

Canadian Arizona Business Council

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#### Today's Presentation

- Why tourism is critical to Arizona's economy
- How impactful Canadian visitation is to Arizona
- How Arizona Office of Tourism promotes Arizona to the Canadian market.



#### Power of Travel

How Travel Dollars Support America

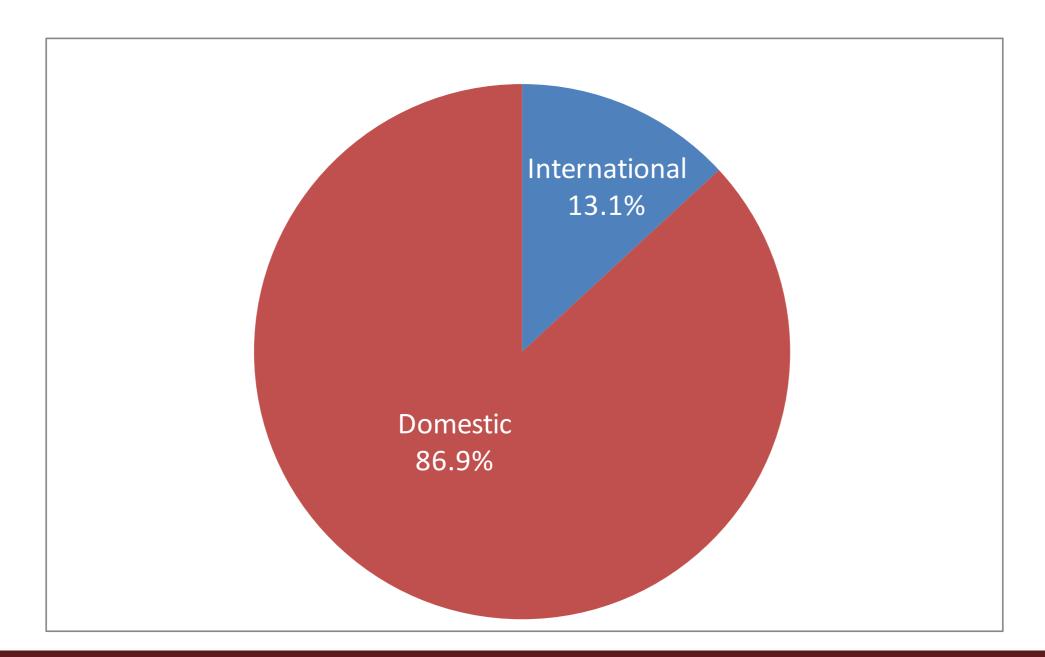




Source: U.S. Travel Association

#### 2012 Total Visitation to Arizona

#### **38.1 million Overnight Visitors to Arizona**

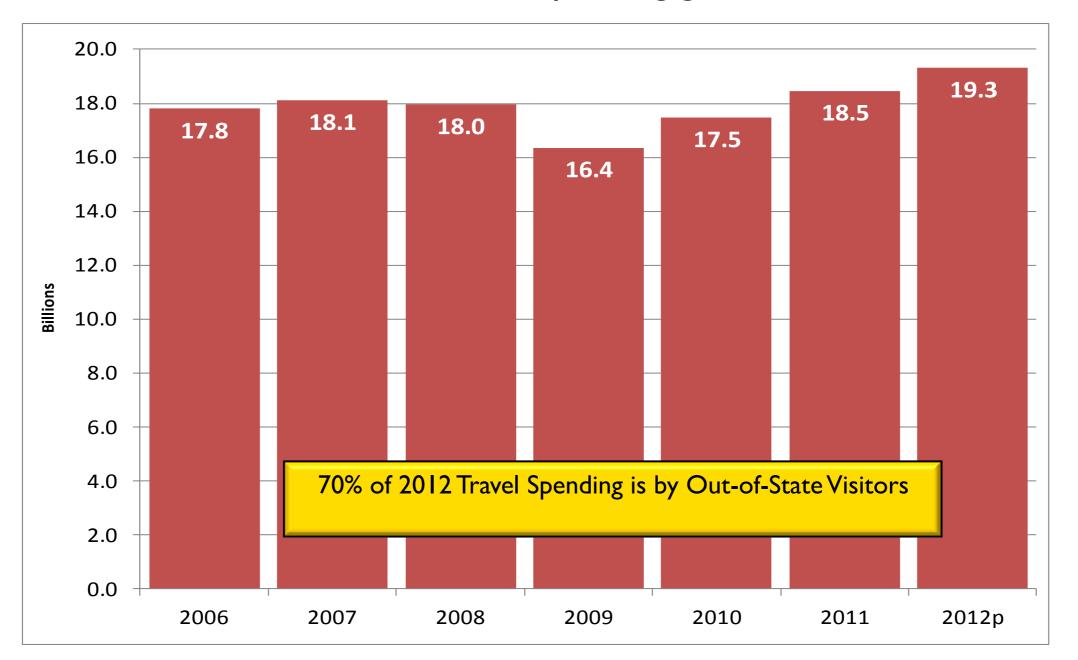


Source: Tourism Economics, Office of Travel & Tourism Industries - U.S. Department of Commerce, 2007-08 Mexican Visitors to Arizona – University of Arizona, Statistics Canada



### 2012 Arizona Travel Impact

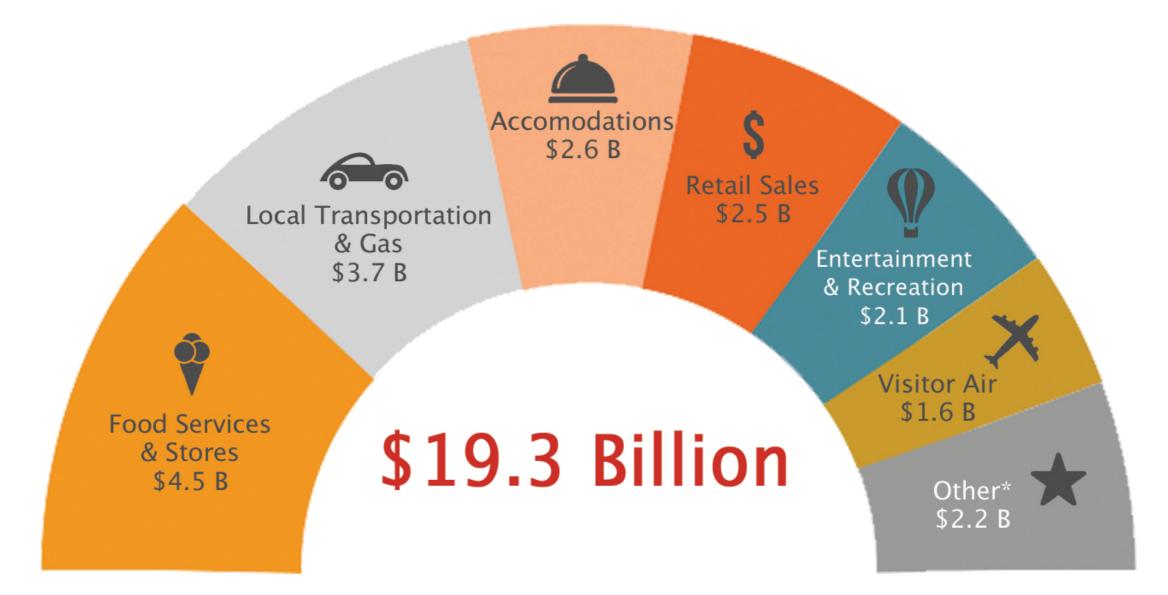
**\$19.3 billion** in direct travel spending generated in 2012:





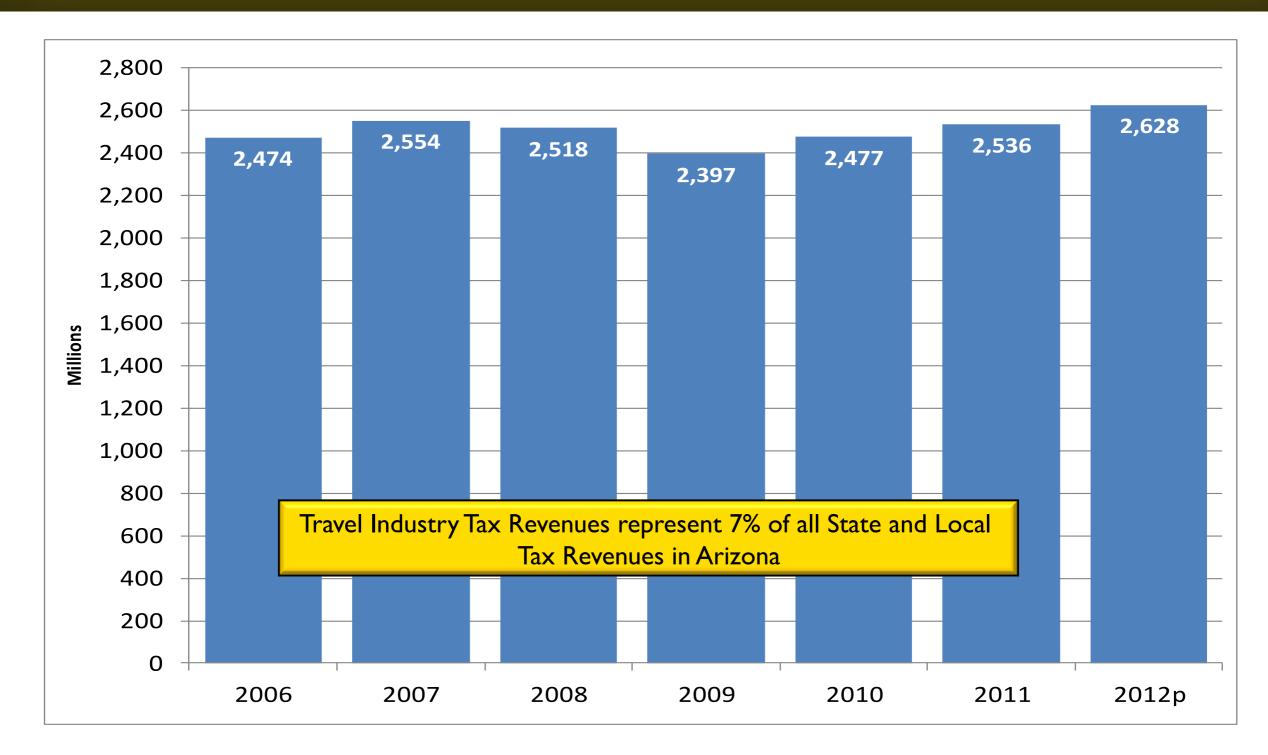
#### 2012 Direct Travel Spending in Arizona by Commodity Purchased

#### Direct Visitor Spending by Commodity Purchased, 2012





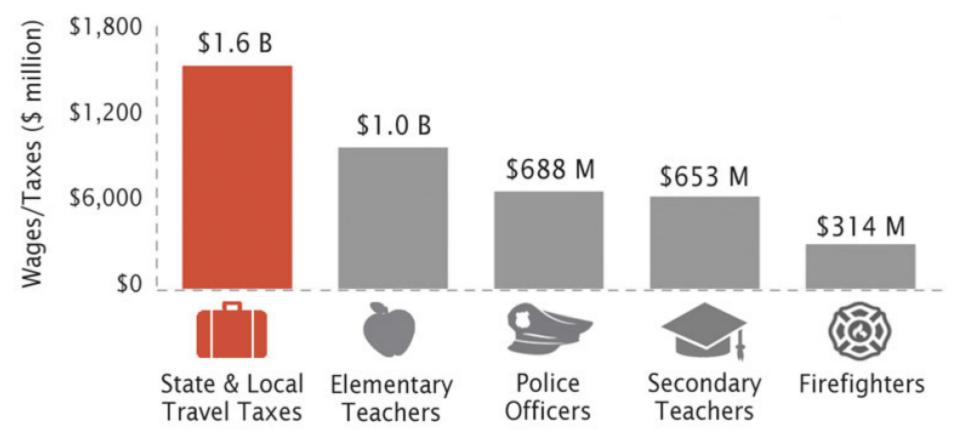
## 2012 Local, State and Federal Tax revenue generated by Direct Travel Spending in Arizona





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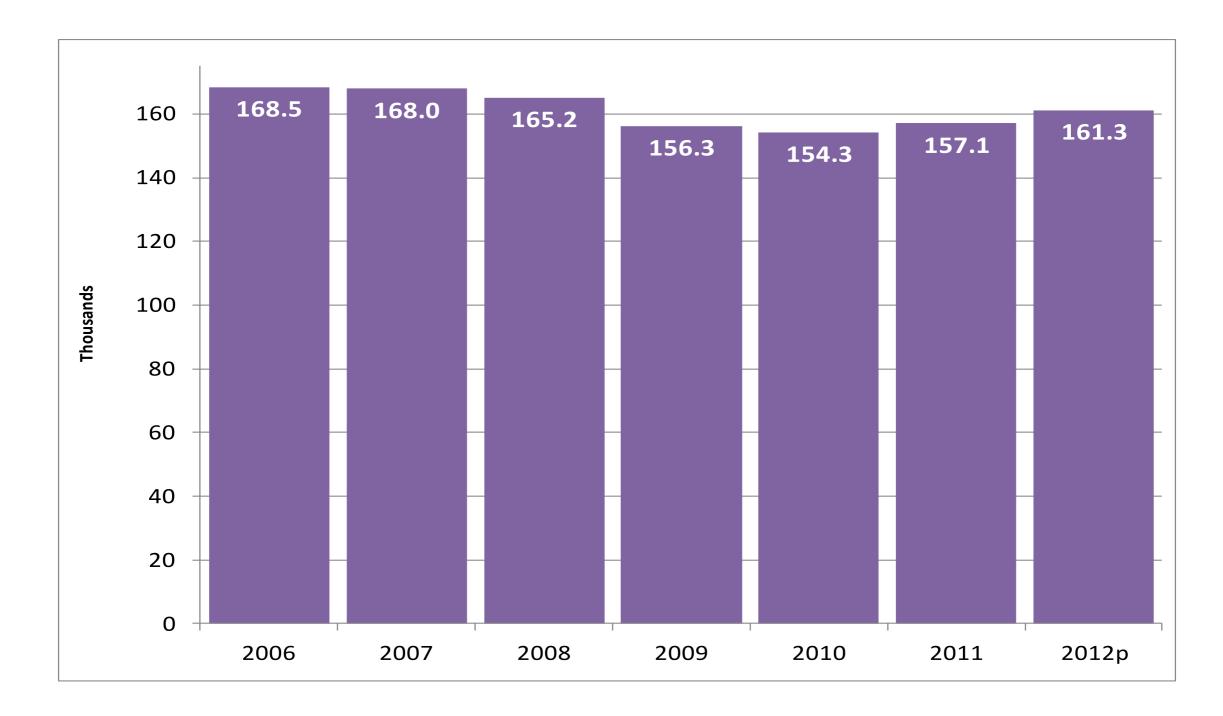
#### Local and state travel taxes generated \$1.6 billion



**Travel Taxes Finance Essential Public Services** 

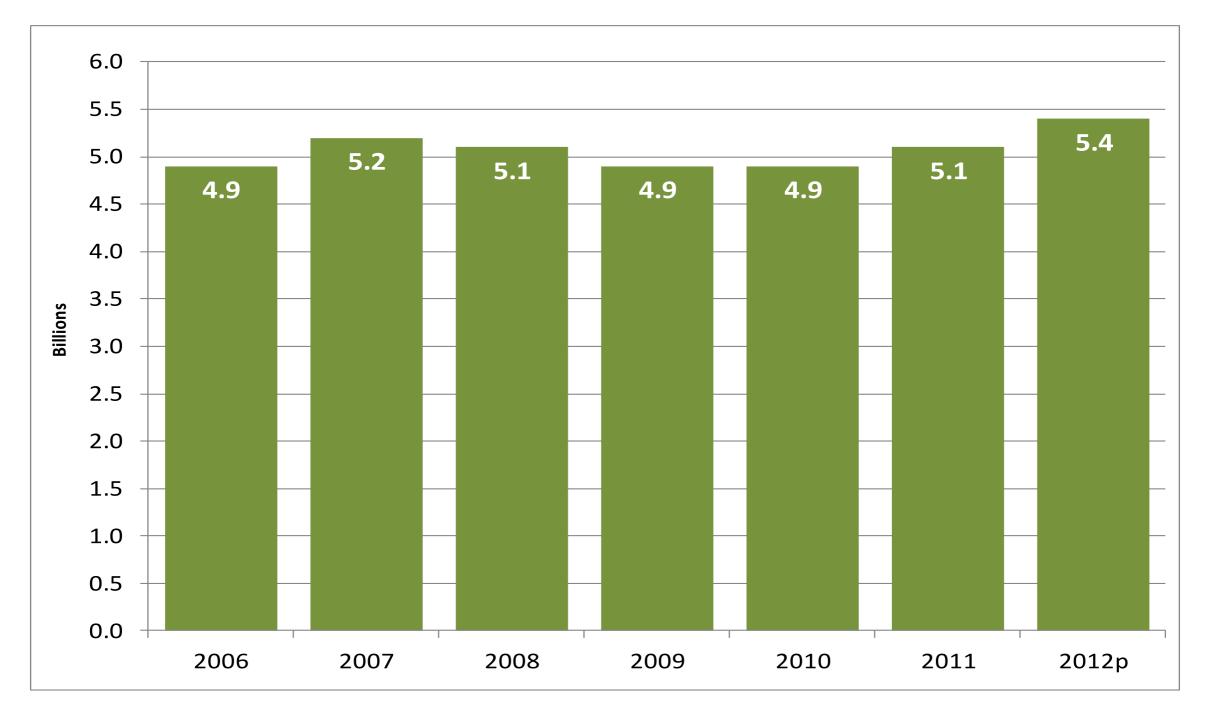


## 2012 Direct Travel Employment in Arizona





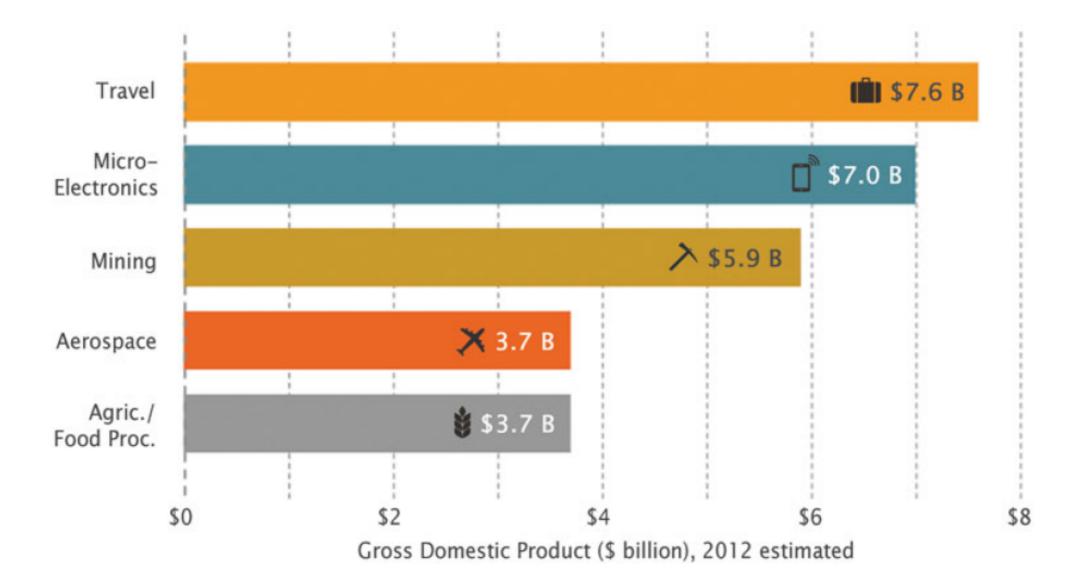
# 2012 Direct Travel Earnings in Arizona (dollars)





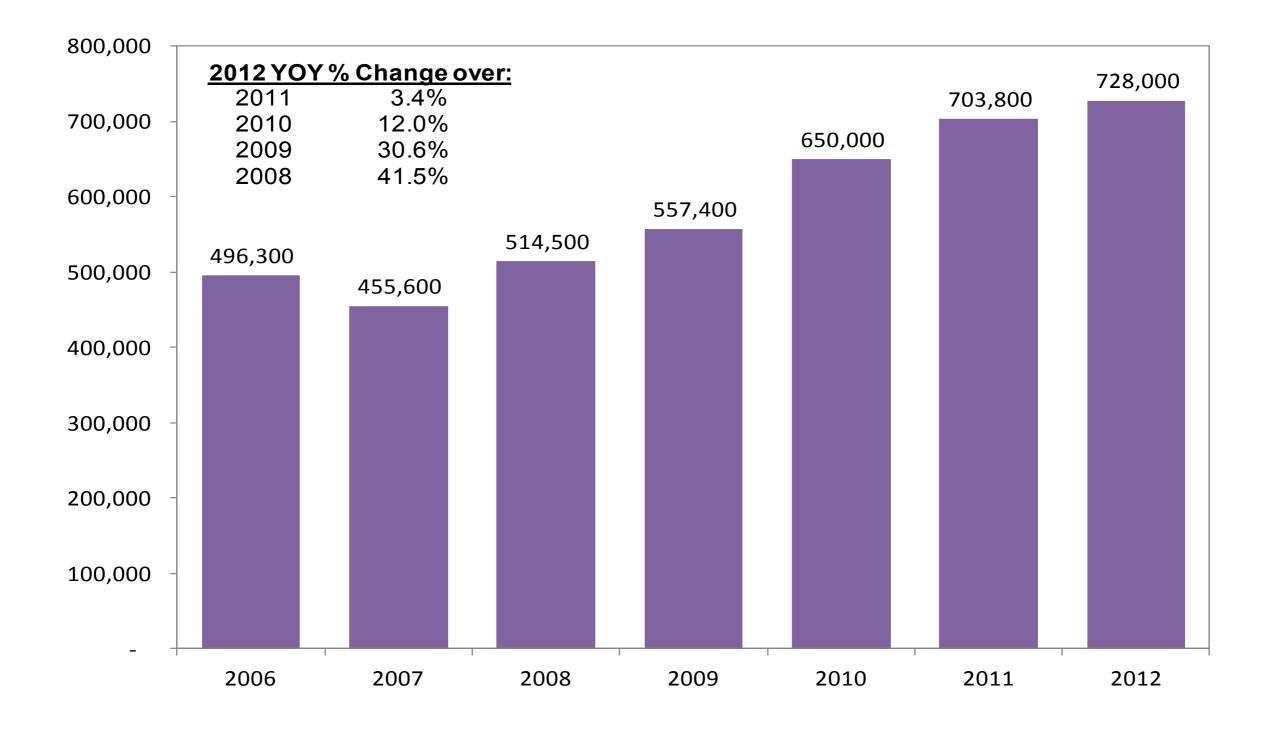
#### **Gross Domestic Product**

#### Gross Domestic Product in Leading Arizona Export-Oriented Industries





## 2012 Canadian Visitation to Arizona



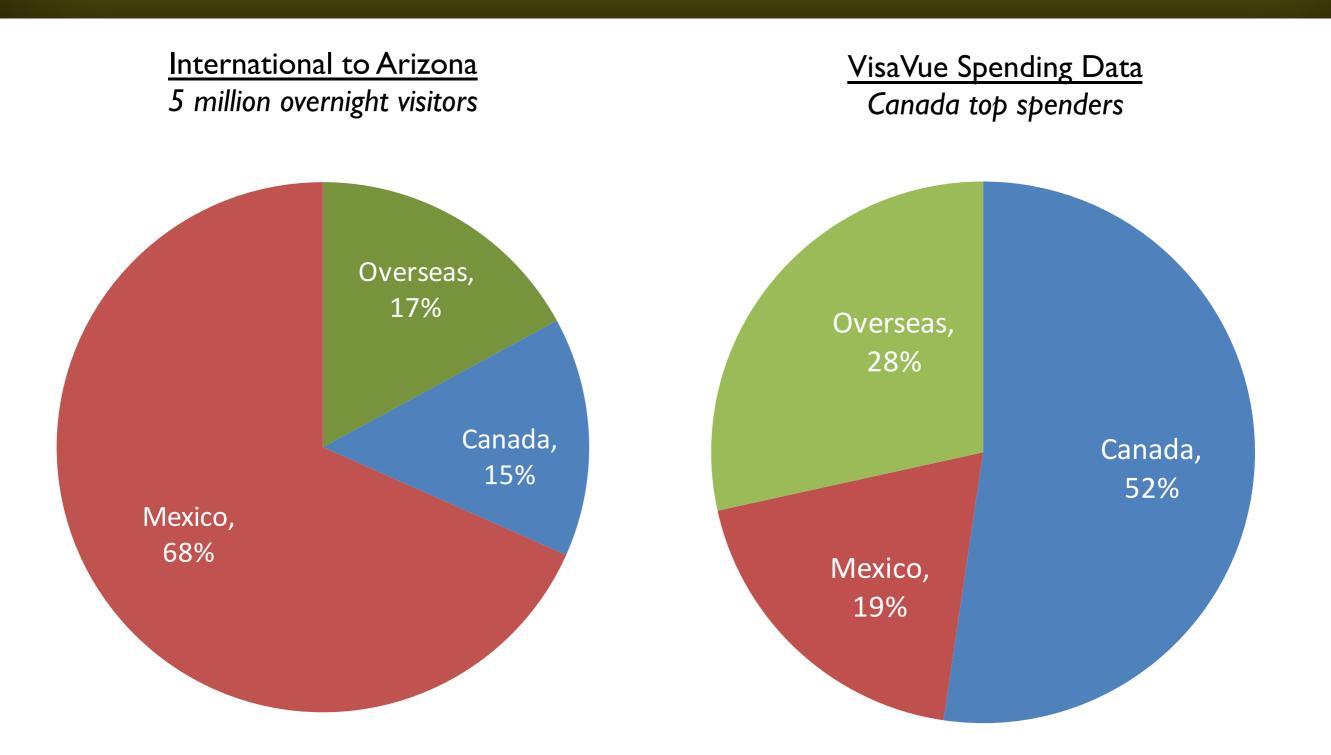


### 2012 Canadian Visitation to Arizona by Province

Province	2012	% Change 12/11
Alberta	243,600	3.3%
Ontario	168,100	-3.9%
British Columbia	164,500	7.0%
Quebec	52,300	13.2%
Saskatchewan	50,600	45.4%
Manitoba	34,500	-8.5%
Atlantic Canada	14,500	29.3%
TOTAL	728,000	3.4%



### 2012 International VisaVUE Spending Trends in Arizona





#### Arizona's Competition

Utah

New

Mexico



#### Colorado

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Texas



### Arizona's Competition





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### Arizona Office of Tourism

- The Arizona Office of Tourism is the only statewide tourism entity promoting Arizona as a world-class, leisure destination.
- Program of work includes:
  - Research
  - Advertising Campaigns
  - Trade and Media relations
  - Communications and Public Relations
  - Community and Tribal Tourism Efforts





### AOT FY14 Advertising Campaigns





ARIZONA USA

Today on Expedia: Escape Winter Save on your stay in Arizona

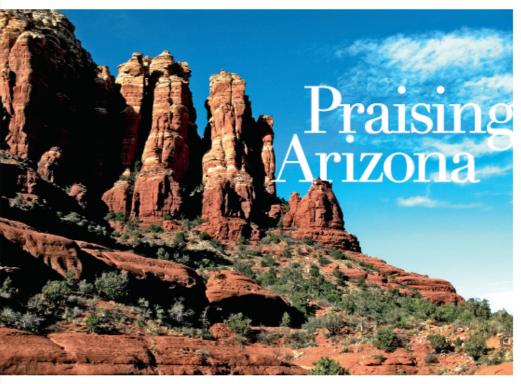
BOOK NOW



#### Trade and Media Relations

- Generated more than
  145 Canadian articles
- Produced more than
  \$1.5 million in PR Value
- Reached more than 33
  *million* Canadian
  readers

GOODS Arizona



Sure, there's that canyon everyone's talking about. But there's more on offer in Northern Arizona than just a grand hole in the ground—like wining, dining and a surprising amount of water. BY STACEY MOLACHIAN



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GET OUTSIDE

We've got our fair share of mountains up north, but conquering this rugged desert terrain is a whole different beast. The red rock formations of Sedona are said to host "energy vortexes"—but it's up to you whether to embrace that new age claim or just enjoy an endorphin high from the hike and thrilling view from the top of Broken Arrow Trail (bestsedonahiking.com). If you're less into bipeding and more into four wheels, hop in a Tom Car-a fourwheeled, two- or four-seater all-terrain vehicle-at SEDONA OFF-ROAD CENTER (21) State Rte. 179, Sedona, 928-282-5599, sedona offroadcenter.com/ and fly past the prickly pear cacti to your viewpoint of choice.

Unless you're afraid of heights (or of looking silly in a harness), FLAGSTAFF EX-TREME ADVENTURE COURSE (Fort Tuthill Loop Rd., Flagstaff, 888-259-0125, flagstaff extreme.com/is a thriller. Make it through



## Thank you!

## <u>arizonaguide.com</u> – consumer website <u>azot.gov</u> – business website

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