

Table 15.23--TOP INDUSTRIES FOR EMPLOYMENT: 2017 AND 2022

[Ranking based on 2022 greatest employment during pay period including March 12 at the 2-digit NAICS code-level. Greatest employment is ranked 1. Statistics based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The 2017 data is based on the 2017 NAICS and the 2022 data is based on the 2022 NAICS. Includes only establishments with payroll]

Rank	NAICS code 1/	Sector	Number of employees			Payroll per employee (\$)		
			2017	2022	Percent change	2017	2022	Percent change
1	72	Accommodation & food services	112,743	93,587	-17.0	29,242	37,099	26.9
2	62	Health care & social assistance	73,551	72,512	-1.4	54,362	63,988	17.7
3	44-45	Retail trade	72,908	67,181	-7.9	29,965	38,703	29.2
4	56	Administrative & support & waste management & remediation services	55,555	63,982	15.2	36,174	44,490	23.0
5	23	Construction	32,115	31,557	-1.7	69,513	78,176	12.5
6	48-49	Transportation & warehousing 1/	31,863	27,111	-14.9	47,347	61,618	30.1
7	54	Professional, scientific, & technical services	22,668	25,212	11.2	64,657	74,447	15.1
8	52	Finance and insurance	19,718	20,506	4.0	72,738	81,045	11.4
9	81	Other services (except public administration)	20,219	17,641	-12.8	32,265	41,306	28.0
10	42	Wholesale trade	18,963	16,209	-14.5	52,664	62,887	19.4
11	53	Real estate and rental & leasing	13,101	13,518	3.2	51,540	61,011	18.4
12	71	Arts, entertainment, & recreation	11,912	11,397	-4.3	26,383	33,303	26.2
13	31-33	Manufacturing	11,850	10,011	-15.5	47,133	53,048	12.5
14	51	Information	8,218	7,674	-6.6	62,793	76,734	22.2
15	22	Utilities	3,596	3,512	-2.3	104,844	116,948	11.5
16	61	Educational services	2,923	2,818	-3.6	21,010	27,218	29.5

1/ Excludes railroad transportation and the U.S. Postal Service.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Economic Census, 2017 Economic Census, "EC1700BASIC: All sectors: Summary Statistics for the U.S., States and Selected Geographies: 2017" <<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=EC1700BASIC&hidePreview=true&tid=ECNBASIC2017.EC1700BASIC&g=0400000US15&vintage=2017&n=N0200.00>> accessed June 27, 2020; 2022 Economic Census, "EC2200BASIC: All sectors: Summary Statistics for the U.S., States and Selected Geographies: 2022" <<https://data.census.gov/table/ECNBASIC2022.EC2200BASIC?q=EC2200BASIC:+All+Sectors:+Summary+Statistics+for+the+U.S.,+States,+and+Selected+Geographies:+2022&g=040XX00US15&codeset=naics~N0200.00&nkd=TAXSTAT~00, TYPOP~00>> accessed June 13, 2025; and calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.