# **Understanding RV Consumer** and **Product Trends**



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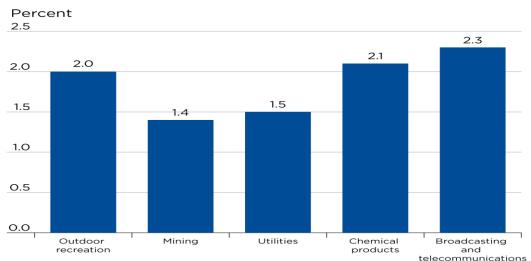
### One key element of RVIA's Mission Statement is:

To create a positive experience for the RV consumer





# Chart 1. Outdoor Recreation as a Percent of GDP with Comparable Industries, 2016



U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)



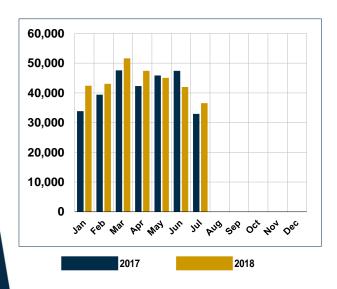
# **RV Shipments Trend, 1980-2017**







# The RV Business Holding Strong



- 2017: Best comparable performance since 1980
- Average annual compounded growth rate of 10%+ since 2010
- RV inventory reducing due to strong reported sales.
- Production capacity is improving
- RV mobility is growing as a consumer lifestyle choice



# **RV Industry Economic Indicators - 2018**



#### Sources:

\* U.S. Department of Commerce

\*\* U.S. Department of the Treasury

\*\*\* Dunn & Bradstreet

\*\*\*\* Center for Microeconomic Data



### **RV Types and Terms**

### **Towable RVs**

Designed to be towed by family car, van or pickup truck. Can be unhitched and left at the campsite while you explore in your auto.

#### TRAVEL TRAILERS

Conventional Travel Trailer
Wide range of floor plans and sizes

Affordable homelike amenities Sleep up to 10



Towable RVs - ↑18.2%

Travel Trailers - ↑20%

Fifth-Wheel Trailers - ↑16.9%

Folding Camping Trailers - ↓9%

Truck Campers - ↑ 6%

(2017 shipment data)

#### Fifth-Wheel Travel Trailers

Spacious two-level floor plans Towed with a pickup truck Sleep up to six



#### SPORT UTILITY RVS

Available motorized and towable (as travel trailers or fifth-wheels).

Built-in garage for hauling cycles, ATVs, and other sports equipment

Sleep up to eight



### Travel Trailers with Expandable Ends

Ends pull out for roomy sleeping Lightweight Towing Sleep up to eight



#### TRUCK CAMPERS

Mount on pickup bed or chassis Go wherever your truck can go Sleep up to six



#### FOLDING CAMPING TRAILERS

Fold for lightweight towing Fresh-air experience with RV comfort Sleep up to eight



#### PARK MODEL RVS

Movable resort unit designed exclusively for part-time recreational use





### **RV Types and Terms**

Living quarters are accessible from the driver's area in one convenient unit.

### MOTORHOMES

Type A Motorhomes Generally roomiest of all RVs Luxurious amenities Sleep up to six



Type B Motorhomes

Commonly called van campers Drive like the family van Sleep up to four



Type C Motorhomes

Similar amenities to Type As Optional sleeping space over the cab Sleep up to eight



Motorhomes currently represent 13% of the RVs shipped in 2017

Type A - ↑2.3%

Type B - ↑32%

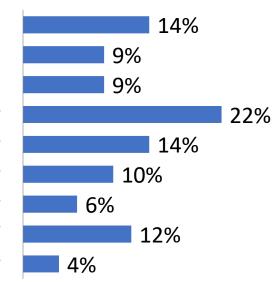
Type C - ↑22%

(2017 shipment data)



# **RV** Ownership

Type A motor home
Type B motor home
Type C motor home
Conventional travel trailer
Fifth-wheel travel trailer
Folding camping trailer
Truck Camper
Park Model RV
Other









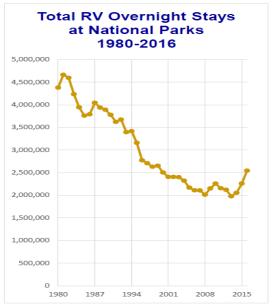


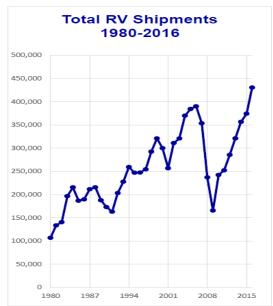


98% of consumers purchase RVs for camping



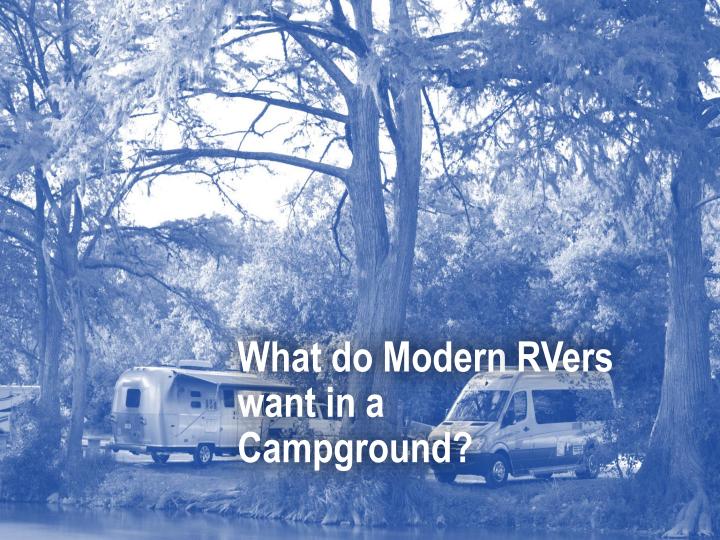
### **Campground Modernization & Expansion**





The Need: Campground Modernization and Expansion





# Help Facilitate the Adventure

- Amenities!
- Strong Wi-Fi Millennials/Gen-X/Baby Boomers/Mobile Professionals
- 50 AMP Service
- Site-specific Electric, Water, and Sewer hook-ups
- Improved Dump Stations





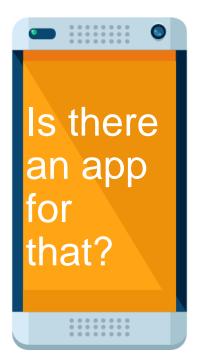


















# Help Facilitate the Adventure

- Improved bathing facilities with hot showers, sinks, and flush toilets
- Camp stores to purchase essentials and restock necessary supplies before their next journey
- Recreational opportunities such as zip lines, guided rock climbing tours, ATV courses, watersports and boat, fishing gear or bike rentals
- RV storage areas near campsites for those who return often









# Help Facilitate the Adventure

- More RV accessible sites
- Pull-through RV campsites
- Group camping sites
- Destination camping sites



















































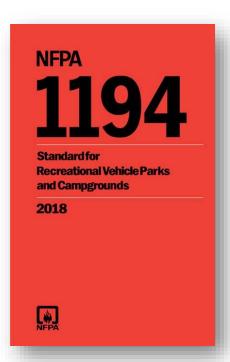






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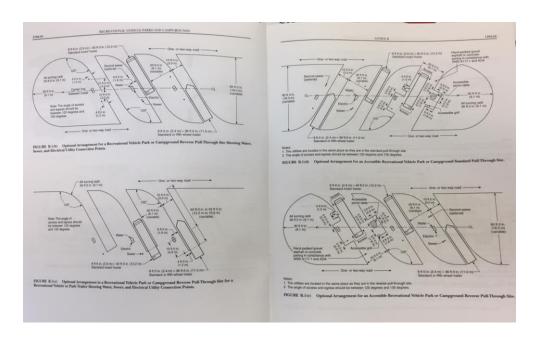
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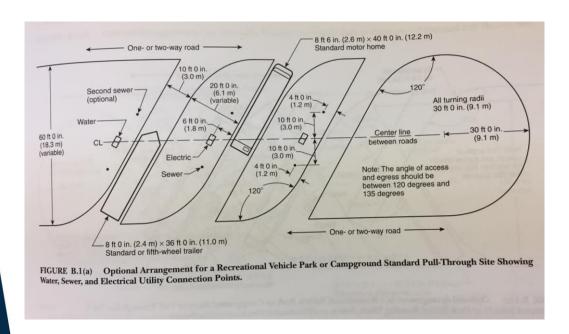


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### **RVs MOVE AMERICA**

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE RV INDUSTRY

### **United States**

 First ever economic impact study of the entire RV industry was completed in 2016.





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22,797 # of RV BUSINESSES



3,001 # of RV DEALERSHIPS



\$5.7 Billion
TOTAL TAXES PAID
by RV Industry



TOTAL DIRECT ECONOMIC OUTPUT \$27.0 Billion

RV Manufacturers and Suppliers \$15.8 Billion

RV Sales and Service \$4.9 Billion RV Campgrounds and Travel \$6.3 Billion



\$7.9 Billion

DIRECT WAGES

RV Manufacturers and Suppliers \$2.9 Billion RV Sales and Service

\$2.4 Billion

RV Campgrounds and Travel

\$2.6 Billion



155,608 DIRECT JOBS

RV Manufacturers and Suppliers

43,867 RV Sales and Service

39,247 RV Campgrounds and Travel 72,494

**OVERALL INDUSTRY IMPACT** 

\$49.7B
Total Economic
Output

\$15.8B Total Wages 289,852 Total Jobs





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## Additional Resources

- RV Quarterly Forecast (RV RoadSigns)
- Business Indicators
- RV Ownership Trends
- Vacation Costs
- RV Travel Forecast
- Marketing to RV Travelers
- RV Perceptions & Purchase Motivators Study
- Annual Report





# Active Family Adventurers



- Children have a lot of influence on leisure trip decisions
- Most active

- Highest opportunity
- Likely to have rented a camper/trailer or cabin in past 2 years





## Nature Lovers

- Most likely to consider RV rental within a campground
- High likelihood to have gone tent camping or rented a cabin in the past two years





- Natural beauty/lesser known destinations, outdoor sports/recreation
- High usage of travel-related apps



### Kid-Free Adult Adventurers

- Moderate opportunity segment
- Learning opportunities, romantic getaways, lesser known destinations, visiting family, spending time in nature, attending sporting events





	Active Family Adventurers	Nature Lovers	Kid-Free Adult Adventurers	
Travel & Leisure	Domestic travelers Family-Focused	Independent travelers Environmentally Conscious	Traditional travelers Environmentally Conscious	
Electronics & Tech	Tech savvy	Social techies	Tech novices	
Online	Above Average	Above Average	Below Average	
Television	Average	Below Average	Above Average	
Radio	Average	Above Average	Above Average	
Print	Above Average	Above Average	Average	
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# Visit RVIA.org for the executive summary of the Go RVing Nielsen Study

















### Recap: How Can RVIA Help you Down the Road?

- NFPA 1194 Campground Standard Best Practices
- RVs Move America Economic Impact Study RVsMoveAmerica.org
- Research on RV Industry, Next Generation of RVer and Future Trends
- Go RVingiocial Media Campaign www.GoRving.com
- Attend RVX in Salt Lake City March 12-14, 2019 See the Latest and Greatest Products and Network with RV Industry Stakeholders
- Utilize RVIA as a partner when working on campground modernization and expansion projects





### **Questions?**

