



National Park Service-Visitor Spending Effects 2021 Economic Contributions-Top 10 Parks

Rank	Park	State(s)	Total Recreational Visits
1	Blue Ridge Parkway	NC/VA	15,948,148
2	Great Smoky Mtns NP	NC/TN	14,161,548
3	Golden Gate NRA	CA	13,712,614
4	Gateway NRA	NY/NJ	9,060,807
5	Lake Mead NRA	AZ/NV	7,603,474
6	George Washington Mem Pkwy	DC/MD/VA	6,821,179
7	Natchez Trace Pkwy	AL/MS/TN	6,401,346
8	Lincoln Mem	DC/MD/VA	5,792,331
9	Gulf Islands NS	FL/MS	5,458,816
10	Zion NP	UT	5,039,835

Rank	Park	State(s)	Labor Income (\$ millions)
1	Great Smoky Mtns NP	NC/TN	\$618,010
2	Golden Gate NRA	CA	\$546,342
3	Blue Ridge Parkway	NC/VA	\$530,834
4	Grand Teton NP	WY	\$357,591
5	Grand Canyon NP	AZ	\$324,318
6	Yellowstone NP	ID/MT/WY	\$294,034
7	Cape Cod NS	MA	\$275,758
8	Zion NP	UT	\$275,750
9	Acadia NP	ME	\$236,009
10	Yosemite NP	CA	\$214,391

Rank	Park (% spending by non-locals)	State(s)	Total Visitor Spending (\$ millions)
1	Great Smoky Mtns NP (98.3%)	NC/TN	\$1,292,745
2	Blue Ridge Parkway (94.9%)	NC/VA	\$1,287,039
3	Golden Gate NRA (87.1%)	CA	\$862,635
4	Grand Teton NP (98.9%)	WY	\$774,059
5	Grand Canyon NP (98.9%)	AZ	\$710,256
6	Zion NP (98.7%)	UT	\$667,486
7	Yellowstone NP (99.4%)	ID/MT/WY	\$630,282
8	Cape Cod NS (97.9%)	MA	\$547,135
9	Acadia NP (97.8%)	ME	\$486,056
10	Yosemite NP (96.6%)	CA	\$437,281

Rank	Park	State(s)	Value Added (\$ millions)
1	Great Smoky Mtns NP	NC/TN	\$1,036,519
2	Blue Ridge Parkway	NC/VA	\$901,289
3	Golden Gate NRA	CA	\$832,831
4	Grand Teton NP	WY	\$560,827
5	Grand Canyon NP	AZ	\$539,433
6	Zion NP	UT	\$486,845
7	Yellowstone NP	ID/MT/WY	\$456,424
8	Cape Cod NS	MA	\$449,823
9	Acadia	ME	\$401,158
10	Yosemite NP	CA	\$351,323

Rank	Park	State(s)	Jobs
1	Great Smoky Mtns NP	NC/TN	18,807
2	Blue Ridge Parkway	NC/VA	17,947
3	Zion NP	UT	10,743
4	Grand Teton NP	WY	10,544
5	Grand Canyon NP	AZ	9,390
6	Yellowstone NP	ID/MT/WY	8,736
7	Golden Gate NRA	CA	8,175
8	Acadia NP	ME	6,841
9	Cape Code NS	MA	6,709
10	Glacier NP	MT	5,975

Rank	Park	State(s)	Economic Output (\$ millions)
1	Great Smoky Mtns NP	NC/TN	\$1,845,873
2	Blue Ridge Parkway	NC/VA	\$1,675,447
3	Golden Gate NRA	CA	\$1,194,828
4	Grand Teton NP	WY	\$1,021,772
5	Zion NP	UT	\$947,380
6	Grand Canyon NP	AZ	\$944,693
7	Yellowstone NP	ID/MT/WY	\$834,335
8	Cape Cod NS	MA	\$748,963
9	Acadia NP	ME	\$702,038
10	Yosemite NP	CA	\$602,564

COVID-19 Related: The 2021 report provided a summary of limitations in the analysis of data as it relates to COVID-19, both in the primary data that NPS areas collected in 2021 and with models used to develop the information included in the report. The report is available online with full details.

Note: Economic Contributions include visits by both local residents and non-local visitors showing the overall regional effect of parks.

Jobs: annualized full and part-time jobs that are supported by NPS visitor spending. **Labor Income:** includes employee wages, salaries and payroll benefits as well as the income of sole proprietors that are supported by NPS visitor spending. **Value Added:** the contribution of NPS visitor spending to the Gross Domestic Product of a regional economy. It is equal to the difference between the amount an industry sells a product for and the production cost of the product. **Economic Output:** total estimated value of the production of goods and services supported by NPS visitor spending. It is the sum of all intermediate sales (business to business) and final demand (sales to consumers and exports).

Source: National Park Service, 2021 National Park Visitor Spending Effects (<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/socialscience/vse.htm>)

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