65% of New Mexico residents participate in outdoor recreation each year.

Communities across New Mexico recognize that outdoor recreation supports health, contributes to a high quality of life and—perhaps most importantly—attracts and sustains employers and families. Investing in outdoor infrastructure attracts employers and active workforces, ensuring those communities thrive economically and socially.

New Mexico residents are more likely to participate in camping and off-roading than the average American.

Outdoors recreation generates:

- $9.9 billion in consumer spending annually
- 99,000 direct jobs
- $2.8 billion in wages and salaries
- $623 million in state and local tax revenue

More than twice as many jobs in New Mexico depend on outdoor recreation (99,000) than on the energy and mining sectors combined (35,000). 

1 New Mexico Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources
OUTDOOR RECREATION IS A POWERFUL ECONOMIC ENGINE

Outdoor recreation is among our nation’s largest economic sectors, representing the lifeblood of thousands of American communities and providing livelihoods for millions of American workers.

THE NATION’S OUTDOOR RECREATION ECONOMY GENERATES:

- **$887 Billion** in consumer spending annually
- **7.6 Million** American jobs
- **$65.3 Billion** in federal tax revenue
- **$59.2 Billion** in state and local tax revenue

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GET INVOLVED

1. Visit the OIA Advocacy Center at outdoorindustry.org/advocacy to learn more about the issues and actions affecting outdoor recreation.
2. Educate your elected officials about the outdoor recreation economy, how it can support healthy economies and healthy communities in your neighborhood and encourage policies that promote it.
3. Go outside and enjoy the public lands and waters that are our nation’s treasures. They belong to you.

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Job Comparison

**OUTDOOR RECREATION**

- 7.6 Million

**Computer Technology**

- 6.7 Million

**Construction**

- 6.4 Million

**Transportation and Warehousing**

- 4.8 Million

**Food and Beverage Service**

- 4.7 Million

**Education**

- 2.5 Million

**Real Estate, Rentals and Leasing**

- 2.3 Million

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1. Bureau of Economic Analysis
2. Bureau of Labor Statistics
3. Computing Technology Industry Association