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

STATE SPENDING PAYROLL JOBS TRAVEL INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT RANKING TAX RECEIPTS
2019 $22.4 Billion $6.0 Billion 144,694 8 $3.0 Billion
2020 ▼ -45%

In Washington, 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 $22.4 billion exploring our state
- For every $1 million spent in Washington by domestic and international travelers, 6.5 jobs are created
- The 144,694 travel-supported jobs represented 5.0% of Washington's total private industry employment, without which our unemployment rate of 4.1% would have been 8.9% of the labor force
- Travel spending generated $3.0 million to federal, state and local governments, which help fund jobs and public programs such as police, firefighters, teachers, road projects and convention centers


- Spending by domestic and international travelers declined by 45%, 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 37%, 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 2019 SPENDING: $1.2 TRILLION
2020 TOTAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT: $1.5 TRILLION 2019 ECONOMIC OUTPUT: $2.6 TRILLION
2020 TOTAL JOBS: 11 MILLION 2019 TOTAL JOBS: 17 MILLION

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

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