

# Monthly Economic Indicators: April 2026 Highlights

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## Labor Market

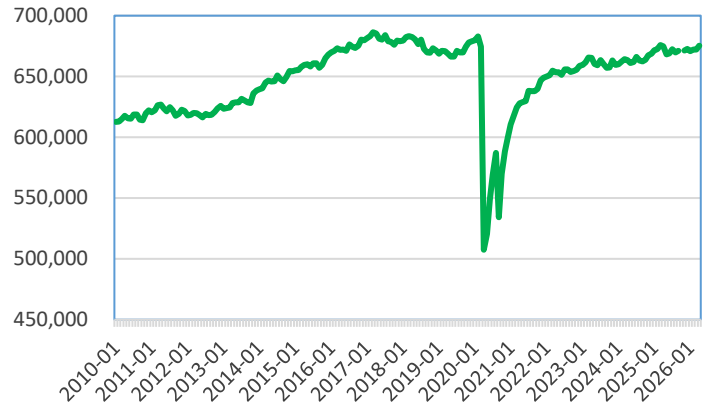
Civilian labor force was 692,400 in April 2026, an increase of 2,350 or 0.3 percent from April 2025, but YTD April 2026 was 0.2 percent lower than YTD April 2025. Civilian employment was 675,350 in April 2026, an increase of 700 compared to April 2025, and 0.1 percent higher. The YTD April 2026 was 0.1 percent lower than YTD April 2025.

The April 2026 not seasonally adjusted (NSA) unemployment rate was 2.5 percent, and 0.3 percentage point higher than April 2025. Hawaii's April 2026 NSA unemployment rate of 2.5 percent ranked 3rd lowest among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, tied with Iowa, and compared to the low of 1.7 percent for South Dakota, and 2.2 percent for North Dakota. The U.S. NSA unemployment rate for April 2026 was 4.0 percent, 0.1 percentage point higher than the 3.9 percent in April 2025.

Total non-agriculture wage & salary jobs in April 2026 was 646,100, or 2,000 more jobs than April 2025. YTD April 2026 was 0.3 percent lower than YTD April 2025.

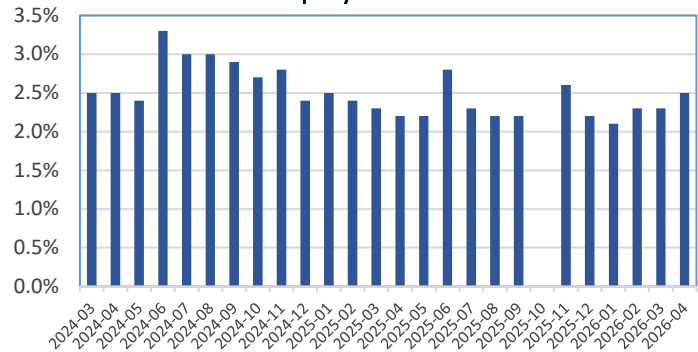
Among private sector industries, job increases from April 2025 to April 2026 were largest in Health Care & Social Assistance (2,500 jobs or 3.3 percent), Natural Resources, Mining and Construction (1,400 jobs or 3.5 percent), and Accommodation (700 jobs or 1.7 percent. In the public sector, the local government added 600 jobs or 3.1 percent, state government added 1,100 jobs or 1.5 percent, while the federal government lost 2,900 jobs or 8.2 percent.

Civilian Employed



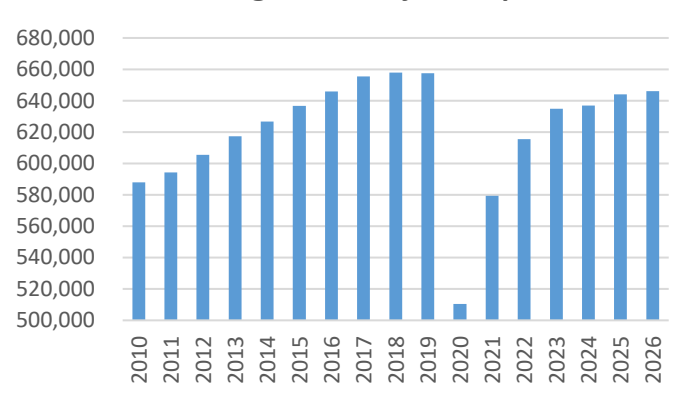
Source: Hawaii Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

Unemployment Rate



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Total Non-agric. W & S jobs: April



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**Building Permits** Data as of March 2026, will be updated when Maui data are available

The total value of private building permits issued in March 2026 was \$402.1 million, or 13.1 percent lower than March 2025.

Permit activities in March 2026 were largely negative compared to March 2025. Residential permits decreased 31.1 percent, Additions & alterations permits decreased 29.5 percent, but Commercial & industrial increased 31.1 percent.

**State Tax Revenue** (General fund updated through September 2025, will be reupdated if/when October to April data are available, others through April)

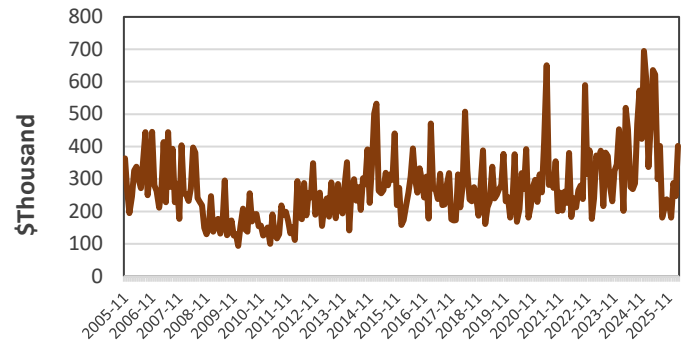
State general fund revenue was \$886.3 million in September 2025 for a decrease of 27.7 percent from September 2024.

General excise and use tax revenue was 436.3 million in April 2026 for a decrease of 1.1 percent from April 2025, but an increase of 2.1 percent 2025-04 YTD to 2026-04 YTD.

Individual income tax revenue (net of refunds) was \$543.2 million in April 2026 for an increase of 0.7 percent from April 2025 and an increase of 2.2 percent 2025-04 YTD to 2026-04 YTD.

The transient accommodations tax revenue was \$83.6 million in April 2026 which was 6.7 percent higher than in April 2025 and for an increase of 9.0 percent 2025-04 YTD to 2026-04 YTD.

Value of Private Building Permits



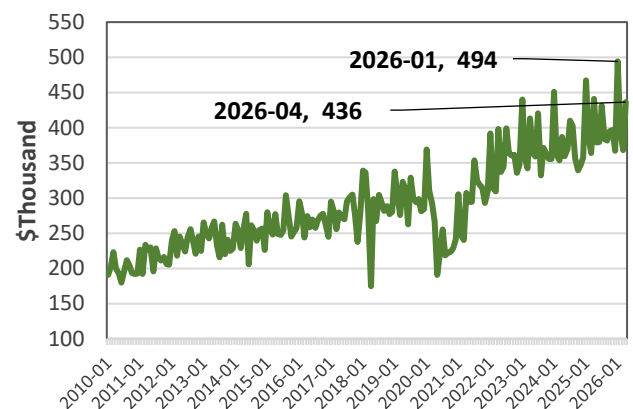
Source: County Building Dept. & U.S. Census Bureau

Value of Private Building Permits

Category	March 2025 (\$mil)	March 2026 (\$mil)	Percentage Change
<b>Total</b>	<b>462.8</b>	<b>402.1</b>	<b>-13.1</b>
Residential	176.3	121.5	-31.1
Comm. & Ind.	129.7	170.0	31.1
Add'n & alter.	156.8	110.6	-29.5

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

General Excise and Use Tax Revenues



Source: Hawaii Dept. of Taxation

### **Visitor Arrivals and Spending**

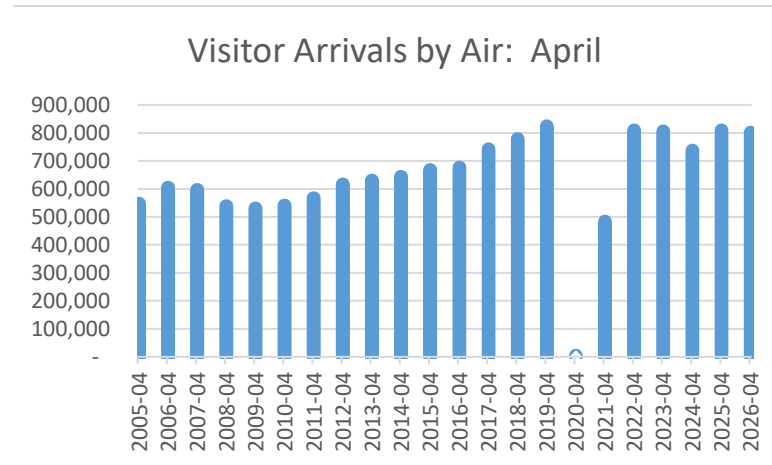
In April 2026, Hawaii visitor arrivals totaled 828,959 with 801,335 arrivals by air and 27,624 arrivals by cruise ship.

Visitor arrivals by air decreased by 1.1 percent in April 2026 compared to April 2025 and increased by 2.4 percent 2025-04 YTD to 2026-04 YTD.

Visitor days by air decreased by 8.3 percent in April 2026 compared to April 2025 and decreased by 1.2 percent 2025-04 YTD to 2026-04 YTD.

Expenditures by air visitors of \$1,758.7 million in April 2026 was 4.8 percent higher than the \$1,677.6 million in April 2025 and 8.0 percent higher 2025-04 YTD to 2026-04 YTD.

April 2026, U.S. mainland visitors by-air accounted for 80.5 percent of the total by-air visitors with U.S. West 54.3 percent and U.S. East 26.2 percent, Japanese visitors were 6.9 percent and Canada 4.4 percent of total.

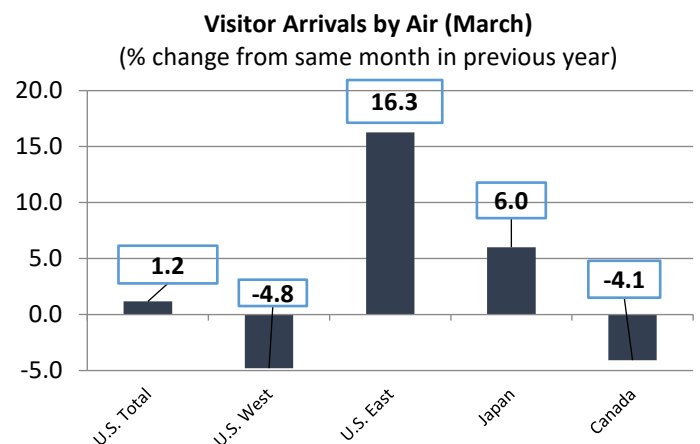
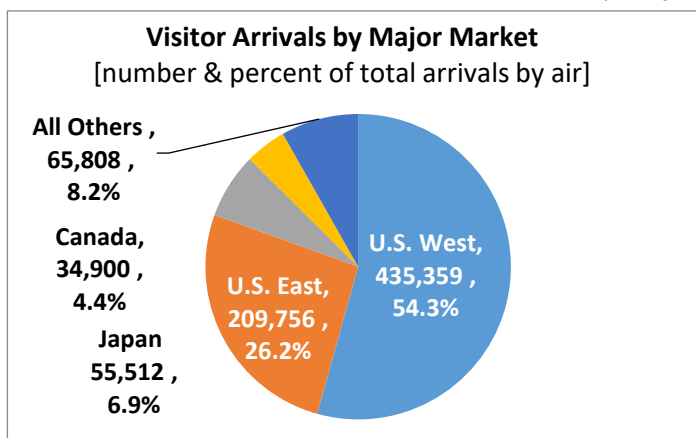


### **Visitor Market at Glance (by air only)**

Category	April 2025	April 2026	% Change
Visitor arrivals	810,276	801,335	-1.1
Visitor days	6,837,290	6,272,060	-8.3
Visitor expenditure (\$mil)	1,677.6	1,758.7	4.8
Avg. length of stay (days)	8.44	7.83	-7.2
PPPD (\$)	245.4	280.4	14.3

Source: Hawaii Dept. of Business, Economic Development & Tourism

### **Visitor Arrivals by Major Markets (by air only), April 2026**



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