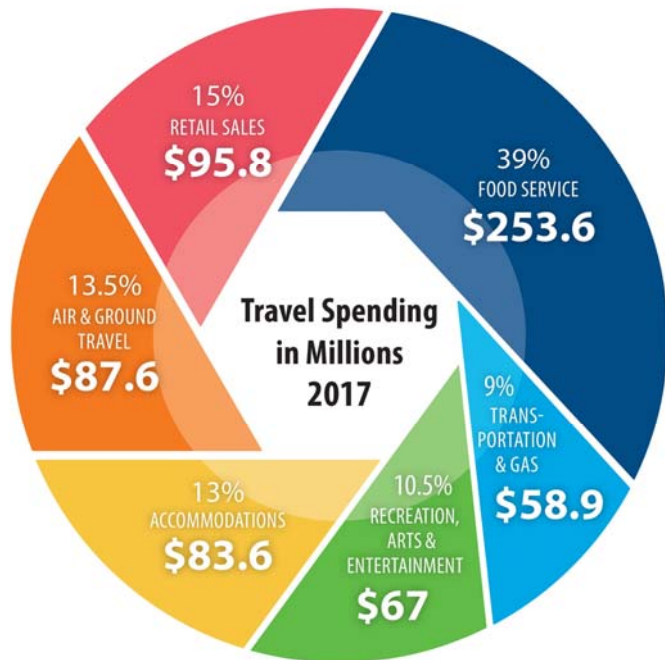




Economic Impact



TOTAL TRAVEL SPENDING IN WHATCOM COUNTY
\$646,500,000

Sector	\$ Millions
Food Service	\$253.6
Retail Sales	\$95.8
Air and Ground Travel	\$87.6
Accommodations	\$83.6
Recreation, Entertainment, Arts	\$67.0
Transportation and Gas	\$58.9
TOTAL VISITOR SPENDING 2017	\$646.5

Tourism is Economic Development in Whatcom County	
Tourism Supported Jobs	6,480
Local Earnings	\$159.6 million
Local City and County Taxes Generated	\$16.9 million
State Taxes Generated	\$37.4 million