In 2017, purchases made by travelers while in Elkhart County accounted for $373,975,491, representing an increase in spending of 136% over 1998 levels.

The multiplier effect triggered by the initial infusion of traveler’s dollars in the economy was $175,992,866.

Local taxes collected from traveler’s dollars spent in Elkhart County in 2017 were $25,636,311, representing an increase of local tax collection of 232% over 1998 levels.

Travel Expenditures by Industry Sector:
- Lodging: 36%
- Attractions: 27%
- Pass-Through: 18%

2,159 of the 6,223 jobs resulting from tourism spending were found in the high-wage occupations of professional and technical, managerial, sales, construction, craftsman, and operatives.

Only the spending of non-Elkhart County residents is included in this research. Elkhart County residents contributed an additional $54.1 million in direct spending to the local tourism industry in 2017.