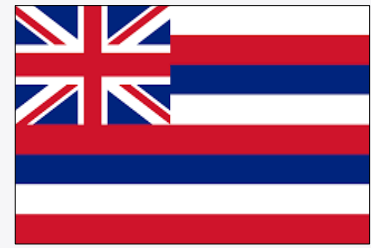


Australia's relationship with

HAWAII



KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 1.41 Million ([2019](#))
- **Major Cities:** Honolulu (capital, largest), East Honolulu, Pearl City, Hilo, Waipahu
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** \$95.744.3 million ([2019](#))
- **GDP Growth:** 2019 Hawaii real GDP grew 1.7%
- **Key Industries:** tourism, construction, education, health services, US Military
- **Known for:** Eight main islands, fringing coral reefs, world-class surfing, active volcanoes, sub-tropical weather, distinctive Hawaiian Polynesian culture and language, Royal history, Kona coffee, shave ice, a world leader in pineapple production in the 19th and 20th centuries but agriculture has given way to tourism and some 80% of all fresh produce and other consumables are imported into Hawaii.

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two-way Trade:** \$37,941 million
- **Hawaii exports to Australia:** [\\$20,218 million](#)
- **Hawaii imports from Australia:** [\\$17,723 million](#)

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

- **Sister Cities:**
Kailua, HI: Mackay, QLD & Cooktown, QLD
- **Local Aussie-Inspired Shops:**
Honolulu: Arvo Café and Coffee Shop
Honolulu: Tucker & Bevy Picnic Food
Honolulu: Bills Hawaii Restaurant
- **350,000 Australian tourists** visit Hawaii each year and spend more money per person than any other group (up to March 2020 when COVID restrictions halted international tourism to Hawaii)
- **Representation:** Australia's relationship with Hawaii is managed by the Australian Consulate-General in Honolulu (7 DFAT, 3 Defence) and the Consul-General is Australia's resident diplomatic envoy to the US Indo-Pacific Command, other US military commands in Hawaii and US Coast Guard Pacific
- The Australian Consulate-General also conducts consular work in Hawaii on behalf of Canada, the UK, PNG and Nauru
- **Consul-General:** Ambassador Jane Hardy

POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

- **Governor:** David Ige (D) next election in 2022
- **2020 Presidential Outcome:** [Biden 63.7%](#)
- **Senators:** [Mazie Hirono \(D\)](#), [Brian Schatz \(D\)](#)
- **House:** [2 Democrats](#)

DEFENCE

Hawaii is the home of US Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM), the US's largest combatant strategic command, responsible for US military activities across 50% of the earth's surface encompassing North Asia, Southeast Asia, West Asia, Australia and the Pacific (Oceania), and the Indian, Southern and Pacific Oceans from the Arctic to Antarctica.

- **Defence Personnel:**
Australian Army at US Army Pacific Fort Shafter, US Marine Base Camp Smith and the Australian Consulate-General
Royal Australian Navy at US Pacific Fleet Pearl Harbor and US Army Pacific Schofield Barracks
RAAF at INDOPACOM Headquarters Camp Smith and US Pacific Air Force Hickam Field
Defence civilians at INDOPACOM Headquarters Camp Smith, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii-NSA and the Australian Consulate-General

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS

- **Cardno** (HQ Colorado) – infrastructure and environmental services (Honolulu)
- **LendLease** (HQ New York) – US military base housing
- **QIC** (funds management) in partnership with AustralianSuper has a 25% stake in Honolulu's Ala Moana shopping centre.