The Texas travel industry continues to grow across many key metrics like travel spending, employment and earnings. For 2018, direct travel spending was estimated at $80.3 billion – an increase of 7.5% over the previous year. Directly supported employment and earnings increased by 2.9% and 5.8% respectively. The economic impact of travel in 2018 (direct, indirect and induced) was $164 billion which supported 1.2 million Texas jobs and $59 billion in travel generated earnings.

Direct Travel Spending (2009-2018)
Estimates shown in current dollars, not adjusted for inflation ($ Billions)

Direct Travel Spending, Employment and Earnings (2009-2018)
Annual percentage change. Data points above the shaded area indicate expansion in that year

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