

Australia's relationship with

HAWAII

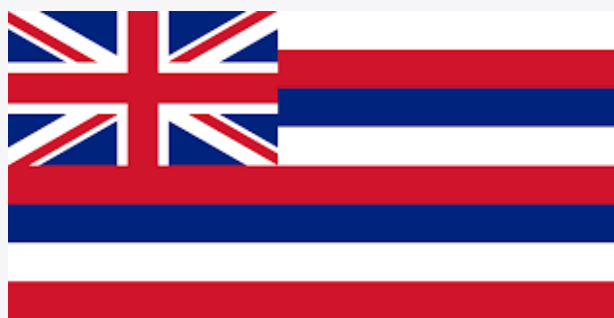
KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 1.41 Million (2019)
- **Major Cities:** Honolulu, East Honolulu, Pearl City
- **Governor:** David Ige (D)
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** In 2019, Hawaii GDP was \$97.36 billion and ranked 40th in the United States
- **GDP Growth:** 2019 Hawaii real GDP grew 1.7%
- **Key Industries:** tourism, construction, education, health, services
- **Known for:**
 - its eight main islands, fringing coral reefs, world-class surfing, active volcanoes and glorious sub-tropical weather
 - its distinctive Hawaiian Polynesian culture and language, and Royal history
 - its Kona coffee
 - its history as a world leader in pineapple production in the 19th and 20th Centuries
 - today, agriculture has given way to tourism and some 80 per cent of all fresh produce and other consumables are imported into Hawaii.

350,000 Australian tourists visit Hawaii each year, and spend more money per person than any other group (up to March 2020 when COVID-19 restrictions halted international tourism to Hawaii)

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

- **Sister Cities:**
 - Kailua HI – Mackay QLD
 - Kauia HI - Cooktown QLD
- **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



ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two way trade** \$ 364 million

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.