

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.

International Students in the State:

53,362

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

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*

