

Editor, Gettysburg Times,

With Labor Day comes the unofficial end to summer. And while many in the tourism industry rarely enjoy a much-deserved day off in celebration of the holiday, the staff and board of directors with Destination Gettysburg wants to offer its sincere appreciation to all employees within the Adams County tourism industry.

In Adams County, more than 5,100 people are directly employed by tourism – working in our hotels, restaurants, stores, museums and campgrounds, and another 2,600 are indirectly supported by our visitors through purchases made at gas stations, convenience and grocery stores, and a variety of support services.

Destination Gettysburg is proud to say that those 5,105 people directly employed within the tourism community of Adams County are collectively earning more than \$144 million in wages, an average of \$28,285 per worker, according to 2015 research compiled through the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development.

But, as these employees know, we're not done yet. Destination Gettysburg anticipates a busy autumn travel season. We're excited to bring visitors from around the world to our great events, county-wide agri-tourism experiences, historical attractions as well as our renowned harvest and fall food scene.

We invite everyone to learn more about the tourism industry's impact on employment at [www.gettysburgtourismworks.com](http://www.gettysburgtourismworks.com).

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