

# Travel will power our economic recovery. Why travel matters to

# UTAH

STATE	SPENDING	PAYROLL	JOBS	TRAVEL INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT RANKING
2019	\$10.5 Billion	\$3.3 Billion	88,763	7
2020	▼ -29%	▼ -28%	▼ -30%	▼ 9
2021	▼ 0.4% Below 2019 Levels			

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the thriving travel and tourism industry was a significant economic driver in **UTAH**. In 2019:

- Domestic and international travelers spent **\$10.5 billion** while visiting.
- For every **\$1 million** spent in Utah by domestic and international travelers, **8.4 jobs were created**.
- Travel spending directly supported **88,763 jobs**, making the travel industry the state's **7th largest workforce**, representing **6.9%** of our state's total private sector employment.
- Travel spending generated **\$1.5 billion in taxes to state and local governments**, which help fund jobs and public programs such as police, firefighters, teachers, road projects and convention centers.

In 2020 and 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic led to historic declines in travel to **UTAH** and caused severe economic harm to our attractions, hotels, restaurants and more.

- Spending by domestic and international travelers **declined 29% in 2020**, shuttering many local businesses and putting our residents out of work. **Spending remained 0.4% below 2019 levels in 2021**.
- **Travel employment fell by 30% in 2020** and travel's share of total private industry employment fell from **6.9% to 4.9%**.

SOURCE: U.S. Travel Association, Tourism Economics

## TRAVEL REMAINS THE HARDEST-HIT INDUSTRY, WITH AN UNEVEN RECOVERY ACROSS ALL SECTORS.

