TRAVEL IS AN ECONOMIC ENGINE
Why Travel Matters to North Dakota

TRAVEL AND TOURISM WORKS FOR NORTH DAKOTA

- Domestic and international travelers to North Dakota spent $3.1 billion in 2018 and generated $551.5 million to federal, state and local governments, dollars that help fund jobs and public programs such as police, firefighters, teachers, road projects and convention centers.
- The 27,330 jobs created by travelers to North Dakota in 2018 represent 7.9% of the state’s total private industry employment.
- Without these jobs generated by domestic and international travel, North Dakota’s 2018 unemployment rate of 2.8% would have been 9.6% of the labor force.
- For every $1 million spent in North Dakota by domestic and international travelers, 8.9 jobs are created.

TRAVEL AND TOURISM IS CRITICAL TO THE U.S. ECONOMY

- $1.1 trillion in travel spending
- 9 million jobs
- $277 billion in payroll
- $180 billion in tax revenue. Each household will pay $1,398 additional taxes per year without the tax revenue from travel
- $2 industry export
  - $255 billion in travel exports, generating a $59 billion trade surplus
- $155 billion in travel spending by international visitors in the U.S.
- $2.6 trillion in U.S. economic output
- 1 in 10 U.S. non-farm jobs supported by travel
- 15.8 million American jobs

1. Out of 20 industries by 2-digit NAICS code
2. Includes travel spending (international visitors spending on travel-related goods and services in the U.S.), international passenger fares on U.S. carriers and all spending for educational and health-related purposes (such as tuition, room and board paid for or provided by educational institutions, hospital charges, treatments, physicians’ fees, etc.) made by students and medical patients, along with all expenditures by border, seasonal, and other short-term workers.