and Associated Applicant/Licensee Demographics, State of Hawai'i, 2025

State of Hawai'i	Applications		Licenses		Denials	Revocations
Age Range	1,994	%	1,968	%	38	8
21-29	236	11.8	215	10.9	5	0
30-39	450	22.6	437	22.2	16	3
40-49	482	24.2	489	24.8	3	3
50-59	427	21.4	444	22.6	13	2
60-69	283	14.2	277	14.1	1	0
70-79	102	5.1	96	4.9	0	0
80+	14	0.7	10	0.5	0	0
Sex	1,994	%	1,968	%	38	8
Male	1,815	91.0	1,814	92.2	36	8
Female	178	8.9	154	7.8	2	0
X/Other	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0
Race/Ethnicity	1,994	%	1,968	%	38	8
American Indian	4	0.2	2	0.1	0	0
Black	49	2.5	45	2.3	7	1
White	663	33.2	654	33.2	7	0
Chinese	53	2.7	69	3.5	1	0
Japanese	260	13.0	243	12.3	3	0
Filipino	502	25.2	502	25.5	8	4
Korean	23	1.2	21	1.1	0	0
Other Asian	55	2.8	44	2.2	3	1
Hawaiian/part-Hawn	348	17.5	352	17.9	7	2
Samoaan	15	0.8	15	0.8	1	0
Other Pacific Islander	22	1.1	21	1.1	1	0

Table 3: Applications Received; Licenses Issued, Denied, and Revoked; and Associated Applicant/Licensee Demographics, City and County of Honolulu, 2025

C&C Honolulu	Applications		Licenses		Denials	Revocations
Age Range	1,227	%	1,213	%	33	7
21-29	177	14.4	159	13.1	4	0
30-39	300	24.4	287	23.7	16	3
40-49	300	24.4	308	25.4	3	3
50-59	247	20.1	271	22.3	9	1
60-69	144	11.7	139	11.5	1	0
70-79	52	4.2	46	3.8	0	0
80+	7	0.6	3	0.2	0	0
Sex	1,227	%	1,213	%	33	7
Male	1,123	91.5	1,133	93.4	32	7
Female	103	8.4	80	6.6	1	0
X/Other	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0
Race/Ethnicity	1,227	%	1,213	%	33	7
American Indian	3	0.2	1	0.1	0	0
Black	44	3.6	41	3.4	6	1
White	301	24.5	296	24.4	6	0
Chinese	48	3.9	64	5.3	1	0
Japanese	163	13.3	147	12.1	3	0
Filipino	384	31.3	387	31.9	7	3
Korean	23	1.9	21	1.7	0	0
Other Asian	25	2.0	14	1.2	3	1
Hawaiian/part-Hawn	217	17.7	224	18.5	5	2
Samoan	15	1.2	15	1.2	1	0
Other Pacific Islander	4	0.3	3	0.2	1	0

Table 4: Applications Received; Licenses Issued, Denied, and Revoked; and Associated Applicant/Licensee Demographics, Hawai'i County, 2025

Hawai'i County	Applications		Licenses		Denials	Revocations
Age Range	500	%	494	%	5	1
21-29	31	6.2	30	6.1	1	0
30-39	97	19.4	97	19.6	0	0
40-49	109	21.8	109	22.1	0	0
50-59	118	23.6	113	22.9	4	1
60-69	105	21.0	105	21.3	0	0
70-79	35	7.0	35	7.1	0	0
80+	5	1.0	5	1.0	0	0
Sex	500	%	494	%	5	1
Male	459	91.8	454	91.9	4	1
Female	41	8.2	40	8.1	1	0
X/Other	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Race/Ethnicity	500	%	494	%	5	1
American Indian	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Black	2	0.4	1	0.2	1	0
White	229	45.8	228	46.2	1	0
Chinese	4	0.8	4	0.8	0	0
Japanese	63	12.6	63	12.8	0	0
Filipino	68	13.6	66	13.4	1	1
Korean	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Other Asian	21	4.2	21	4.3	0	0
Hawaiian/part-Hawn	105	21.0	103	20.9	2	0
Samoan	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Other Pacific Islander	8	1.6	8	1.6	0	0

Table 5: Applications Received; Licenses Issued, Denied, and Revoked; and Associated Applicant/Licensee Demographics, Maui County, 2025

Maui County	Applications		Licenses		Denials	Revocations
Age Range	120	%	120	%	0	0
21-29	16	13.3	16	13.3	0	0
30-39	26	21.7	26	21.7	0	0
40-49	33	27.5	33	27.5	0	0
50-59	31	25.8	31	25.8	0	0
60-69	9	7.5	9	7.5	0	0
70-79	3	2.5	3	2.5	0	0
80+	2	1.7	2	1.7	0	0
Sex	120	%	120	%	0	0
Male	105	87.5	105	87.5	0	0
Female	15	12.5	15	12.5	0	0
X/Other	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Race/Ethnicity	120	%	120	%	0	0
American Indian	1	0.8	1	0.8	0	0
Black	1	0.8	1	0.8	0	0
White	64	53.3	64	53.3	0	0
Chinese	1	0.8	1	0.8	0	0
Japanese	11	9.2	11	9.2	0	0
Filipino	28	23.3	28	23.3	0	0
Korean	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Other Asian	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Hawaiian/part-Hawn	14	11.7	14	11.7	0	0
Samoan	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0

Table 6: Applications Received; Licenses Issued, Denied, and Revoked; and Associated Applicant/Licensee Demographics, Kaua'i County, 2025

Kaua'i County	Applications		Licenses		Denials	Revocations
Age Range	147	%	141	%	0	0
21-29	12	8.2	10	7.1	0	0
30-39	27	18.4	27	19.1	0	0
40-49	40	27.2	39	27.7	0	0
50-59	31	21.1	29	20.6	0	0
60-69	25	17.0	24	17.0	0	0
70-79	12	8.2	12	8.5	0	0
80+	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Sex	147	%	141	%	0	0
Male	128	87.1	122	86.5	0	0
Female	19	12.9	19	13.5	0	0
X/Other	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Race/Ethnicity	147	%	141	%	0	0
American Indian	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Black	2	1.4	2	1.4	0	0
White	69	46.9	66	46.8	0	0
Chinese	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Japanese	23	15.6	22	15.6	0	0
Filipino	22	15.0	21	14.9	0	0
Korean	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Other Asian	9	6.1	9	6.4	0	0
Hawaiian/part-Hawn	12	8.2	11	7.8	0	0
Samoan	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0
Other Pacific Islander	10	6.8	10	7.1	0	0

Reasons for License Denials

The 38 total statewide LTC denials in 2025 (see Table 2 on page 3) involved a total of 60 reasons for denial, for an average of 1.6 reasons per denial. Table 7, below, shows that the top three categorical reasons for denial were that the applicant was found to be lacking the essential character or temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm (33.3% of all denial reasons); is legally prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition (26.7%); and did not submit a properly completed application (15.0%). It seems notable that all 20 of the denials that were due to the applicants' perceived character/temperament shortcomings were made by the Honolulu PD.

The seven "Other" reasons for denial include four from the City and County of Honolulu and three from Hawai'i County, for such things as the applicants being medical marijuana patients; reapplying for a license after a previous license had been revoked; being delinquent in registering a firearm in a separate matter; being under investigation for carrying a firearm in a prohibited location; or applying for an open (rather than concealed) carry license, as open carry licenses are not issued to private citizens in the State of Hawai'i.

**Table 7: Reasons for License Denials,
State of Hawai'i and Counties, 2025**

DENIAL REASONS <i>Count all reasons that apply to individual cases</i>	HON	HAW	MAU	KAU	State Total	State %
Is prohibited under §134-7 from ownership/possession/control of a firearm and ammunition.	12	4	0	0	16	26.7
Did not submit an appropriate application (e.g., not all fields completed and answered truthfully; missing signatures or attachments; missing/invalid payment).	9	0	0	0	9	15.0
Is not the registered owner of the firearm(s) to be licensed.	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Did not complete a course of training per §134-9(e) and be certified to use the firearm(s) for which the license will be issued in a safe manner.	1	0	0	0	1	1.7
Did not sign and/or submit an affidavit acknowledging that the applicant has read and is responsible for understanding and complying with the federal, state, and county laws governing the permissible use of firearms and associated requirements.	1	0	0	0	1	1.7
Is found to be lacking the essential character or temperament necessary to be entrusted with a firearm.	20	0	0	0	20	33.3
Is not a citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident of the United States or a duly accredited official representative of a foreign nation.	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Is not a resident of the State of Hawai'i.	1	0	0	0	1	5.6
Is not the age of 21 years or more.	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Rejected due to timeliness/expiration issue(s).	5	0	0	0	5	8.3
Other	4	3	0	0	7	11.7
Total License Denial Reasons	53	7	0	0	60	100%

Reasons for License Revocations

Table 8 shows that 10 reasons were provided for the eight LTCs that were revoked statewide during 2025 (also see Tables 2-4). The Honolulu PD provided nine reasons for its seven revocations, including that the licensees were prosecuted and/or convicted for disqualifying criminal offenses; became a fugitive from justice or federally prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition; were the subject of a protective or restraining order; or were revoked for “Other” reasons (in this instance, being under investigation for two criminal cases). The Hawai'i County PD revoked a single license in 2025 after the licensee was charged for an alleged terroristic threatening offense.

**Table 8: Reasons for License Revocations,
State of Hawai'i and Counties, 2025**

REVOCATION REASONS <i>Count all reasons that apply to individual cases</i>	HON	HAW	MAU	KAU	State Total	State %
Is a fugitive from justice or prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition under title 18 United States Code §922 or any other provision of federal law.	1	0	0	0	1	10.0
Is being prosecuted for (or has been convicted of) one or more charges for a felony, a crime of violence, a criminal offense relating to firearms, or an illegal sale or distribution of any drug in a court.	5	1	0	0	6	60.0
Is or has been under treatment or counseling for addiction to, abuse of, or dependence upon any dangerous, harmful, or detrimental drug, intoxicating compound or liquor as defined in §712-1240.	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Has been acquitted of a crime on the grounds of mental disease, disorder, or defect pursuant to §704-411 or any similar provision under federal law, the law of another state, a U.S. territory, or D.C.	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Is or has been diagnosed with or treated for a medical, behavioral, psychological, emotional, or mental condition or disorder that causes or is likely to cause impairment in judgment, perception, or impulse control to an extent that presents an unreasonable risk to public health, safety, or welfare if the person were in possession or control of a firearm.	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Has been adjudged to: (A) Meet the criteria for involuntary hospitalization under §334-60.2; or (B) Be an "incapacitated person", as defined in §560:5-102, and has not established with appropriate medical documentation that they are no longer adversely affected by the criteria or statuses identified in this subsection.	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Has a protective order or restraining order, or any extension in effect which specifically precludes the individual from possession, control, or transfer of ownership of a firearm or ammunition.	2	0	0	0	2	20.0
Other	1	0	0	0	1	10.0
Total License Revocation Reasons	9	1	0	0	10	100%

Administrative Appeals

Denied LTC applicants and revoked licensees may seek relief from those actions, first through an administrative appeal decided by the respective county’s chief of police, and secondly, if needed, through a judicial review made by the Hawai’i State Judiciary (see next section). As displayed in Table 9, a total of four administrative appeals were requested statewide in 2025, all in the City and County of Honolulu, with two being granted and one denied by the police chief, and one not concluded by year’s end.

**Table 9: Administrative Appeals,
State of Hawai’i and Counties, 2025**

	Requested	Granted	Denied	Pending
C&C Honolulu	4	2	1	1
Hawai’i County	0	0	0	0
Maui County	0	0	0	0
Kaua’i County	0	0	0	0
State Total	4	2	1	1

Judicial Reviews

As noted above, judicial reviews provide a second level of appeal for denied or revoked LTCs. The Hawai’i State Judiciary reported that no LTC judicial reviews were requested in 2025.

**Table 10: Judicial Reviews,
State of Hawai’i and Counties, 2025**

	Requested	Granted	Denied	Pending
C&C Honolulu	0	0	0	0
Hawai’i County	0	0	0	0
Maui County	0	0	0	0
Kaua’i County	0	0	0	0
State Total	0	0	0	0

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