The outdoor recreation economy accounted for 2.2% of U.S. GDP in 2016, making it one of the nation’s largest economic engines.

Wage growth grew at 4.3% from 2015 to 2016, compared to 2.7% in the overall U.S. economy.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AS A PERCENT OF GDP WITH COMPARABLE INDUSTRIES, 2016

U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

OUTDOOR RECREATION VALUE ADDED FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES, 2016

BILLIONS OF CURRENT DOLLARS
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BEA reports that outdoor recreation accounted for 4.5 million jobs in 2016.

Similar to the employment levels of the hospital, transportation & warehousing and nondurable goods manufacturing industries.

For more information on the outdoor recreation sector, visit [www.recreationroundtable.org](http://www.recreationroundtable.org)

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