

TRAVEL FUELS OUR ECONOMY. WHY TRAVEL IS **ESSENTIAL** TO

# WEST VIRGINIA

YEAR	TRAVEL SPENDING	STATE AND LOCAL TAX RECEIPTS	JOBS	TRAVEL INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT RANKING
2019	\$4.5 Billion	\$360 Million	39,800	4
2020	\$3.0 Billion	\$245 Million	24,400	7
2021	\$3.5 Billion	\$257 Million	27,200	7
2022*	\$4.1 Billion			

SOURCE: U.S. Travel Association and Tourism Economics

\*Preliminary

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 **West Virginia**—and matters to our communities, jobs and public funding.

IN 2022

- Domestic and international travelers spent an estimated **\$4.1 billion while visiting West Virginia**.
- Travel spending was 8.0% below 2019 levels and 18.3% above 2021.

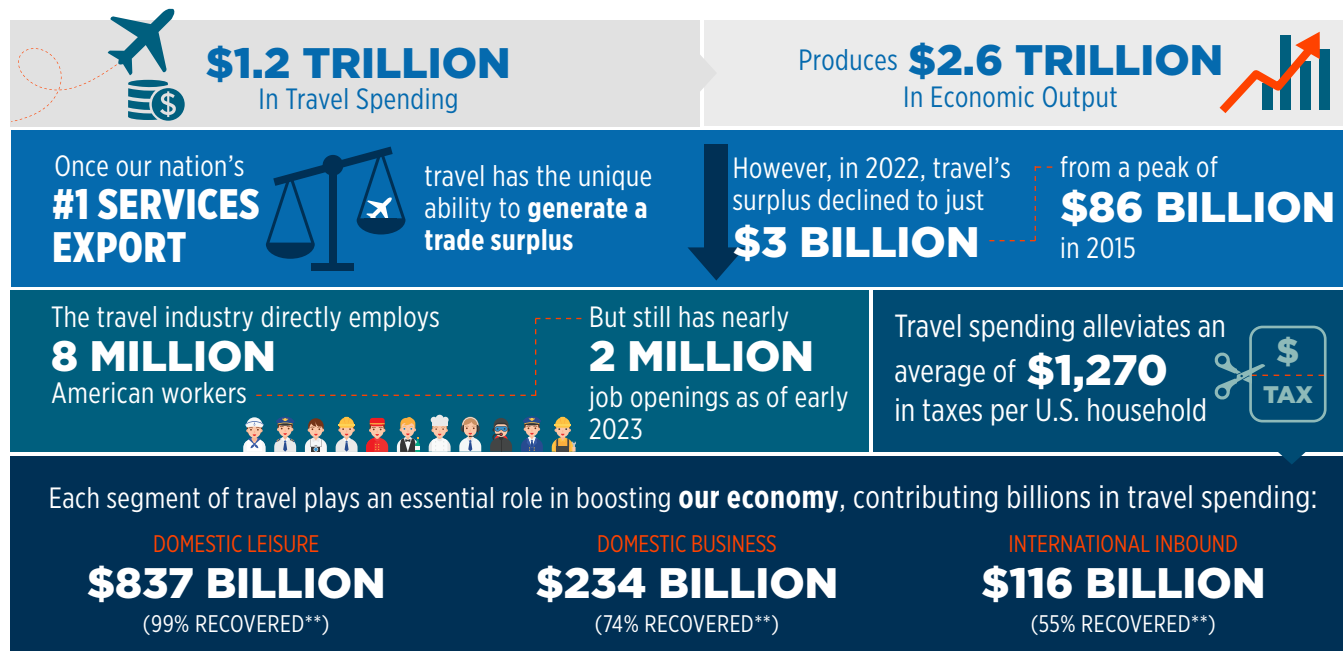
The travel industry **fuels businesses, jobs and investment beyond travel**—creating a ripple effect within our communities, including **West Virginia**.

IN 2019

- Travel spending directly **supported 39,800 jobs**, and was the **state's 4<sup>th</sup> largest sector in terms of employment**.
- Travel spending **generated \$360 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



\*\*Percent recovered is adjusted for inflation