

2016 MAINE TOURISM HIGHLIGHTS



BY THE NUMBERS

- Tourism is one of Maine's largest industries, supporting a total of 105,957 jobs, about 16% of employment in the state (1 out of every 6 jobs). That's greater than the populations of Portland and Bangor combined.
- Travel contributed more than \$2.5 billion to Maine households.
- If traveler spending in Maine dropped by 15%, the average Maine household would see an increase of approximately \$160 in taxes to maintain government services at current levels.
- A 10% increase in overnight visitation to Maine in the next year would provide \$453 million in direct expenditures.
- Total direct expenditures for tourism in 2016 equaled nearly \$6 billion, which equates to \$16 million per day, \$683,731 per hour, \$11,396 per minute, and \$190 per second.



MAINE OVERNIGHT VISITORS

- Direct spending on tourism-related trips by overnight visitors to Maine totaled over \$4.5 billion in 2016.
- Overnight spending on tourism generated over \$450 million in tax revenue.
- Nearly 19 million visitors spent one or more nights in Maine on tourism-related trips in 2016.



MAINE DAY VISITORS

- Non-resident, tourism-related day travelers to Maine accounted for more than \$1.4 billion in direct expenditures during 2016.
- Non-resident day visitor spending generated \$145 million in tax revenue for Maine.
- Maine hosted nearly 17 million non-resident day visitors in 2016.



MAINE CANADIAN VISITORS

- In 2016, Canadian visitors spent more than \$975 million in Maine.
- Canadian visitors were responsible for one-fifth of all tourism-related retail expenditures in the state, spending \$337 million.
- Canadian day and overnight visitation to Maine in 2016 accounted for nearly 4.5 million visitors.



MAINE FIRST-TIME VISITORS

- Overnight first-time visitors spend, on average, nearly \$165 more on their trips to Maine than do repeat overnight visitors.
- First-time visitor spending generated more than \$117 million in tax revenue for Maine.
- Maine hosted more than 5 million first-time visitors in 2016.

TOTAL VISITATION

	2015	2016	Pct. Chang
Visitation	33,853,851	35,810,568	5.8%
Source: Davidson-Pe	terson Associates		

DIRECT TOURISM EXPENDITURES

	2015	2016	Pct. Chang
Retail Sales\$	1,478,307,803	\$1,527,493,109	3.3%
Restaurant/Food\$	1,505,910,031	\$1,567,874,62°	1 4.1%
Transportation\$	46,593,287	\$ 48,832,750	4.8%
Gasoline\$	463,985,391	\$ 459,877,857	-0.9%
Lodging\$	1,645,071,621	\$1,817,710,496	6 10.5%
Recreation \$	505,656,269	\$ 567,692,496	12.3%
Total\$	5,645,524,402	\$5,989,481,32	9 6.1%

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TOURISM

	2015	2016	Pct. Change
Total Sales\$8	,294,177,528	\$8,865,540,80	6 6.9%
Jobs Supported	98,932	105,957	7.1%
Total Earnings \$2,	389,270,199	\$2,557,072,114	7.0%
Total Taxes* \$	554,701,633	\$ 596,441,775	7.5%

Also note: These calculations do not include resident day visitor spending For the purpose of economic impact calculations, visitors are defined as:

• Out-of-state day visitors on tourism-related trips



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