# GULF COAST CAPITAL

**QUARTERLY DATA REPORT** 



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The first quarter of the fiscal year brought with it some familiar trends from the last. Hotel performance was about level to the last year, while short term rentals experienced consistent increases in demand both here and elsewhere on the Texas coast. However, we've recently started to see a decline in the number of short term rental listings – that's good news for operators, as it means less competition. Only time will tell how long that decline in supply will continue and if we'll start to see an increase in listings as we enter busier times of year.

Looking ahead at those busier times of year, spring break is closer than it appears. Recent surveys from MMGY have found that many leisure travelers are less likely to fly this year due to recent flight service incidents – this might be good news for Corpus Christi, where the vast majority of visitors currently drive.

In the lull between spring break and summer beginning to ramp up, we'll see SkillsUSA bring over 2,000 people to Corpus Christi. These times of year, when leisure travel slows down a little, are exactly when groups this size can make a real impact. They'll fill hotel rooms that wouldn't already be occupied by leisure travel, and they'll bring visitors to local attractions, restaurants and businesses when they need it most.

It is, as always, that kind of broader impact that we want to focus on. Travel doesn't just mean heads in beds, it brings money to local businesses and the city economy in general. It accounts for 8% of the city's entire expenses. Our marketing plan for the year reflects this, with an increase in visitor spend being the overarching goal rather than just an increase in visitor volume.

Larger industry trends indicate that, counterintuitively, economic conditions might make this year the perfect time for that goal. People are viewing travel as more expensive, and while this is causing some people to opt not to travel this year, it also means the people that are traveling are planning to spend more on their trips. In fact, those that intend to travel aren't even planning on taking fewer trips. They're prioritizing travel, even though they see it as more expensive, and planning to spend more accordingly. Our goal is to target those people and show them how much Corpus Christi has to offer as a vacation destination and a community.

## PROGRESS REPORT

TOWARD ANNUAL GOALS ACROSS ALL DEPARTMENTS



NA\*

AVG SPEND PER PERSON PER DAY

NA VS GOAL

\*Updated annually, not yet available



2.5

AVG DAYS

O.43 DAYS
ABOVE GOAL



8.6

LEISURE VISITOR SENTIMENT

O.5 POINTS
UNDER GOAL



7.93M

DIGITAL ENGAGEMENTS

11% OF GOAL



29%

EMAIL OPEN RATE

61% ABOVE GOAL



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AVG WEBSITE VISIT DURATION

**EQUAL TO GOAL** 



**5**M

EARNED MEDIA REACH

3% OF GOAL



45

CONVENTION RFPS

**23% OF GOAL** 



6.3K

CONVENTION ROOM NIGHTS

17% OF GOAL



**2.6M** 

CONVENTION ECONOMIC IMPACT

13% OF GOAL



CONVENTION ROOM RATE

\$15 BELOW GOAL



2

CONVENTION SITE VISITS

11% OF GOAL



8.5 OUT OF 10

CONVENTION PLANNER SENTIMENT

1 POINT BELOW GOAL



25

SPORTS LEADS EVALUATED

50% OF GOAL



5

SPORTS LEADS BOOKED

17% OF GOAL



3.3K

SPORTS NEW ROOM NIGHTS

67% OF GOAL



SPORTS
REBOOKED ROOM
NIGHTS

O% OF GOAL



NA

SPORTS WEBSITE VISITS

**NOT YET LAUNCHED** 

### LEISURE TRAVEL TRENDS

DATA VIA MMGY PORTRAIT OF THE AMERICAN TRAVELER SURVEY

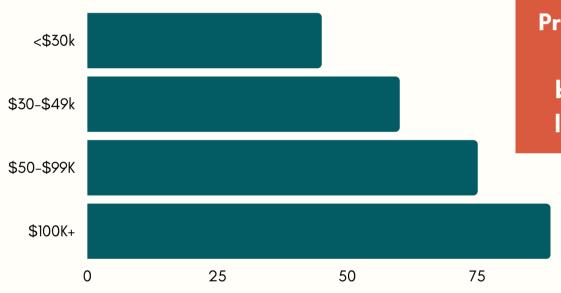
AND STR HOTEL FORECASTS

Travelers here and nationwide are concerned about the economy in the near future.

The percieved affordability of travel has dropped

34%

since this time last year



Prospective travelers in lower income brackets are most likely to cut travel.

% of people planning to travel for leisure in the next 12 months by income bracket

However, the people who are planning to travel are planning to take the same number of trips and spend more on them.

3.9
TRIPS

planned in the next year, same as this time last year \$3.6K SPEND

100

planned on leisure travel, up from \$2.75K last year

## LEISURE TRAVEL TRENDS

DATA VIA MMGY PORTRAIT OF THE AMERICAN TRAVELER SURVEY
AND STR HOTEL FORECASTS

Recent widespread issues with flight experiences have caused a drop in flight interest.

48%

say they're less likely to fly in the next nine months due to recent incidents.

76% are planning a road trip this year

In turn, this means more people are planning road trips. This is good news for Corpus Christi, where most visitors drive.

44%

drive this summer due to recent incidents.

STR's forecasts,
built on recent
hotel performance
here and
elsewhere, predict
growth in hotel
demand this year.

+5%

year-over-year
increase in hotel
occupancy predicted
by STR 2023 Corpus
Christi forecasts

In combination with short term rental demand continuing to outpace last year, travel demand seems positive despite economic concerns.

#### DATA FROM STR

## HOTEL REVIEW

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AREA	ADR	% CHG	OCCUPANCY	% CHG	REVPAR	% CHG
United States	\$155.63	15.03%	67.20%	7.05%	\$104.59	23.14%
Texas	\$124.55	13.33%	66.07%	5.06%	\$82.29	19.07%
San Antonio	\$132.05	14.48%	64.63%	3.84%	\$85.34	18.87%
Austin	\$213.58	19.47%	76.05%	4.23%	\$162.42	24.51%
Houston	\$112.48	11.59%	62.22%	9.49%	\$69.98	22.17%
South Padre Island	\$116.76	9.53%	58.46%	-0.01%	\$68.26	9.52%
Galveston	\$134.68	0.11%	52.76%	3.33%	\$71.05	3.44%
Corpus Christi	\$96.09	5.05%	52.94%	-2.93%	\$50.87	1.97%

AREA	ADR	% CHG	<b>OCCUPANCY</b>	% CHG	REVPAR	% CHG
United States	\$144.46	12.16%	59.35%	3.22%	\$85.74	15.77%
Texas	\$113.49	9.24%	60.46%	1.18%	\$68.62	10.52%
San Antonio	\$122.79	10.48%	58.52%	-1.51%	\$71.86	8.80%
Austin	\$168.30	16.69%	67.70%	1.45%	\$113.93	18.38%
Houston	\$105.63	6.11%	58.83%	6.80%	\$62.14	13.32%
South Padre Island	\$105.69	8.55%	51.70%	-6.85%	\$54.64	1.11%
Galveston	\$131.45	4.82%	45.93%	5.95%	\$60.38	11.06%
Corpus Christi	\$88.02	1.82%	44.57%	-3.09%	\$39.23	-1.32%

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AREA	ADR	% CHG	OCCUPANCY	% CHG	REVPAR	% CHG
United States	\$146.72	8.07%	53.59%	0.62%	\$78.63	8.74%
Texas	\$105.90	5.91%	55.67%	1.94%	\$58.95	7.97%
San Antonio	\$122.03	6.85%	57.15%	-0.74%	\$69.74	6.06%
Austin	\$139.70	8.85%	53.67%	-6.55%	\$74.98	1.72%
Houston	\$99.23	6.11%	53.67%	9.58%	\$53.26	16.27%
South Padre Island	\$102.79	3.17%	55.83%	-5.61%	\$57.38	-2.62%
Galveston	\$122.37	1.25%	46.48%	5.17%	\$56.88	6.48%
Corpus Christi	\$83.50	-1.18%	42.63%	-3.30%	\$35.60	-4.44%

### Rates in October outpaced \$95 last year before leveling off towards the end of the ROOM RATE quarter. 2021 2022

60%

35%

**OCCUPACNY** 

-2% HOTEL **DEMAND** Q1 VS 2021

Q1 brought very similar numbers to last year. Early in the quarter, decreases in occupancy were met with increases in rates, causing revenues to break even.



REVENUE Q1 VS 2021

+0%

HOTEL

EK OF YEAR

45 46 47 48 49

## JANUARY HOTEL REPORT

PRELIMINARY DATA FROM STR

\*data for month not yet complete

AREA	occ.	% CHG	ADR	% CHG	REV PAR	% CHG
United States	51%	12.44%	\$140.73	18.68%	\$72.14	33.60%
Texas	55%	12.54%	\$108.04	15.78%	\$60.44	30.98%
San Antonio	49%	10.01%	\$111.61	14.98%	\$56.08	27.88%
Austin	57%	22.40%	\$150.56	27.18%	\$88.24	57.09%
Houston	53%	20.74%	\$102.57	12.61%	\$55.63	36.99%
South Padre Island	59%	1.21%	\$90.46	5.48%	\$53.59	6.91%
Galveston	42%	42.25%	\$99.23	7.59%	\$41.51	53.63%
Corpus Christi	46%	-8.93%	\$87.72	4.17%	\$40.89	-5.05%

## WEEK DAYS

## WEEK ENDS

AREA	occ.	% CHG	ADR	% CHG	REV PAR	% CHG
United States	58%	6.35%	\$146.78	11.24%	\$85.14	18.27%
Texas	61%	5.49%	\$111.75	9.35%	\$67.88	15.43%
San Antonio	60%	7.10%	\$120.15	8.06%	\$72.99	16.11%
Austin	62%	11.76%	\$151.56	14.99%	\$94.91	28.93%
Houston	57%	9.47%	\$99.21	4.48%	\$57.17	14.39%
South Padre Island	71%	5.36%	\$95.49	3.77%	\$67.60	9.47%
Galveston	65%	13.97%	\$138.72	-1.27%	\$91.34	14.42%
Corpus Christi	50%	<b>-4.17</b> %	\$92.44	5.59%	\$46.59	1.24%

### HOTEL FORECAST

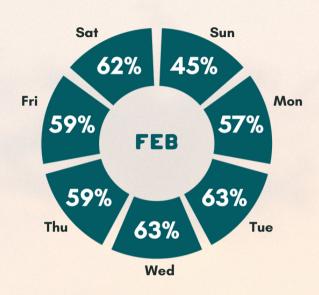
Occupancy forecasts are based on historical patterns and recent trends.

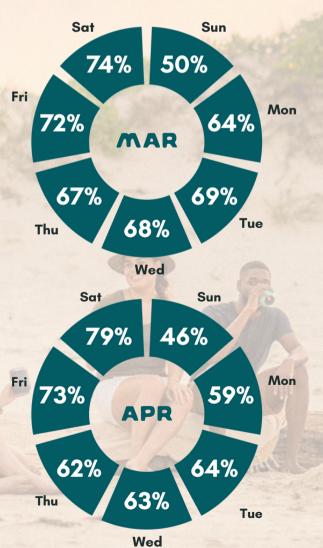
January forecasts include actual data for the majority of the month.

Room rate forecasts are a 3%-5% increase above 2022 citywide averages.

Hotels should aim to match this to keep pace with recent industry trends.

#### **OCCUPANCY RATE**





#### AVG ROOM RATE





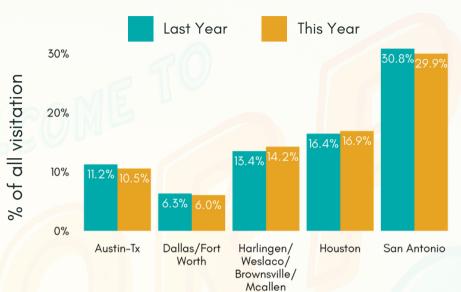


## VISITOR ORIGINS

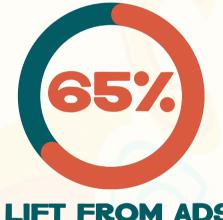
Advertising in recent months has focused attracting visitors from colder areas in the Midwest such as Chicago and Minneapolis and bringing perennial snowbird visitors to the valley up to Corpus to see how the city has grown.

This past quarter, we have seen increases in the share of visitors from the valley as well as increases in visitors from the Chicago area.

#### ORIGINS BY VISITOR SHARE WITHIN EACH YEAR

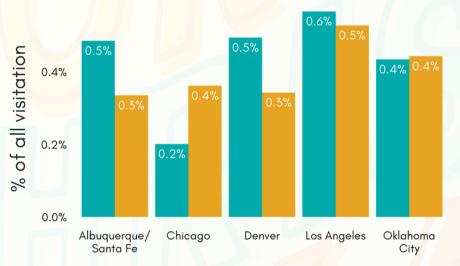




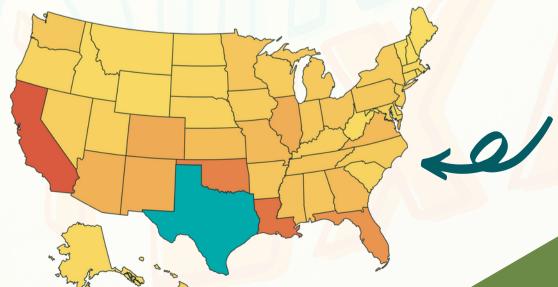


#### **LIFT FROM ADS**

People who saw our ads were 65% more likely to visit

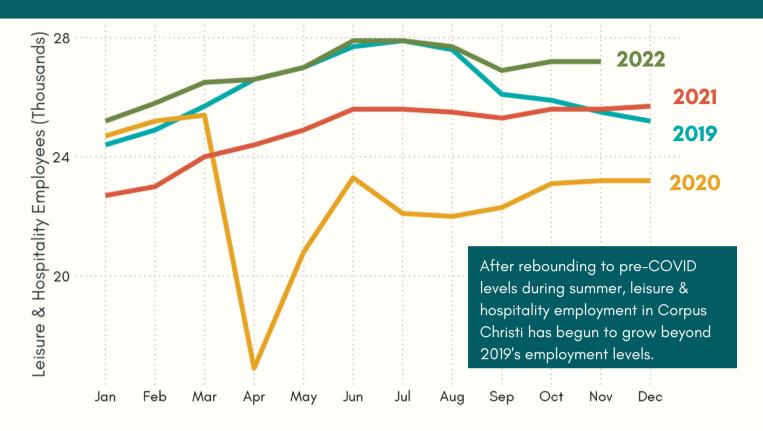


Darker red means more visitors from state in Q1



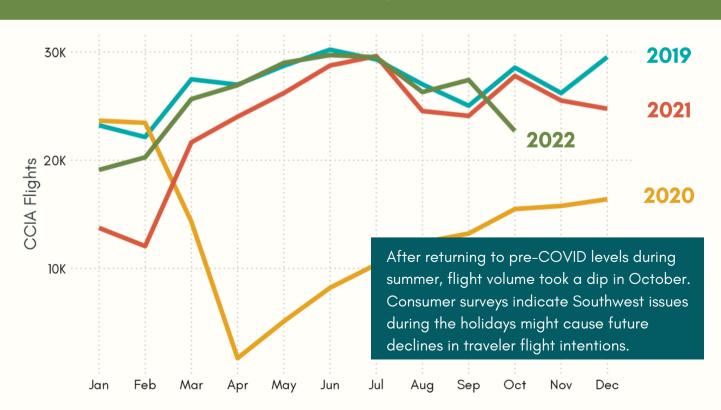
## L&H LABOR FORCE

data via Bureau of Labor Statistics



## **FLIGHT TRAFFIC**

data via Bureau of Transportation Statistics



# SHORT TERM RENTAL REVIEW

	AREA	DEMAND	% CHG	ADR	% CHG	REVPAR	% CHG	
	Corpus Christi	24,733	-11.20%	\$173.17	-0.81%	\$45.54	-2.64%	
067	Galveston	27,932	-19.58%	\$205.90	-2.39%	\$47.65	-5.30%	
OCT	Port Aransas	20,588	-22.99%	\$349.00	11.64%	\$62.47	3.26%	
	S Padre Island	20,088	-30.66%	\$163.65	-23.24%	\$34.67	-33.75%	
	Corpus Christi	35,558	32.57%	\$214.98	4.35%	\$64.00	1.80%	•••••
NOV	Galveston	39,442	12.72%	\$219.59	6.79%	\$57.49	<b>-7.52</b> %	
HOV	Port Aransas	41,239	17.32%	\$352.78	4.65%	\$94.65	-10.32%	
	S Padre Island	34,172	42.40%	\$177.06	9.17%	\$48.11	10.76%	
	Corpus Christi	29,723	5.61%	\$194.48	3.29%	\$51.28	-11.26%	•••••
DEC	Galveston	31,766	-6.55%	\$223.15	5.89%	\$49.11	-18.23%	
DEC	Port Aransas	28,904	-12.52%	\$364.40	4.41%	\$74.26	-25.89%	
	S Padre Island	29,963	17.44%	\$200.49	9.12%	\$50.25	2.17%	
JAN	Corpus Christi	27,949	6.92%	\$190.11	-1.66%	\$48.15	-10.56%	
	Galveston	34,426	-6.03%	\$239.23	1.95%	\$55.63	-20.87%	
	Port Aransas	28,250	-2.08%	\$374.67	3.04%	\$75.98	-14.60%	
	S Padre Island	29,352	17.42%	\$241.64	36.07%	\$58.47	24.62%	

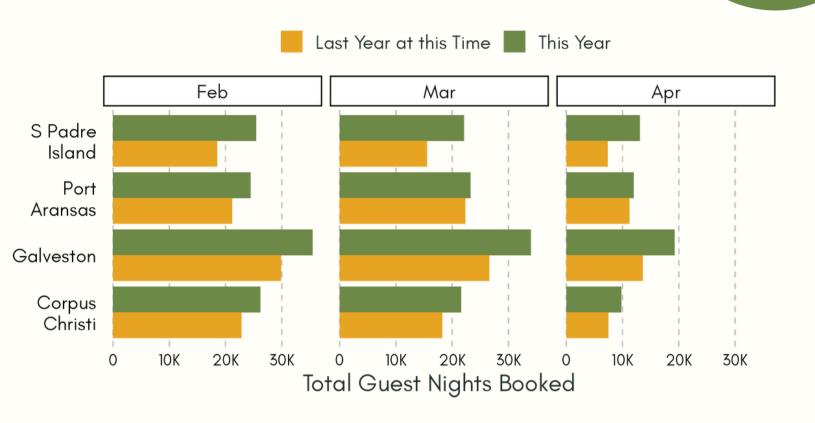
Short term rental

demand is continuing to a increase.

supply is starting to level
off. Only time will tell if this
will last; we might see
listings increase as we get
into busier times of year.

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

# SHORT TERM RENTAL PACING





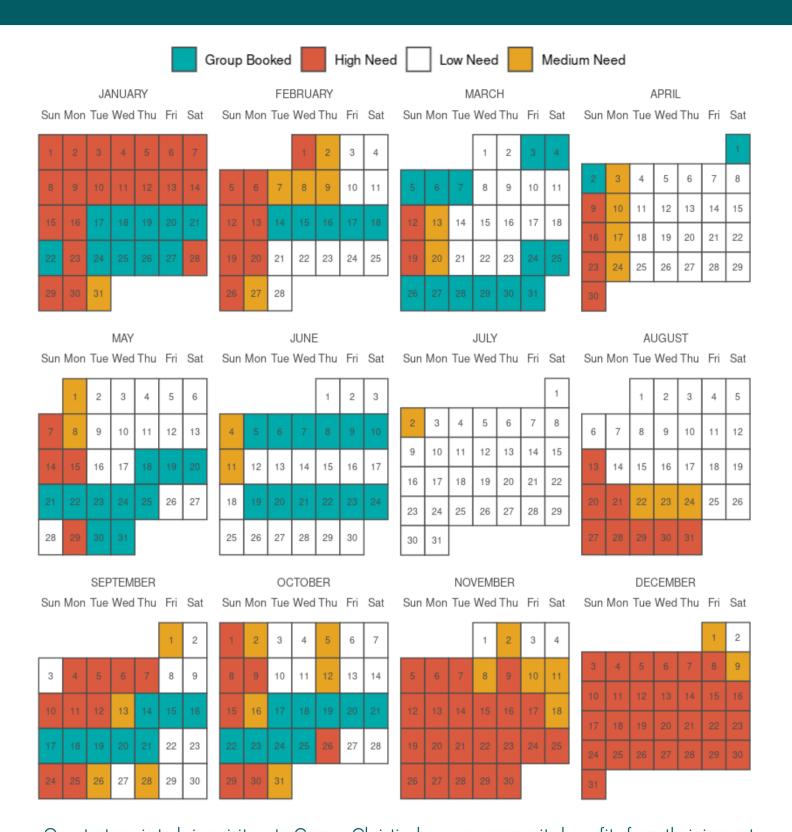
This trend looks like it will continue, with future bookings outpacing last year's bookings at this time across the Texas coast.

This has been the case for the last several quarters. While demand will surely level out at some point, pacing indicates it won't be next quarter.

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.

## NEED DATE CALENDAR

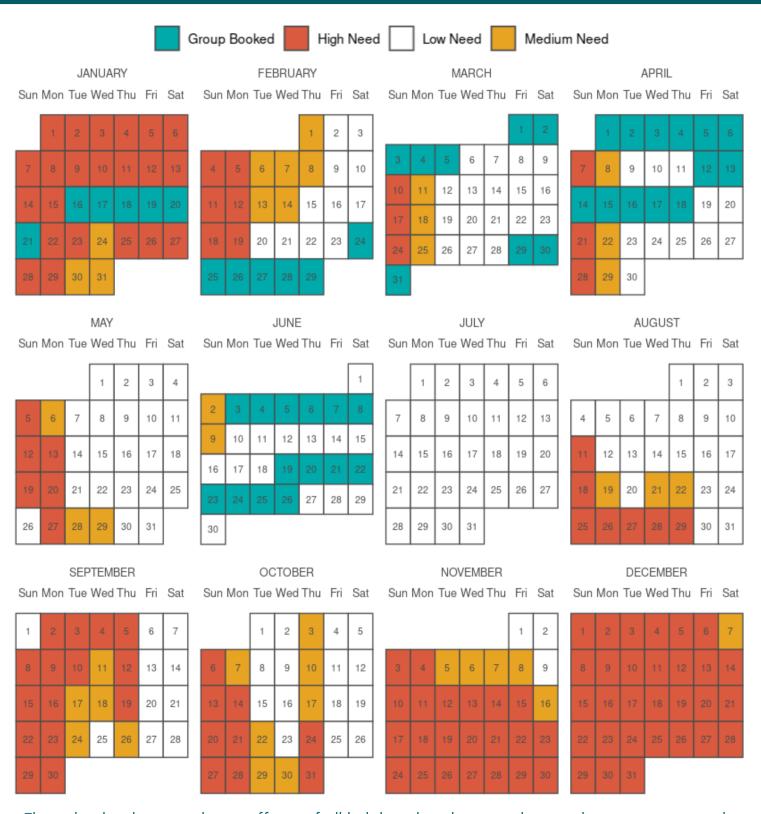
#### **GROUPS BOOKED IN 2023**



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.