



HAWAII

Gross State Product: \$94 billion | 5G Welcome: YES



What did Hawaii do right?

The state has no laws restricting drone activity and permits testing of self-driving vehicles with minimal restrictions. It also boasts nearly 28 tech jobs per 1,000 people and has a healthy number of apprenticeship graduates relative to its population.



What can Hawaii do better?

It can ease its restrictions on short-term rentals, which have increased significantly under a recent law that bans them outside of resort zones. The state can also encourage small businesses to create more jobs.

Technology

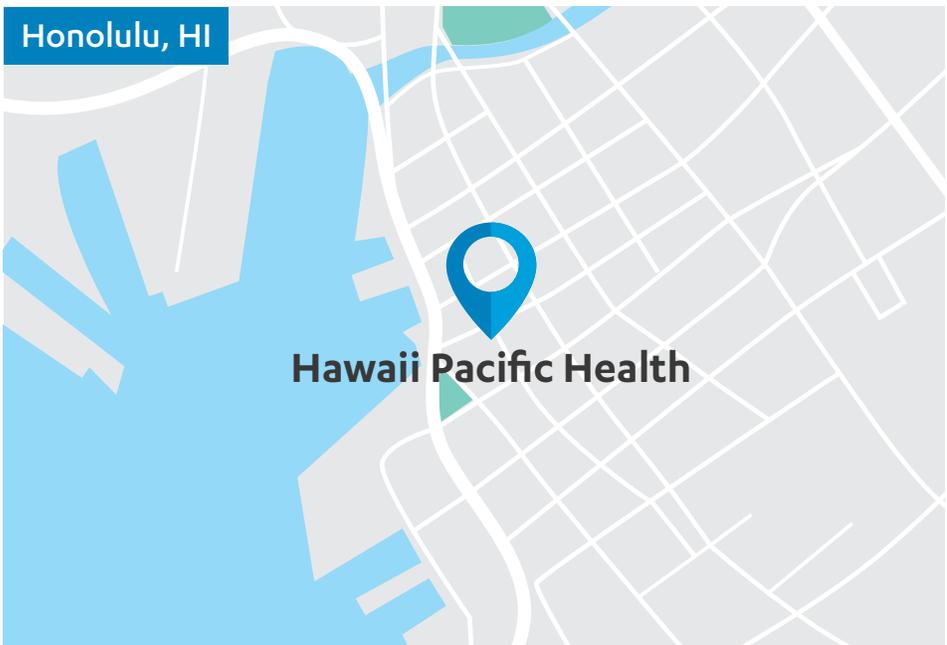
Short-Term Rentals	D-
Ridesharing & E-Scooters	C-
Self-Driving Vehicles	A
Drones	A
Fast Internet	A+

Society

Best & Brightest	C
Grants Advanced Degrees	B
Tech Workforce	A-
Innovation-Friendly Sustainability Policies	B-

Economy

Attracts Investment	F
Entrepreneurial Activity	D+
Tax Friendly	C+



The Honolulu-based nonprofit healthcare system Hawaii Pacific Health helps military veterans as they transition into the civilian workforce, providing them with job search assistance and other tools that enable them to find new careers that follow from their military occupations.



Areas of Innovation

CTA's Innovation Scorecard is formulated using a range of complementary factors that indicates how strongly a state supports innovation. These factors may relate to a state's citizens, corporations doing business or employing people there or a state's legislative and regulatory environments.



Fast Internet

It has policies in place to welcome 5G connectivity and 92% of its households have moderate-speed broadband.



Tech Workforce

The state has approximately 37 tech jobs per 1,000 people and reported 831 apprenticeship graduates in recent data.



Drones

The state has no laws restricting drone activity.



Self-Driving Vehicles

SDV testing and operation are both permitted on public roads.



Grants Advanced Degrees

More than 10% of people over age 25 hold an advanced degree.



Innovation-Friendly Sustainability Policies

The state's electronics recycling law has voluntary programs for some manufacturers, although it has strict requirements for others.

ABOUT THE SCORECARD

CTA's 2020 U.S. Innovation Scorecard grades every state on 12 quantitative and qualitative criteria that measure how well it fosters innovation.

Each state ranks in one of four tiers: Innovation Champions excel in almost all areas, followed by Innovation Leaders, which earn high scores in most. Innovation Adopters promote innovation in some areas but not others. Finally, Modest Innovators may support innovation in one or more areas, but they show the greatest room for improvement.

Learn more about the Scorecard and its methodology on the web at CTA.tech/scorecard.

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