Travel plays an essential role in stimulating economic growth, cultivating vibrant communities, creating quality job opportunities and inspiring new businesses, and it is indispensable to our nation’s global competitiveness.

Travel is a significant economic driver for Delaware—and matters to our communities, jobs and public funding.

- Domestic and international travelers spent an estimated $2.3 billion while visiting Delaware.
- Travel spending was 7.8% below 2019 levels and 13.2% above 2021.

The travel industry fuels businesses, jobs and investment beyond travel—creating a ripple effect within our communities, including Delaware.

- Travel spending directly supported 17,900 jobs, and was the state’s 9th largest sector in terms of employment.
- Travel spending generated $84 million in taxes to state and local governments.
- Rather than taxing constituents, travel brings money into our communities, which helps fund public programs such as police, firefighters, teachers, road improvements and community revitalization projects.

### When the Travel Industry Thrives, America Thrives.

#### 2022 National Data

- **$1.2 Trillion** in Travel Spending
- **$2.6 Trillion** in Economic Output
- **$86 Billion** from a peak in 2015
- **$1,270** in taxes per U.S. household

The travel industry directly employs **8 Million** American workers.

### 2022 National Data

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*Preliminary

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