

Travel will power our economic recovery. Why travel matters to SOUTH CAROLINA

STATE	SPENDING	PAYROLL	JOBS	TRAVEL INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT RANKING	TAX RECEIPTS
2019	\$16.9 Billion	\$3.9 Billion	139,074	5	\$2.3 Billion
2020	▼ -35%				▼ -28%

In **South Carolina**, as our attractions, hotels, restaurants and more were unable to welcome visitors, our once thriving travel and tourism industry was no longer the significant economic driver it had been.

In 2019:

- Domestic and international travelers spent **\$16.9 billion** exploring our state
- For every **\$1 million** spent in South Carolina by domestic and international travelers, **8.2 jobs are created**
- The **139,074 travel-supported jobs** represented **7.8% of South Carolina's total private industry employment**, without which our **unemployment rate of 2.8%** would have been **10.4% of the labor force**
- Travel spending generated **\$2.3 billion to federal, state and local governments**, which help fund jobs and public programs such as police, firefighters, teachers, road projects and convention centers

South Carolina experienced severe losses in 2020.

- Spending by domestic and international travelers **declined by 35%**, shuttering many local businesses and putting our residents out of work
- Due to the decline in spending, **federal, state and local tax receipts declined by 28%**, jeopardizing jobs and public programs—which we need more than ever as we work toward recovery

FROM COAST-TO-COAST, THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS DECIMATED THE NATIONAL TRAVEL INDUSTRY.

2020 SPENDING: \$680.3 BILLION	▼ 42%	2019 SPENDING: \$1.2 TRILLION
2020 TOTAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT: \$1.5 TRILLION	▼ 42%	2019 ECONOMIC OUTPUT: \$2.6 TRILLION
2020 TOTAL JOBS: 11 MILLION	▼ 34%	2019 TOTAL JOBS: 17 MILLION

Travel will refuel our economy, rebuild our workforce, and reconnect Americans.

Support **TRAVEL** • Support **RECOVERY** • Support **JOBS**