IOWA STATE FACT SHEET

Each year, Iowa 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 Iowa.

Economic Impact of Summer Work Travel Participants:

$2.4 million

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

Economic Impact of Intern and Trainee Participants:

$3 million

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

Prominent Host Communities:

Arnolds Park, Des Moines, Okoboji, Spirit Lake

Prominent Host Employers:

AmericInn Lodge and Suites – Brooks Park Resort
Camp Hatesa
Lost Island Waterpark
Mau Marine

International Students in the State:

13,362

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

American Students Abroad:

5,904

*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
  29

- Camp Counselor
  200

- Intern
  104

- Summer Work Travel
  453

- Trainee
  62

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