

The Importance of Hospitality and Tourism to Minnesota's Economy

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"Tourism is the number one service that we export. Number one. And that means jobs." – President Barack Obama

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Spending by international visitors = U.S. Travel Export Spending by U.S. residents abroad = U.S. Travel Import

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Since travel exports are greater than travel imports, the U.S. enjoys a strong travel surplus, which helps curb our overall trade deficit.

Exports include general travel spending, as well as spending on education, health, cross-border work and international passenger fares.

Minnesota's Leisure and Hospitality Industry

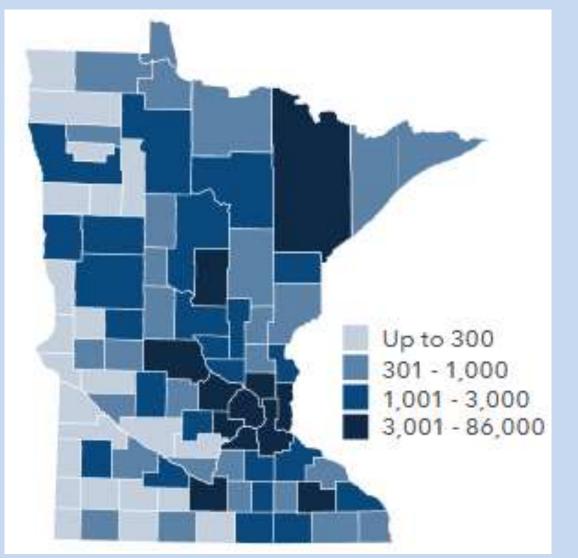
- Gross Sales \$15.3 billion in 2017
 - From 2007 to 2017, gross sales grew 46%, compared with 30% for all other industries
- State sales taxes \$996 million in 2017
 18% of total general state sales tax
- Jobs 270,000 in 2017
 - 11% of total private sector employment

2017 Annual Minnesota Sales Tax Statistics For the Leisure and Hospitality Industry Minnesota Total, Tourism Regions, and Counties #ONLYMMNE

Minnesota Total

	Establishments	Gross Sales	Taxable Sales	Sales Tax	Total Tax
NAIC S Industry					
711 Performing Arts, Spectator Sports	3,328	613,273,723	486,613,994	33,691,281	34,552,071
712 Museums, Historical Sites, Zoos, Etc.	194	44,084,048	33,394,653	2,306,337	2,348,864
713 Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation	2,484	2,152,953,090	1,740,084,954	120,111,937	121,630,192
721 Accommodation	2,545	2,509,877,176	2,256,535,963	157,458,308	159,203,428
722 Food Services and Drinking Places	11,886	10,000,831,617	9,406,411,991	682,301,950	689,818,321
Leisure and Hospitality Total (sum of 700 thru 722)	20,437	15,321,019,654	13,923,041,555	995,869,813	1,007,552,876
All Other Industries	145,573	345,154,375,185	65,823,124,538	4,601,519,688	4,957,619,129
Total, All Industries	166,010	360,475,394,839	79,746,166,093	5,597,389,501	5,965,172,005

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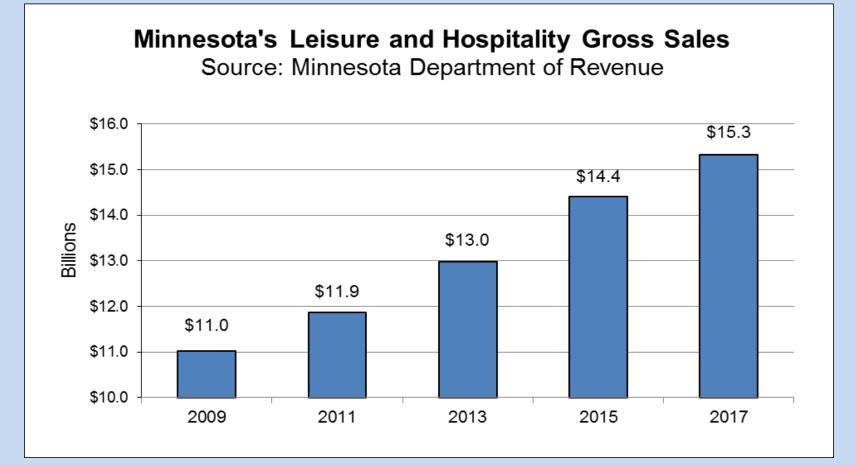


Minnesota Leisure & Hospitality Jobs by County, 2017

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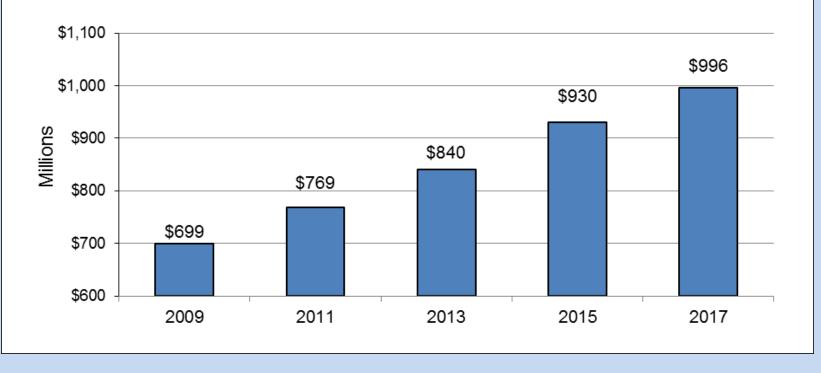
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Explore Minnesota Tourism

- Mission: To promote and facilitate travel to and within the State of Minnesota
- Budget: Approximately \$14 million from State General Fund
- Approx 40 full time staff, plus seasonal at welcome centers
- Regional managers provide industry outreach
- Services under contract Ad agency, HR, IT, etc.

Constituencies

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- Consumers
- Legislators
- Taxpayers
- Tourism industry

Industry & Consumer Research

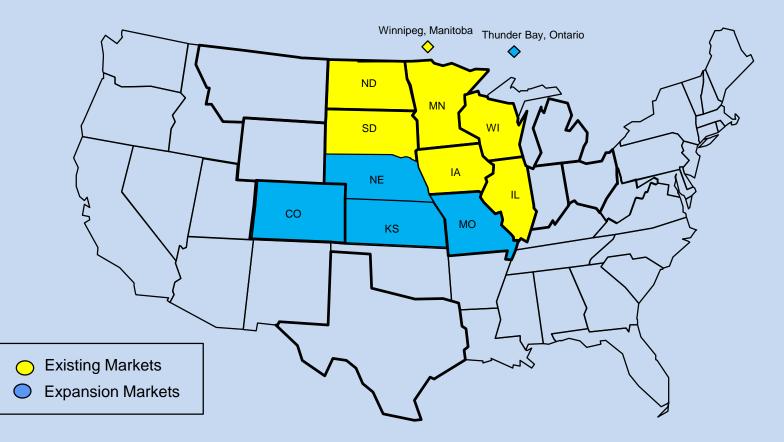
- Gauge ad effectiveness
- Survey industry trends
- Feedback on specific topics
- Gather economic data
- Create traveler profiles
- Drive/confirm marketing decisions

2018 Media Markets

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The Halo Effect

The Power Combination of Tourism Marketing and Visitation

"Tourism functions as the front door for economic development; if Minnesota is successful in attracting visitors to the state, those people view Minnesota more favorably as a place to live, work, start a business, attend college, purchase a vacation home and retire." - Longwoods International





The Impact of Visitation on Economic Development

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New Minnesota Ad Campaign

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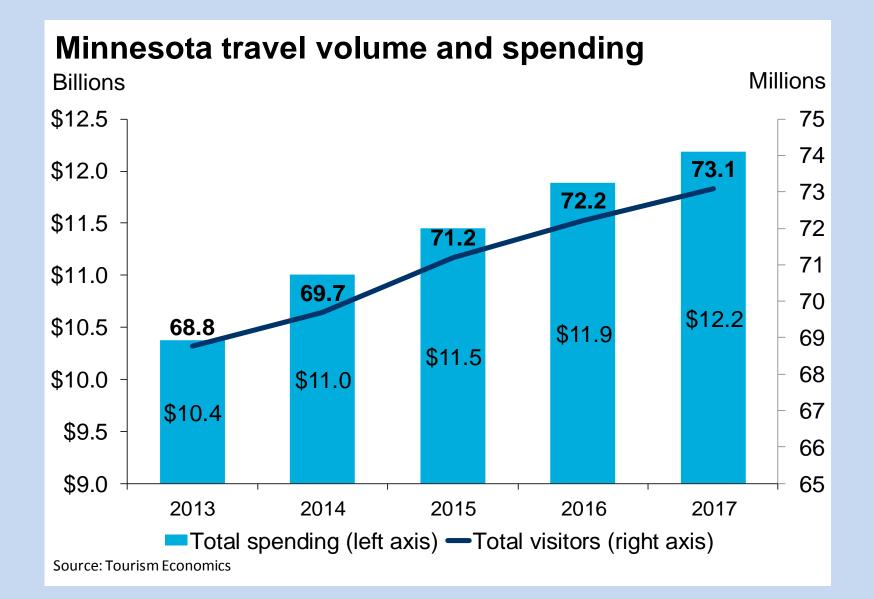
International Usage

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Adventure lives in TRUE NORTH USA

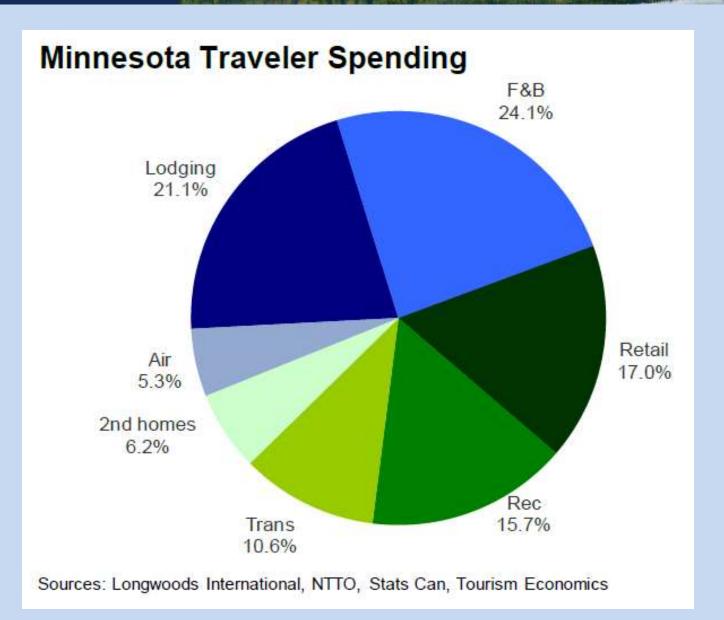
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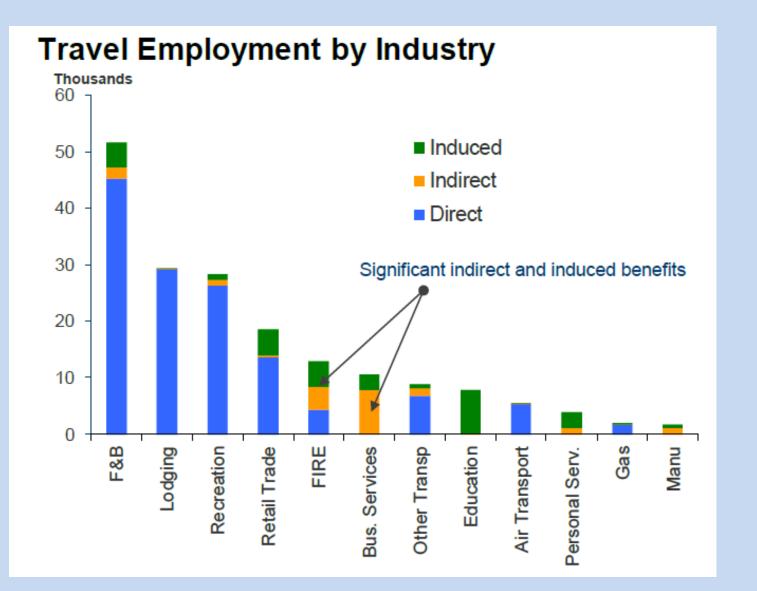
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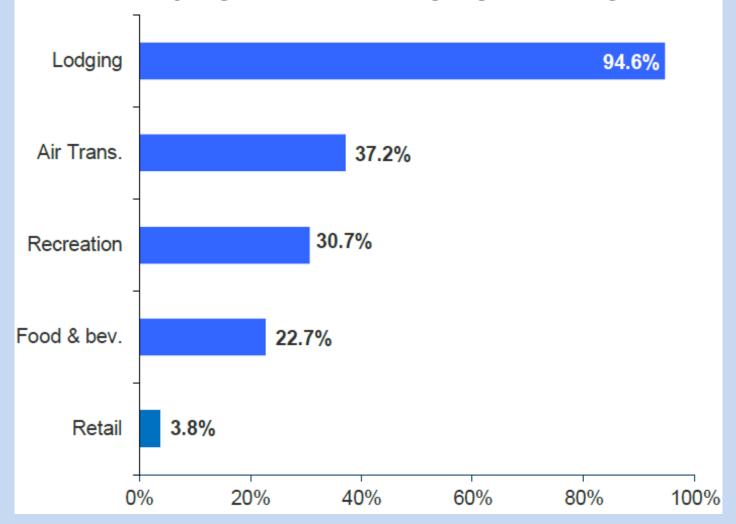
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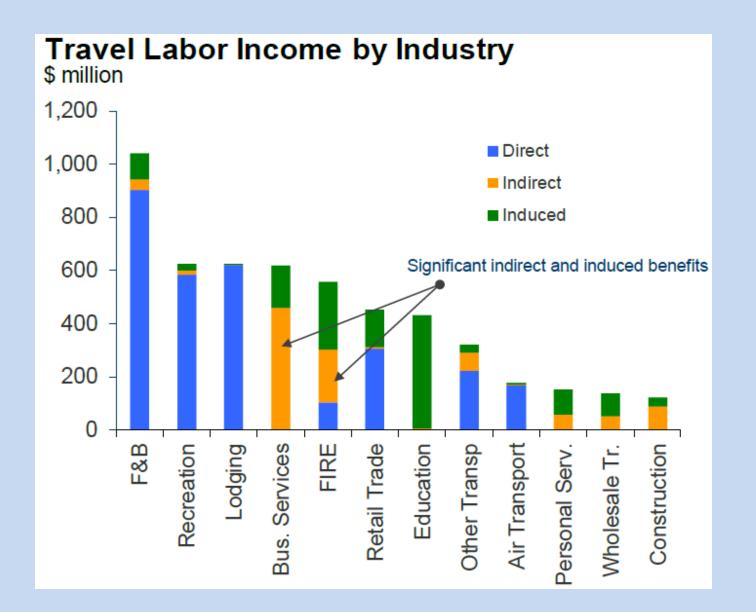
Travel Employment Intensity by Industry

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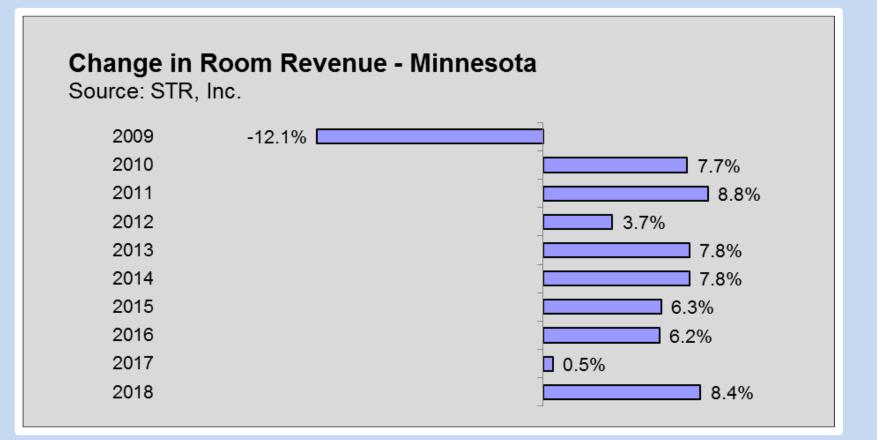
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Local Government Revenues							
(US\$ Million)							
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		Induced					
State Tax Subtotal	539.5	262.0	801.5				
Corporate	19.4	25.3	44.8				
Personal Income	88.8	83.1	171.9				
Sales	369.9	127.1	497.0				
Lodging	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Property	27.9	9.6	37.5				
Excise and Fees	27.5	11.6	39.1				
State Unemployment	6.0	5.3	11.3				
Local Tax Subtotal	347.8	<u>195.1</u>	542.9				
Corporate	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Personal Income	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Sales	11.4	3.9	15.3				
Lodging	0.0	68.9	68.9				
Property	251.8	86.5	338.3				
Excise and Fees	84.6	35.9	120.5				
State Unemployment	0.0	0.0	0.0				

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Hotel Performance

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Travel jobs provide millions of Americans with a gateway to a promising career and the opportunity to join America's middle class.



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A Better Start: Workers Who Begin in Travel Ultimately Acheive Higher Wages in Their Careers

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Source: U.S. Travel Association estimates based on U.S. Department of Labor, 2015 data



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Real World Economics: Minnesota's labor shortage cuts both ways

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By EDWARD LOTTERMAN | elotterman@pioneerpress.com PUBLISHED: December 3, 2016 at 4:39 pm | UPDATED: December 5, 2016 at 10:29 am

Minnesota's "official" unemployment rate remains at 4 percent, a full point below the national rate. That is on a "seasonally adjusted" basis that smooths out such one-off factors as students working in summer or seasonal retail temps in the weeks before Christmas.



Wanted: Workers to fill Rochester's growing labor shortage

Catharine Richert · Rochester, Minn. · Dec 1, 2016

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Beverly Babcock, left, an instructor at the Career and Technical Education Center in Rochester. Hospitality is just one of of the programs offered at the newly constructed school to offer students career preparation classes. *Jerry Olson for MPR News*

BUSINESS

Schafer: In Cook County, simple pleasures suffer from a lack of help

Employers have tried just about every common-sense idea to get and keep people, leaning particularly hard on the option of importing them from abroad.

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It's time for "hygge" in the tourist area of Cook County at the tip of northeastern Minnesota.

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If this is a new term for you, too, it comes from the Danes and defines the concept of quietly enjoying a simple pleasure, maybe a cup of good coffee in front of a warm fire. It's what the Cook County tourism industry is selling now, since the snow hasn't yet materialized for skiers.

Now, if only a few more employees were still around to help make the beds for visitors who want to enjoy a little hygge in the area.

While labor markets are tight across much of Minnesota, the worker shortage is acute in Cook County. Employers have tried just about every common-sense idea to get and keep people, leaning particularly hard on the option of importing them from abroad.

The biggest problem with those workers, though, is that they can't stay in the country long enough. That the hospitality industry has lobbied for eased restrictions on foreign workers says a lot about the ineffectiveness of more conventional strategies.



Thank you!

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