



“Tourism is one of our primary economic engines, generating over \$14 billion each year in visitor spending and employing nearly 150,000 workers. It’s essential for us to maintain our global position as a leader in the industry.”

— Gov. David Ige, *State of the State address to the 28th state legislature, January 25, 2016*

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Hawaii

Pop. (2016): 1,435,363
Median household income: \$68,416
Credit Rating: AA+/Stable

Pop. growth 2016–2021: 0.94%
Median age: 39.1
Right-to-work state: No

Legislative Update

- SB2645 requires the commission on water resource management to establish a program to provide technical assistance to the counties and public water systems to implement standardized water audits of public water systems.
- SB2383 repeals the Hawaii Health Connector (Connector) as part of the transition to a federally supported, state-based exchange.
- HB1997 will create an agricultural curriculum preparing students to be successful in farming and related fields.
- HB1689 provides a tax credit for developing organic food production, including farming and manufacturing.



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Business Tax Climate Rank Change 2016-2017: **+4**



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Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure: **\$332,233**



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Number of NCRCs: **427** | Percent Improvement 2016-2017: **4%**



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College Attainment Percent: **45.5%**



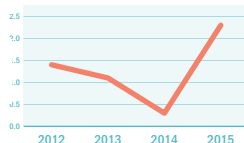
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Lowest Electric Power Cost (cents/kWh): **21.43**



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**GDP
38th**



2015 GDP
(in millions of current US\$)
\$80,376