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State ski industry a top employer

DENVER - Colorado's ski industry boasts 31,000 jobs and more than \$2 billion in annual revenue, according to a new report.

Colorado Ski Country USA, a trade group for ski resorts, commissioned the study to gauge the industry's economic impact. The study says the industry accounts for 14 percent of tourism employment in the state.

During the 2002-2003 season, resorts recorded 6.8 million out-of-state skier visits, compared with 4.8 million from Colorado.