



“When our economy is truly healthy and everyone rises with the tide of prosperity, then issues such as the lack of affordable housing, homelessness and hunger are greatly diminished. Doing the hard work means collaborating with business, labor, community groups, our civil servants and all stakeholders. There should be no ‘special’ interest. The only interest that matters is the public’s interest.”

— Gov. David Ige, in his December 1, 2014, inaugural address

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Hawaii

Pop. (2014): 1,408,227 Pop. growth 2014–2019: 4.51%
Median household income: \$76,179 Median age: 38.8
Right-to-work state: No



Legislative Update

- The State of Hawaii earned the 2014 Government Innovator of the Year award from the Government Technology Research Alliance (GTRA).
- According to the Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) the value of building permits increased 15.9 percent during the first nine months of 2014. Major government projects such as

the Honolulu rail, new sewage treatment facilities, private projects and other anticipated building projects, indicate an even busier year in 2015.

- The state was recognized for the third consecutive year as the nation's leader for per-capita investment in energy performance contracting (EPC) by the Energy Services Coalition.