Across the country, 478 businesses reported a total loss of $153,355,067, averaging $320,827 per business.
- PUBLIC DIPLOMACY IMPACT -

Lack of J-1 Visa Exchange Visitors hamstrings U.S. public diplomacy goals by taking away a key positive U.S. experience from tomorrow's international leaders, and preventing them from engaging with their American host communities.

Host employers across America agree or strongly agree that Summer Work Travel and Camp Counselor participants:

- **Enable U.S. based staff to gain a better understanding of other cultures**: 95%
- **Contribute to a positive culture in the workplace**: 97%
- **Make the community more sensitive to other cultures**: 92%

“Seasonal staffing issues almost destroyed our business. We had to reduce hours of operation and the stress it put on the handful of employees we had was tremendous.”

- **Restaurant in Kitty Hawk, NC**

“Owner and wife working 90 hour weeks for 4 months with no days off. Staff is working 55 hours per week. Forced to cut hours of operation. Forced to reduce the variety of products. Everyone is burned out.”

- **Candy Store in Rehoboth Beach, DE**

“What happened in 2021 cannot happen again; my business will not survive another season like 2021, and our current survival "success" was as much luck as it was blood, sweat, and tears.”

- **Summer Camp in Thompson, CT**

“Participants enrich our resort year after year with a combination of enthusiasm and culture. They introduce our chefs to international cuisine, which in turn is shared with our guests and staff.”

- **Ski Resort in Park City, UT**

“Our international staff are vital members of our community that bring fun, culture, empathy, and inspiration to our workplace. They add an element to camp we would be remiss without. They open our minds to new perspectives, represent their countries well and return to their countries with a positive representation of the USA.”

- **Summer Camp in Rogers, AR**