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Georgia Tourism by the Numbers: 2018



Domestic Visitors <sup>1</sup>	<b>110.3 million</b> (+2.4% YoY)
International Visitors <sup>2</sup>	<b>1.4 million</b> (+1.4% YoY)
Visitor Spending <sup>3</sup> (Domestic and International)	<b>\$36.9 billion</b> (+4.3% YoY)
Total Tourism Economic Impact <sup>3</sup>	<b>\$66.3 billion</b> (+4.8% YoY)
Total State and Local Tax Revenues Generated <sup>3</sup>	<b>\$3.4 billion</b> (+3.6% YoY)
Additional Taxes to Replace Tourism <sup>3</sup>	<b>\$916 per household</b> (+3.5% YoY)
Total Jobs Supported <sup>3</sup>	<b>478,000</b> (+2.7% YoY; 7.7% of all employment)
Tourism Product Development Grants <sup>4</sup>	27 grants equaling nearly \$160,000
Unemployent Impact <sup>3,5</sup>	In 2018, the unemployment rate in Georgia was <b>3.9%</b> . Without the jobs supported by the tourism industry, it would have been <b>10.0%</b> .
Tourism Sentiment Score <sup>6</sup>	<ul> <li>47 (+6 points YoY) Georgia's tourism industry raises the global perception of the state by 38%. 51% of online conversations about tourism in Georgia are positive, while only 4% are negative.</li> <li>43% of the online conversations about the state in general are positive, while 9% are negative.</li> </ul>

## Sources:

- 1) Georgia YE 2018 Visitor Profile, D.K. Shifflet & Associates
- 2) International States Travel Database, Tourism Economics
- 3) 2018 Tourism Satellite Account, Tourism Economics & US. Travel Association
- 4) Georgia Department of Economic Development
- 5) Local Area Unemployment Statistics, U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics
- 6) 2018 Georgia Tourism Sentiment Index, Destination Think!

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