# Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach VCB Economic Impact & Visitor Tracking Report FY2023

October 2022 – September 2023







#### **Visitor Journey**

#### **Pre-Visit**

#### Planning cycle

- Promotion/Influence
- Planning sources
- Transportation
- Reasons for visiting
- Destinations considered
- Visitor guide

#### Traveler Profile

#### Visitor origin

- Party size
- Party composition
- First time visitors
- Demographics

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- Accommodations
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- Top activities
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### Post-Trip Evaluation

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- Perceptions

#### Impact of Tourism

- Spending by visitor type
- Key performance indicators





# **Executive Summary**







#### Visitor Journey – Impact of Tourism

Pre-Visit Traveler Trip Post-Trip Experience Evaluation Tourism





#### **Tourism Matters to Charlotte County**

Visitor spending in FY2023 generated a total economic impact of

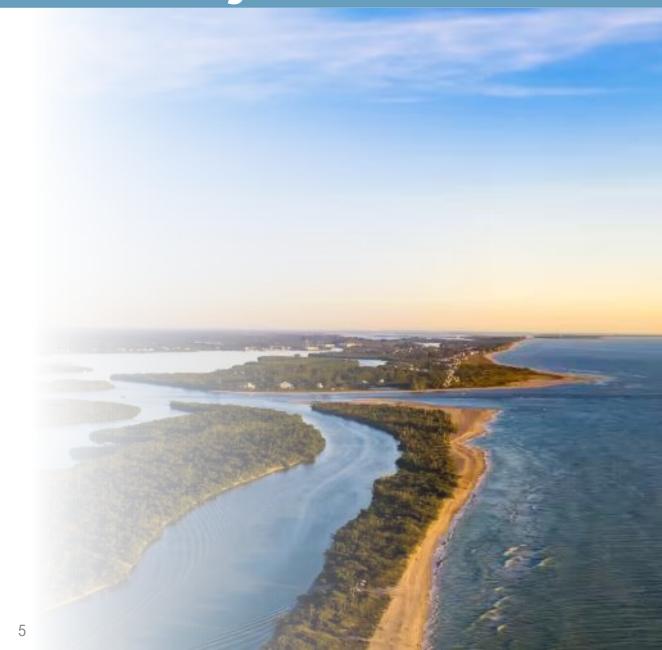
\$1,061,050,000

in Charlotte County

(+1.7% from FY2022)







#### **Direct Spending**

Visitors who traveled to Charlotte County in FY2023 spent

\$723,304,800

in Charlotte County on accommodations, restaurants, groceries, transportation, attractions, entertainment, and shopping

(+0.5% from FY2022)







#### **Visitors**

**Charlotte County attracted** 

986,100

visitors in FY2023

(+1.4% from FY2022)







#### **Tourism Development Tax**

Taxes paid on rooms reserved by visitors to Charlotte County in FY2023 resulted in

\$7,509,917

in TDT collected

(-3.3% from FY2022)





### **Room Nights**

Charlotte County visitors generated

1,138,600

room nights in paid accommodations in FY2023

(-4.0% from FY2022)







# **Lodging Statistics**

Occupancy

**Room Rates** 

58.2% \$179.30

(+5.7% from FY2022)

(+14.4% from FY2022)

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\$104.30

(+20.8% from FY2022)







# Jobs & Wages

Tourism in Charlotte County supported

12,900

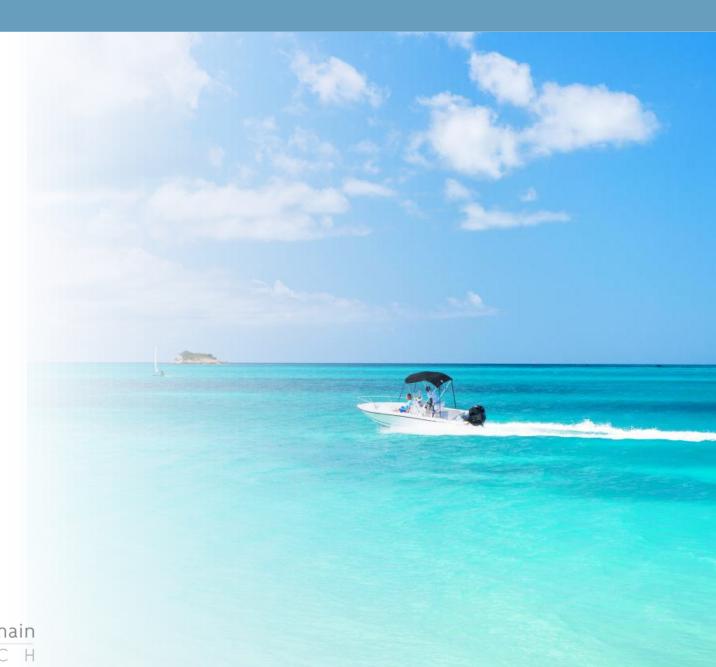
local jobs in FY2023, generating

\$333,310,300

in wages and salaries







#### **Net Tax Benefit\***

Visitors in FY2023 generated a net tax benefit of

\$37,883,500

To Charlotte County government

\*Charlotte County government tax revenue generated by visitors minus the cost to Charlotte County government for servicing visitors



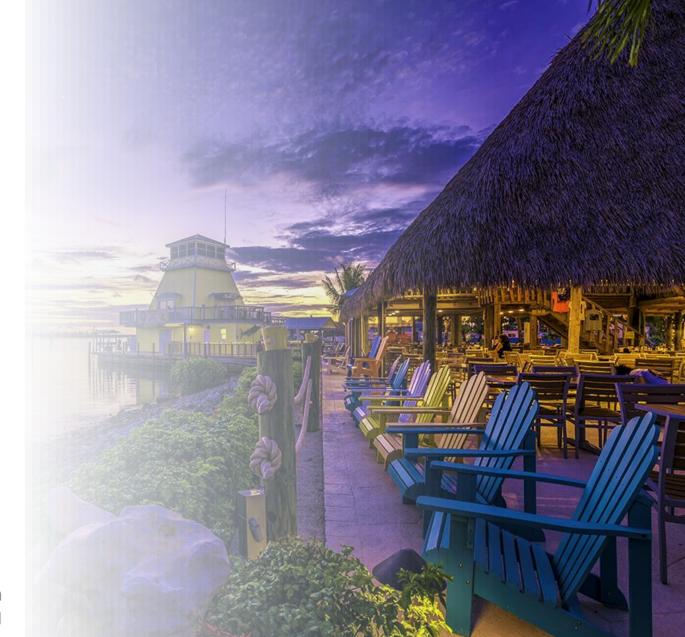




#### **Visitors Create Jobs**

An additional Charlotte
County job is supported by
every

76 visitors







## **Household Savings**

Visitors to Charlotte County save local residents

\$1,026

per household in taxes every year





#### **Visitor Journey – Pre-Visit**

Pre-Visit

Traveler
Profile

Trip
Experience

Post-Trip
Evaluation

Impact of
Tourism





#### **Trip Planning**

- y 45% of visitors planned their trip 1 month or less in advance
- The average trip planning window was 67 days
- » Top trip planning sources:



Previous visit 46%



Internet 41%



Friend, coworker, etc. 28%





#### Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Promotions

- » 15% of visitors recalled promotions about the Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach area before their visit
- » 57% of those who recalled advertising were influenced to come to the area

Top sources of noticed promotions



Television 25%



Newspaper 20%



Personal Social Media 20%





#### Accommodation Booking<sup>1</sup>



54% Directly with hotel/condo







<sup>1</sup>Visitors staying in paid accommodations





#### **Transportation**



22% of all visitors flew in via the Punta Gorda Airport



12% of all visitors flew in via the Southwest Florida International Airport

56% of visitors drove to Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach





# Top Reasons for Visiting<sup>1</sup>



38% Visit friends/relatives



**35%** Family Vacation



27% Beach





#### Other Destinations Considered

- 74% of visitors only considered visiting Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach when planning their trip
- 26% of visitors considered the following destinations<sup>1</sup>:



Ft. Myers/Cape Coral 7%



Sarasota 6%



Orlando 5%



Naples 4%

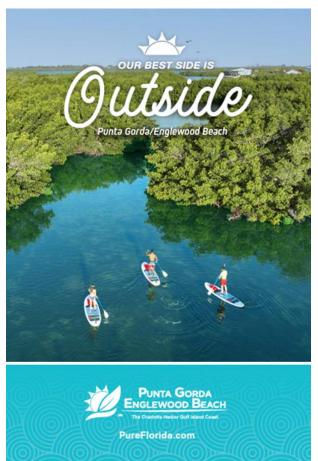




#### **Visitors Guide**

» 8% of visitors requested a Visitors Guide

» Visitors Guide received a rating of 7.8 out of 10.0¹









#### **Visitor Journey – Traveler Profile**

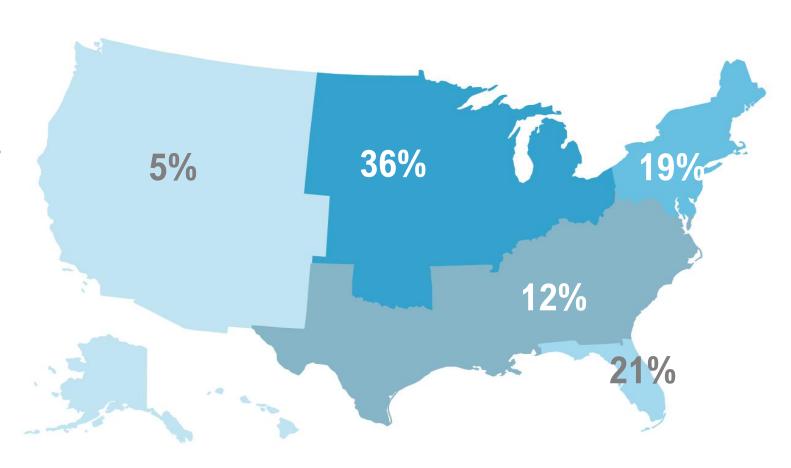
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#### Top Regional Origins of Visitors

- » 93% of Charlotte County visitors lived in the United States
- 7% of visitors to Charlotte County were from outside of the United States<sup>1</sup>

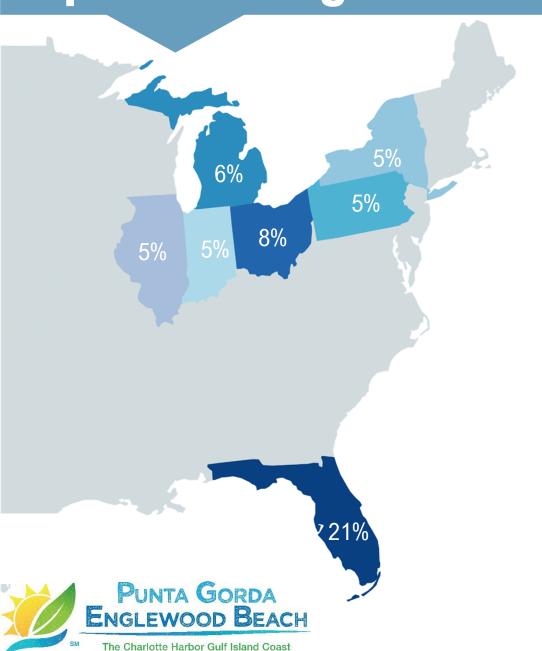




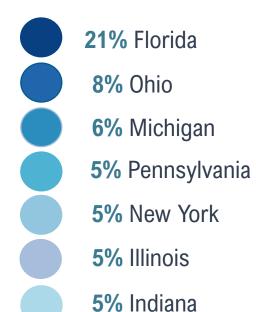
<sup>1</sup>Top international markets were Canada and the U.K.



#### **Top State Origins of Visitors**



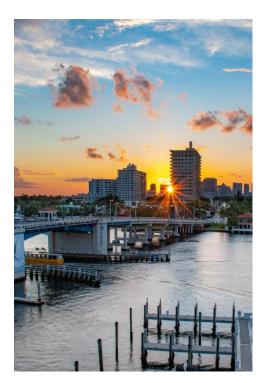
Over 1 in 2 visitors traveled to Charlotte County are from 7 states



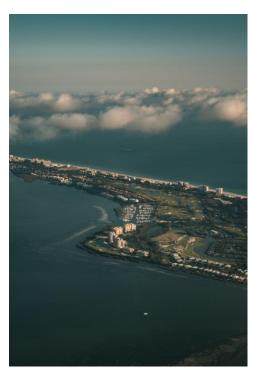


### **Top Market Origins of Visitors**

#### 22% of visitors come from 5 markets



6% Naples-Ft. Myers



6% Sarasota-Bradenton



4% New York City<sup>1</sup>

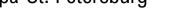


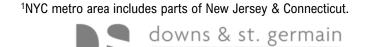
3% Tampa-St. Petersburg



3% Cincinnati







#### **Travel Party Size and Composition**

- » The typical visitor traveled in a party composed of 2.7 people
- » 30% traveled with at least one person under the age of 20
- » Over 1 in 3 traveled as a couple, while another 1 in 3 visitors traveled as a family
- » Over 1 in 5 visitors travel solo







### **Length of Stay – All Visitors**\*

» Visitors spent 7.0¹ nights in Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach

> <sup>1</sup>Nights stayed capped at 30 nights. \*Nights stayed includes Day Trippers.







#### **First Time Visitors**

» 18% were first time visitors

» 30% had visited more than 10 times



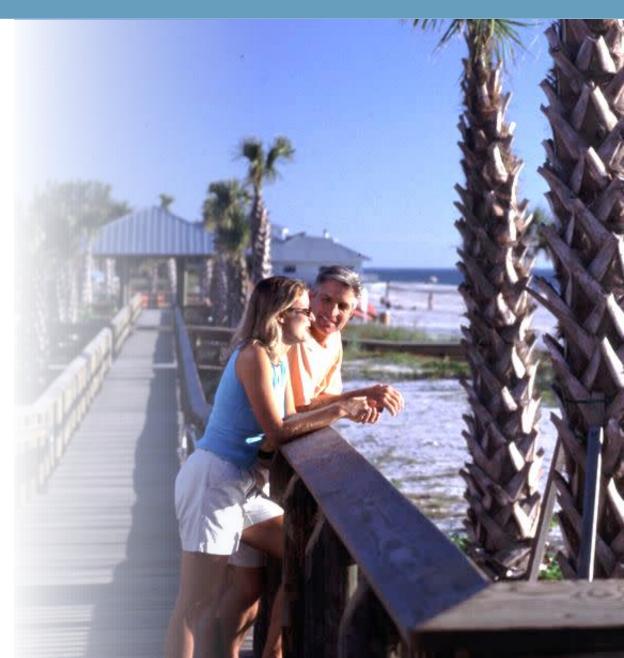
#### Typical Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor

#### » The typical visitor:

- » White/Caucasian (91%)
- » 50 years old
- » Had a median household income of \$100,000
- » Nearly 50/50 split for gender
- » From:
  - » Midwest (36%)
  - » Southeast (33%)







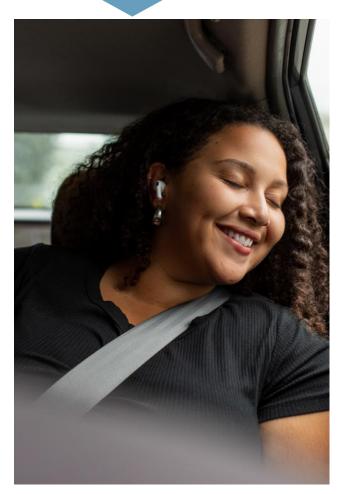
#### Visitor Journey – Trip Experience

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#### **Top Visitor Accommodations**



28% Day tripper



24% Hotel/motel/resort



22% Family/friend's residence





# **Top Activities During Visit<sup>1</sup>**



Beach 58%



Restaurants 53%



Visit friends/relatives 42%



Shopping 31%



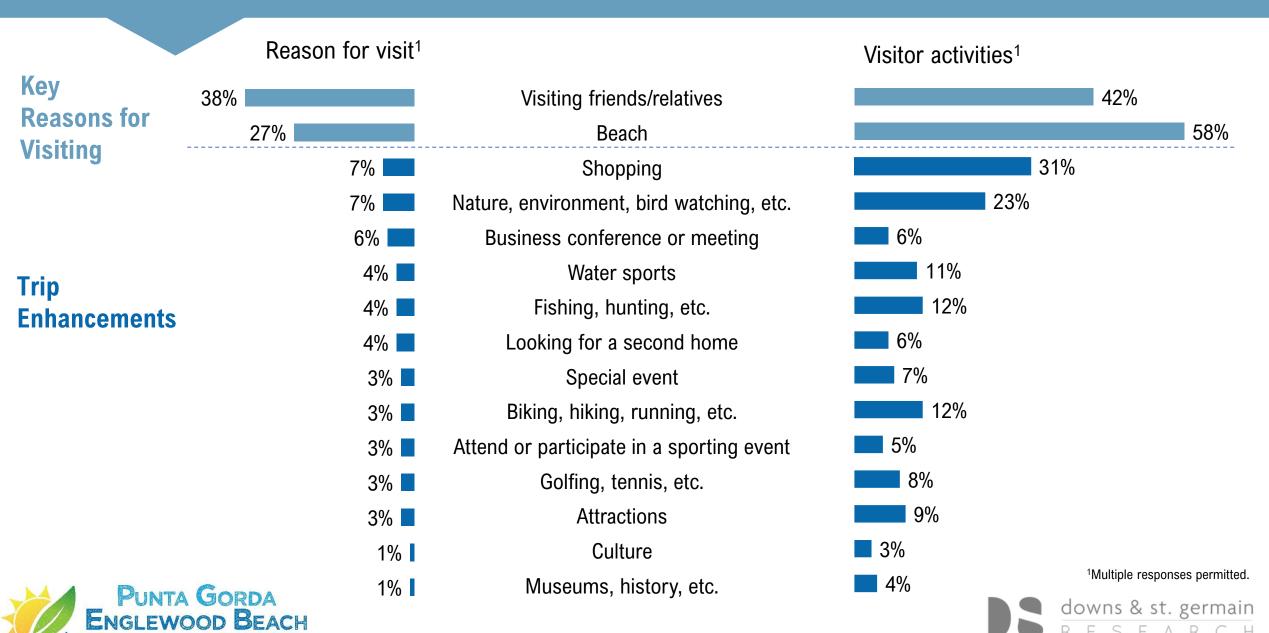
Nature, environment 23%





#### Reason for Visit vs. Visitor Activities

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#### **Visitor Journey – Post-Trip Evaluation**

Pre-Visit Traveler Profile Trip Experience Post-Trip Evaluation Impact of Tourism





#### Visitor Satisfaction<sup>1</sup>



- » 96% of visitors would recommend Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach (81% would definitely recommend the area)
- » 93% will definitely or probably return (84% definitely will return)
- » 98% were satisfied or very satisfied with their stay (85% were very satisfied)

downs & st. germain

<sup>1</sup>10=Excellent; 1=Poor.

# **Detailed Findings**







### Visitor Journey – Impact of Tourism







### **Key Performance Indicators**

	FY2022	FY2023	% Change
Total Economic Impact	\$1,043,865,100	\$1,061,050,000	+1.7%
Direct Spending	\$719,907,000	\$723,304,800	+0.5%
Room Nights Generated	1,177,806	1,138,600	-4.0%
Average Daily Rate	\$156.79	\$179.30	+14.4%
Occupancy	55.1%	58.2%	+5.7%
Revenue per Available Room	\$86.39	\$104.39	+20.8%





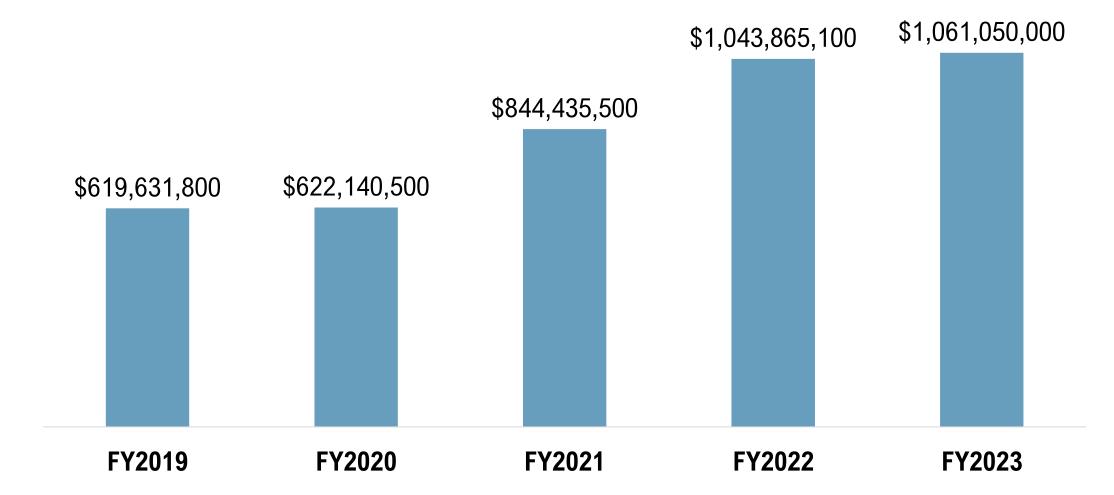
### **Key Performance Indicators**

	FY2022	FY2023	% Change
Total Visitors	972,100	986,100	+1.4%
Jobs Supported	13,226	12,900	-2.5%
Wages Generated	\$330,617,700	333,310,300	+0.8%
Total Taxes Paid	\$83,240,600	\$84,944,300	+2.0%
TDT Collected	\$7,762,510	7,509,917	-3.3%





### **Economic Impact - 5 Year Period**





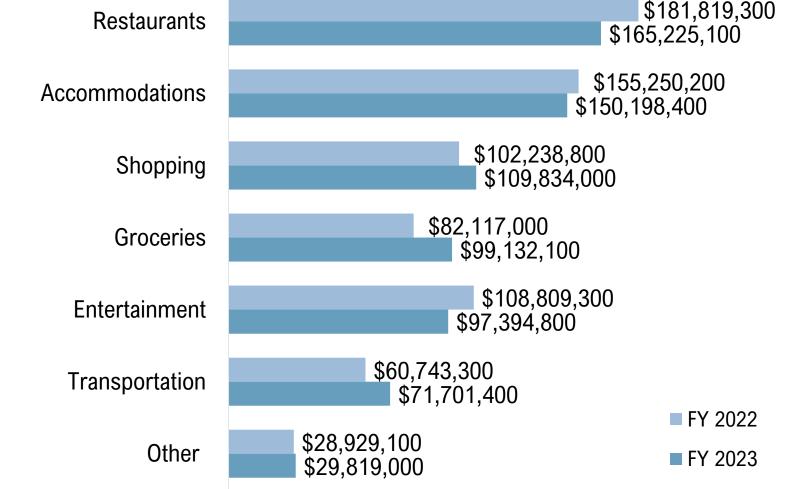


### Direct Spending - 5 Year Period



### Visitors Spending by Category

- » Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach visitors spent \$723,304,800 in Charlotte County in FY2023
- » Visitors spent +20% more on groceries and +18% more on transportation this year than last year
- » Visitors spent -11% on entertainment compared to last year

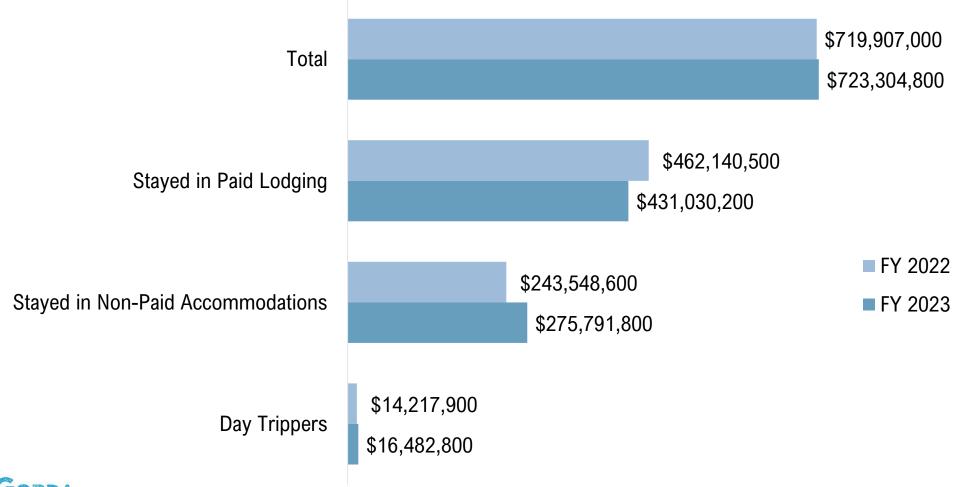






### Direct Spending by Traveler Type

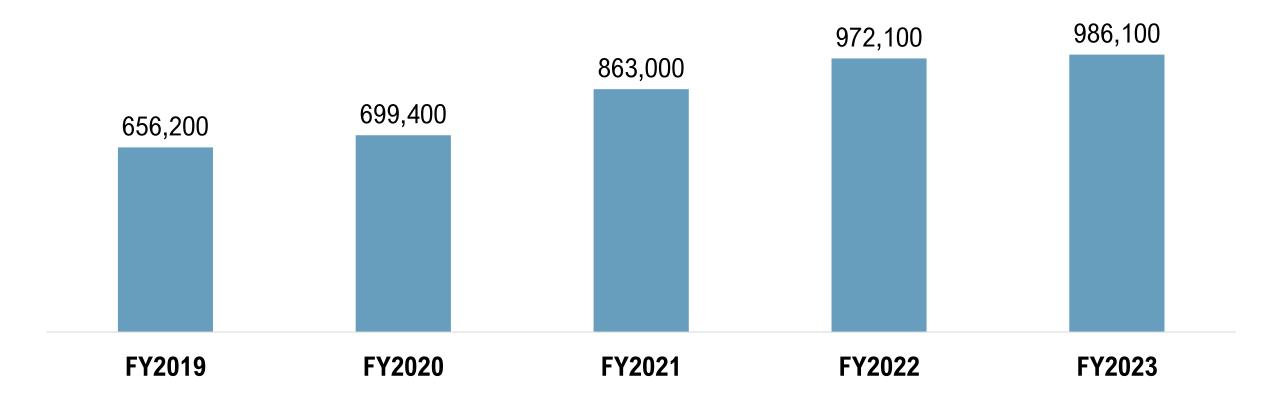
» 60% of visitor spending was attributed to visitors staying in paid accommodations







### Visitors in the last 5 years



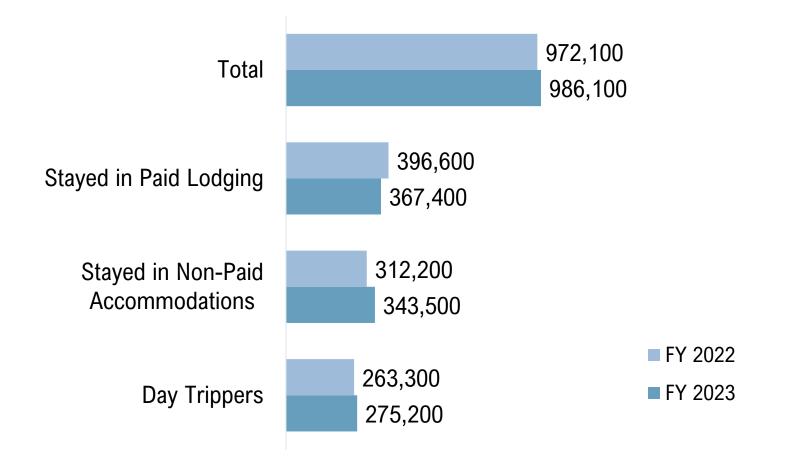




### **Traveler Type**

» Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach attracted 986,100 visitors to Charlotte County in FY2023

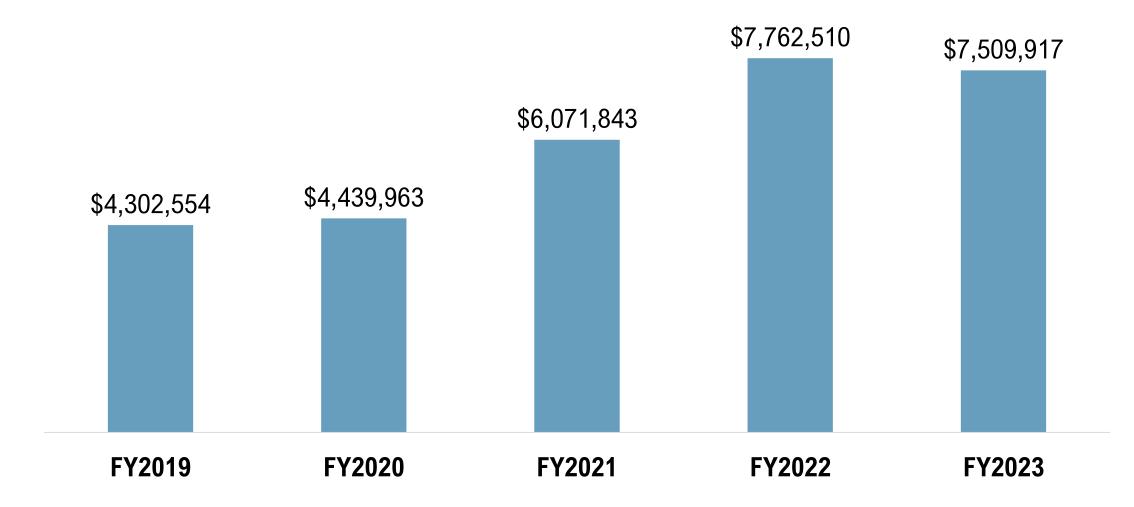
38% of visitors stayed in paid lodging







### Tourism Development Tax in the last 5 years







### **Visitor Journey – Pre-Visit**

Pre-Visit

Traveler Profile

Trip Post-Trip Impact of Experience

Evaluation

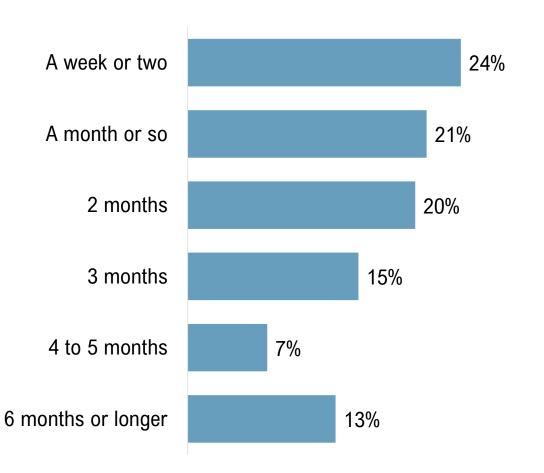
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### **Trip Planning Cycle**

- » 45% of visitors had short planning windows (less than a month)
- » Over 1 in 3 visitors planned their trips at least 3 months in advance
- The average trip planning window was67 days







### Top Trip Planning Sources<sup>1</sup>

- » Nearly half of visitors have used their previous experiences in Charlotte County to help plan their trip
- » Over 2 in 5 visitors used the Internet, specifically Google Search and airlines websites/apps to help plan their trip
- » Over 1 in 4 visitors asked their friends and co-workers to plan their trip

Top Trip Planning Sources	
Previous Visit	46%
Internet	41%
Google Search	22%
Airline websites/apps	14%
Friend, co-worker, etc.	28%
Brochures/travel guides/visitor guides	5%
Pure Florida website	4%
Special events	3%
Business/conference/meeting information	3%
Newspaper	3%
Television	3%
Magazines	2%
Travel agent	2%
AAA	1%
Convention and Visitors Bureau	1%
Radio	1%
Other	2%

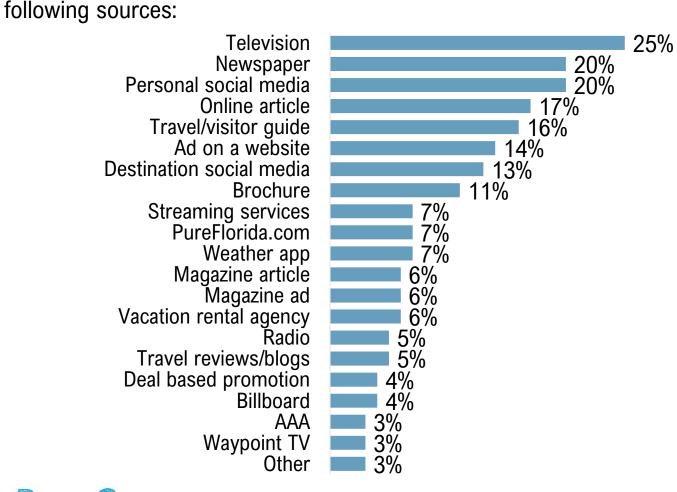
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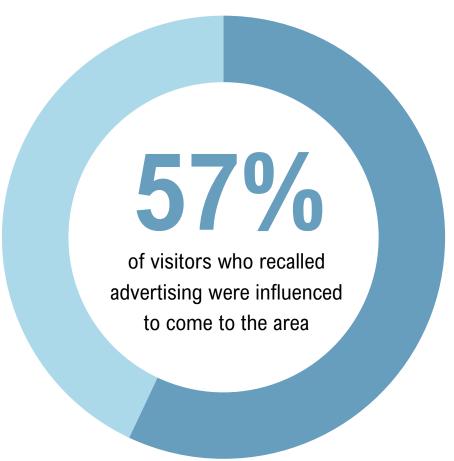




### Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Promotions<sup>1</sup>

» 15% of visitors recalled promotions or travel stories about the Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach area on the





<sup>1</sup>Multiple responses permitted.





### **Charlotte County Promotion Influences**

» Awareness of promotions for the destination was highest among visitors staying in paid accommodations (18%)

Recalled Advertising	Paid Accommodations	Non-paid Accommodations	Day Trippers	All Visitors
Yes	18%	15%	14%	15%
No	77%	81%	81%	<i>80%</i>
Don't know	5%	4%	5%	<b>5</b> %

» Nearly 3 in 5 of all visitors who saw promotions were impacted to visit

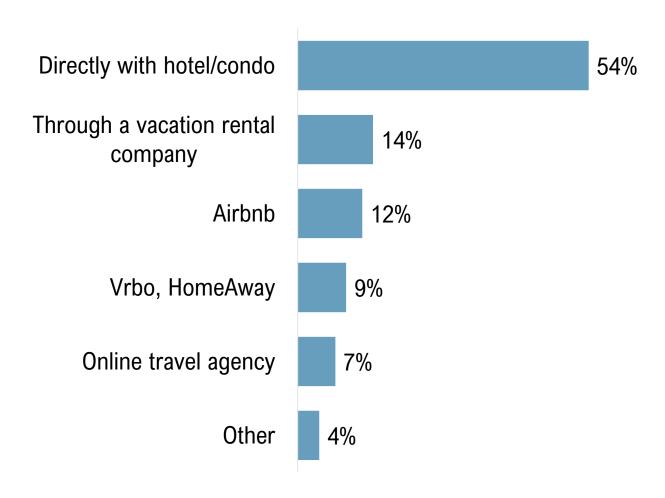
Influenced by Advertising	Paid Accommodations	Non-paid Accommodations	Day Trippers	All Visitors
Yes	77%	47%	49%	<i>57%</i>
No	20%	49%	50%	40%
Don't know	3%	4%	1%	<b>3%</b>



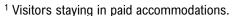


### Paid Accommodation Booking<sup>1</sup>

- » Over 1 in 2 visitors who stayed in paid accommodations booked directly with a hotel/condo
- » Vacation rental companies accounted for over 1 in 7 bookings



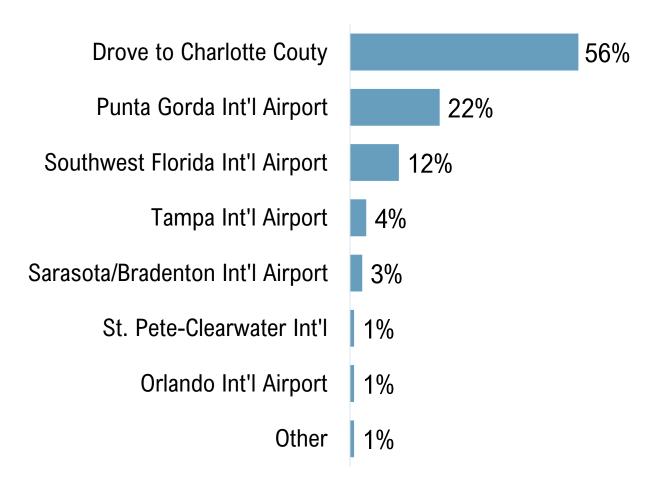






### Visitor Transportation

- » Over 1 in 2 visitors drove to Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach (56%)
- » Over 1 in 5 visitors flew into the Punta Gorda Airport (22%)
- » Over 1 in 9 visitors flew into Southwest Florida International Airport (12%)



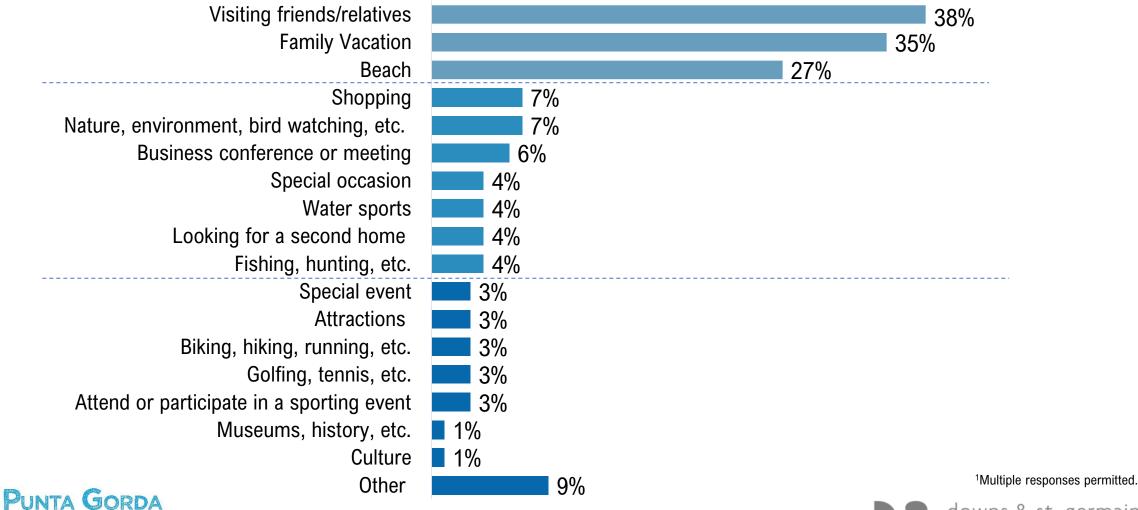




### Reasons for Visiting<sup>1</sup>

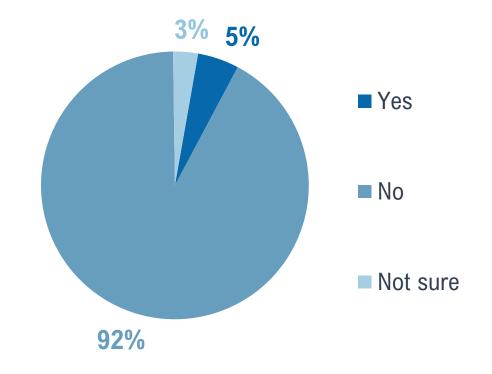
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People come to Charlotte County to spend time with family and friends, to enjoy a family vacation and go to the beach



### **Vacation Replacement**

» 5% of visitors came to the Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach area rather than a previously planned destination



<sup>1</sup>Rated on a 10-point scale where 10 is extremely useful and 1 is not at all useful.





#### Other Destinations Considered<sup>1</sup>

- » Almost 3 in 4 visitors only considered visiting Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach when planning their trip
- » Ft. Myers/Cape Coral is the main competitor with about 1 in 14 visitors considering this destination

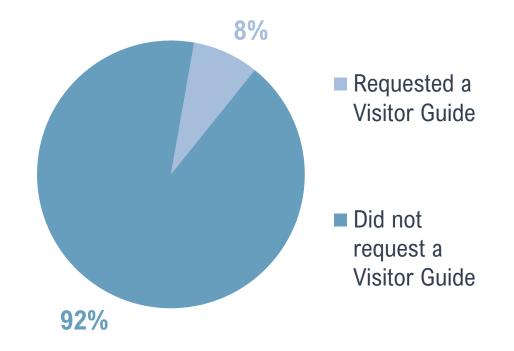
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#### **Visitors Guide**

- » 8% of visitors requested a Visitors Guide before their trip
  - » 4% requested a print version
  - » 4% requested an online version
  - » Visitors Guide received a rating of 7.8 out of 10.0¹





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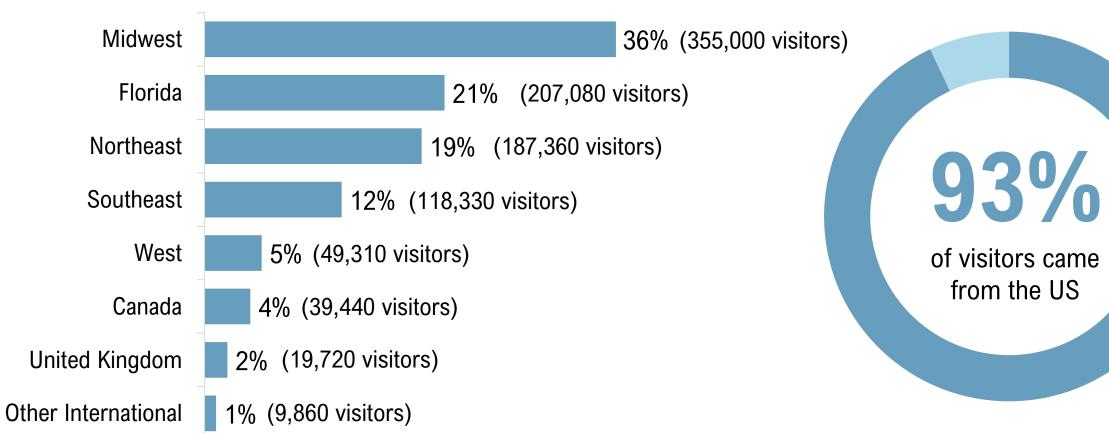
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## Origin of Visitors<sup>1</sup>

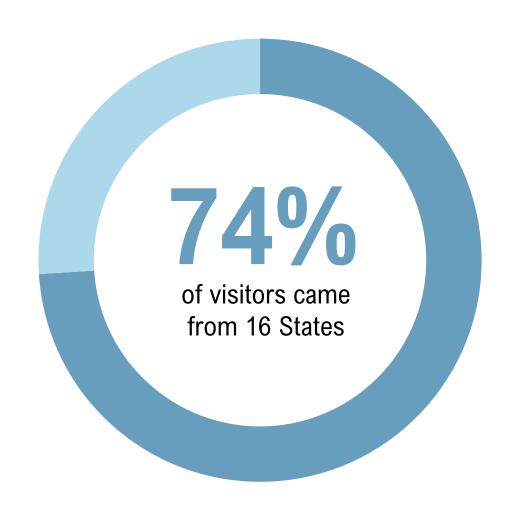






### **Origin of Visitors**

Origin	Percentage of Visitors	Number of Visitors
Florida	21%	207,080
Ohio	8%	78,890
Michigan	6%	59,170
Illinois	5%	49,310
Indiana	5%	49,310
New York	5%	49,310
Pennsylvania	5%	49,310
Massachusetts	3%	29,580
Kentucky	2%	19,720
Minnesota	2%	19,720
Missouri	2%	19,720
New Jersey	2%	19,720
North Carolina	2%	19,720
Tennessee	2%	19,720
Texas	2%	19,720
Wisconsin	2%	19,720

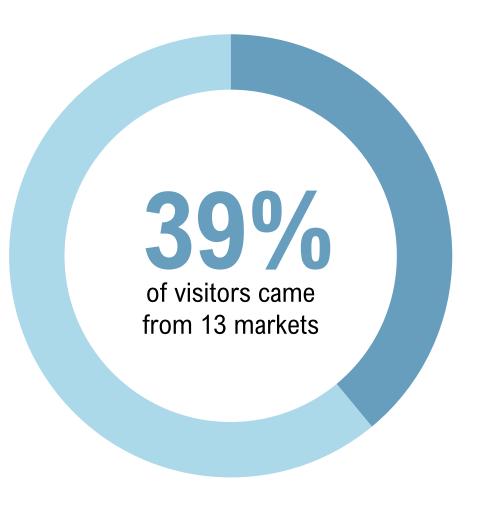






## **Origin of Visitors**

Market	Percentage of Visitors	Number of Visitors
Naples-Ft. Myers	6.4%	63,110
Sarasota	6.0%	59,180
New York City <sup>1</sup>	3.8%	37,470
Tampa-St. Petersburg	3.2%	31,560
Cincinnati	2.6%	25,640
Chicago	2.4%	23,670
Indianapolis	2.3%	22,680
Philadelphia	2.3%	22,680
Boston	2.2%	21,690
Detroit	2.2%	21,690
Cleveland-Akron	2.0%	19,720
Minneapolis-St. Paul	2.0%	19,720
Orlando-Daytona Beach-Melbourne	2.0%	19,720



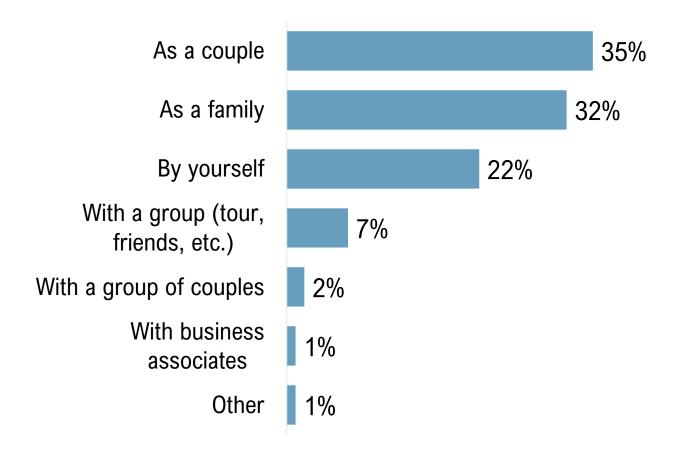
<sup>1</sup>NYC metro area includes parts of New York & New Jersey.





#### **Travel Parties**

- » The typical visitor traveled in a party composed of 2.7 people
- » 30% traveled with children under the age of 20 (-4% pts from FY2022)
- » More than 1 in 3 travel parties traveled as a couple

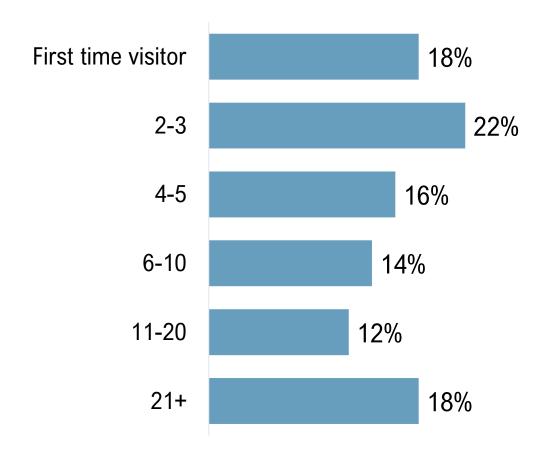




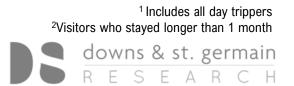


### Typical Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach Visitor

- » Typical visitors spent 7.0¹ nights in Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach
  - » When including long term visitors², average nights stayed is 14.0
- » 18% were first time visitors
- » 30% had visited more than 10 times







### Punta Gorda/Englewood Length of Stay

» Visitors who stayed in non-paid accommodations spent more time in Charlotte County than the average visitor

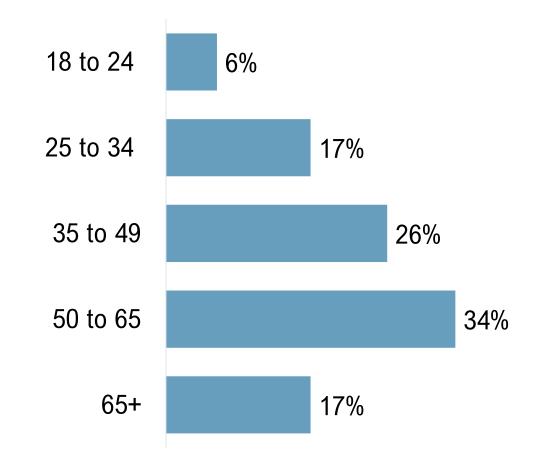
	Paid Accommodations	Non-paid Accommodations	Day Trippers	Average
Length of Stay	8.4	10.3	1.0	7.0
Travel Party Size	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.7





### Age

50 is the median age of visitors in FY2023



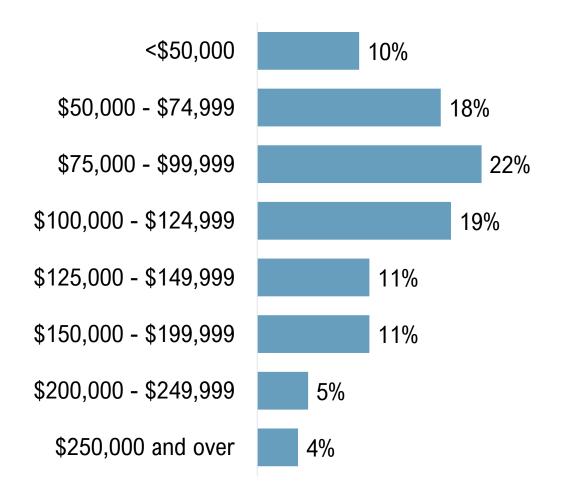




#### Household Income in FY2022

#### Median Household Income

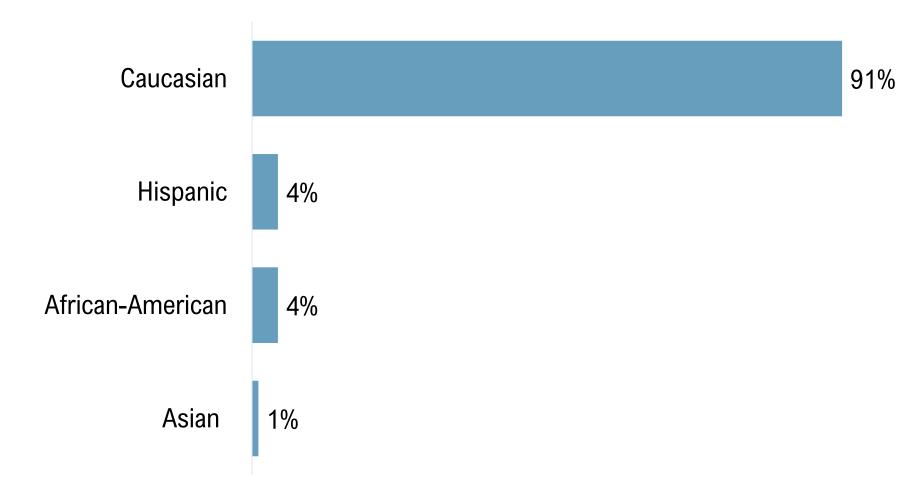
- \$100,000 is the median household income for FY2023 visitors
- » 1 in 2 visitors had a household income in excess of \$100,000







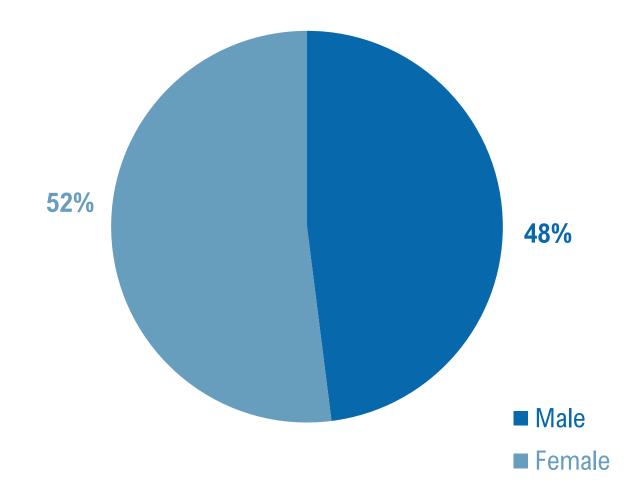
### Race/Ethnicity







### Gender







### **Visitor Journey – Trip Experience**

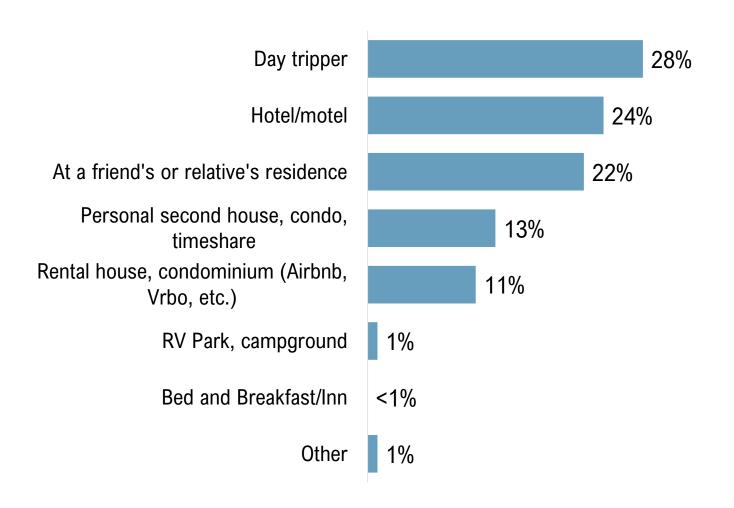
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#### Visitor Accommodations

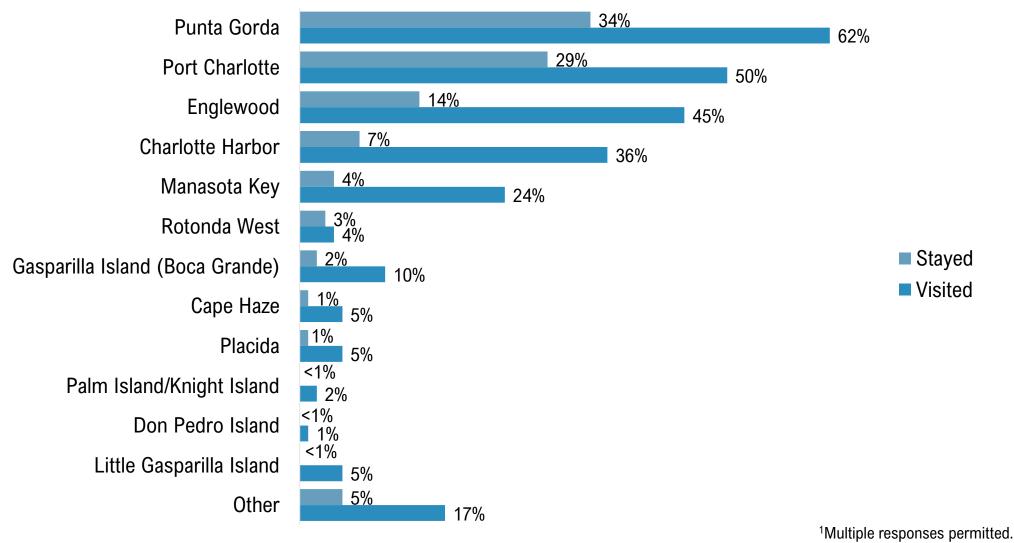
- » 72% of visitors stayed overnight in Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach
- » About 1 in 4 visitors stayed in a hotel, motel or resort
- » Over 1 in 5 stayed with friends or family







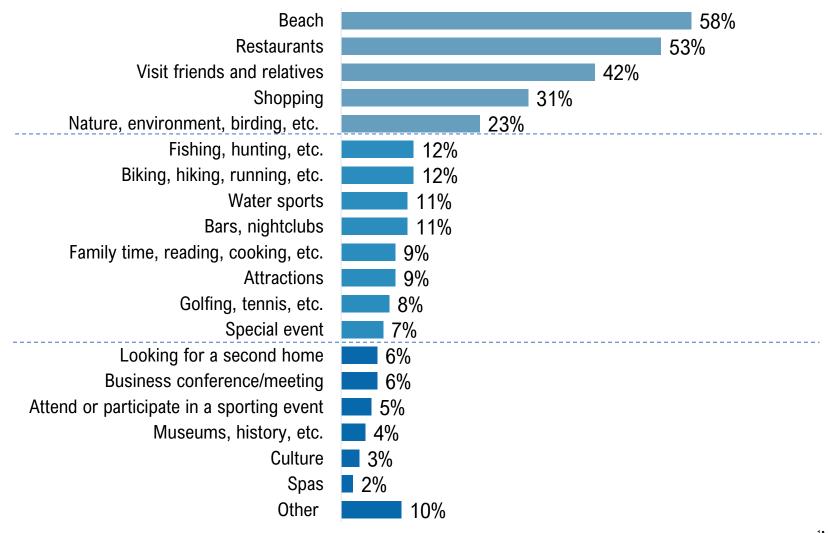
### Area Stayed vs. Areas Visited<sup>1</sup>







#### Visitor Activities<sup>1</sup>







#### **Visitor Journey – Post-Trip Evaluation**

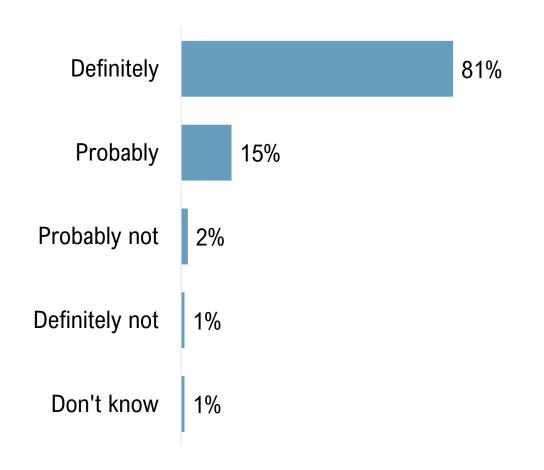
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#### Visitors' Likelihood to Recommend Charlotte County

» 96% would recommend Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach to a friend (81% would definitely recommend)

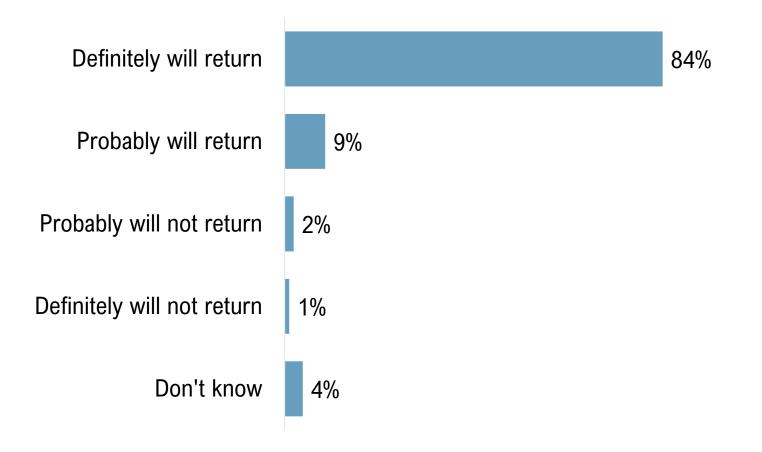






#### **Return Visitation**

» 93% said they will return to Charlotte county

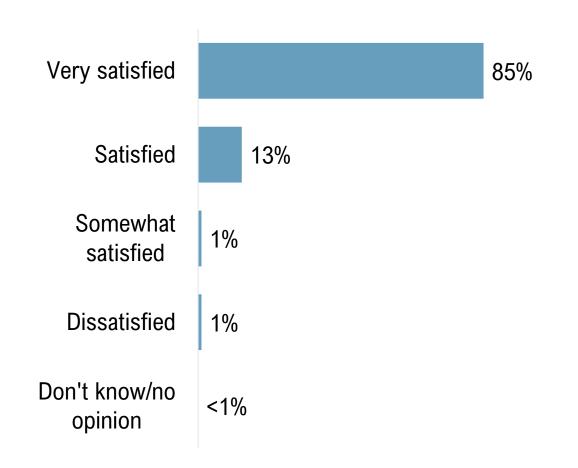






#### **Visitor Satisfaction**

» 98% were satisfied or very satisfied with their stay (85% very satisfied)

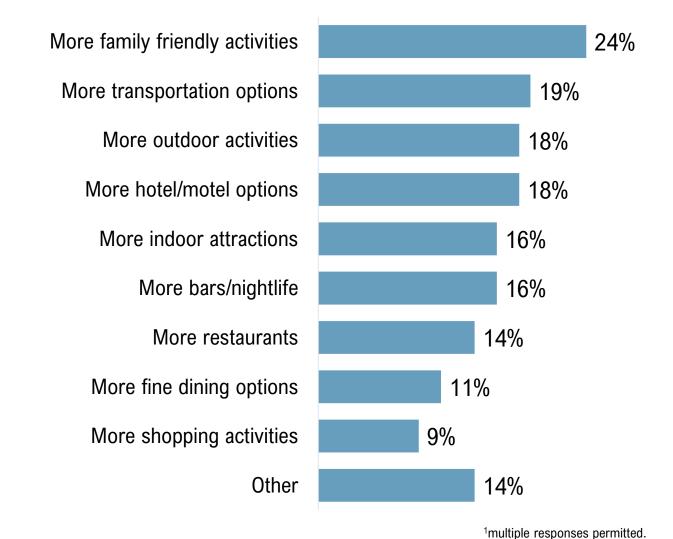






# What type of attraction or amenity would make your return to the area more desirable if it were available?

- » Nearly 1 in 4 visitors mentioned more family friendly activities as something that would make a return visit more desirable
- » Nearly 1 in 5 visitors said that more transportation options would make Charlotte County more desirable (+3% pts from FY2022)
- » -8% decrease in visitors that said they wanted more restaurant options in the area compared to 2022













	October – December 2022	January – March 2023	April – June 2023	July – September 2023	FY2023
Visitors	330,500	221,100	210,700	223,800	986,100
Room Nights	322,500	356,400	237,300	222,389	1,138,600
Direct Spending	\$198,284,500	\$239,961,400	\$148,157,200	\$136,901,700	\$723,304,800
Economic Impact	\$290,872,900	\$352,010,700	\$217,338,800	\$200,827,600	\$1,061,050,000
ADR	\$167.63	\$228.10	\$168.15	\$153.30	\$179.30
Occupancy Rate	59.3%	67.0%	55.6%	51.0%	58.2%
RevPAR	\$99.40	\$152.83	\$93.43	\$78.13	\$104.39





Trip Planning Cycle	October – December 2022	January – March 2023	April – June 2023	July – September 2023	FY2023
A week or two in advance	24%	21%	22%	26%	24%
A month or so in advance	20%	16%	23%	25%	21%
2 months in advance	18%	18%	21%	25%	<i>20%</i>
3 months in advance	14%	16%	16%	13%	15%
4 to 5 months in advance	8%	9%	7%	5%	7%
6 months or longer	15%	20%	11%	6%	13%
Not sure	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%





Recalled Advertisement	October – December 2022	January – March 2023	April – June 2023	July – September 2023	FY2023
Average Visitor	15%	16%	17%	14%	<i>15%</i>
Paid Accommodations	17%	17%	19%	19%	18%
Non-paid Accommodations	14%	16%	16%	14%	<i>15%</i>
Day Tripper	16%	15%	16%	9%	14%

Influenced by Advertisement	October – December 2022	January – March 2023	April – June 2023	July – September 2023	FY2023
Average Visitor	57%	56%	50%	64%	<i>57%</i>
Paid Accommodations	<i>75</i> %	76%	77%	80%	<i>77%</i>
Non-paid Accommodations	48%	42%	44%	<i>55</i> %	47%
Day Tripper	58%	57%	<i>25</i> %	<i>50%</i>	<i>49%</i>





Visitor Guide	October – December 2022	January – March 2023	April – June 2023	July – September 2023	FY2023
Requested a Visitors Guide	8%	7%	11%	8%	8%
Requested a print version	4%	5%	5%	4%	4%
Requested an online version	4%	2%	6%	4%	4%
Visitor Guide Rating	7.6	7.9	8.1	7.7	7.8

	October – December 2022	January – March 2023	April – June 2023	July – September 2023	FY2023
Drove to Charlotte	54%	62%	56%	52%	<i>56%</i>
1st Time Visitors	17%	20%	18%	19%	18%
11+ Visits	31%	27%	30%	30%	<i>30%</i>





Main Reason for Visiting	October – December 2022	January – March 2023	April – June 2023	July – September 2023	FY2023
Visiting friends/relatives	41%	37%	39%	34%	<i>38%</i>
Family vacation	32%	36%	38%	37%	<i>35%</i>
Beach	27%	23%	29%	28%	<i>2</i> 7%
Shopping	9%	8%	5%	5%	7%
Nature, environment, bird watching	12%	6%	5%	4%	7%
Business conference or meeting	5%	6%	6%	9%	<b>6</b> %
Water sports	3%	5%	4%	3%	4%
Special occasion	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%
Fishing, hunting, etc.	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%
Looking for a second home	4%	2%	3%	6%	4%
Special event	5%	3%	1%	2%	<b>3</b> %
Biking, hiking, running, etc.	3%	4%	1%	2%	<b>3</b> %
Attend/participate in a sporting event	2%	9%	0%	3%	<b>3</b> %
Golfing, tennis, etc.	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Attractions	4%	3%	2%	3%	<b>3</b> %





October –

Origin Region	December 2022	2023	2023	2023	FY2023
Southeast	31%	29%	34%	39%	33%
Midwest	36%	40%	33%	34%	<i>36%</i>
Northeast	<i>22</i> %	21%	19%	18%	19%
West	5%	3%	6%	4%	<i>5%</i>
International	6%	7%	8%	5%	7%
Origin State	October – December 2022	January – March 2023	April – June 2023	July – September 2023	FY2023
Florida	21%	19%	20%	26%	21%
Ohio	8%	8%	8%	8%	<i>8</i> %
Michigan	20/				00/
	6%	8%	6%	<i>5%</i>	<b>6%</b>
Illinois	6% 6%	8% 6%	6% 5%	5% 4%	<i>6</i> % <i>5</i> %
Illinois Indiana					
	6%	6%	5%	4%	<i>5</i> %

**April – June** 

January – March





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July – September

Origin Market	October – December 2022	January – March 2023	April – June 2023	July – September 2023	FY2023
Fort Myers-Naples	6%	6%	7%	7%	<i>6%</i>
Sarasota	6%	6%	6%	6%	<b>6%</b>
New York City <sup>1</sup>	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%
Tampa-St. Petersburg	3%	3%	2%	5%	<i>3%</i>
Cincinnati	3%	2%	2%	3%	<i>3%</i>
Chicago	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%
Indianapolis	3%	2%	2%	2%	<b>2</b> %
Philadelphia	3%	2%	2%	2%	<b>2</b> %
Boston	2%	4%	2%	1%	<b>2</b> %
Detroit	2%	3%	3%	1%	<b>2</b> %
Cleveland-Akron	2%	2%	2%	2%	<b>2</b> %
Minneapolis-Saint Paul	2%	3%	2%	1%	<b>2</b> %
Orlando-Daytona Beach- Melbourne	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%

<sup>1</sup>NYC metro area includes parts of New York & New Jersey.





	October – December 2022	January – March 2023	April – June 2023	July – September 2023	FY2023
Travel party size	3.0	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7
Traveled with children	29%	22%	34%	35%	<i>30%</i>
Length of Stay	6.8	9.2	6.5	5.5	7.0

	October – December 2022	January – March 2023	April – June 2023	July – September 2023	FY2023
Median Age	52	54	49	45	<i>50</i>
Gender (Female)	54%	53%	47%	52%	<i>52%</i>
Median Income	\$100,000	\$98,800	\$102,800	\$102,300	\$100,000





Visitor Accommodations	October – December 2022	January – March 2023	April – June 2023	July – September 2023	FY2023
Day tripper	28%	27%	29%	28%	28%
Hotel/motel	22%	19%	23%	31%	24%
Friend's or relative's residence	21%	25%	22%	19%	<i>22</i> %
Personal second house, condo, timeshare	18%	12%	10%	11%	13%
Rental house, condominium	9%	13%	14%	9%	11%
RV Park, campground	2%	2%	1%	<1%	1%
Bed and Breakfast/Inn	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Other	<1%	1%	1%	2%	1%





Visitor Activities	October – December 2022	January – March 2023	April – June 2023	July – September 2023	FY2023
Beach	60%	44%	66%	60%	<i>58%</i>
Restaurants	51%	56%	53%	53%	<i>53%</i>
Visit friends and relatives	46%	36%	45%	40%	<i>42%</i>
Shopping	33%	25%	32%	33%	<i>31%</i>
Nature, environment, birding, etc.	20%	13%	26%	34%	<i>23%</i>
Fishing, hunting, etc.	12%	11%	13%	10%	<i>12%</i>
Biking, hiking, running, etc.	12%	9%	13%	14%	<i>12%</i>
Water sports	11%	10%	15%	10%	11%
Bars, nightclubs	11%	10%	11%	10%	11%
Family time, reading, cooking, etc.	11%	15%	7%	3%	9%
Attractions	9%	11%	8%	7%	9%
Golfing, tennis, etc.	7%	12%	7%	7%	<i>8%</i>
Special event	9%	9%	4%	4%	7%





	October – December 2022	January – March 2023	April – June 2023	July – September 2023	FY2023
Will definitely recommend	83%	82%	83%	74%	81%
Will definitely return	89%	86%	83%	79%	84%
Very satisfied + satisfied	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%

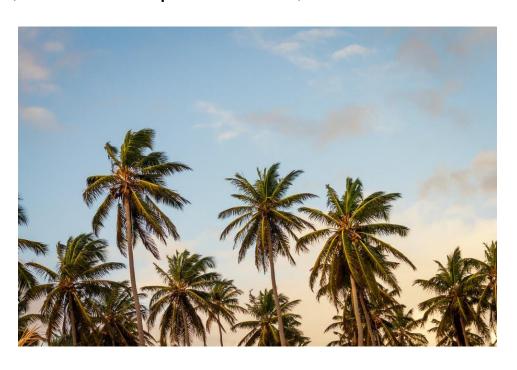




#### Methodology

#### **Visitor Tracking Study**

» 1,826 interviews were completed with Charlotte County visitors in-person and online between October <sup>30</sup> 1st, 2022 and September 30th, 2023.



#### **Economic Impact Study**

Economic impact of tourism for Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach VCB was based on data from the following sources:

- » 1,826 interviews conducted by Downs & St. Germain Research with visitors to Charlotte County
- » Twelve (12) monthly STR And All the Rooms Reports
- » Downs & St. Germain Research's tourism database
- » Various government agencies and data sources
- » IMPLAN Online Economic Impact Modeling software
- » TDT Collections provided by Charlotte County





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