

TOURISM ASSOCIATION

As the fourth-largest industry in our state, tourism is a consistent, multi-billion dollar producer for Mississippi. Tourism also develops communities that aren't just attractive to visitors, but also to residents and potential residents. A nice place to visit is a nice place to live and work. It all starts with a visit.



The tourism industry in Mississippi is stronger than ever, and the demand for travel to our state continues to be robust. Statistics indicate that, on average, approximately \$31.6 million was spent every day of 2023 by Mississippi visitors.

With 2.9 million residents in the state and 43.7 million visitors annually, which equates to roughly 15 visitors to every one Mississippian.

If all 133,880 tourism-supported employees were in one place, it would be enough to fill the University of Mississippi's football stadium two times.

The \$1.1 billion in state and local tax revenue generated would be enough to pay the salaries of nearly 25,000 police officers, which is three times more than the current police force in Mississippi

Source: Visit Mississippi 2023 Economic Contribution Report by Tourism Economics



Visitors

"The impact of tourism goes beyond numbers. Visitors to Mississippi create unforgettable experiences as they explore the state's history and culture, iconic art and music, beloved culinary traditions, picturesque towns and natural beauty." **Governor Tate Reeves** How does tourism impact TATE **County?**



In 2023, visitor spending in the county totaled \$45.1 million. This breaks down to:

- \$5.2 million in Lodging
- \$8.3 million in Food & Beverage
- \$5.8 million in Recreation
- \$6.3 million in Retail
- \$3.5 million in Transportation

438 employees were directly related to the tourism industry, and 162 were indirected related. Combined, there are 600 jobs supported by the county's tourism economy.

These tourism employees made a total of \$14.3 million in income.



State and local taxes generated in the county: