In Oregon, 3 businesses reported a total loss of $400,000, averaging $133,333 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:

- **95%** Enables U.S. based staff to gain a better understanding of other cultures
- **97%** Contributes to a positive culture in the workplace
- **92%** Makes the community more sensitive to other cultures

“Due to the staffing shortage we couldn’t be open enough during the busy season to stash money for off season wages, so we will have to close. Will be laying off U.S. based employees during the closure.”

- **Restaurant in Seaside, OR**

“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**

“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**

“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**

“Meeting exchange participants from different cultures adds to a positive and fun summer for our guests and staff. Understanding while the world may be large, we have many things in common.”

- **Hotel in Seaside, OR**