



“We do see a widening of the performance gap between those students who can learn online and those who are having a hard time.”

— Gov. David Ige, December 11, 2020, in a virtual interview with the Civil Beat.

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Hawaii

Pop. (2020): 1,437,400

Median household income (2020): \$79,968

Credit Rating: AA+/Negative

Pop. growth 2020–2025: 0.42%

Median age (2020): 40

Right-to-work state: No

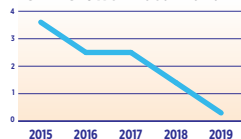
Legislative Update

- A law passed in July legalizes the growing, processing and sale of industrial hemp in Hawaii. The law allows hemp farmers to apply directly to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, thus saving the state more than \$500,000 that would have been used to pay state intermediaries.
- The state Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, along with several Hawaii nonprofits and organizations, launched a jobs program to provide businesses with up to 650 workers displaced due to COVID-19 pandemic. The economic stimulus program, which is backed by \$10 million in federal CARES Act funding, matches displaced workers with companies in emerging industries such as conservation, renewable energy, agriculture, creative arts, aerospace, entrepreneurship and STEM fields, among others.
- As of July 1 2020, state facilities bigger than 10,000 sq. ft. (930 sq. m.) are required to implement cost-effective energy efficiency measures. The new law requires, where feasible, the design of all new state building construction to maximize energy and water efficiency and to use building materials that reduce the building's carbon footprint. The Hawaii State Energy Office is to collect utility bill and energy usage data for state-owned buildings and make the data available to the public.

GDP

38th

GDP Growth Rate Trend



2019 GDP
(in millions of current US\$)
\$95,744



38th

Business Tax Climate Rank Change 2020–2021: -1



39th

Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure in \$000s: **294,453**



47th

Number of NCRCs: **604** | Percent Improvement 2019–2020: **10.22%**



38th

2020 Workers' Comp Index Rate: **2.01**



50th

Industrial power cost per kWh: **\$23.09**



47th

Total Revenue as Share of Total Expenses, FY 2004–2019: **97.2%**