



## Hawaii: Exports, Jobs, and Foreign Investment

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#### Exports Support Jobs for Hawaii's Workers

Export-supported jobs linked to manufacturing account for an estimated 1. percent of Hawaii's total private-sector employment. nearly one-tenth (6. percent) of all manufacturing workers in Hawaii depend on exports for their jobs (2009 data latest available).

#### Exports Sustain Thousands of Hawaii Businesses

A total of 771 companies exported from Hawaii locations in 2010. Of those, 686 (89 percent) were small and medium-sized enterprises with fewer than 500 employees.

Small and medium-sized firms generated over one-third (36 percent) of Hawaii's total exports of merchandise in 2010.

#### Foreign Investment Creates Jobs in Hawaii

In 2010, foreign-controlled companies employed 26,200 Hawaii workers. Major sources of foreign investment in Hawaii in 2010 included Japan, France, United Kingdom, and Switzerland.

Foreign investment in Hawaii was responsible for 5.5 percent of the state's total private-industry employment in 2010.

#### Hawaii Depends on World Markets

Hawaii's export shipments of merchandise in 2012 totaled \$726 million.

The state's largest market was Australia. Hawaii posted merchandise exports of \$260 million to Australia in 2012, 35.7 percent of the state's total merchandise exports. Australia was followed by Japan (\$127 million), China (\$72 million), Korea (\$44 million), and Singapore (\$35 million).

The state's largest merchandise export category is Transportation Equipment, which accounted for \$325 million of Hawaii's total merchandise exports in 2012. Other top merchandise exports are Waste And Scrap (\$108 million), Petroleum & Coal Products (\$60 million), Computer & Electronic Products (\$44 million), and Food & Kindred Products (\$41 million).

#### Hawaii's Metropolitan Exports

In 2011, the following metropolitan areas in Hawaii recorded merchandise exports: Honolulu (\$375 million)