Hawaii

The marine economy is defined as those businesses whose existence depends on the oceans or Great Lakes. The economic data found here helps leaders better understand trends and consider the needs of these businesses when making decisions about the future of the coast. Six sectors make up the marine economy: marine construction, offshore mineral extraction, tourism and recreation, living resources, ship and boat building, and marine transportation.

The Big Picture
Hawaii's Marine Economy in 2019

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The Details

Largest Employment Sector: Tourism and recreation employs 90% of the state’s marine economy

Largest GDP Sector: Tourism and recreation produces 89% of the total gross domestic product (GDP) derived from the state’s marine economy

High Earners: The average wage of marine economy employees in Hawaii is $41,870, which is lower than the state average ($52,686). Marine construction has the highest average wage per employee at $111,199.

National Ranking: Hawaii is ranked 8 out of 30 coastal states for marine employment, and 8 out of 30 coastal states for GDP

Top County: Employment Honolulu County, Hawaii, is home to 62% of marine jobs in Hawaii

Top County: GDP Honolulu County, Hawaii, produces 55% of the marine economy’s gross domestic product in Hawaii


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**LEGEND (1 CELL = 1%)**
- Living Resources
- Marine Transportation
- Ship and Boat Building
- Marine Construction
- Offshore Mineral Resources
- Tourism and Recreation

**A Decade of Change (2009-2019)**

- **19%**
  - **Businesses**: Hawaii had an increase of 767 marine businesses, which was an increase of 19% over the past decade.

- **26%**
  - **Employees**: Hawaii had an increase of 25,814 marine jobs, an increase of 26% over the past decade.

- **38%**
  - **Average Wages**: On average, an employee working in Hawaii's marine economy made $41,870 in 2019, compared to an average wage of $30,262 in 2009. The marine economy average wage in Hawaii had an increase of 38%.

- **47%**
  - **Gross Domestic Product**: The value of Hawaii's marine economy had an increase of 47% over the past decade. Changes in GDP can be driven by volatility of the price of resources.