

Illinois saw a significant increase in international visitors to the state in 2023, marking a momentous milestone in tourism growth for Illinois. Tourism Economics, in partnership with the Illinois Office of Tourism, provides annual international economic impact and visitation estimates for Illinois. The International States Travel (IST) data provides a summary of international travel to the U.S. leveraging multiple sources to arrive at final estimates.

We welcomed:



more than 2.157 million international visitors in 2023



Up 39% (1,551,800) from 2022

Made up of





Overseas 1,347,000 **↑** Up 40%



Canada 627,000 **↑** Up 48%



**Mexico** 183,000 **↑** Up 12%



## **Top Markets for Visitation** to Illinois (in thousands)





## **Top Growth in Visitation from Top Illinois Markets**

(2019 - 2023)





India **55**% Canada 33%

**Ireland** 26%



Italy 16%



**Spain** 14%

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**International visitors spent nearly** 

**\$2.7** Billion in Illinois in 2023

**1** Up 46.8%





## **Top Markets for Spending** (\$ in millions)

1	Canada	\$393.2
2	India	\$275.1
3	UK	\$211.7
4	China	\$154.5
5	Germany	\$149.9
6	Brazil	\$120.1
7	Australia	\$96.7
8	France	\$87.6
9	South Korea	\$83.8
10	Spain	\$68.8
11	Italy	\$67.8
12	Mexico	\$67.8
13	Japan	\$52.0
14	Ireland	\$50.4
15	Switzerland	\$44.1



Top Growth in Spending from Top Illinois Markets (2019 - 2023)











67%





Italy 56%









India 39%









Germany 24%



Switzerland 14%





Australia 3%

