VISIT NORTH CAROLINA OVERVIEW

NC Beach, Inlet and Waterway Association May 10, 2024

Visit North Carolina



The EDPNC Mission

The EDPNC improves the economic well-being and quality of life for all North Carolinians.

We do this by collaborating with state, regional, local, and private-sector partners on new business recruitment, existing employer support, international trade and export assistance, small business star up counseling, and tourism promotion.

Our Teams



Business Recruitment



International Trade



Existing Industry & Expansions



Travel & Tourism



Small Business Advisors

TOURISM IS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (2022)

- More than 40 Million visitors
- **\$33.3 Billion** in Visitor Spending +15% over 2021
- More Than 216,900 Jobs
 +10% over 2021
- **\$1.3 Billion** in State Tax Revenues +6.5%
- **\$1.2 Billion** in Local Tax Revenues +3.5%
- Visitor spending adds \$6.7 Million per day to state and local tax revenues



5TH MOST VISITED STATE

2023 Visitation Rank

- 1. California
- 2. Florida
- 3. Texas
- 4. New York

5. NORTH CAROLINA

- 6. Pennsylvania
- 7. Tennessee
- 8. Georgia
- 9. Michigan
- 10. Ohio

Market Share















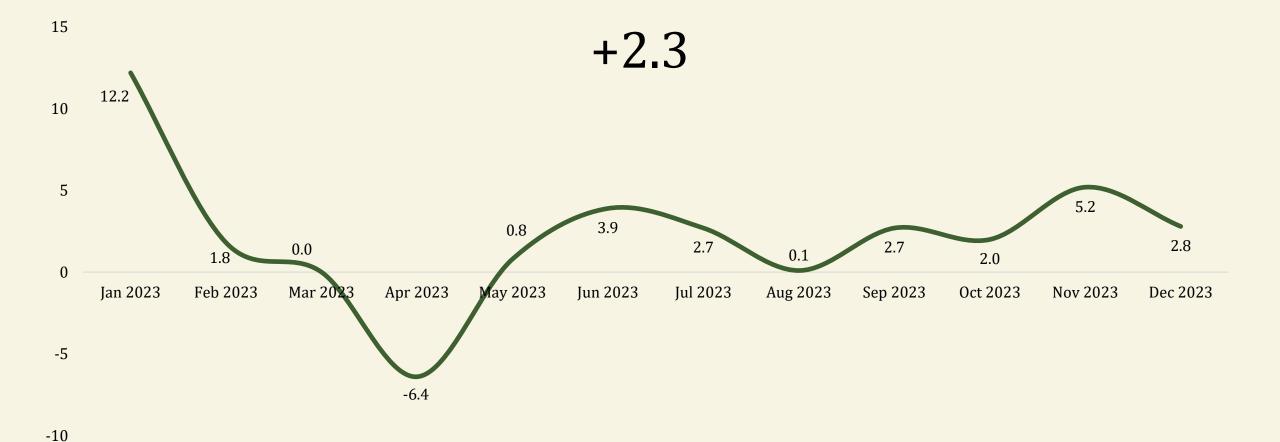






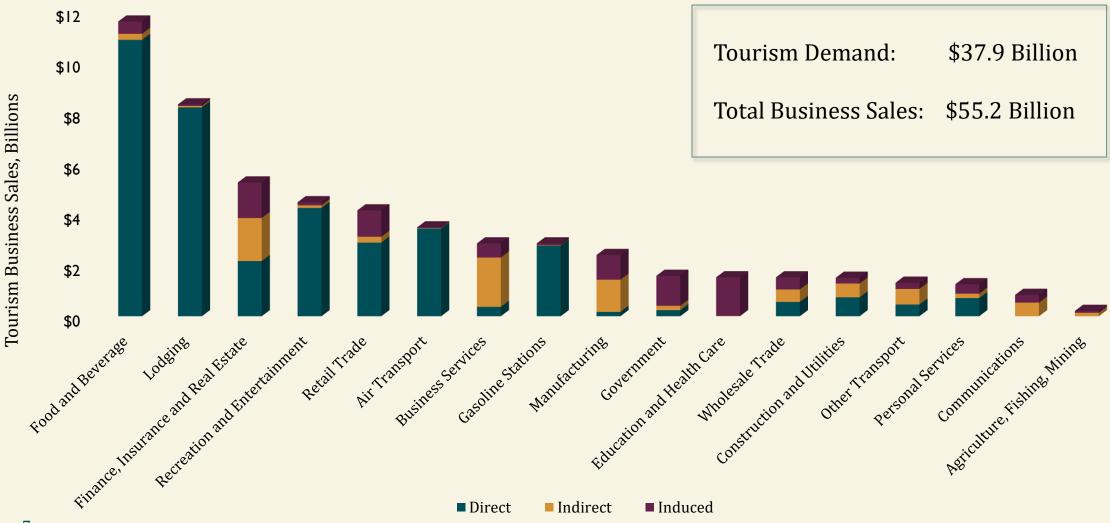


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TOURISM IMPACT ON ALL OTHER SECTORS

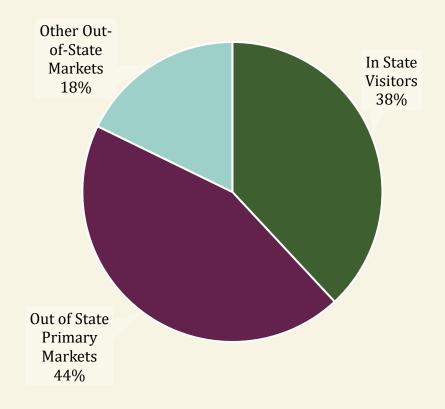




2023 NORTH CAROLINA VISITATION TRENDS

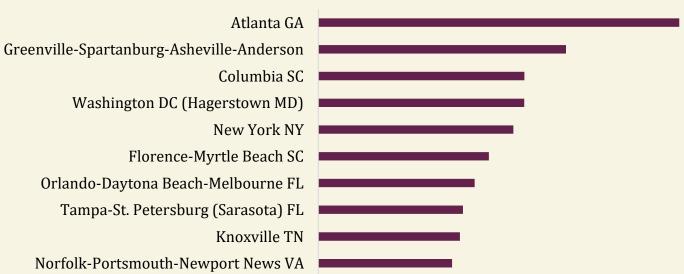
Top 5 In-State Origin Markets

In-State vs. Out-of-State Visitors





Top 10 Out-of-State Origin Markets

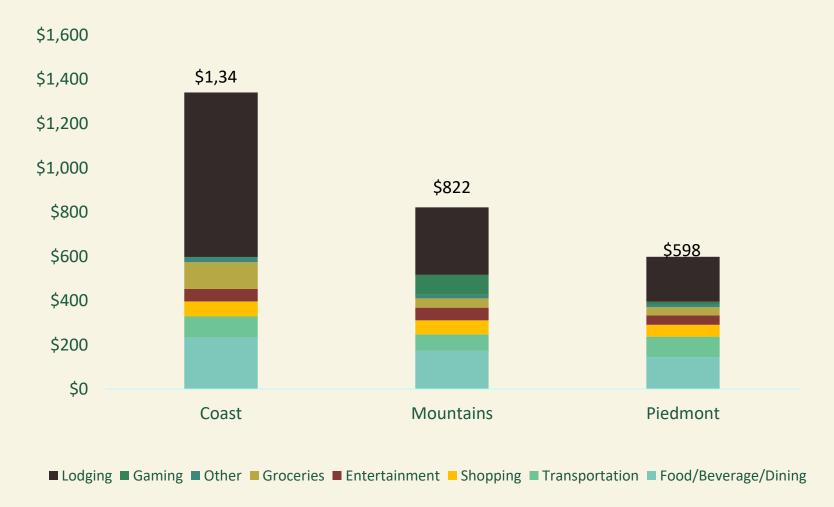




AVERAGE TRIP SPENDING BY REGION (OVERNIGHT VISITORS)

•Overnight visitors to the coast spent more per trip in 2022 than visitors to other regions.

•However, the length of stay for coastal visitors is also longer.



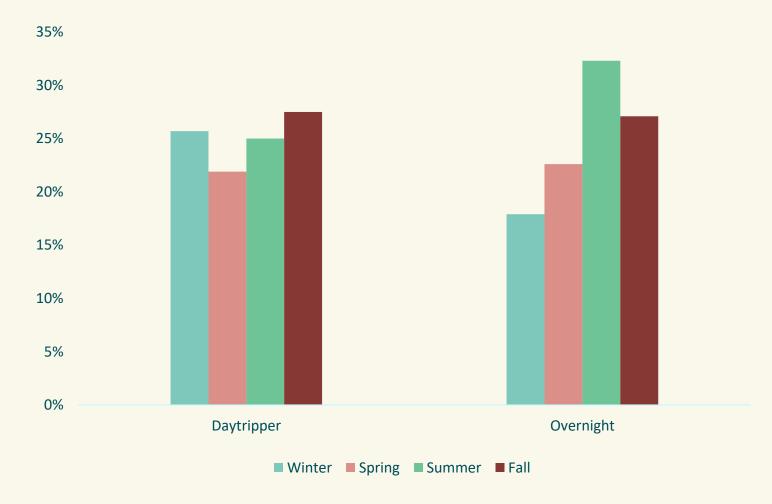


SEASON TO VISIT

 Overnight visitors were most likely to visit in the summer season, followed by fall and spring.

 Daytrippers were more likely to visit in the fall, followed by winter and summer.

Season of Visit

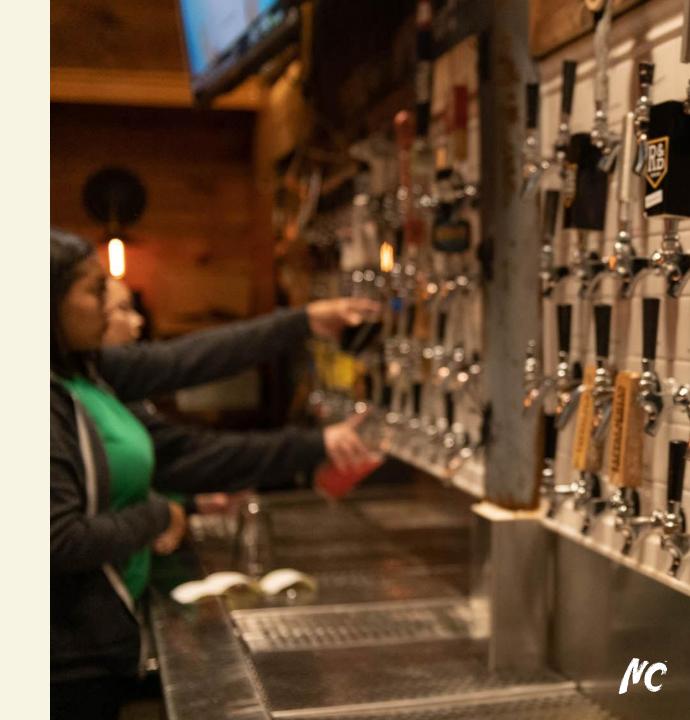




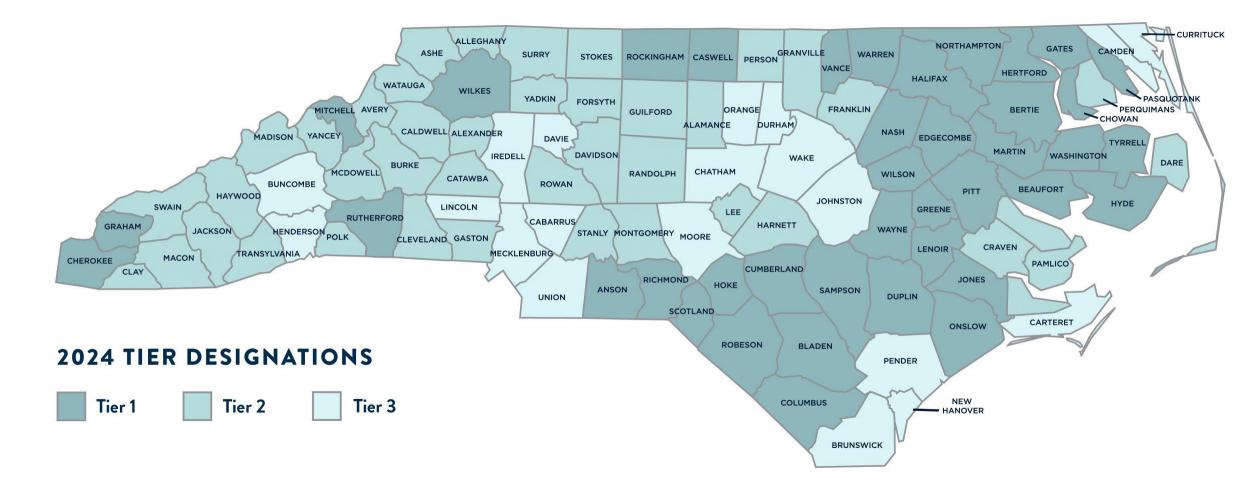
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The mission of Visit North Carolina is:

To unify and lead the state in positioning North Carolina as a preferred destination for travelers and film production and in maximizing economic vitality statewide.



PARTNERSHIPS ARE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS

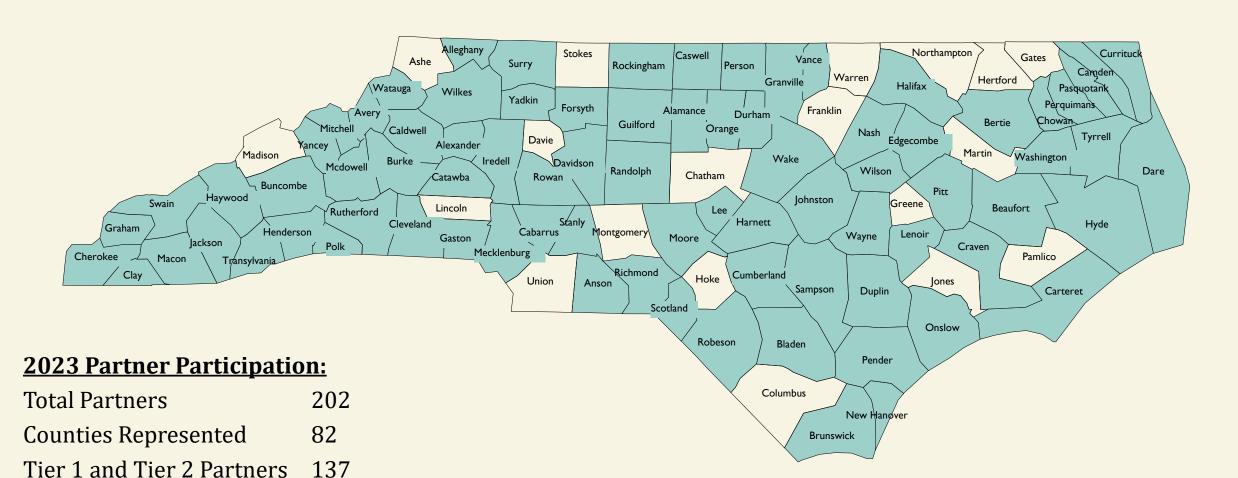




NEARLY ALL COUNTIES PARTICIPATE WITH US

\$2,035,103

Partner Funds Invested









WHAT WE'RE STRIVING FOR

Business Objectives:

- 1. Drive out-of-state and international travel to NC.
- 2. Inspire travelers and residents alike to discover new places and spend more dollars in state.
- 3. Become the premier & preferred destination on the East Coast for leisure travel.
- 4. Protect the natural beauty of our state to ensure it remains a top destination for outdoor travelers.
- 5. Elevate and amplify local DMO and partner messaging.
- 6. Become top choice retirement destination.

Communications Objectives:

- 1. Raise awareness.
- 2. Inform.
- 3. Stay relevant.
- 4. Extend an inclusive welcome.
- 5. Inspire.





THREE PILLARS OF OUTDOOR NC

Outdoor NC Principles & The Outdoor NC Alliance	Accessible Outdoors Program	Trail Town Program
 Educates visitors on seven customized Outdoor NC Leave No Trace Principles. 	Promotes access for people with all abilities.	 Celebrates North Carolina Trail Towns and destination stewardship.
 Provides a wide variety of resources to help partners communicate this message. 		





Thank You!

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