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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL RELEASES ANNUAL
"LICENSE TO CARRY" FIREARMS STATISTICS**

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HONOLULU – The Hawai'i Department of the Attorney General released its second annual report today presenting statewide and county data from calendar year 2025 on the licensing of private persons to carry concealed handguns in public for the purpose of lawful self-defense.

**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.

According to the report, on December 31, 2025, a statewide total of 3,764 private persons possessed a valid license to carry (LTC) a concealed handgun, 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%). The 2025 total count includes persons holding still-valid licenses issued in 2024 (the first complete year of the new licensing program) plus new licensees from 2025.

The total 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 of persons age 21 or older) 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 age 21+) and to a lesser degree in the City and County of Honolulu (68.4% and 69.1%, respectively).

Throughout 2025, a statewide total of 1,994 new LTC applications were received by the county police departments, while 1,968 licenses were issued (some licensees hold multiple licenses in order to select between different carry guns), 38 were denied and eight were revoked. These measurements reflect only the actions that occurred during calendar year 2025; some applications received later in the year were not completely processed by year's end, so the applications are included in the 2025 report, but the associated outcomes (i.e., issued, denied, and/or revoked LTCs) will be included accordingly in subsequent editions. Similarly, applications that were received in 2024 are not included in this report, but all associated outcomes that occurred in 2025 are included. Readers are thus cautioned against calculating precise approval, denial, or revocation rates, although increasingly confident estimates can be made as overlapping data for additional years are reported.

The 38 statewide LTC denials in 2025 involved a total of 60 reasons for denial. 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/or did not submit a properly completed application (15.0%). All 20 of the denials that were due in whole or part to the applicants' perceived character or temperament shortcomings were reported by the Honolulu Police Department.

Ten reasons were provided for the eight LTC revocations made statewide during 2025, including that the revoked licensees were: being prosecuted and/or were convicted for

disqualifying criminal offenses (60.0% of all revocation reasons); subjects of a restraining or protective order (20.0%); fugitives from justice or prohibited from possessing a firearm under 18 United States Code § 922 or any other provision of federal law (10.0%); or were revoked for “other” reasons, in this single case after the licensee was allegedly witnessed mishandling the LTC firearm in public and later failed to announce to responding police officers the possession of a firearm and LTC (10.0%).

Denied LTC applicants and revoked licensees may seek relief from those actions, first through an administrative appeal decided by the respective county police chief and secondly, if needed, through a judicial review made by the Hawai'i State Judiciary. A total of four administrative appeals were requested statewide in 2025, with two being granted, one denied and one pending at year's end. The Judiciary reported that no LTC judicial reviews were requested in 2025.

The full report can be downloaded from the Department of the Attorney General's Research and Statistics web site at <http://ag.hawaii.gov/cpja/rs> and [here](#).

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