

CREATING MEANINGFUL JOBS, DRIVING ECONOMIC GROWTH



TOURISM PERFORMS

On March 3, 2016 Oregon lawmakers passed HB4146, increasing the state transient lodging tax from 1 to 1.8 percent for four years effective July 1, 2016 and then effective July 1, 2020 reduces the state transient lodging tax from 1.8 to 1.5 percent. Thanks to the passage of HB4146, Oregon's annual marketing budget is now ranked 14th in the nation. Before the passage of the 2003 Oregon Tourism Investment Proposal, Oregon's annual marketing budget ranked 47th in the nation. The legislation directs 20 percent of the state transient lodging tax to a Regional Cooperative Tourism Program and 10 percent of the state transient lodging tax to a competitive grants program.

SUPPORT TOURISM, SUPPORT OREGON

In 2003, Oregon faced one of its highest unemployment rates in history. Eager to create new opportunities for Oregonians, the Oregon Tourism Investment Proposal was created, enacted and signed into law. The bill made tourism and hospitality a pillar of Oregon's economy by reinvesting 1% of lodging revenue back into tourism development and marketing. Visitors generate significant spending, lawmakers reasoned, and businesses may look to relocate to Oregon after executives vacation here. With proper support, they believed tourism could be a powerful tool to bolster the state's flagging economy.

THE INVESTMENT IS PAYING OFF:

Tourism and hospitality industry members in every region of the state collaborate on dozens of strategic marketing programs each year funded by Oregon's Tourism Investment. These efforts brought more than 28 million overnight visitors to Oregon in 2017—for an average stay of four nights.

Continued dedication to the state's tourism industry will keep this powerful economic engine running strong.

	IN 2003	IN 2017	CHANGE
Direct Employment			
84,500 jobs		112,200	+33%
Employee Earnings			
\$1.7 billion		\$3.3 billion	+94%
Visitor Spending			
\$6.5 billion		\$11.8 billion	+82%
Taxes (State/Local)			
\$246 million		\$539 million	+119%

\$1 SPENT ON STATE MARKETING =
*\$237 in visitor spending**

\$1 SPENT ON STATE MARKETING =
*\$11 in state and local tax revenue**

Visitor spending reached more than \$11.8 billion in 2017 generating \$3.3 billion in employee earnings.

*Advertising Accountability Study, Longwoods International, 2014 Results for 2012-2013 campaigns

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**TOURISM JOBS
PROVIDE VIBRANT
CAREER PATHS
FOR GOOD JOBS
NOW, REWARDING
CAREERS LATER**

Tourism jobs provide a training ground for Oregon's future workforce, enabling younger workers to demonstrate a professional work ethic and to build good work habits.

Tourism jobs provide flexibility for seniors, parents, students and other workers.

Tourism jobs are often small business jobs connected to the communities they serve, all over the state.



"My husband and I own Little Creek Outfitters, based in Maupin and bring close to 180 people annually to the local area where they fish, shop, stay in hotels and eat at restaurants. Visitors are mesmerized by the rim rock canyons, the smell of juniper and the solitude experienced on the Deschutes and John Day River. These experiences connect visitors with something greater than themselves, giving people an understanding of the value of public lands, while supporting a major component of Oregon's rural economy. Public lands are a boon for those who travel from across the country and world to enjoy them, as well as those who call these places home."

MIA SHEPPARD

*Owner, Little Creek Outfitters & Guide
Maupin, Oregon*



"I began my career as an assistant housekeeper and worked my way up to a satisfying career in the hospitality and tourism industry. I'm now the General Manager of the Jupiter Hotel in Portland and I know firsthand the opportunities that exist for rewarding careers within the tourism industry. I currently oversee 27 employees and help them strive to be everything they can be in the fulfilling travel and tourism industry."

AL MUNGUA

*General Manager, Jupiter Hotel
Portland, Oregon*



"In Yachats, tides and visitors flow in and out. The visitors helps us create living-wage jobs and grow a business, enriching the flavors of place. Some guests have been coming here for generations and some are discovering Yachats for the very first time. The economic impact flowing into our community helps us to build a resilient and abundant community, and to share the taste of Yachats with a wide range of visitors and locals alike."

NATHAN BERNARD

*Owner, Yachats Brewing
Yachats, Oregon*



"It's very clear that Travel Oregon awakens such wanderlust, that people all over the world feel compelled to come and see it for themselves. Essentially, Travel Oregon is in the business of turning inspiration into experience. And these experiences translate into economic boon."

KATE BROWN
Governor of Oregon

"Tourism is a job creator on its own, but it's also essentially the front door to the rest of the economy."

DUNCAN WYSE
President, Oregon Business Council

Tourism directly generates more than 112,000 jobs in Oregon — with secondary impacts that create another 58,250 jobs in food services, construction, manufacturing, transportation and other sectors.*

TOURISM BENEFITS RURAL ECONOMICS

Tourism jobs are crucial for economic growth, especially in rural counties:

- Tourism is one of the three largest industries for employment in rural counties
- Oregon's ten most tourism-dependent counties are rural
- Tourism provides the jobs necessary to support rural economies in transition. In some rural areas, tourism jobs provide the means to diversify local economies

*Dean Runyan, Oregon Travel Impacts, 2018 Results for 2017

MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT & REVENUE FOR ALL OF OREGON

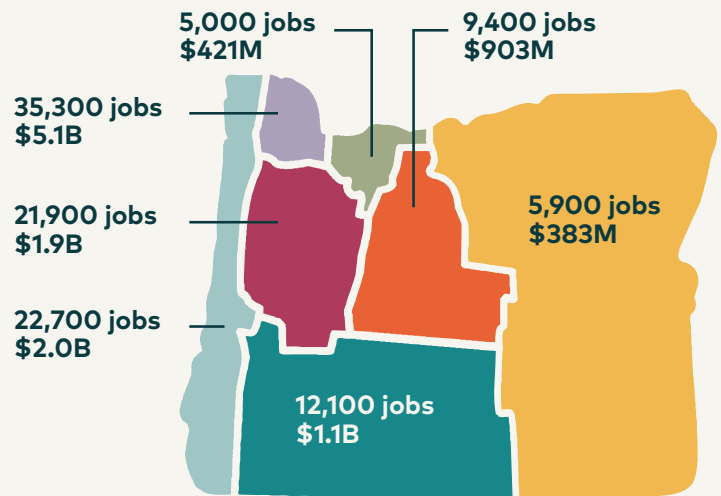




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TOURISM BOOSTS OREGON BUSINESS

Travel Oregon is one of the most visible manifestations—nationally and internationally—of the Oregon brand. The positive associations of Oregon established by the brand benefit businesses and agencies beyond hospitality, including:

HIGH TECH, MANUFACTURING & OTHER INDUSTRIES

Vacationing executives consider relocating businesses to Oregon for its outdoor lifestyle and the overall quality of life that the Oregon brand espouses.

AGRICULTURE

Oregon’s thriving culinary and agri-tourism industry boosts the profile of Oregon seafood, produce, wine, beer and spirits, stimulating national and international sales.

STATE PARKS/MARINE BOARD/FISH & WILDLIFE

More visitors are drawn to take advantage of Oregon’s great natural resources, populating more campsites and buying more boating, fishing and hunting tags.

Tourism is vital to our state’s economy. It provides jobs, fuels small business development and generates revenue in every corner of the state. The tourism and hospitality industry is Oregon’s largest traded sector employer and a leading contributor to our gross state product. With Travel Oregon investing collaboratively and strategically with businesses and organizations across the state, the Oregon brand will continue to contribute to the state’s economic well-being for many years to come.



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