2017/2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

TRAVEL EXPENDITURES



Polk and Dallas Counties received more than one quarter of the \$8.5 billion in state-wide spending in 2017 according to the Iowa Economic

Development Authority's "The Economic Impact of Travel on Iowa Counties" released October 2018.

STATEWIDE \$8.5 BILLION **POLK & DALLAS** COUNTIES \$2.2 billion

POLK COUNTY: **\$2.02 BILLION**

DALLAS COUNTY: \$194.74 MILLION

EACH HOUSEHOLD IN POLK AND DALLAS COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO PAY \$661 MORE IN TAXES WITHOUT THE REVENUE GENERATED BY TRAVEL AND TOURISM.

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

4.5.6 STORIES FEATURED IN PRINT/BROADCAST

STORIES IN INDUSTRY PUBLICATIONS

237 WEEKLY LOCAL MEDIA SEGMENTS

SOCIAL MEDIA



NEW SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

INCREASE IN FOLLOWER GROWTH OVER LAST FISCAL

IMPRESSIONS FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

ENGAGEMENTS FROM SOCIAL MEDIA



WEBSITE GROWTH

GROWTH IN WEB SESSIONS TO CATCHDESMOINES.COM

CO-OP ADVERTISING PROGRAM

IMPRESSIONS DELIVERED IN 2017-2018 FOR PARTNERS: 47.897.486

[OVER-DELIVERED PROJECTED IMPRESSIONS BY 102%]

>>> **98.96**% <<<

715 HOSTED UTILIZED CATCH DES MOINES RESOURCES IN 2017-2018

296 OF THOSE CONVENTIONS/EVENTS **OCCURRED** BECAUSE OF **SALES**

SUPPORTING 1,166 **FULL TIME JOBS**

302 BOOKED **EVENTS**

SUPPORTING 1,571 **FULL TIME JOBS**

SIGNIFICANT BOOKINGS

- USA OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS **JUNE 2018 AND JULY 2019**
- USA WRESTLING PRESEASON NATIONALS **OCTOBER 2018 AND 2019**
- BIO WORLD CONGRESS **JULY 2019**
- GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) JULY 2019
- NATIONAL CONGRESS ON SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION MAY 2020
- SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE **JULY 2020**
- NURSING ORGANIZATIONS ALLIANCE FALL SUMMIT **NOVEMBER 2020**
- MIDWEST NURSING RESEARCH SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE **MARCH 2021**
- NATIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE TOURNAMENT **JUNE 2021**
- USA/CANADA LIONS ANNUAL FORUM SEPTEMBER 2021
- JUNIOR HIGH NATIONAL FINALS RODEO JUNE 2024 AND JUNE 2025

MAJOR EVENTS HOSTED

- NATIONAL JUNIOR ANGUS SHOW / JULY 2017
- SOLHEIM CUP / AUGUST 2017
- AQS QUILT WEEK / OCTOBER 2017
- KENNEDY CENTER AMERICAN COLLEGE THEATER FESTIVAL REGION 5 / JANUARY 2018
- NAIA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS / MARCH 2018
- USA RACQUETBALL NATIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS / JUNE 2018
- USA OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS / JUNE 2018

