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# THE MONTANA TRAVEL INDUSTRY 2021 DATA

## VISITOR NUMBERS ARE HOLDING STEADY AND VISITOR SPENDING HAS INCREASED



**12.5 MILLION VISITORS SPENT \$5.15 BILLION**

### WHEN are visitors coming to Montana?



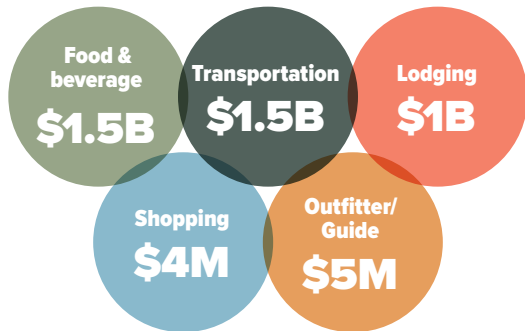
### HOW LONG are visitors staying?

Visitors to Montana spend AN AVERAGE OF 5 NIGHTS



### HOW MUCH are visitors spending?

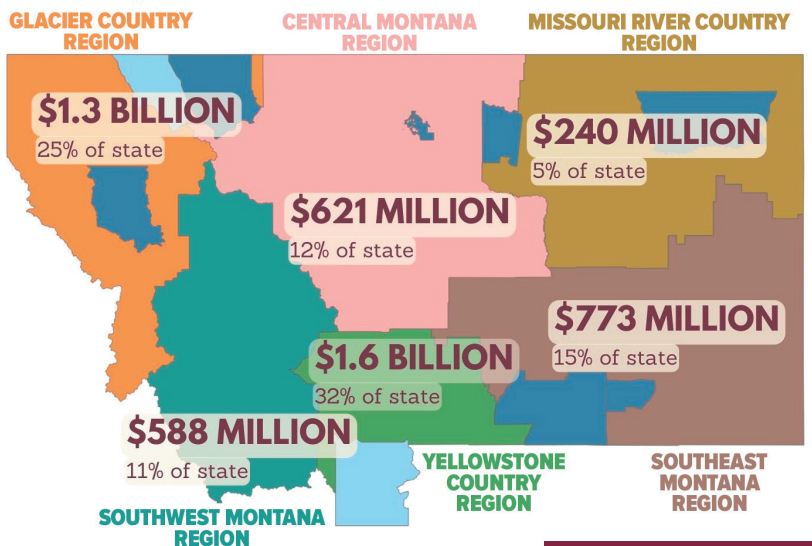
VISITORS SPEND \$177/DAY



### Visitor Spending

47,810 Jobs Supported	1-IN-9 MONTANA WORKERS is supported by out-of-state travel	\$1.3B Employee Compensation (Direct)
\$388M State & Local Taxes		\$4.4B Industry Output (Direct)
<b>TOURISM REDUCES THE AVERAGE TAX BURDEN on every Montana household BY OVER \$866</b>		

### Regional Travel Spending



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## WHY are visitors coming to Montana?

40% of travelers to Montana indicated **VACATION | RECREATION | PLEASURE** as their main purpose for their visit



79% OF RESPONDENTS HAD VISITED MONTANA BEFORE

Over 60% of repeat visitors had previously visited Montana **MORE THAN 5X AS AN ADULT**

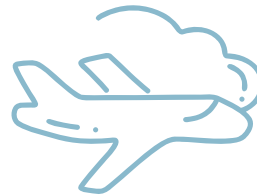
Montana's outdoor recreation economy **GREW NEARLY 30%**



Montana's state parks recorded **MORE THAN 3.4 MILLION VISITORS**



## Nonresident travel supports expanded air service



Air travel has increased **12%** over the past five years

Montana's four busiest airports combined offer **66 DIRECT FLIGHTS TO U.S. CITIES**



## Supporting Entrepreneurs



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