

## State of the US Winter Industry





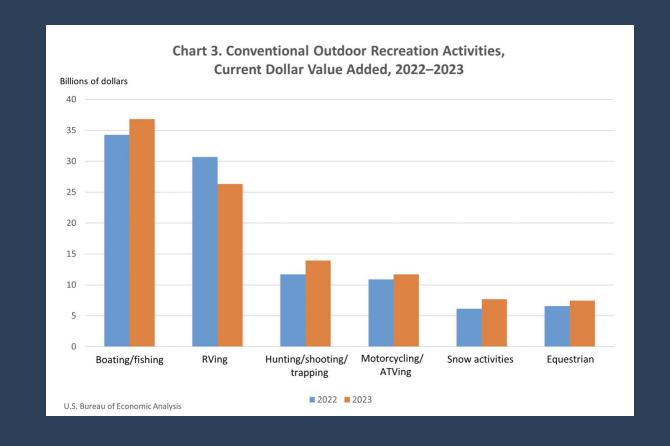
## **US Outdoor Recreation Economy**

# The annual gross economic output of outdoor recreation is \$1.2 trillion in 2023

- 2.3% of current dollar GDP
- In 2023, conventional outdoor recreation accounted for 31.4% of U.S. outdoor recreation value added, compared with 32.7 %in 2022

## Snow activities was \$7.7 billion in current-dollar value added.

 Snow activities was the largest conventional activity in Colorado, Utah, and Vermont.



### **US Wholesale Trends**

This shows year-over-year changes and calculates the cumulative change from a prepandemic baseline (Winter 2018/2019).

#### Cumulative Change Since 2019: Alpine Hard Goods

**CORONA**INSIGHTS

- For every 100 pairs of flat skis sold in the Winter 2018/2019 season, there were 100.3 pairs sold in Winter 2023/2024.
- Sales of Alpine hard goods were up in 2020 from 2019, but then declined in 2021, with the exception of bindings which held steady. This was the pandemic effect.
- Sales then spiked in 2022 and 2023, and returned to just above pre-pandemic levels in 2024.

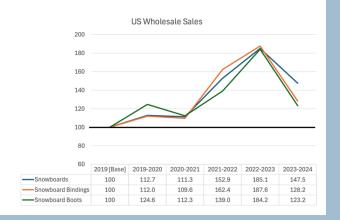




#### Cumulative Change Since 2019: Snowboard Hard Goods

#### **CORONA**INSIGHTS

- For every 100 snowboards sold in the Winter 2018/2019 season, there were 147.5 sold in Winter 2023/2024.
- Sales of Snowboard hard goods were up in 2020 from 2019, declined slightly in 2021, but less than the declines in Alpine goods).
- Sales then spiked in 2022 and 2023, and returned to above pre-pandemic levels in 2024.



#### Cumulative Change Since 2019: Nordic Hard Goods

#### **CORONA**INSIGHTS

- For every 100 pairs of XC flat skis sold in the Winter 2018/2019 season, there were 102.6 sold in Winter 2023/2024.
- Sales of Nordic systems (skis & bindings sold together) saw big increases in 2020, 2021, and 2022 (note the much larger scale for this chart than previous charts), with 322 units sold in 2022 for every 100 sold in 2019.
- Sales of flat skis and bindings (sold individually) declined in 2020, and saw much more modest changes in 2021 and 2022.
- 2023 saw increases in skis/bindings sold individually and decreases in systems.
- > 2024 saw returns toward pre-pandemic levels across all Nordic goods.





### **Snowsports Consumers**

## **Snowsport participation topped 30M in 2023-24**

- Snowsport participation is defined as having participated at least once during the season in one of our tracked sports.
- Growth was driven by snowboard and sledding, while other sports saw small growth or even declines.

#### PARTICIPATION OVER TIME

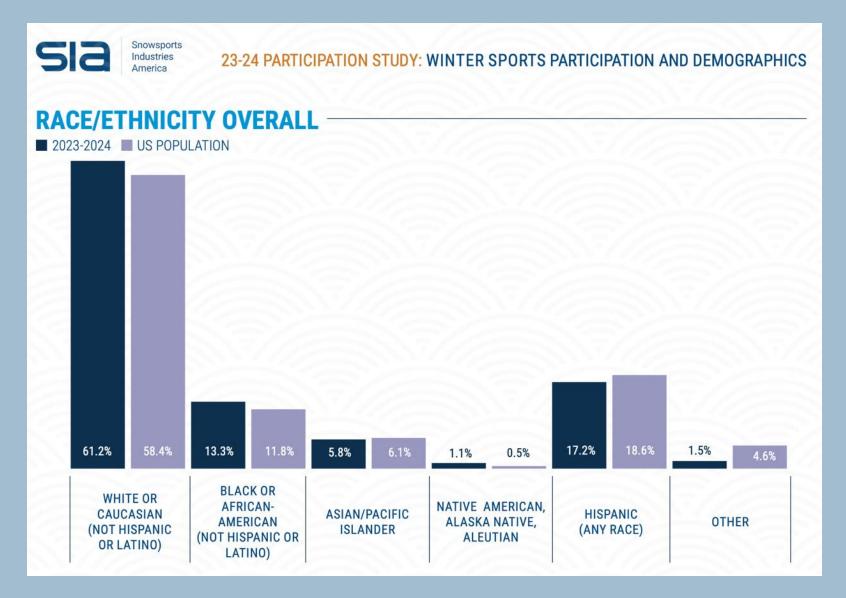
*All figures are in the thousands (000s)	Cross Country		Alpine Ski		Snowboarding		Snowshoe		Sledding/ Snow Tubing		Alpine Touring		Snowboard Touring		Winter Fat Biking	
	*	Growth %	*	Growth %	*	Growth %	*	Growth %	*	Growth %	*	Growth %	*	Growth %	*	Growth %
2018/2019	4,877	-4.4%	14,884	1.1%	7,798	9.4%	3,421	-3.1%	9,849	3.9%	1,122	12.5%	1,487	9.6%	1,567	8.8%
2019/2020	4,768	-2.2%	14,347	-3.6%	7,885	1.1%	3,385	-1.0%	9,382	-4.7%	1,126	0.4%	1,498	0.7%	1,580	0.8%
2020/2021	4,470	-6.2%	13,636	-5.0%	7,961	1.0%	3,178	-6.1%	8,887	-5.3%	1,100	-2.3%	1,425	-4.9%	1,454	-7.9%
2021/2022	4,851	8.5%	12,864	-5.7%	8,161	2.5%	3,837	20.7%	9,473	6.6%	2,159	96.3%	2,146	50.7%	2,440	67.8%
2022/2023	5,317	9.6%	13,144	2.2%	8,978	10.0%	4,498	17.2%	9,896	4.5%	2,510	16.3%	2,246	4.6%	2,617	7.2%
2023/2024	5,460	2.7%	13,292	1.1%	9,811	9.3%	4,626	2.8%	10,552	6.6%	2,457	-2.1%	2,229	-0.8%	2,600	-0.6%



### **Snowsports Consumers**

The share of participants who are Hispanic and/or Black has continued to increase.

- Approximately 13 percent of participants identified as Black
- 17% identified as Hispanic
- Asian/Pacific Islander participation was relatively unchanged
- Participation among
   White/Caucasian decreased
   slightly

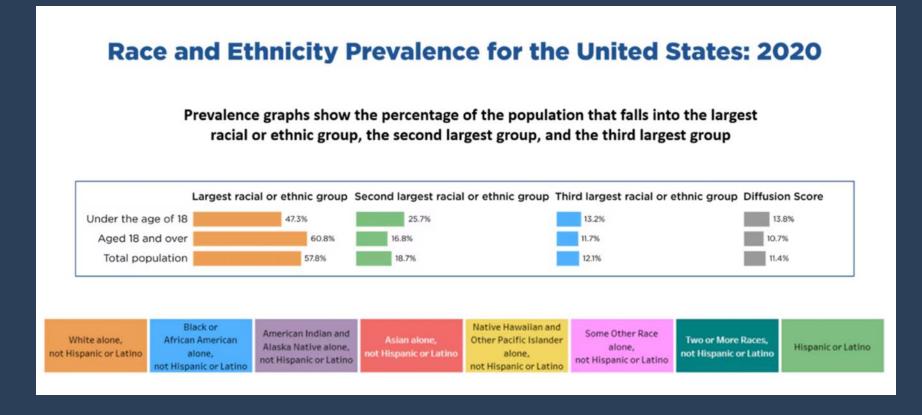






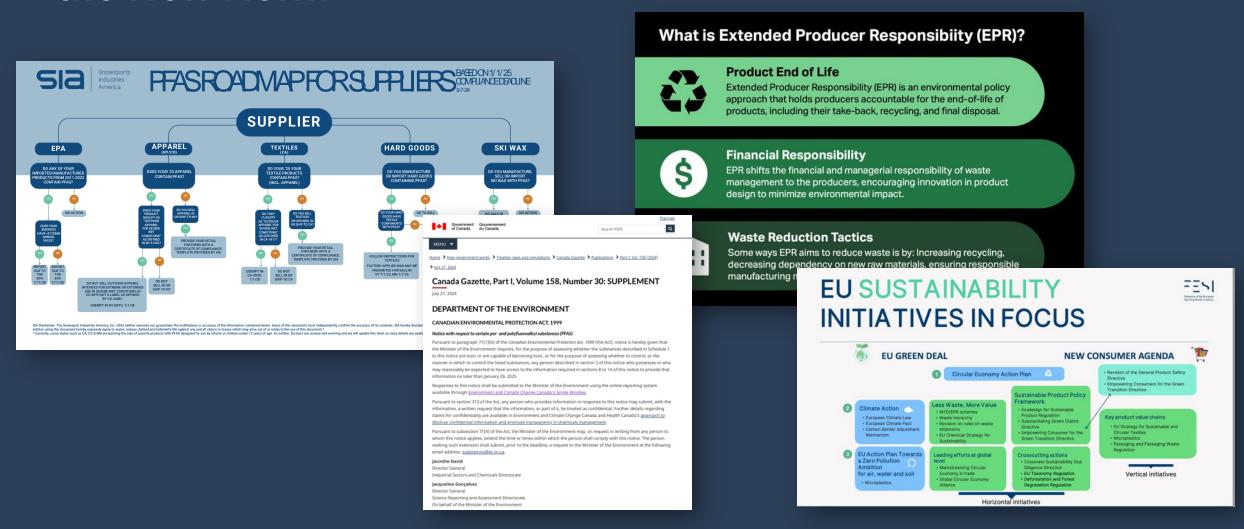
## The demographics of the US are changing....

- In 2019, for the first time, more than half of the nation's population under age 16 identified as a racial or ethnic minority.
   (Brookings Institute)
- By 2044 Americans that identify as a race and ethnicity other than non-Hispanic White is predicted to increase to over 50%. (Brookings Institute)





## Navigating Complex Regulations are the New Norm







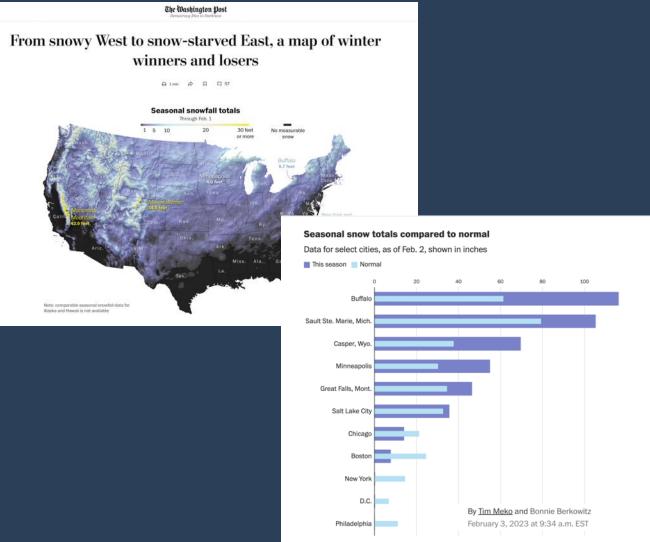
- 20% tariff on all Chinese imports
- 25% tariff on all imports from Mexico
- 25% tariff on all imports from Canada
- 25% tariff on extruded aluminum & steel products and derivatives from EU, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Japan, Mexico, South Korea, UK, and Ukraine
- Counter tariffs on US products





Climate risk isn't a 'later' issue.
It's a 'now' issue.

- We are seeing <u>an increase in winter precipitation</u>
   <u>falling as rain instead of snow</u> (The National
   Environmental Education Foundation).
- Winter is 34 days shorter since 1982 (American Geophysical Union)
- Climate change could lead to continued shortening of the snow season (NYT).
- Western US has experienced a 41% drop in snowfall. (American Geophysical Union).
- An average of 3.4% of retail sales are directly affected by changes in the weather each year (National Retail Federation).
- "Skier visitation declined 9.5% compared to the prior year, driven by unfavorable conditions across our resorts in North America and Australia," Kirsten Lynch (Vail Daily).



## **Business Resilience**





"When one door closes, another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us."

Alexander Graham Bell

