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

**SUMMER WORK TRAVEL PARTICIPANTS***

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*Data source the U.S. Department of State, J-1 Visa Exchange Visitor Program.

**- ECONOMIC IMPACT -**

- **60%** Of Businesses Lost Revenue
- **20%** Of Seasonal Positions Unfilled
- **3 in 5** Shortened their season/hours or closed business locations

- **90%** Did not meet peak staffing needs without J-1 Visa Exchange Visitors
- **87%** Reported staff burnout
- **82%** Reported lower quality of customer service or longer customer wait times
- 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%

"In 2021, the number one hurdle for us was staffing. Hiring international participants who are drawn to a cultural exchange program allows us to stay open and gives us the ability to sustain our full-time American staff while also hiring 150+ seasonal American staff members. BridgeUSA participants are critical to our business's success."

- Summer Camp in Thompson, FL

“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

“Exchange participants provide fantastic cultural exposure to the local community and also support the local economy by renting accommodations, purchasing goods and gifts for their families."

- Restaurant in Dennis, MA

“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

“The greatest impact can be seen in the lasting relationships that our staff has come to cherish. This program opens doors for J-1 students to experience cultural exchange but it also opens doors for American workers to establish relationships all around the world.”

- Amusement Park in Keystone, SD