

Monthly Economic Indicators: April 2025 Highlights

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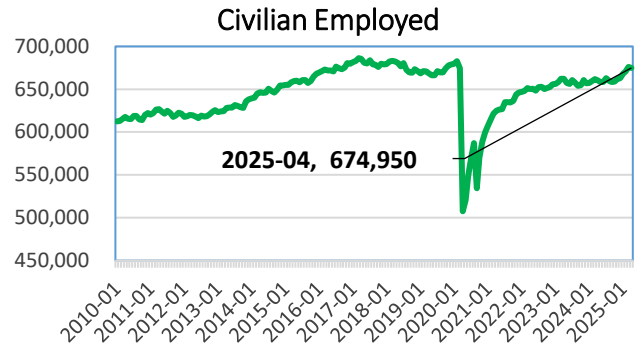
Labor Market

The civilian labor force was 692,250 in April 2025, an increase of 14,100 or 2.1 percent from April 2024, and YTD April 2025 was 1.8 percent higher than YTD April 2024. Civilian employment was 674,950 in April 2025, 14,450 greater than April 2024, or 2.2 percent higher, and YTD April 2025 was 1.9 percent higher than YTD April 2024.

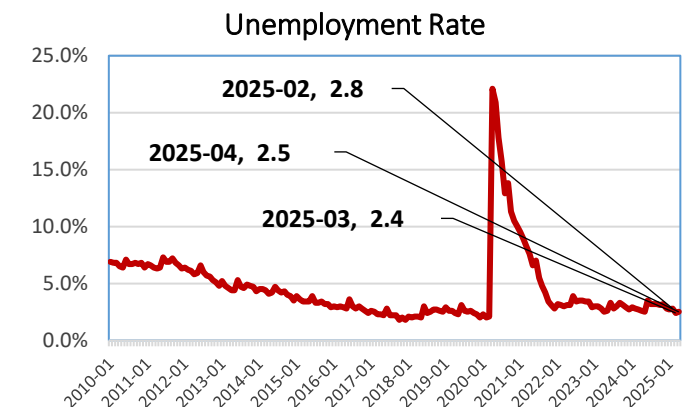
The April 2025 not seasonally adjusted (NSA) unemployment rate was 2.5 percent, 0.1 percentage point lower than the April 2024, and YTD April 2025 was 0.1 percentage points lower than YTD April 2024. Hawaii's April 2025 NSA unemployment rate of 2.5 percent ranked 2nd lowest, tied with North Dakota and Oklahoma, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The U.S. NSA unemployment rate for April 2025 was 3.9 percent, 0.4 percentage points higher than the 3.5 percent in April 2024.

The total non-agriculture wage & salary jobs in April 2025 was 652,900, 2.6 percent higher and 16,300 more jobs than April 2024, and YTD April 2025 was 2.0 percent higher than YTD April 2024.

Among private sector industries, job increases from April 2024 to April 2025 were largest in Health Care & Social Assistance (3,500 jobs or 4.6 percent), and Food Services & Drinking Places (3,300 jobs or 5.0 percent. In the public sector, the state added 3,000 jobs or 4.2 percent, local added 300 jobs or 1.6 percent, and federal lost 900 jobs or 2.5 percent.

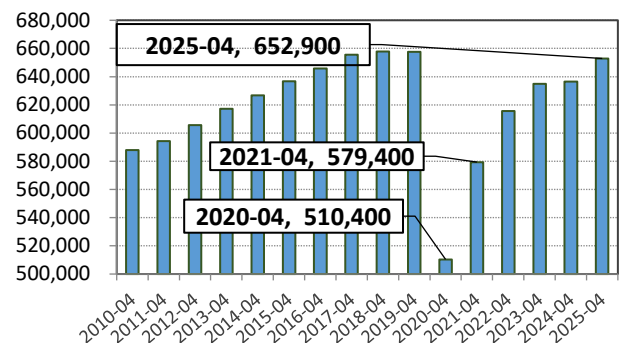


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Total Non-agriculture W&S jobs: March



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Building Permits

The total value of private building permits issued in April 2025 was \$635.8 million, or 22.3 percent higher than April 2024, and YTD April 2025 was 33.9 percent higher than YTD April 2024.

Permit activities in April 2025 were mixed compared to April 2024. Residential permits increased 131.4 percent, Commercial & industrial permits decreased 80.7 percent, and Additions & alterations decreased 3.2 percent.

State Tax Revenue

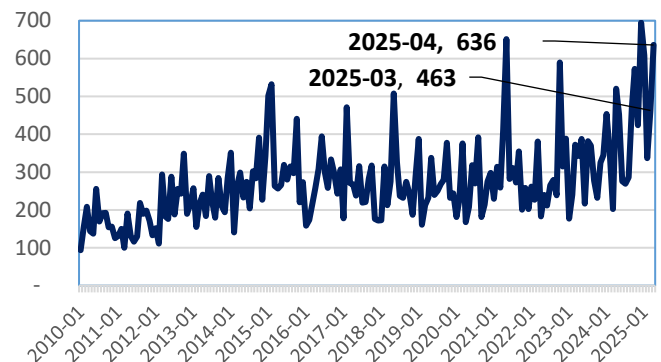
State general fund revenue was \$1,234.2 million in April 2025 for a decrease of 3.4 percent from April 2024, and YTD April 2025 was 4.3 percent lower than YTD April 2024.

General excise and use tax revenue was \$441.1 million for an increase of 14.0 percent from April 2024 to April 2025, and YTD April 2025 was 6.8 percent higher than YTD April 2024.

Individual income tax revenue (net of refunds) was \$539.2 million for a decrease of 8.5 percent from April 2024 to April 2025, and YTD April 2025 was 9.7 percent lower than YTD April 2024.

The transient accommodations tax revenue was \$78.4 million in April 2025 and was 2.2 percent lower than the \$80.1 million collected in April 2024, and YTD April 2025 was slightly higher than YTD April 2024.

Value of Private Building Permits:
through April 2025 (\$M.)

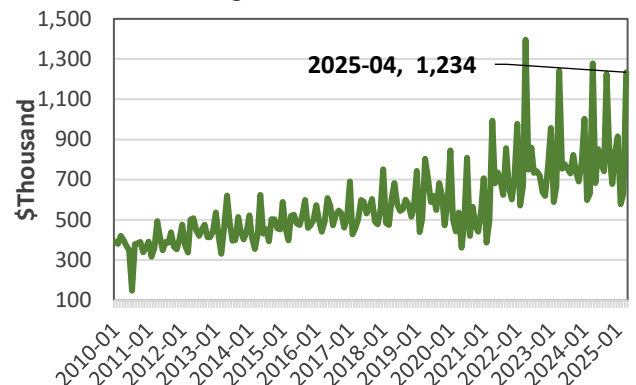


Value of Private Building Permits

Category	April 2024 (\$mil)	April 2025 (\$mil)	% Change
Total	519.9	635.8	22.3
Residential	161.7	374.3	131.4
Comm. & industrial	109.8	21.2	-80.7
Add'n & alterations	248.4	240.3	-3.2

Source: County building depts. & U.S. Census Bureau.

State general fund revenues



Source: Hawaii Dept. of Taxation

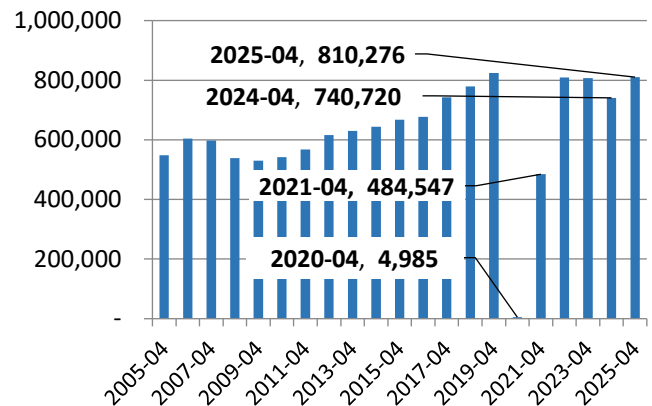
Visitor Arrivals and Spending

In April 2025, Hawaii visitor arrivals totaled 833,219 or 810,276 arrivals by air and 22,943 arrivals by cruise ship.

Visitor arrivals by air increased by 9.4 percent in April 2025 compared to April 2024, and YTD April 2025 was 3.5 percent higher than YTD April 2024. Visitor days by air increased by 10.3 percent in April 2025 compared to April 2024, and YTD April 2025 was 3.0 percent higher than YTD April 2024. Expenditures by air visitors of \$1,680.0 million in April 2025 was 10.1 percent higher than the \$1,526.4 million in April 2024, and YTD April 2025 was 7.3 percent higher than YTD April 2024.

April 2025 U.S. mainland visitors by-air accounted for 78.7 percent of the total by-air visitors with U.S. West 56.4 percent and U.S. East 22.3 percent. Japanese visitors were 6.5 percent and Canada 4.5 percent of total.

Visitor Arrivals by Air

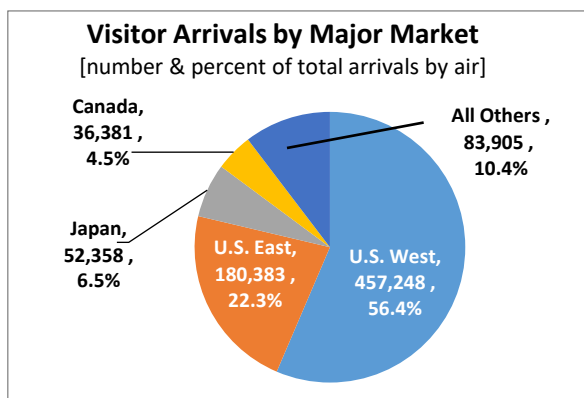


Visitor Market at Glance (by air only)

Category	April 2024	April 2025	% Change
Visitor arrivals	740,720	810,276	9.4
Visitor days	6,222,412	6,866,376	10.3
Visitor expenditure (\$mil)	1,526.4	1,680.0	10.1
Avg. length of stay (days)	8.40	8.47	0.9
PPPD (\$)	245.3	244.7	-0.3

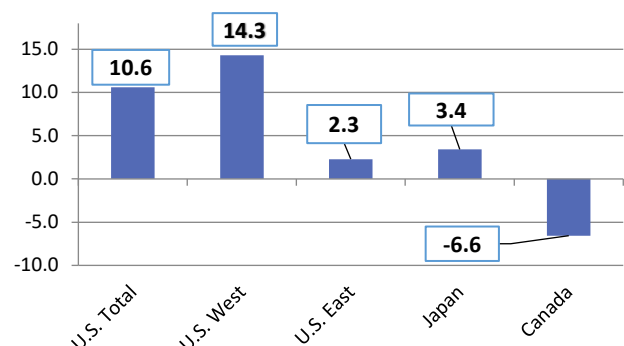
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Visitor Arrivals by Major Markets (by air only), April 2025



Visitor Arrivals by Air

(% chg from same month in prev. year)



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