ILLINOIS STATE FACT SHEET

Each year, Illinois businesses host international college students and graduates participating in the Department of State’s J-1 visa Summer Work Travel, Intern, Trainee, Au Pair, and Camp Counselor programs. This collaboration offers myriad diplomacy and national security benefits to our country, and significant economic benefits – including vital tax revenue – to communities across Illinois.

**Economic Impact of Summer Work Travel Participants:**

$7 million

*Source: Summer Work Travel (SWT) Program Review by EurekaFacts, August 2018

**Economic Impact of Intern and Trainee Participants:**

$16.4 million

*Source: Intern and Trainee Exchange Program Review by EurekaFacts, June 2017

**Prominent Host Communities:**

Chicago, Waukegan

**Prominent Host Employers:**

Margaritaville Chicago
Six Flags Entertainment Corp.

**American Students Abroad:**

9,761

*Total number of U.S. Study Abroad Students enrolled through institutions in the state, 2016/2017. Source: Open Doors 2018

**Total Number of Participants:**

- **Au Pair**
  1040

- **Camp Counselor**
  210

- **Intern**
  545

- **Summer Work Travel**
  1314

- **Trainee**
  377

*Source: U.S. Department of State, 2018

**International Students in the State:**

53,362

*Number of international students enrolled at colleges/universities in the state. Source: Open Doors 2018