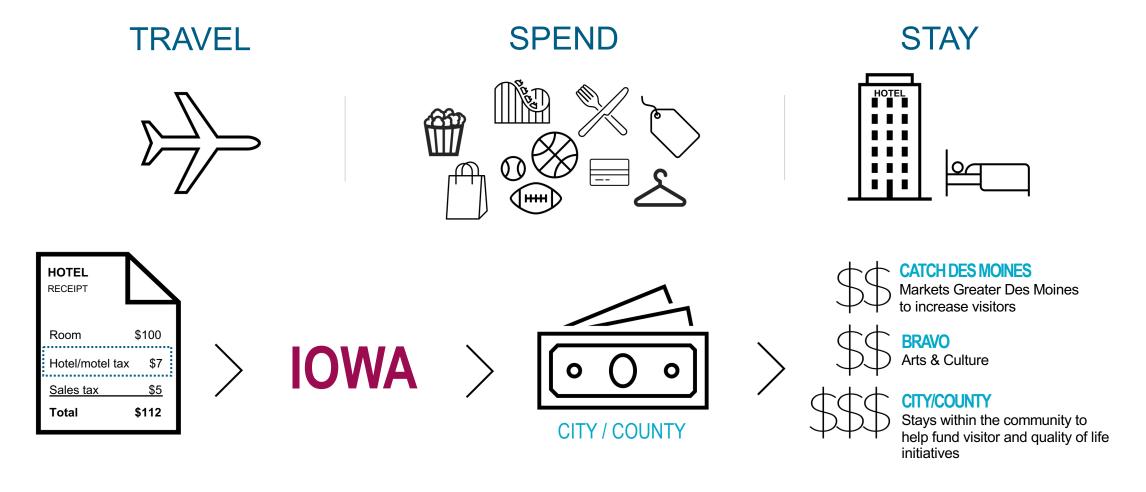
# **DES MOINES**

April 24, 2023



# **ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TOURISM**





### **ABOUT DES MOINES**

#### **HOTELS**—

- More than 13,800 rooms citywide
- 2,500 rooms downtown in 15 hotels, many in walking distance to the lowa Events Center and connected via skywalk.
- Major brands include Marriott, Hilton, Renaissance, Hyatt, Embassy Suites, Holiday Inn, etc.
- Most downtown, and full service hotels in the metro offer airport shuttle

#### **MEETING FACILITIES—**

- lowa Events Center with almost 300,000 square feet, 37 meeting rooms and attached arena; walkable to downtown hotels
- lowa State Fairgrounds with over a dozen venues, 110,000sq ft exhibit hall, free parking, arenas and campgrounds
- Several hotels with meeting space—Downtown Marriott is the largest hotel meeting space

#### TRANSPORTATION—

- At the intersection of two of the most traveled interstates (1-80 and I-35)
- Des Moines International Airport with 120+ daily flights, all major airlines and 31 direct flights
- Des Moines Metro is fully driveable within 25 minutes East to West and North to South



### **ABOUT DES MOINES**

#### **POPULATION**—

Over 720,000 people live in Greater Des Moines— an 18.6% increase since the 2020 census.

#### CAPITAL CITY—

Iowa Events Center with over 200,000 square feet and attached arena; walkable to downtown hotels

#### MAJOR EMPLOYERS/INDUSTRIES—

- #2 Insurance and Financial City (behind Hartford); over 80 companies are headquartered here, including Principal, Wellmark and EMC Insurance.
- Large agricultural state, and strong ag-bio industry—presence by John Deere, Corteva, Kemin,
   Vermeer, and others
- Other major employers include Wells Fargo, HyVee, Mercy One and Amazon

#### ATTRACTIONS-

- All major attractions—amusement park, casino, science center, zoo, etc
- Over 1,000 locally owned restaurants



# **OCCUPANCY & AVERAGE DAILY RATES**

	Metro Occupancy	Metro Average Daily Rate
2022	55.3%	\$111.97
2021	49%	\$98.72
2020	38.1%	\$86.46
2019	59.5%	\$104.75

Source: 2023 STR, LLC / STR Global, Ltd. trading as "STR". © CoStar Realty Information, Inc.



### **YEAR IN REVIEW**

332 CONVENTIONS & EVENTS

UTILIZED
CATCH DES MOINES
RESOURCES

This support includes group servicing, event promotion, Catch Crew, & Planner Toolkits.

CONVENTIONS & EVENTS

OCCURRED

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SALES EFFORTS

These events resulted in **\$60.2 million** of economic impact.

CONVENTIONS & EVENTS BOOKED BY CATCH DES MOINES SALES STAFF

This will generate **\$102.7 million** of economic impact.



### **BANNER YEAR OF EVENTS**

**National Veterans** NCAA Men's State **Principal Charity Kennedy Theater** Iowa Ag Expo Drake Relays Golden Age Tournaments Classic Basketball Games USA Rugby Women's U23 **Des Moines** Military Vehicle **Junior National** World Pork Expo **IRONMAN 70.3** Challenge **RAGBRAI** Preservation Shorthorn Show & National Youth Conference (Disc Golf) **Association Tournament** Jehovah's USA Archery JOAD National Hy-Vee INDYCAR Race Weekend Witnesses Speedo Summer All Iowa Attack **AAU Junior American Cheese** Sectionals Basketball **Olympic Games** Regional Championships Convention National Major League **National Rural** American Quilter's Savannah Iowa State Fair Association of Quadball Electric **AQS Quilt Week** Bananas County Ag Agents



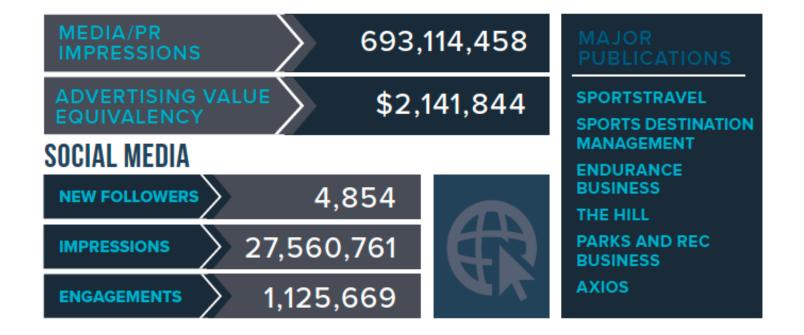
### **EVENT RESUME**

- First in the Nation Caucus
- American Cheese Society
- USA Swimming TYR Pro Swim Series
- Disciples of Christ International Convention
- Wizard World Comic Con
- P.E.O. Sisterhood International Convention
- Midwest Nursing Research Society
- World Pork Expo
- BMW Motorcycle Owners Association
- American Chamber of Commerce Execs

- Ladies PGA Solheim Cup
- USA Track and Field Outdoor Championships
- Nursing Organization Alliance
- Association of Medical Illustrators
- American Public Works Association
- National Governor's Association
- American Assn of State Highway Transportation Officials
- Dew Tour
- American Motor Vehicle Administrators
- Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival



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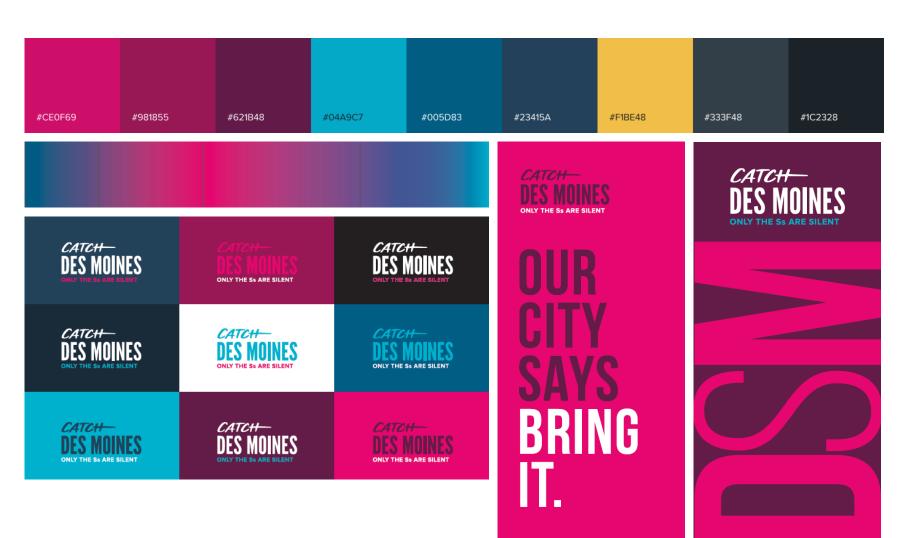
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MOST SITE VISITS IN THE HISTORY OF OUR WEBSITE!

June had the most visitors to the overall site



# **NEW BRAND EVOLUTION**





We released our <u>2023 Catch Des Moines Visitors Guide</u>.

This is our first issue that has been created completely in-house, from selling ad space, to the design, and writing. The guide features more content than ever before. We've already seen a record number of requests come through for this year's guide.





### **LOOKING AHEAD- MASTER PLAN**

- Destination Development
  - Several sports complexes in the works
  - Waterpark hotel in West Des Moines
  - Airport Expansion
- Tourism Improvement District
- Downtown Optimization
- Research and Data Focus
- Marketing and Creativity

