

FUTURE-PROOFING ECONOMIES THROUGH NATURAL DISASTER RESILIENCE



ORR OUTDOOR RECREATION ROUNDTABLE



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2024, National

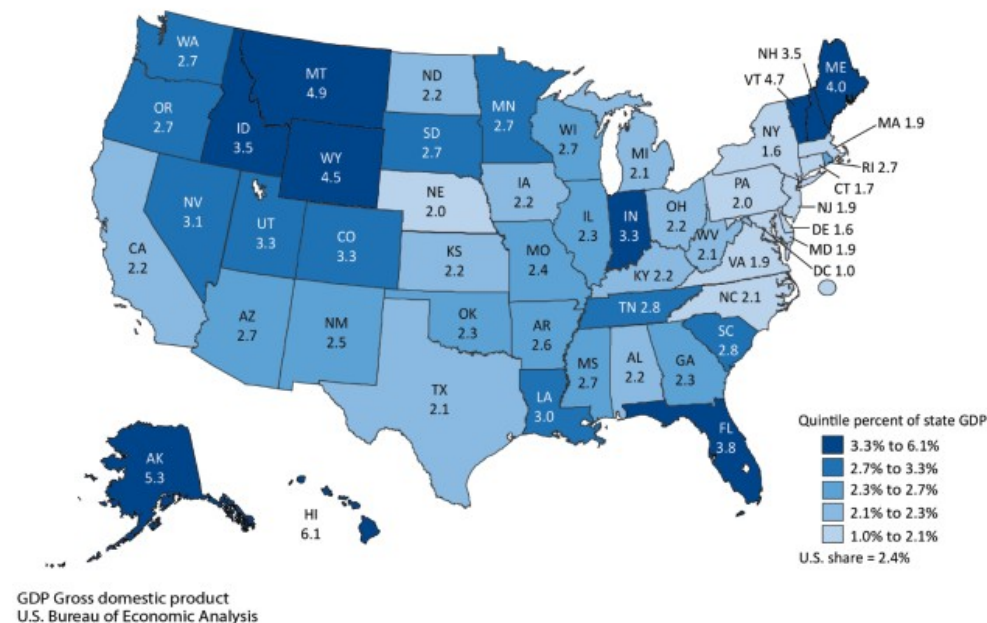
\$1.3 Trillion Gross
Output

2.4% of U.S. GDP

5.2 Million Jobs

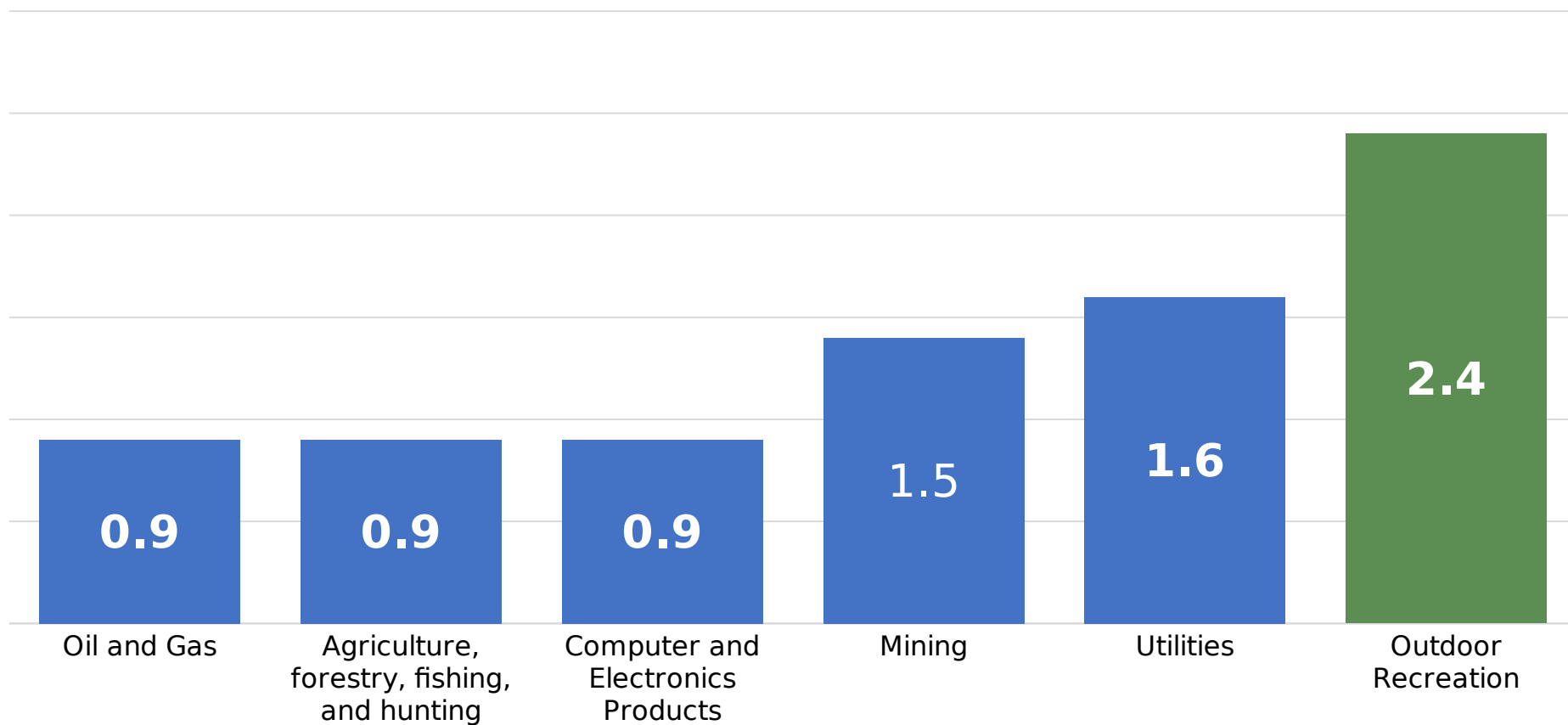
3.2% of U.S. Employment

State Outdoor Recreation Value Added as a Percent of State GDP, 2024

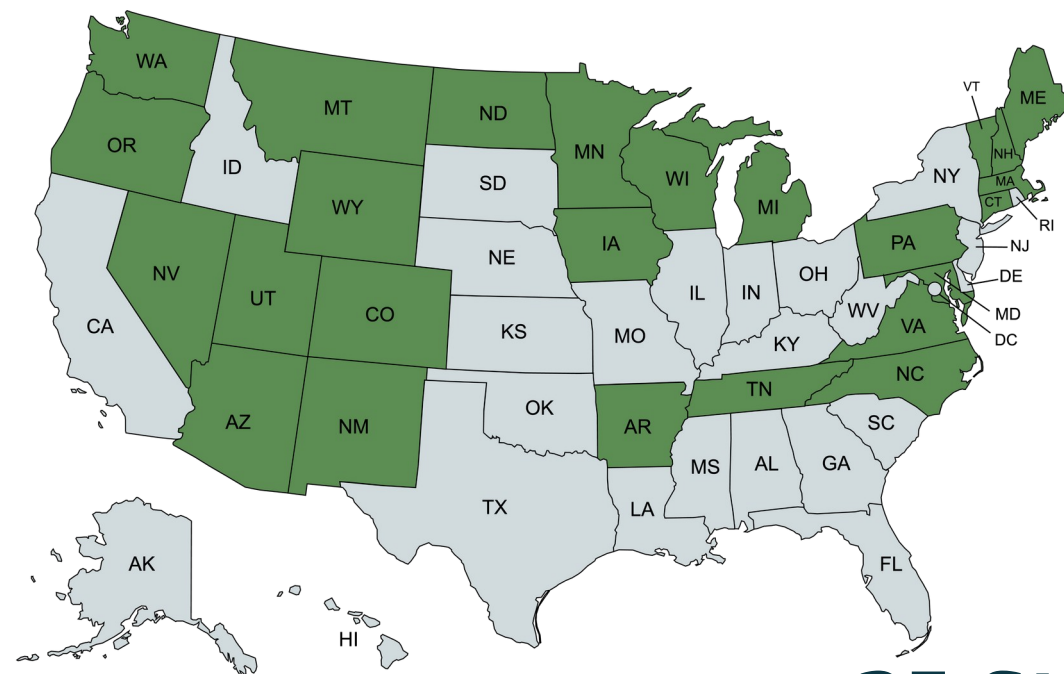


	Real GDP	Nominal GDP
Growth since 2012	+43.3%	+84.2%

Contribution to U.S. GDP, 2024 (%)



Current State Offices of Outdoor Recreation



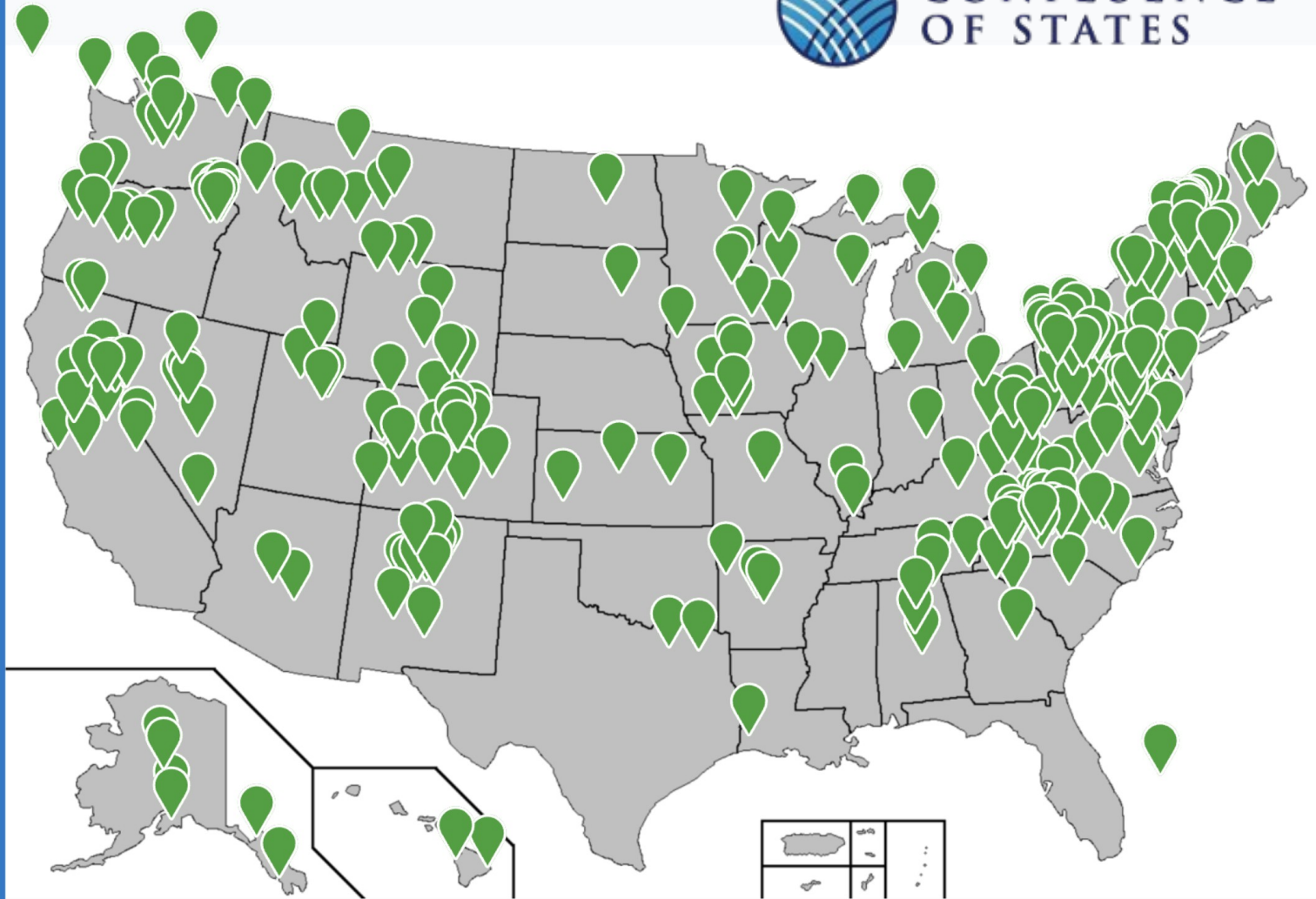
25 States

■ Current

Where are you located?



CONFLUENCE
OF STATES





WHEN DISASTER **STRIKES**

A STATE PLAYBOOK FOR OUTDOOR
RECREATION RESILIENCE



Preparedness Phase: Build a State-Based
Recreation Resilience Network and Playbook



Incident Response: Support Life Safety, Clear Communication, and Fast Intelligence



Recovery: Making Recreation Impacts Visible in the First Days and Weeks



After Disaster: Organize Recovery, Document Losses,
and Rebuild Smarter

IN SHORT: DISASTER RESILIENCE PREP CHECKLIST FOR STATE RECREATION LEADERS

Preparedness strategies and an actionable, step-by-step framework to assess vulnerabilities, protect natural and physical assets, and ensure rapid post-disaster recovery.

Highest Priority

- ☐ **Identify** your recreation resilience lead and backup.
- ☐ **Convene** a pre-disaster partner call or tabletop this year.
- ☐ **Create** a one-page contact tree and build operational continuity protocols for securing alternate communications during a disaster.
- ☐ **Choose** the public-facing home base for recreation disruption information.

Next Steps

- ☐ **Create** a recreation damage and business-impact intake form.
- ☐ **Pre-draft** safety message templates for wildfire, flood, smoke, extreme heat, and closure scenarios.
- ☐ **Clarify** what business-support tools are available through your local and state agencies and Small Business Administration (SBA).
- ☐ **Plan** an after-action review format before the next disaster occurs.

When managing the impact of natural disasters, state recreation leaders don't need to be the incident commander—their **best role is as the convener, translator, information broker, and advocate for recreation infrastructure and communities.**

Vermont Floods





STAY SAFE

Recreate within your ability and make good decisions. Plan your trip in a responsible way that minimizes risk and lowers the chance you might need rescue. Backcountry search and rescue operations require many emergency responders, many of whom have been busy this week.



AVOID FLOOD WATERS!

Stay away from waterways.
It's not safe to wade, swim, fish, or boat until flows
return to normal even if there's no notice posted.

VISIT OPEN DOWNTOWNS

Stay local. Outdoor businesses and municipalities are recovering from flooding across Vermont.

Check the website of your favorite business and find out how you can support them. Remember to take precautions before you travel.

VOLUNTEER

Many trail organizations and affected towns and business will be organizing volunteer days. Join the mailing list or become a member of your local trails organization to learn more. Don't attempt repairs, use equipment like chainsaws or excavators, or enter waterways on your own.

ACCESS IS THE FIRST STEP

Roads remain closed in many parts of Vermont. Before you head out, check 511 for state highway closures. If you come to a closure, turn around and choose a different route or alternate destination.

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