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Visitors To National Parks In Territory Spent \$62.1 Million In 2015

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ST. CROIX -- Visitors to the Virgin Islands National Parks spent an estimated \$62.1 million in 2015, according to the National Park Service's latest Visitor Spending Effects report. The report says these expenditures supported a total of 819 jobs, \$30.7 million in labor income, \$54.2 million in value added, and \$83.5 million in economic output in local gateway economies surrounding N.P.S.

The results show modest growth in the N.P.S.'s economic impact in the territory compared to 2014, when visitors spent \$59.8 million; supported 789 jobs; aided labor income with a total of \$29.5 million, added value of \$52.1 million, and saw economic output of \$80 million. See more local results [here](#).

The latest numbers, however, are still below the highs of 2012, when visitors spent \$69.9 million; supported 875 jobs; contributed \$37 million to labor income, added value of \$64.9 million to the local economy, and saw an economic output of \$100 million.

On a national level, park visitors spent an estimated \$16.9 billion in local gateway regions while visiting N.P.S. lands across the country. These expenditures supported a total of \$295,000 jobs, \$11.1 billion in labor income, \$18.4 billion in value added, and \$32 billion in economic output in the national economy.

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