GULF COAST CAPITAL

QUARTERLY DATA REPORT



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Corpus Christi residents told a compelling story about their attitude towards tourism through our Community Perspective Survey. Corpus Christians see tourism as an important way to help the local economy and improve the community for everyone. This is backed up by the data, which shows greater tax collections towards things like road infrastructure, economic development and first responders in the months with highest visitation.

Hotel numbers during the summer were down slightly but consistently this past year, while short term rental numbers have been increasing drastically. Putting them together, we see a similar year in terms of visitation for every month other than March compared to last year. We continue to see a larger role of short term rentals in the visitor experience, and the beginning of the enforcement of the city ordinance on bed tax collections came at the right time, coinciding with the highest monthly bed tax collection ever.

Hotel rates have been around what they were last year for the last quarter, with weekday rates being higher and weekend rates being lower than last year's rates. October's recent drops in weekend rates pose a danger of not keeping pace with trends elsewhere along the Gulf Coast, and hoteliers would do well to at least match last year's rates for the coming quarter on weekends, aiming for increases of 5-7% over last year to keep pace with places like South Padre Island.

Visit Corpus Christi continues to spread the word about the Gulf Coast Capital, with advertising increasing visitation to the city by 50%. Visitor surveys show the value of expanding our visitor base – visitors from farther away tend to stay longer, which means more economic impact to the community. We will continue to work towards this goal in the coming quarter, working to help snowbirds escape the cold and discover how beautiful Corpus Christi is in the next few months.

As we enter the winter, our team aims to bring visitation to Corpus Christi during these slower periods, when our hotel rooms most need our help. At the beginning of December, we will welcome the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance; 1,200 visitors who we will share our city and everything it has to offer with. Our sales team will continue to target times like these to make sure we are bringing impact to the city when it needs it most – when leisure travel is slow and group business can fill those gaps.

Just as importantly, we need your help in being a community advocate – the vast majority of locals interact with visitors to help them find things to do. Sharing our city with them the best we can isn't just being hospitable, it causes knock on effects that help improve our community. This is especially important around the holidays, when we welcome friends and family to enjoy Corpus Christi with us – we will be showing them all of our favorite local shops, restaurants, and attractions, and we invite you to do the same!

PROGRESS REPORT

TOWARD ANNUAL GOALS ACROSS ALL DEPARTMENTS



UNDER GOAL

BASELINE

BASELINE

*in 2021, updated annually

AVAILABLE

DATA VIA COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE SURVEY, DISTRIBUTED TO 2,000+ CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Corpus Christi community considers tourism important to the economy and their quality of life. They support growing tourism.

This sentiment is echoed in our mission: **To create a better community by sharing Corpus Christi with the world.**

of Corpus Christians say tourism is very important to the local economy



of Corpus Christians say tourism is important for making our community a great place to live



of Corpus Christians want tourism to be developed even further

DATA VIA COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE SURVEY, DISTRIBUTED TO 1,400+ CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY MEMBERS

WE VALUE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES & WE WANT TO TAKE CARE OF THEM.



support educating visitors on preserving resources, in line with our organizational sustainability goals 91%

say beaches are important to their quality of life think tourism benefits the environment by incentivizing sustainability



of Corpus Christians are very/extremely proud to live here.



of residents take friends and relatives to local tourism places. So, benefits to those places mean benefits for everyone. Corpus Christians are proud to be part of this community and interact with visitors often.

Corpus Christians also agreed that growing tourism helps create a **better place to live.**

By **sharing our pride** with visitors, we can help make that happen.



of residents recommend tourist places to visitors.

DATA VIA COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE SURVEY, DISTRIBUTED TO 1,400+ CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Restaurants were rated by residents as vital to resident quality of life.

When asked to rate the quality of different kinds of restaurants, **farm**to-table restaurants were rated as the lowest quality and as the worst variety.



of Corpus Christians say restaurants are very important to their quality of life



did not rate our farmto-table restaurants as high quality



did not rate our variety of farm-to-table restaurants highly



DATA VIA COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE SURVEY, DISTRIBUTED TO 1,400+ CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY MEMBERS



of Corpus Christians say downtown is very important to their quality of life



did not rate walkable shopping as top quality



Corpus Christi residents believe that downtown plays a very important role in their quality of life.

When asked about the quality of shopping, **walkable shopping was** rated low.

This suggests that adding more additional **walkable shopping downtown** would likely have **large positive resident impact.**

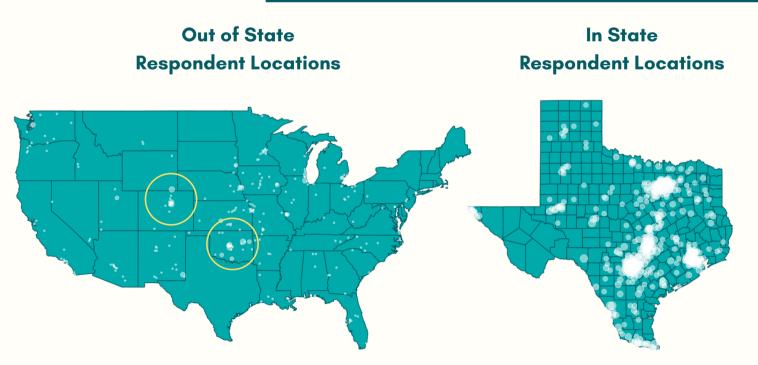
BO did not rate upscale shopping as high quality

VISITOR SURVEY RESULTS

DATA VIA VISITOR SENTIMENT SURVEY, DISTRIBUTED TO 2,000+ CORPUS CHRISTI VISITORS ACROSS THE CITY



When asked how likely they were to recommend Corpus Christi as a vacation destination, the majority of visitors responded with a 9 or 10 out of 10, with an average score of **8.80**.

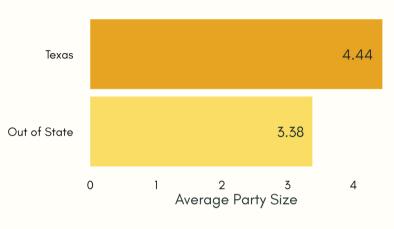


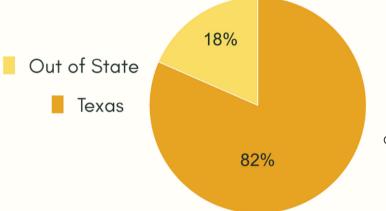
Survey respondents came from all over Texas and many parts of the United States, including clusters in Denver and Oklahoma - two of our top advertising markets.

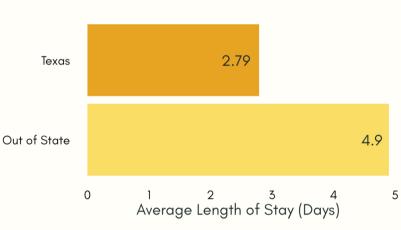
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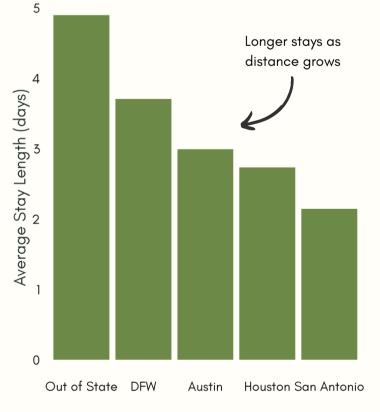
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Visitors from farther away stay longer, which means they tend to bring more money to the local community. We take factor this into our advertising strategy.











HOTEL REVIEW

DATA FROM SMITH TRAVEL RESEARCH

	AREA	ADR	% CHG	OCCUPANCY	% CHG	REVPAR	% CHG
	United States	\$159.08	10.33%	69.60%	0.23%	\$110.73	10.59%
	Texas	\$113.80	6.23%	65.02%	-1.04%	\$73.99	5.12%
	San Antonio	\$135.10	0.15%	70.01%	-5.16%	\$94.58	-5.02%
	Austin	\$153.96	15.23%	67.81%	-3.24%	\$104.40	11.50%
	Houston	\$100.98	5.73%	58.26%	-0.95%	\$58.83	4.72%
_	South Padre Island	\$213.24	-0.16%	84.45%	-1.25%	\$180.08	-1.41%
	Galveston	\$206.58	-4.43%	76.35%	-2.99%	\$157.72	- 7.29 %
	Corpus Christi	\$133.52	-0.70%	75.53%	-2.95%	\$100.86	-3.63%

AREA	ADR	% CHG	OCCUPANCY	% CHG	REVPAR	% CHG
United States	\$151.49	9.6 1%	66.46%	5.27%	\$100.67	15.38%
Texas	\$108.41	7.81%	60.82%	1.65%	\$65.94	9.59%
San Antonio	\$119.35	1.58%	60.46%	1.54%	\$72.17	3.15%
Austin	\$145.31	15.06%	65.20%	3.79%	\$94.74	19.43%
Houston	\$99.62	3.25%	55.26%	-3.33%	\$55.05	-0.18%
South Padre Island	\$155.94	3.41%	68.08%	-5.52%	\$106.16	-2.30%
Galveston	\$162.72	-3.33%	51.54%	-13.22%	\$83.87	-16.10%
Corpus Christi	\$107.65	-1.36%	55.65%	-8.93%	\$59.90	-10.17%

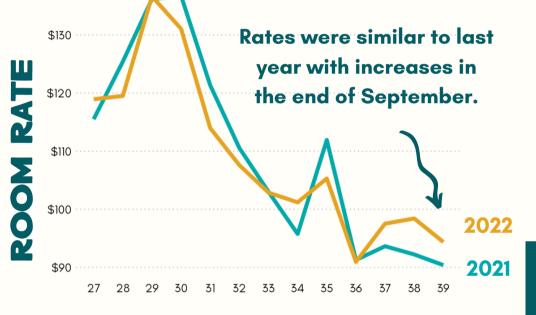
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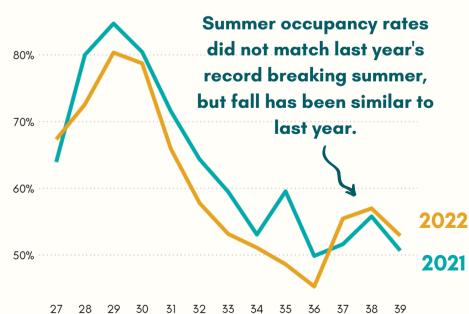
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AREA	ADR	% CHG	OCCUPANCY	% CHG	REVPAR	% CHG
United States	\$154.32	15.52%	66.74%	8.63%	\$103.00	25.48%
Texas	\$115.62	13.43%	62.46%	3.76%	\$72.22	17.69%
San Antonio	\$125.33	11.38%	61.38%	7.03%	\$76.92	19.21 %
Austin	\$172.33	23.89%	70.45%	10.00%	\$121.40	36.27%
Houston	\$105.68	8.25%	57.42%	-1.55%	\$60.69	6.57%
South Padre Island	\$127.20	2.03%	62.51%	3.55%	\$79.51	5.65%
Galveston	\$141.77	-1.41%	52.07%	1.25%	\$73.82	-0.18%
Corpus Christi	\$98.21	-1.59%	51.68%	-5.28%	\$50.75	- 6.79 %

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-6% HOTEL DEMAND Q4 VS 2021

Hotel rates stayed fairly similar to 2021 throughout the busiest part of the year, but demand did not reach the heights of 2021. As a result, revenue also declined.

-7% HOTEL REVENUE Q4 VS 2021

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PRELIMINARY DATA FROM SMITH TRAVEL RESEARCH

AREA	OCC.	% СНБ	ADR	% снб	REV PAR	% СНБ
United States	64%	10.96%	\$146.68	18.67%	\$93.89	31.89%
Texas	63%	7.47%	\$118.24	15.57%	\$74.54	24.53%
San Antonio	59%	5.89%	\$126.53	18.00%	\$75.98	26.15%
Austin	74%	10.29%	\$188.57	23.96%	\$142.13	37.41%
Houston	59%	12.33%	\$110.84	11.37%	\$66.34	26.00%
South Padre Island	52%	-0.32%	\$106.58	12.08%	\$55.95	11.77%
Galveston	46%	6.38%	\$110.74	2.40%	\$51.30	9.20%
Corpus Christi	51%	-0.48%	\$93.20	7.84%	\$48.07	8.04%

WEEK

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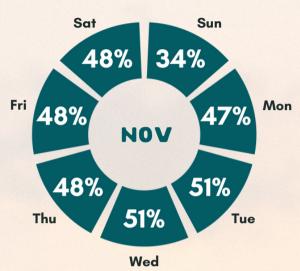


AREA	occ.	% снб	ADR	% снб	REV PAR	% снб
United States	77%	2.32%	\$169.20	12.52%	\$129.76	15.17%
Texas	75%	1.83%	\$135.99	11.52%	\$102.06	13.85%
San Antonio	78%	0.12%	\$141.07	10.08%	\$110.56	10.44%
Austin	84%	-2.54%	\$252.25	16.89%	\$216.80	14.27%
Houston	70%	5.13%	\$112.40	9.32%	\$79.46	15.59%
South Padre Island	76%	5.50%	\$133.13	7.84%	\$101.85	13.61%
Galveston	75%	8.29%	\$167.85	0.36%	\$126.98	8.96%
Corpus Christi	58%	-7.79%	\$100.20	0.65%	\$58.39	-7.05%

HOTEL FORECAST

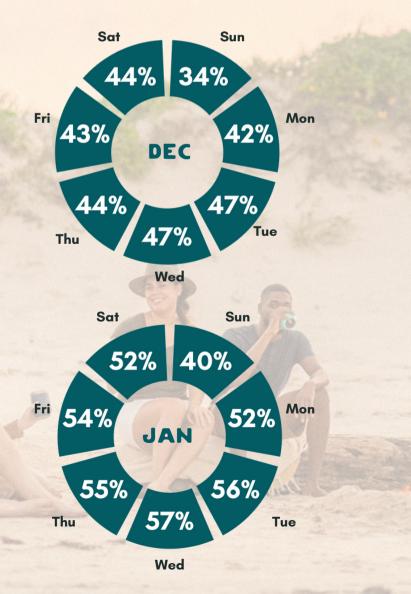
Occupancy forecasts are based on historical patterns and recent trends. October forecasts include actual data for the majority of the month. Room rate forecasts are to increase about 5% over 2021 citywide averages. Hotels should aim to match this to keep pace with recent industry trends.

OCCUPANCY RATE



AVG ROOM RATE







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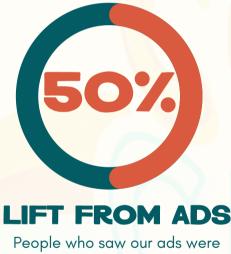
VISITOR ORIGINS

DATA VIA ARRIVALIST

Like Q3, Q4 saw small rises in the shares of closer markets and dips in the shares of more distant markets.

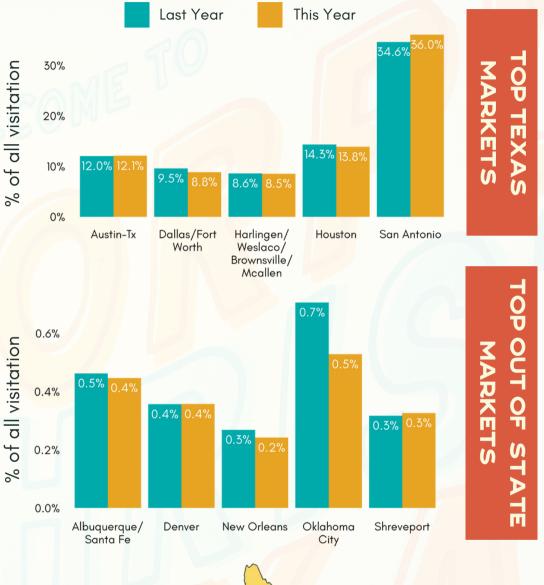
This pattern was expected as **gas** prices changed traveler behavior.

Geolocation data shows **our advertising has continued to be effective in driving visitation** beyond what it would have been otherwise in the face of these travel trends.



50% more likely to visit

ORIGINS BY VISITOR SHARE WITHIN EACH YEAR



Darker red means more visitors from state in Q4

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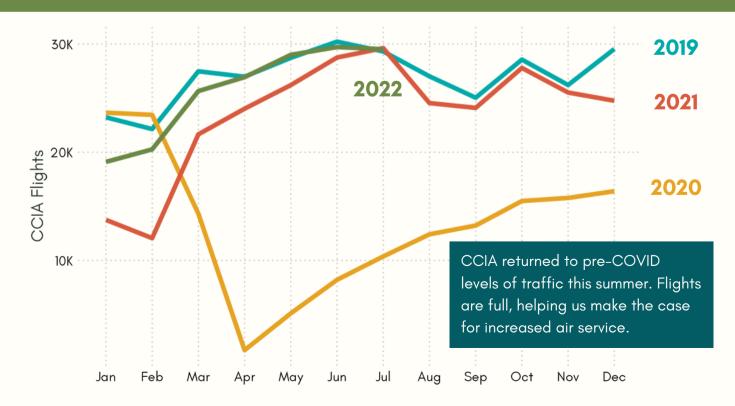
L&H LABOR FORCE

data via Bureau of Labor Statistics



FLIGHT TRAFFIC

data via Bureau of Transportation Statistics



SHORT TERM RENTAL REVIEW

DATA FROM KEYDATA

	AREA	DEMAND	% CHG	ADR	% CHG	REVPAR	% CHG
JUL	Corpus Christi	70,567	55.66%	\$300.37	4.60%	\$203.78	36.30%
	Galveston	74,073	42.93%	\$284.87	21.35%	\$179.72	28.65%
UUL	Port Aransas	93,453	47.68%	\$513.36	16.18%	\$379.67	51.27%
	S Padre Island	82,827	24.36%	\$396.14	12.69%	\$251.28	23.89%
	Corpus Christi	47,629	38.74%	\$261.98	2.70%	\$115.30	16.75%
AUG	Galveston	45,784	26.34%	\$242.61	18.90%	\$91.41	10.12%
AUG	Port Aransas	57,627	32.42%	\$450.80	7.02%	\$196.13	22.53%
	S Padre Island	54,809	14.72%	\$335.73	11.23%	\$136.82	11.55%
	Corpus Christi	38,633	52.97 %	\$238.14	5.83%	\$78.51	18.16%
SEP	Galveston	36,062	42.53%	\$204.16	14.68%	\$59.79	13.99%
JLF	Port Aransas	47,653	49.84%	\$396.59	9.25%	\$122.20	17.01%
	S Padre Island	43,723	15.57%	\$258.35	11.22%	\$77.15	-0.34%
	Corpus Christi	36,413	30.52%	\$214.13	4.17%	\$65.55	3.68%
OCT	Galveston	34,723	38.44%	\$176.76	8.84%	\$49.12	11.49%
	Port Aransas	41,345	13.10%	\$352.58	4.63%	\$94.97	-10.57%
	S Padre Island	39,543	8.83%	\$219.41	6.59%	\$57.85	-7.54%

Short term rentals are continuing to gain a **larger** *r* market share. This is partly driven by an increase in the number of rentals; occupancy rates for rentals are similar to last year, but more people are staying in them in total.

Corpus Christi is seeing the largest demand increases, but the lowest rate increases.

SHORT TERM RENTAL PACING

DATA FROM KEYDATA



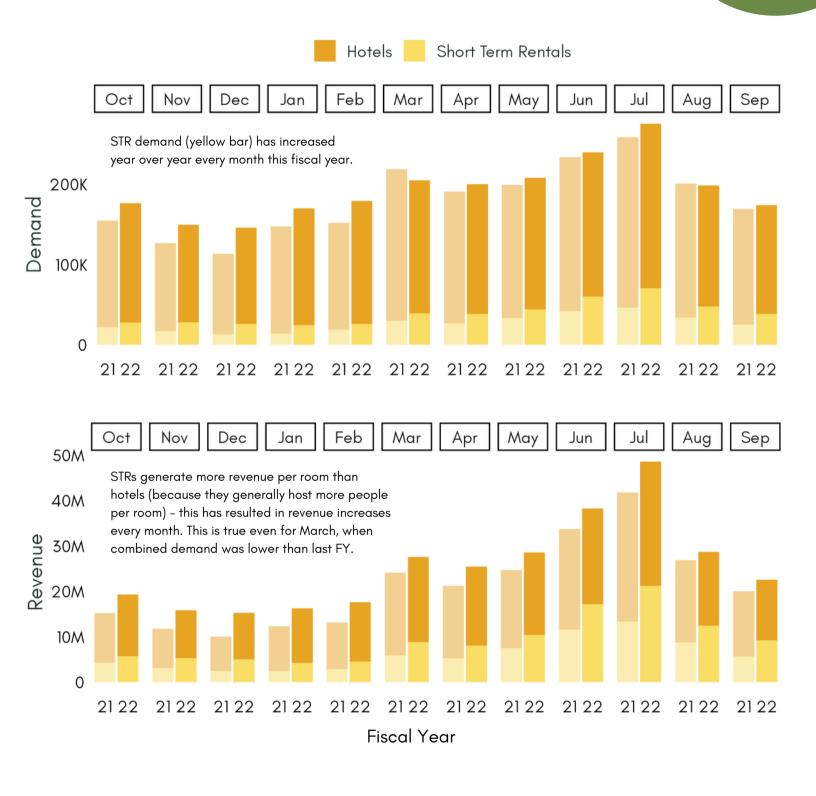
January pacing indicates the increases **might be leveling off,** but pacing that far ahead should always be taken with a grain of salt.

This trend looks like it will continue, with future bookings outpacing last year's bookings at this time for the next two months.

While Corpus has fewer short term rental stays than South Padre or Port Aransas, it has many more hotels, so it has the most visitation of these places in total.

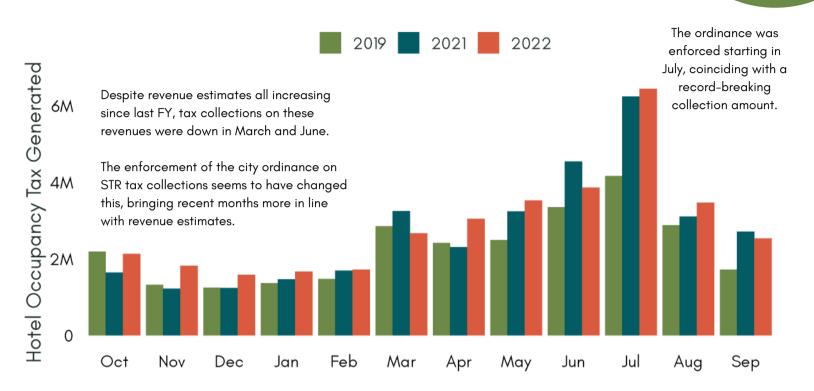
COMBINING HOTELS AND SHORT TERM RENTALS

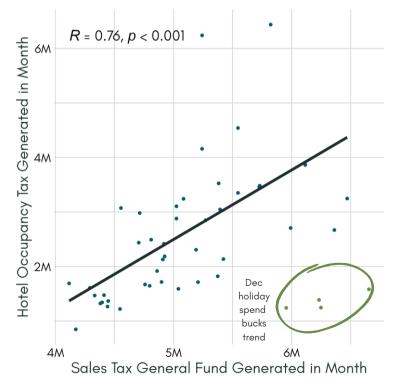
DATA FROM KEYDATA AND SMITH TRAVEL RESEARCH



HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX COLLECTIONS

DATA FROM THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI





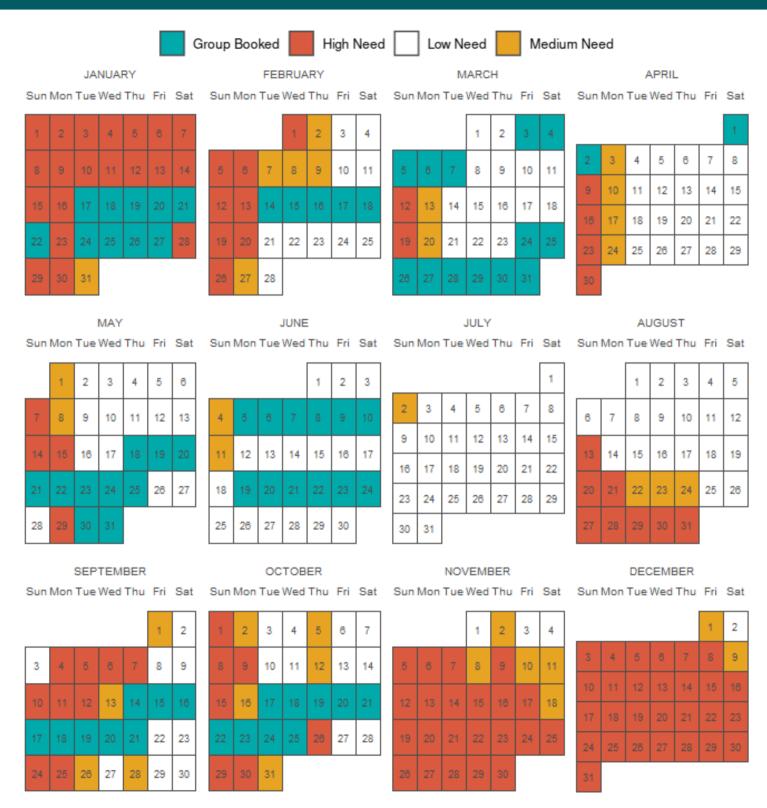
The relationship between bed tax collections and citywide sales tax collections is clear.

In months where more bed tax is collected, more sales tax is collected, meaning **months that are highest visitation are the most beneficial to general tax collections.**

This backs up what Corpus Christians said in their community survey responses: **the visitor economy and the local economy are intertwined.**

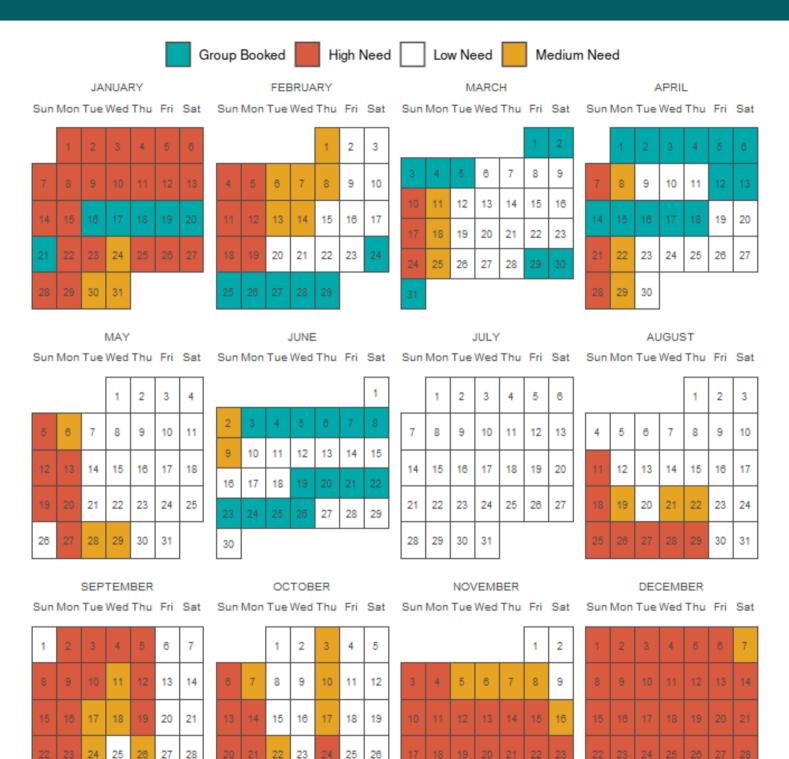
Tourism is an important part of our local economy, and **growing tourism means growing citywide resources** which means citywide benefit.

NEED DATE CALENDAR GROUPS BOOKED IN 2023



Our strategy is to bring visitors to Corpus Christi when our community benefits from their impact the most: during slower times of year. To accomplish this, we use a need date calendar based on seasonal projections to help monitor our progress. Projected occupancy rates below 55% are marked as medium need (orange); below 50% are marked high need (red).

NEED DATE CALENDAR GROUPS BOOKED IN 2024



The calendar does not depict effects of all holidays, but they are always taken into account when booking groups. Only very large groups are blocked off on the calendar which represent dates for which we can no longer book further group business - we have booked business for dates elsewhere, but will continue to try to fill those dates.

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