

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS' OCEAN ECONOMY 2021



Total Territory Economic Overview



Private Employment Breakdown



Sector	Employment
Retail trade	5,152
Accommodation and food services	4,883
Health care and social assistance	2,860
Construction	2,530
Other	10,227

Largest industry by employment:
RETAIL TRADE

Ocean-Dependent Sectors

Ocean-dependent sectors contribute 21 percent to the U.S. Virgin Island's (USVI) total employment.

TOTAL OCEAN ECONOMY

(for included sectors)

- 303 Establishments
- 5,372 Employment
- \$166.2 million Wages
- \$476.6 million GDP

INCLUDED SECTORS

Source: NOAA Economics: National Ocean Watch data



Living Resources



Marine Construction



Ship and Boat Building



Marine Transportation



Offshore Mineral Extraction



Tourism and Recreation

ADDITIONAL DATA ALSO AVAILABLE:



Utilities



Government

Featured Quick Facts



Marine Transportation

17 Establishments
427 Employment
\$15 million Wages
\$29.6 million GDP



Tourism and Recreation

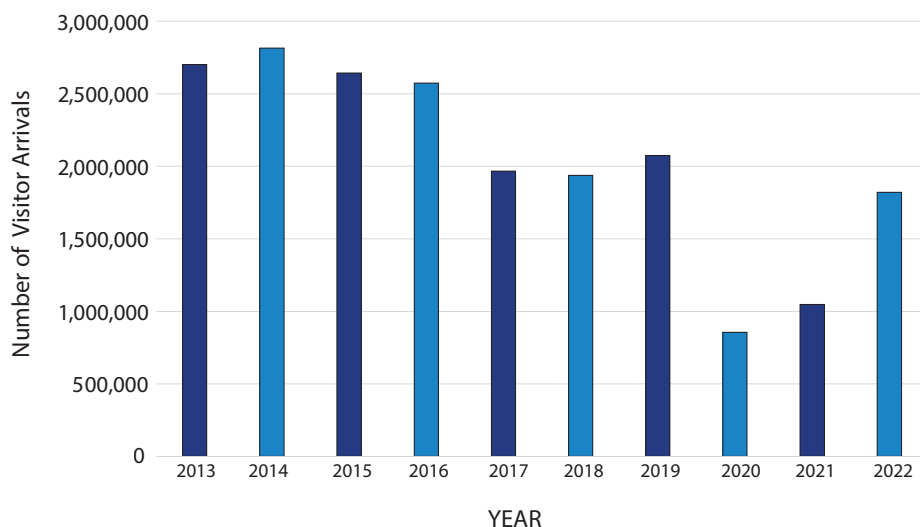
280 Establishments
4,836 Employment
\$145.7 million Wages
\$310.8 million GDP



Utilities (2022)

2 Establishments
463 Employment
\$29.6 million Total Wages
\$165.4 million GDP

American Samoa imports its oil and gas, so the energy industry relies heavily on the marine transportation industry. Energy is distributed by the American Samoa Power Authority.



Hurricanes, COVID-19, and Tourism

Tourism, USVI's leading ocean economy sector, is recovering from

- Hurricane Irma (2017)
 - Hurricane Maria (2017)
 - COVID-19 travel restrictions
- 29 percent change in number of visitor arrivals from 2016 to 2022

Economic Trends (2019-2021)

ESTABLISHMENTS

Year	Total Ocean Economy	Marine Transportation	Tourism and Recreation
2019	300	14	279
2020	309	16	285
2021	303	17	280

EMPLOYMENT

Year	Total Ocean Economy	Marine Transportation	Tourism and Recreation
2019	5,882	410	5,315
2020	6,286	474	5,713
2021	5,372	427	4,836

WAGES

Year	Total Ocean Economy	Marine Transportation	Tourism and Recreation
2019	\$174,698,000	\$13,077,000	\$152,024,000
2020	\$142,127,000	\$16,246,000	\$121,293,000
2021	\$166,226,000	\$14,954,000	\$145,723,000

GDP

Year	Total Ocean Economy	Marine Transportation	Tourism and Recreation
2019	\$443,380,724	\$28,298,204	\$296,169,289
2020	\$311,563,380	\$28,739,403	\$216,980,238
2021	\$467,645,267	\$29,612,398	\$310,810,246

Sources: The data provided represent the best available data from the U.S. Census Bureau 2019, 2020, and 2021 County Business Patterns, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Energy, USVI Bureau of Economic Research Annual Tourism Indicator, and data collected under NOAA Contract #EA-133C-16-CQ-0045. The sum of indicators in each sector will not equal the total ocean economy figures due to suppressed data in other ocean economy sectors. Further inconsistencies might also be due to suppressions. Employment data does not include self-employed workers.