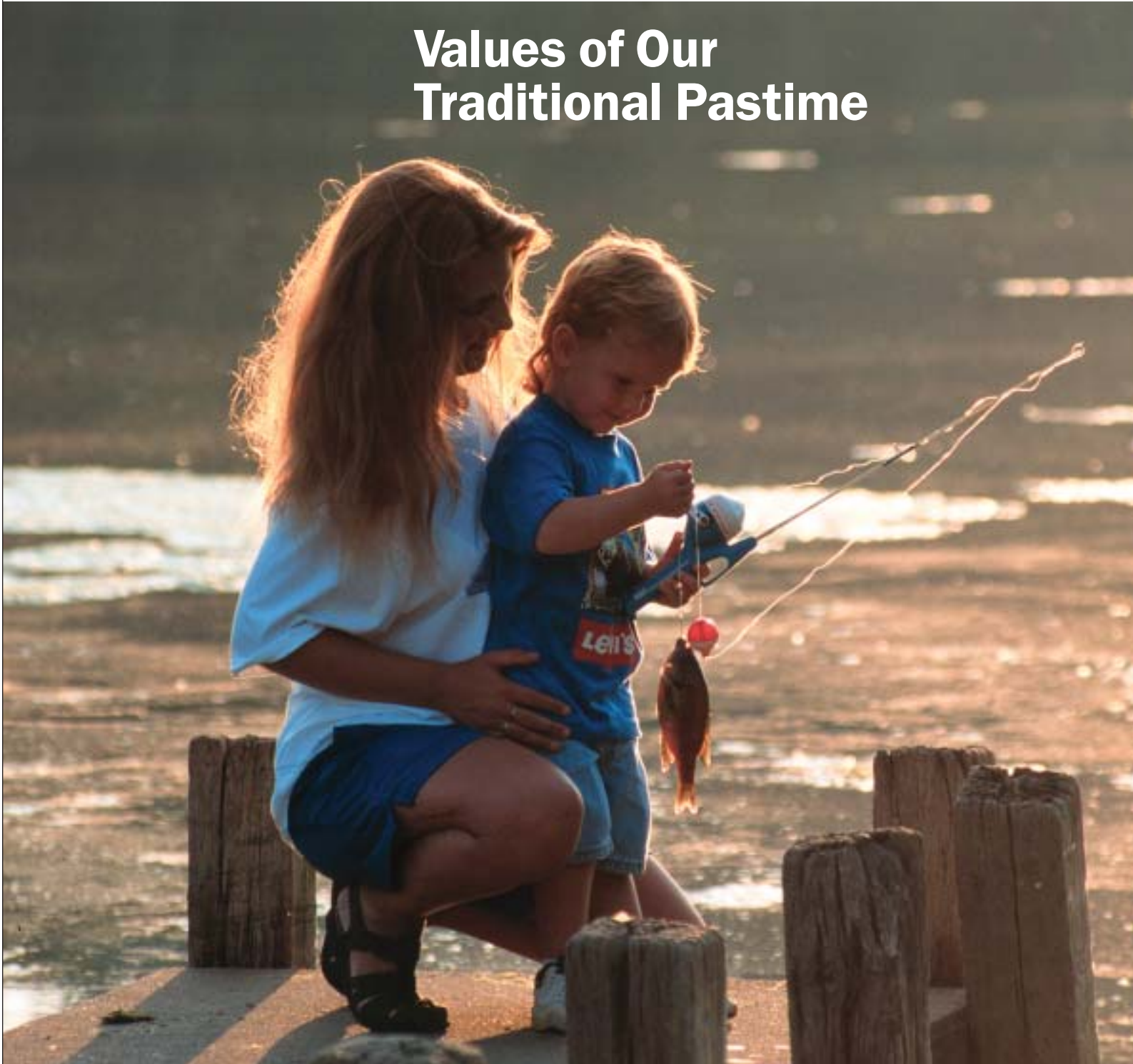




Sportfishing in America

**Values of Our
Traditional Pastime**



Foreword

Fishing is truly an enduring American tradition. Each year, our families, along with millions of other Americans, look forward to our time on the water with a fishing pole in hand, and a friend or loved one by our side. Over generations, these peaceful moments, when we connect with the natural world around us, have helped foster our nation's passionate conservation ethic. And it is through sharing the quiet, patient practice of fishing that this strong ethic is passed down from generation to generation.

Aside from being one of the most popular outdoor pastimes, fishing plays an important role in strengthening our economy and the vitality of our fisheries and waterways. Millions of anglers spend billions of dollars and support thousands of American jobs in communities from coast to coast. They generate hundreds of millions of dollars each year that return to local communities to conserve our natural resources as a result of the Sport Fish Restoration Act.

Through this unique cycle created by the Sport Fish Restoration Act, more than \$4 billion has been provided to state fish and wildlife agencies over the past five decades. In 1984, we strengthened this cycle by sponsoring what has become known as the Wallop-Breaux amendments, which further enhanced anglers and boaters' contributions to conservation.

We were proud to secure the legacy of the Sport Fish Restoration Act and advance the longstanding tradition of sportfishing in this country. Each time Americans go fishing, they make a positive contribution to our fish, our waters and the fabric of American society.



Senator Malcolm Wallop



Senator John Breaux



Normark/Rapata

Tradition

Facts-at-a-Glance

44.3 MILLION ANGLERS

\$41.5 BILLION RETAIL SALES

\$116 BILLION IN OVERALL ECONOMIC OUTPUT

\$7.3 BILLION IN STATE AND FEDERAL TAXES

1,068,046 JOBS

Fishing to Betty LaBarbera brings back memories of the first time she exposed her daughter to fishing along the shores of a rural, wooded lake. It was a tradition born long ago, as her grandfather had first instructed her and her sister as children. Now grown up and retired, Betty still fishes. And on special occasions, her daughter, Sue, and her husband, Jerome, continue the angling tradition with Gina, Kyle and Kevin, who look forward to fishing with Grandma Betty.

The angling story is much more than just Betty and her family peacefully whiling away the day, it involves more than 44 million people, from all ages and all walks of life, from every corner of the country.

America's anglers spend \$41.5 billion in retail sales and generate \$116 billion in economic benefits for the nation each year. And through fishing license sales and special taxes on equipment, hundreds of millions of anglers' dollars go right back to states each year for local conservation and recreation.

Sportfishing is more than just a traditional American pastime, it is a powerful economic force, an unparalleled contributor to conservation and a vital part of the American culture.



Fishing ranks among the top family leisure-time activities. Each year, nearly 9 million women and more than 10 million kids under the age of 16 go fishing. Unlike fad sports, fishing is a lifelong pursuit passed on from one generation to the next.

Inside the Numbers

- More Americans fish than play golf and tennis combined.
- In Florida, people spend over three times more days fishing than at Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom.
- The overall impact of angler expenditures would make sportfishing 32nd on the Fortune 500 list of America's largest companies, above such global giants as Target, Sears, and Johnson & Johnson.
- Nine times more jobs are supported by anglers than employed by AT&T.

"All Americans believe that they are born fishermen. For a man to admit to a distaste for fishing would be like denouncing mother-love and hating moonlight."

John Steinbeck, author

Economics



Right now, the only ripple of interest to your angling friend is the one made by the fish as it surfaces at the end of the line. But all around, the money spent to buy tackle, gas for the boat and film to record the one that didn't get away, is having a tremendous, positive impact on the economy.

On average, an angler spends over \$1,200 every year on the sport. Hidden, but none-the-less real, is a multiplying factor that effectively triples what you spend as the initial expenditure ripples through the economy.

Take for example the \$10 plunked down by an angler for a new lure. It spreads outward just like the ripples made after the lure hits the water. That revenue helps the store's owner pay her rent, bills and employees. These individuals then use part of that money for other goods and services and the rippling effect further spreads and repeats.

Of course, ten dollars isn't very significant by itself, but when 44 million anglers spend \$41.5 billion in a year, the result in jobs, wages, and other economic effects is an extraordinary pillar of America's economic health.

Fishing Is Tourism: Top 5 Fishing Destinations Ranked by Non-Resident Economic Output

	Non-Resident Economic Output	Non-Resident Anglers	Non-Resident Fishing Days
Florida	\$1,535,730,679	1,050,515	6,432,800
North Carolina	\$ 716,318,246	467,665	2,298,119
New York	\$ 584,764,500	307,129	2,884,003
Alaska	\$ 575,727,045	239,092	1,147,344
Wisconsin	\$ 538,397,966	470,639	3,744,873

TOTAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT DERIVED FROM NON-RESIDENT ANGLERS:

\$11.4 billion



Sportfishing is an economic mainstay for communities across the country where outdoor recreation is popular. Anglers' expenditures on everything from tackle to hotels to gas grew by 33% since 1991.

Anglers are spending more dollars along our coasts than ever before. Over the past decade, expenditures by saltwater anglers have grown an astounding 77% while the number of jobs related to saltwater sportfishing has jumped a healthy 44%.



Victor Monsour courtesy Creole Nature Trail

More focused on playing the fish at the end of the line, your typical angler gives little thought to how his hobby is helping provide his fellow Americans a boatload of benefits.

The 1.1 million jobs, \$7.3 billion in tax revenues, and \$30 billion in wages generated by recreational fishing are many times greater than those created by corporate giants like Ford, Microsoft or Nike.

Generating more than \$116 billion in total output, this remarkably simple activity of dipping one's line in the water provides nine times the economic benefit of commercial fishing.

“I like to fish because it is totally relaxing. I love the water. I can concentrate and forget all my worries. I count my blessings while fishing.”

George Bush, president

Benefits by Type of Fishing

	Total	Freshwater	Saltwater
Anglers*	34.1 million	28.4 million	9.1 million
Expenditures	\$41.5 billion	\$29.5 billion	\$11.3 billion
Economic Output	\$116.1 billion	\$74.8 billion	\$31.1 billion
Jobs	1,068,046	683,892	296,898
Wages & Salaries	\$30.1 billion	\$19.4 billion	\$8.1 billion
Taxes	\$7.3 billion	\$4.8 billion	\$2.0 billion

*Anglers aged 16 years and over. Approximately 10.3 million children aged 6 to 15 also fish, but are not included in the spending analysis.

**Some expenditures were not classified by respondents as freshwater or saltwater. As a result, individual categories may not add to the total.

Top Ten States Ranked by Overall Economic Output

	Economic Output	Anglers
Florida	\$7,455,766,835	3,103,582
California	\$4,899,389,802	2,443,783
Texas	\$4,563,411,333	2,372,499
Minnesota	\$2,862,561,056	1,624,261
North Carolina	\$2,327,232,596	1,286,574
Wisconsin	\$2,315,761,994	1,411,571
Michigan	\$2,173,318,216	1,353,589
New York	\$2,068,763,922	1,549,637
Ohio	\$1,860,851,503	1,370,765
Alabama	\$1,676,108,986	851,470

SPORTFISHING PROVIDES **9 times** THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF COMMERCIAL FISHING.

Conservation



Janet Tennison

Without fish, there can be no sportfishing. And it's with that understanding that anglers are at the forefront of conservation. Both in theory and in practice anglers return far more to the resource than they take out. For example, only 3% of all fish landed along our coasts are taken by sport anglers. Commercial operations are responsible for the remaining 97% of saltwater landings.

Still, the vast majority of funding used by state fish and wildlife agencies for fishery management comes from anglers. Through the innovative Sport Fish Restoration Act, taxes imposed on fishing tackle and boat fuel, when combined with fishing license revenues, result in a pot of nearly \$1 billion being returned to states each year. In many parts of the country these angler-generated dollars are the only funds states have to improve fish habitat, public access and aquatic education.

Fishing may be better some days than others, but what doesn't change is its value as a traditional American pastime, economic driver and conservation powerhouse.



In-Fisherman

Anglers are at the forefront of aquatic conservation. Through their strong conservation ethic and significant financial contributions, anglers helped bring back many popular gamefish such as striped bass and redbfish.

Quick Facts

- On average, 83% of funding for state fish and wildlife agencies' aquatic resource management budget is supported by sportsmen.
- Nearly nine in ten Americans believe outdoor recreation benefits the environment because it gives them a good reason to care about natural resources.
- Surveys indicate 95% of Americans support legal recreational fishing.
- A 2001 Harris poll identified recreational fishing as Americans' top outdoor leisure time activity.

"Fishing is much more than fish. It is the great occasion when we may return to the fine simplicity of our forefathers."

Herbert Hoover, president

Number of Anglers and Fishing Participation by State for 2001

	Total Anglers	Total Fishing Days	Freshwater Anglers	Freshwater Fishing Days	Saltwater Anglers	Saltwater Fishing Days	Great Lakes Anglers	Great Lakes Fishing Days
Alabama	851,470	11,275,000	732,204	9,877,338	167,294	1,339,505	-	-
Alaska	421,394	3,408,000	265,759	2,109,832	271,178	1,531,382	-	-
Arizona	419,180	4,246,000	419,180	4,245,633	-	-	-	-
Arkansas	781,772	13,006,000	781,772	13,005,934	-	-	-	-
California	2,443,784	27,663,000	1,864,635	19,384,594	932,404	8,345,225	-	-
Colorado	916,818	9,269,000	915,077	9,267,000	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	345,964	4,768,000	254,482	3,516,040	160,929	1,397,592	-	-
Delaware	148,472	1,355,000	73,147	609,298	88,034	698,368	-	-
Florida	3,103,583	48,417,000	1,315,528	20,839,559	2,436,720	30,122,563	-	-
Georgia	1,086,322	13,757,000	1,016,703	13,076,379	97,677^	467,441^	-	-
Hawaii	149,628	2,633,000	*	*	144,461	2,566,990	-	-
Idaho	415,698	4,070,000	415,698	4,070,034	-	-	-	-
Illinois	1,236,806	16,133,000	1,060,181	14,246,349	-	-	119,815^	756,227^
Indiana	874,281	14,192,000	745,468	12,756,189	-	-	*	*
Iowa	541,613	7,485,000	541,613	7,484,539	-	-	-	-
Kansas	403,691	5,662,000	403,691	5,662,266	-	-	-	-
Kentucky	779,677	12,394,000	779,677	12,393,649	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	969,996	12,637,000	659,237	8,418,850	504,030	4,672,930	-	-
Maine	376,372	4,234,000	271,840	3,422,119	150,398	727,164	-	-
Maryland	700,603	7,471,000	366,585	4,269,124	369,826	3,168,919	-	-
Massachusetts	615,300	7,685,000	324,740	4,559,507	375,812	3,304,421	-	-
Michigan	1,353,589	19,320,000	979,448	12,816,967	-	-	680,003	7,002,122
Minnesota	1,624,261	30,083,000	1,559,750	28,159,112	-	-	*	*
Mississippi	585,837	9,461,000	494,165	8,465,881	106,325	988,017	-	-
Missouri	1,214,950	13,279,000	1,214,950	13,278,827	-	-	-	-
Montana	349,443	4,068,000	349,443	4,068,266	-	-	-	-
Nebraska	296,090	3,204,000	296,090	3,203,580	-	-	-	-
Nevada	171,571	1,575,000	171,571	1,575,313	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	266,523	3,203,000	220,552	2,870,883	70,088	319,829	-	-
New Jersey	805,870	10,857,000	330,957	5,552,586	571,829	5,113,581	-	-
New Mexico	313,608	2,485,000	313,608	2,485,037	-	-	-	-
New York	1,549,637	24,720,000	900,659	13,022,349	405,736	4,430,149	368,195	6,324,369
North Carolina	1,286,575	15,369,000	847,994	12,073,372	656,658	3,402,054	-	-
North Dakota	178,621	2,186,000	178,621	2,185,612	-	-	-	-
Ohio	1,370,765	19,882,000	1,080,814	15,212,033	-	-	429,841	4,241,389
Oklahoma	774,254	12,741,000	774,254	12,740,550	-	-	-	-
Oregon	687,123	8,698,000	611,017	7,894,785	182,927	953,271	-	-
Pennsylvania	1,265,884	18,313,000	1,163,204	17,200,772	-	-	*	*
Rhode Island	178,765	2,047,000	50,733	648,887	148,829	1,508,442	-	-
South Carolina	811,593	10,679,000	591,069	8,712,806	348,493	2,012,741	-	-
South Dakota	214,429	2,984,000	214,429	2,984,192	-	-	-	-
Tennessee	903,385	15,035,000	903,385	15,035,262	-	-	-	-
Texas	2,372,499	32,823,000	1,841,749	25,650,350	860,356	7,537,886	-	-
Utah	517,247	5,238,000	517,247	5,237,905	-	-	-	-
Vermont	171,420	2,321,000	171,420	2,321,274	-	-	-	-
Virginia	1,009,519	14,468,000	721,301	10,848,612	384,730	3,279,483	-	-
Washington	938,178	12,841,000	659,146	9,799,572	385,506	2,941,061	-	-
West Virginia	317,632	4,152,000	317,632	4,151,742	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	1,411,571	22,042,000	1,306,461	19,139,074	-	-	197,590	2,084,571
Wyoming	292,915	2,497,000	292,915	2,497,084	-	-	-	-
United States	34,071,000	557,394,000	27,913,000	443,240,501	9,051,000	90,838,000	1,847,000	23,138,000

^ small sample size

* sample size too small to report reliably

Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, "2001 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation"

Economic Impact of Sportfishing by State for 2001

	Economic Output	Retail Sales	Salaries and Wages	Jobs	Sales and Motor Fuel Taxes	State Income Taxes	Federal Income Taxes
Alabama	\$1,676,108,986	\$858,124,876	\$412,447,847	19,467	\$43,660,478	\$16,729,004	\$42,448,901
Alaska	\$959,821,921	\$587,028,597	\$238,011,311	11,064	\$2,785,026	No Tax	\$24,665,604
Arizona	\$844,638,887	\$446,416,439	\$216,362,618	8,478	\$25,605,136	\$5,142,988	\$35,548,103
Arkansas	\$843,349,209	\$471,099,603	\$210,183,369	10,009	\$27,534,616	\$10,208,912	\$21,543,819
California	\$4,899,389,802	\$2,388,562,665	\$1,285,643,099	43,130	\$163,348,768	\$61,818,827	\$231,709,736
Colorado	\$1,579,687,512	\$790,901,984	\$413,856,808	15,253	\$32,011,239	\$13,434,236	\$70,720,789
Connecticut	\$389,375,629	\$224,198,630	\$94,948,732	3,097	\$15,059,935	\$2,879,110	\$17,362,296
Delaware	\$112,253,889	\$70,029,106	\$22,904,413	1,036	\$1,348,021	\$840,911	\$2,402,398
Florida	\$7,455,766,835	\$4,117,176,994	\$1,994,632,271	79,949	\$227,212,765	No Tax	\$322,666,622
Georgia	\$1,140,197,359	\$568,712,185	\$283,998,584	10,649	\$19,453,652	\$15,123,091	\$48,016,130
Hawaii	\$186,562,268	\$107,906,440	\$49,796,556	2,095	\$5,170,991	\$3,453,889	\$7,774,762
Idaho	\$681,065,982	\$409,453,451	\$157,402,757	7,773	\$22,889,647	\$6,846,807	\$15,856,844
Illinois	\$1,623,449,163	\$736,575,125	\$398,275,277	12,886	\$50,445,665	\$9,377,569	\$73,123,710
Indiana	\$1,113,114,874	\$538,729,555	\$280,477,686	11,171	\$27,166,764	\$7,010,563	\$45,574,350
Iowa	\$741,050,479	\$362,542,553	\$167,146,947	7,119	\$21,199,312	\$9,156,477	\$25,853,206
Kansas	\$403,200,176	\$205,141,349	\$94,633,538	4,226	\$12,817,515	\$4,329,705	\$14,084,709
Kentucky	\$1,299,964,305	\$671,707,079	\$290,656,549	13,268	\$39,806,964	\$16,086,082	\$42,449,138
Louisiana	\$1,535,277,920	\$842,362,796	\$371,864,510	15,993	\$46,771,991	\$9,116,979	\$57,081,560
Maine	\$541,188,350	\$322,122,047	\$129,380,734	6,109	\$16,702,617	\$7,180,670	\$13,313,231
Maryland	\$1,063,396,570	\$557,544,005	\$270,916,901	11,020	\$31,348,481	\$10,012,837	\$43,370,816
Massachusetts	\$888,486,177	\$494,165,471	\$225,328,262	8,169	\$29,055,826	\$10,605,484	\$38,887,196
Michigan	\$2,173,318,216	\$1,139,130,590	\$553,768,441	21,301	\$70,897,258	\$14,714,425	\$92,110,866
Minnesota	\$2,862,561,056	\$1,460,636,605	\$713,190,334	28,421	\$102,379,875	\$24,886,332	\$115,838,653
Mississippi	\$463,103,315	\$239,212,966	\$110,060,719	5,020	\$18,860,467	\$3,971,979	\$11,501,798
Missouri	\$1,621,784,787	\$832,776,355	\$362,817,536	14,889	\$40,800,571	\$14,131,111	\$57,714,034
Montana	\$544,795,715	\$318,535,459	\$136,106,672	7,029	\$7,087,276	\$5,601,108	\$13,404,645
Nebraska	\$339,682,059	\$187,235,156	\$82,706,084	3,798	\$11,116,714	\$3,365,147	\$8,617,548
Nevada	\$390,760,146	\$252,830,058	\$81,944,131	2,952	\$18,688,745	No Tax	\$14,194,924
New Hampshire	\$316,568,146	\$181,455,471	\$71,705,209	3,123	\$3,094,988	No Tax	\$10,895,051
New Jersey	\$1,423,621,649	\$756,719,035	\$342,898,387	12,553	\$44,511,791	\$8,093,460	\$58,834,557
New Mexico	\$397,705,209	\$235,182,142	\$87,854,656	4,234	\$13,737,550	\$3,340,603	\$8,954,843
New York	\$2,068,763,922	\$1,148,533,163	\$517,763,888	17,568	\$56,298,335	\$16,036,983	\$92,755,747
North Carolina	\$2,327,232,596	\$1,140,239,634	\$590,474,148	25,418	\$55,736,201	\$27,988,527	\$90,573,395
North Dakota	\$303,445,966	\$177,548,262	\$65,434,168	3,181	\$10,608,650	\$672,760	\$6,642,317
Ohio	\$1,860,851,503	\$874,135,410	\$455,121,550	18,624	\$53,368,117	\$27,731,570	\$72,546,658
Oklahoma	\$992,311,004	\$484,178,493	\$245,076,035	11,403	\$27,521,684	\$14,233,512	\$25,386,851
Oregon	\$1,304,519,242	\$733,412,813	\$298,749,523	12,776	\$17,309,930	\$23,274,649	\$46,063,809
Pennsylvania	\$1,615,513,600	\$800,382,494	\$387,863,429	14,611	\$43,174,405	\$10,860,176	\$65,385,923
Rhode Island	\$172,660,051	\$108,880,448	\$39,607,448	1,736	\$10,756,333	\$1,557,165	\$5,989,098
South Carolina	\$1,291,563,827	\$658,703,543	\$318,923,456	13,600	\$40,235,213	\$12,328,793	\$49,284,530
South Dakota	\$360,685,439	\$207,327,717	\$89,267,618	4,453	\$12,276,623	No Tax	\$8,948,400
Tennessee	\$1,159,593,818	\$564,667,336	\$292,858,357	11,478	\$39,442,500	No Tax	\$48,110,852
Texas	\$4,563,411,333	\$2,183,190,258	\$1,103,501,405	41,313	\$124,785,654	No Tax	\$186,753,520
Utah	\$903,087,618	\$441,976,667	\$227,988,510	9,827	\$27,805,344	\$9,235,282	\$24,396,152
Vermont	\$166,974,800	\$108,658,893	\$37,344,227	1,845	\$7,543,916	\$902,611	\$3,760,878
Virginia	\$1,213,253,238	\$640,728,462	\$278,441,172	11,238	\$33,621,463	\$12,262,382	\$44,823,018
Washington	\$1,656,548,494	\$932,431,598	\$417,164,967	15,965	\$67,185,935	No Tax	\$69,620,399
West Virginia	\$179,517,111	\$105,874,521	\$38,765,880	2,038	\$8,227,010	\$1,387,563	\$3,781,579
Wisconsin	\$2,315,761,994	\$1,206,013,375	\$590,202,492	26,226	\$75,412,621	\$14,309,573	\$62,369,489
Wyoming	\$337,426,900	\$227,239,545	\$63,323,800	3,511	\$9,493,295	No Tax	\$5,996,797
United States	\$116,064,518,700	\$41,528,003,337	\$30,108,800,941	1,068,046	\$1,913,373,871	\$470,239,851	\$4,885,011,975

NOTE: The figures above only include fishing activity attributed to anglers 16 years old and older. There are additional economic impacts generated by minors.

NOTE: The U.S. total does not equal the sum of state data as economic activity across state borders are not included in the state totals, in addition to other factors.

NOTE: The expenditures reported here are greater than those reported by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Sportsmen often attributed purchases to both fishing and hunting (especially vehicles and big-ticket items). These items were not included in the Service's fishing expenditure estimates. Such items were included above by prorating each item's cost based on each respondent's total days of hunting and fishing activity.

Source: American Sportfishing Association; Southwick Associates

Economic Impact of Freshwater Fishing by State for 2001

	Economic Output	Retail Sales	Salaries and Wages	Jobs	Sales and Motor Fuel Taxes	State Income Taxes	Federal Income Taxes
Alabama	\$1,191,396,760	\$612,356,566	\$296,763,917	13,790	\$30,195,055	\$12,080,184	\$30,759,005
Alaska	\$546,999,500	\$334,081,322	\$135,116,132	6,345	\$1,676,502	No Tax	\$13,938,342
Arizona	\$827,179,903	\$437,940,160	\$211,790,160	8,334	\$25,508,983	\$5,022,177	\$34,698,392
Arkansas	\$811,847,874	\$452,726,701	\$203,777,465	9,691	\$27,524,404	\$9,900,853	\$20,900,033
California	\$3,081,544,025	\$1,497,205,476	\$810,978,134	26,707	\$106,435,211	\$39,172,538	\$147,573,115
Colorado	\$1,544,589,516	\$774,507,578	\$404,916,831	14,979	\$32,007,331	\$13,128,188	\$69,036,544
Connecticut	\$235,096,406	\$134,090,860	\$56,495,590	1,775	\$9,021,133	\$1,743,647	\$10,522,510
Delaware	\$31,104,395	\$19,030,722	\$6,650,015	289	\$641,632	\$248,061	\$709,053
Florida	\$1,892,228,731	\$1,056,538,098	\$484,394,984	19,519	\$55,183,298	No Tax	\$78,068,685
Georgia	\$1,007,329,833	\$502,784,919	\$250,452,867	9,400	\$18,559,061	\$13,335,153	\$42,319,233
Hawaii*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	\$657,461,318	\$396,364,348	\$151,598,738	7,504	\$22,697,010	\$6,581,745	\$15,254,668
Illinois	\$1,320,809,468	\$605,702,760	\$328,390,239	10,744	\$42,907,145	\$7,708,237	\$59,954,920
Indiana	\$782,718,458	\$375,910,076	\$191,663,873	7,701	\$19,477,071	\$4,775,356	\$30,951,997
Iowa	\$728,440,888	\$356,059,646	\$164,124,784	7,006	\$21,179,560	\$8,987,343	\$25,342,797
Kansas	\$391,023,862	\$199,262,778	\$91,831,501	4,121	\$12,762,821	\$4,194,243	\$13,612,959
Kentucky	\$1,283,779,057	\$663,900,004	\$286,980,475	13,130	\$39,790,639	\$15,879,586	\$41,827,852
Louisiana	\$759,096,419	\$418,288,158	\$185,187,115	7,921	\$23,857,572	\$4,555,883	\$28,549,306
Maine	\$410,490,839	\$244,342,627	\$99,109,242	4,645	\$12,974,721	\$5,522,511	\$10,233,302
Maryland	\$406,864,490	\$214,046,801	\$102,153,229	3,933	\$12,608,083	\$3,838,582	\$16,981,819
Massachusetts	\$288,952,590	\$159,271,637	\$72,541,663	2,543	\$9,345,527	\$3,435,772	\$12,765,376
Michigan	\$1,019,603,932	\$532,201,225	\$258,018,238	9,731	\$33,376,833	\$6,933,794	\$43,465,871
Minnesota	\$2,566,930,657	\$1,306,395,085	\$644,321,093	25,955	\$94,147,638	\$22,307,618	\$103,865,437
Mississippi	\$352,537,472	\$182,607,906	\$84,578,739	3,897	\$14,792,746	\$3,040,260	\$8,799,252
Missouri	\$1,597,871,536	\$820,970,981	\$357,142,565	14,683	\$40,760,992	\$13,896,380	\$56,735,859
Montana	\$531,821,954	\$311,847,703	\$132,917,790	6,887	\$7,087,276	\$5,457,135	\$13,067,829
Nebraska	\$320,791,063	\$176,796,252	\$78,076,989	3,610	\$10,912,624	\$3,164,911	\$8,110,256
Nevada	\$382,303,623	\$247,936,468	\$79,717,258	2,882	\$18,546,712	No Tax	\$13,781,000
New Hampshire	\$202,757,872	\$116,468,729	\$46,507,230	1,925	\$1,803,317	No Tax	\$7,352,480
New Jersey	\$566,903,391	\$300,656,198	\$134,401,111	4,703	\$17,681,219	\$3,177,613	\$23,675,443
New Mexico	\$362,818,933	\$211,874,732	\$81,167,335	3,922	\$12,840,867	\$3,081,717	\$8,263,143
New York	\$535,518,522	\$298,280,827	\$132,325,116	4,468	\$16,976,457	\$4,116,633	\$23,767,374
North Carolina	\$1,553,463,220	\$742,504,013	\$399,815,134	16,676	\$36,754,028	\$19,231,918	\$62,838,166
North Dakota	\$299,056,480	\$175,218,081	\$64,429,826	3,141	\$10,594,020	\$660,542	\$6,531,805
Ohio	\$1,122,527,187	\$521,620,496	\$274,867,494	10,782	\$32,856,064	\$16,792,268	\$45,128,474
Oklahoma	\$978,908,874	\$477,948,200	\$241,821,461	11,269	\$27,506,247	\$14,040,924	\$25,032,136
Oregon	\$991,779,210	\$561,850,608	\$227,163,400	9,758	\$15,339,886	\$17,685,218	\$34,902,374
Pennsylvania	\$1,174,492,010	\$584,427,846	\$283,127,507	10,958	\$31,765,433	\$7,927,570	\$46,904,455
Rhode Island	\$36,540,918	\$22,148,301	\$8,743,532	347	\$1,910,640	\$370,496	\$1,424,985
South Carolina	\$706,995,396	\$366,046,138	\$175,570,781	7,613	\$22,831,632	\$6,694,126	\$26,774,187
South Dakota	\$353,491,690	\$203,361,169	\$87,534,485	4,391	\$12,274,463	No Tax	\$8,750,425
Tennessee	\$1,102,253,703	\$534,118,034	\$280,805,418	11,031	\$39,374,093	No Tax	\$46,059,030
Texas	\$3,094,656,108	\$1,492,479,289	\$733,697,159	26,953	\$85,365,806	No Tax	\$125,624,694
Utah	\$862,532,694	\$420,703,806	\$219,061,558	9,459	\$27,749,384	\$8,862,310	\$23,424,350
Vermont	\$160,398,597	\$104,961,886	\$35,689,325	1,782	\$7,480,508	\$858,324	\$3,576,350
Virginia	\$734,968,076	\$383,496,833	\$170,256,220	6,824	\$18,945,760	\$7,513,953	\$27,542,869
Washington	\$994,368,756	\$561,058,124	\$252,259,180	9,536	\$42,094,299	No Tax	\$42,433,449
West Virginia	\$173,640,477	\$102,812,820	\$37,490,403	1,981	\$8,226,189	\$1,341,111	\$3,647,201
Wisconsin	\$1,878,736,707	\$988,711,943	\$478,493,775	21,459	\$64,091,141	\$11,421,361	\$50,369,136
Wyoming	\$326,394,230	\$221,168,080	\$60,686,610	3,395	\$9,477,542	No Tax	\$5,716,001
United States	\$74,790,354,657	\$26,520,968,298	\$19,410,929,282	683,892	\$1,287,916,577	\$338,686,239	\$3,127,973,643

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NOTE: Great Lakes fishing is not included (see page 10).

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Source: American Sportfishing Association; Southwick Associates

Economic Impact of Saltwater Fishing by State for 2001

	Economic Output	Retail Sales	Salaries and Wages	Jobs	Sales and Motor Fuel Taxes	State Income Taxes	Federal Income Taxes
Alabama	\$463,519,587	\$235,936,051	\$110,462,221	5,477	\$13,442,389	\$4,427,651	\$11,105,726
Alaska	\$390,797,443	\$240,822,120	\$97,609,346	4,556	\$1,108,524	No Tax	\$10,096,871
California	\$1,701,526,349	\$837,885,007	\$445,384,919	15,652	\$56,790,968	\$21,163,421	\$78,263,290
Connecticut	\$139,845,697	\$82,381,724	\$34,630,141	1,211	\$5,743,435	\$1,013,401	\$6,102,183
Delaware	\$77,792,682	\$48,928,560	\$15,697,027	724	\$1,209,180	\$571,474	\$1,632,190
Florida	\$5,432,151,596	\$2,987,155,721	\$1,482,103,679	59,418	\$171,883,333	No Tax	\$239,723,442
Georgia^	\$115,486,330	\$57,797,862	\$29,169,622	1,112	\$2,151,996	\$1,550,033	\$4,880,497
Hawaii	\$180,473,064	\$104,108,471	\$48,433,020	2,041	\$4,981,768	\$3,358,726	\$7,554,616
Louisiana	\$745,689,901	\$409,570,714	\$179,406,578	7,786	\$22,914,419	\$4,373,258	\$27,341,004
Maine	\$113,603,978	\$67,829,568	\$26,556,468	1,287	\$3,708,939	\$1,453,411	\$2,699,950
Maryland	\$640,964,531	\$335,934,459	\$165,036,290	6,981	\$18,727,532	\$6,023,710	\$25,664,989
Massachusetts	\$571,647,389	\$320,741,735	\$145,467,272	5,423	\$19,304,475	\$6,809,952	\$24,683,666
Mississippi	\$98,274,976	\$50,499,699	\$22,521,341	1,003	\$3,997,176	\$820,213	\$2,377,908
New Hampshire	\$103,666,563	\$59,331,936	\$22,998,860	1,103	\$1,291,670	No Tax	\$3,209,561
New Jersey	\$841,796,756	\$448,756,613	\$205,104,996	7,762	\$26,830,572	\$4,834,912	\$34,477,192
New York	\$678,233,859	\$389,330,066	\$150,876,052	5,122	\$14,033,635	\$4,670,710	\$27,020,562
North Carolina	\$753,935,885	\$388,014,715	\$185,724,269	8,551	\$18,945,695	\$8,511,601	\$26,918,555
Oregon	\$289,176,767	\$160,015,148	\$66,003,208	2,842	\$1,970,044	\$5,136,583	\$10,121,780
Rhode Island	\$135,225,129	\$86,234,218	\$30,662,027	1,382	\$8,842,711	\$1,177,013	\$4,526,972
South Carolina	\$518,904,400	\$264,053,210	\$129,738,396	5,498	\$16,217,822	\$5,040,404	\$20,145,233
Texas	\$1,328,150,852	\$622,204,552	\$339,302,521	13,322	\$39,419,847	No Tax	\$55,672,267
Virginia	\$456,511,406	\$246,802,602	\$103,262,854	4,251	\$14,672,202	\$4,519,916	\$16,388,294
Washington	\$617,214,306	\$348,172,741	\$154,429,160	6,102	\$25,074,428	No Tax	\$25,229,231
United States	\$31,085,904,333	\$11,318,249,621	\$8,138,400,181	296,898	\$493,262,762	\$85,456,389	\$1,357,945,118

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Economic Impact of Sportfishing in the Great Lakes States for 2001

	Economic Output	Retail Sales	Salaries and Wages	Jobs	Sales and Motor Fuel Taxes	State Income Taxes	Federal Income Taxes
Illinois^	\$273,333,804	\$118,109,932	\$62,701,834	1,943	\$7,524,069	\$1,493,370	\$11,753,228
Indiana*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	\$1,115,439,183	\$587,073,306	\$285,874,501	11,274	\$37,338,845	\$7,484,775	\$46,766,771
Minnesota*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	\$820,466,926	\$442,004,505	\$226,862,890	7,785	\$25,288,243	\$6,954,671	\$40,395,251
Ohio	\$678,840,789	\$321,659,605	\$167,543,035	7,351	\$20,419,991	\$10,161,996	\$25,308,470
Pennsylvania*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	\$384,497,785	\$190,177,889	\$98,620,428	4,265	\$11,321,480	\$2,498,540	\$10,538,571
United States	\$7,357,258,224	\$2,549,290,453	\$1,904,013,545	66,324	\$101,892,628	\$28,593,352	\$303,352,277

^ small sample size

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Source: American Sportfishing Association; Southwick Associates

Angler Travel and Equipment Expenditures for 2001

	All Anglers	Non-Resident/ Tourist Anglers
Travel Expenditures	\$14,655,726,628	\$3,645,584,234
Food	\$4,141,113,867	\$876,319,357
Lodging	\$1,739,746,502	\$794,265,773
Public Transportation	\$400,428,515	\$348,754,126
Private Transportation	\$3,115,200,967	\$654,946,079
Boat Fuel	\$1,259,752,575	\$170,523,871
Guides	\$686,903,337	\$345,423,603
Public Land Use Fees	\$121,273,734	\$26,409,895
Private Land Use Fees	\$92,961,112	\$10,450,234
Boat Launching	\$127,802,965	\$10,952,723
Boat Mooring	\$1,242,873,295	\$137,865,981
Equipment Rental	\$253,514,176	\$83,830,794
Bait (live, cut, prepared)	\$1,105,343,950	\$129,904,155
Ice	\$290,912,828	\$44,804,294
Heating & Cooking Fuel	\$77,898,806	\$11,133,348
Fishing Equipment Expenditures	\$4,408,109,353	\$350,732,194
Rods, Reels, & Components	\$1,897,311,389	\$169,404,725
Lines and Leaders	\$459,333,062	\$35,311,061
Lures, Flies, & Artificial Baits	\$597,074,744	\$54,454,744
Hooks, Sinkers, other Terminal Tackle	\$342,748,972	\$24,147,195
Tackle Boxes	\$132,337,859	\$6,172,102
Creels, Stringers, Landing Nets, etc	\$101,241,979	\$8,368,552
Bait Buckets, Minnow Traps and Other Bait Containers	\$52,804,029	\$2,891,587
Depth Finders, Fish Finders and Other Electronics	\$457,040,672	\$28,663,117
Ice Fishing Equipment	\$82,831,463	\$1,376,194
Other Fishing Equipment (knives, hook removers, etc.)	\$285,385,183	\$19,942,918
Auxiliary Purchases for Fishing	\$861,504,256	\$58,776,926
Camping Gear	\$460,424,334	\$17,772,173
Binoculars	\$71,891,432	\$6,790,111
Special Fishing Clothing, Foul Weather Gear, Waders	\$329,188,489	\$34,214,643
Special Equipment Purchased for Fishing	\$17,353,409,220	\$1,918,626,317
Bass Boats	\$1,300,387,302	\$299,628,231
Other Motorized Boats	\$2,998,953,006	\$524,440,937
Canoes / Non-Motorized Boats	\$199,438,886	\$12,045,692
Boat Motors, Trailers, Hitches, and Accessories	\$1,243,547,634	\$104,423,121
Pick-ups, Campers, Travel Trailers, Motor Homes, etc.	\$7,221,153,483	\$371,821,249
Cabins	\$2,220,763,728	\$557,116,863
4x4 and Off-road Vehicles, Snowmobiles	\$1,954,960,575	\$47,822,531
Other Special Equipment	\$214,204,607	\$1,327,693
Other Miscellaneous Fishing Expenses	\$4,249,253,879	\$1,249,147,026
Taxidermy & Processing	\$41,298,946	\$15,064,051
Books and Magazines Devoted to Fishing	\$158,714,902	\$13,053,004
Dues and Contributions to Organizations	\$158,895,362	\$14,567,340
Fishing Licenses	\$597,210,000	\$143,330,400
Tags, Permits and Other Specialized Licenses	\$42,666,186	\$9,760,016
Land Owned Primarily for Fishing, 2001 expense only	\$2,992,008,447	\$1,012,331,140
Land Leased Primarily for Fishing, 2001 expense only	\$160,585,521	\$41,041,076
Other Misc. Fishing Related Expenditures	\$97,874,516	\$35,025,508
US Total	\$41,528,003,337	\$7,257,892,205

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