# Bureau Business Brief: Monthly Results Report

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## Smith Travel Research (STR)

### **Segmentation Trend for North Carolina**

				Curre	nt Month - Fe	ebruary 20	18 vs Fel	oruary 2	017							Year	to Date - Fe	bruary 201	8 va Febr	uary 20	17					Parti	icipation	
	Occ	%	ADF	3	RevP	AR	Pe	rcent C	hange fro	om Febru	ary 2017	7	Occ	%	AD	R	RevP	AR		Percent	Change	from YTI	2017		Prop	erties	Roo	ms
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	Occ	ADR	RevPAR	Room Rev	Room Avail	Room Sold	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	Occ	ADR	RevPAR	Room Rev	Room Avail	Room Sold	Census	Sample	Census	Sample
North Carolina	57.1	59.6	96.69	95.55	55.23	56.91	-4.1	1.2	-3.0	0.1	3.2	-1.1	53.3	55.3	95.62	93.46	50.99	51.68	-3.6	2.3	-1.4	1.8	3.2	-0.5	1714	1180	153929	124625
Cumberland County, NC	63.8	65.5	74.19	74.24	47.30	48.59	-2.6	-0.1	-2.7	-1.0	1.8	-0.9	59.5	64.5	72.94	74.32	43.37	47.95	-7.8	-1.9	-9.5	-8.0	1.8	-6.2	67	49	6100	5120
Johnston County, NC	47.7	48.7	70.61	70.35	33.68	34.25	-2.0	0.4	-1.7	-2.3	-0.6	-2.7	45.8	47.3	69.90	69.61	32.01	32.94	-3.2	0.4	-2.8	-3.4	-0.6	-3.8	32	25	2204	1769
Robeson County, NC	54.4	70.2	72.03	74.88	39.21	52.60	-22.5	-3.8	-25.5	-27.4	-2.7	-24.6	51.9	70.1	72.25	75.49	37.53	52.89	-25.9	-4.3	-29.0	-30.9	-2.7	-27.8	28	17	1833	1291
Wake County, NC	66.6	69.1	104.34	101.48	69.49	70.15	-3.6	2.8	-0.9	5.5	6.5	2.6	62.6	65.3	103.58	101.15	64.88	66.07	-4.1	2.4	-1.8	4.6	6.5	2.1	140	128	16793	15890
Durham County, NC	65.3	68.5	103.50	103.69	67.62	71.01	-4.6	-0.2	-4.8	-3.9	0.9	-3.8	61.1	62.9	101.81	100.11	62.25	62.96	-2.8	1.7	-1.1	-0.3	0.9	-1.9	65	60	8401	7991
Edgecombe County, NC																									4	2	216	126
Gulford County, NC	56.5	57.9	91.55	87.23	51.76	50.48	-2.3	5.0	2.5	2.4	-0.1	-2.4	49.9	50.6	88.64	84.46	44.23	42.72	-1.3	4.9	3.6	3.5	-0.1	-1.4	84	67	10176	9054
Harnett County, NC	54.7	55.1	72.99	73.63	39.96	40.58	-0.7	-0.9	-1.5	-1.5	0.0	-0.7	49.9	52.7	72.52	73.10	36.19	38.49	-5.2	-0.8	-6.0	-6.0	0.0	-5.2	- 11	8	859	638
Moore County, NC	51.0	48.2	97.47	95.84	49.72	46.22	5.8	1.7	7.6	7.5	-0.1	5.7	45.9	43.9	93.39	93.53	42.82	41.06	4.5	-0.1	4.3	4.2	-0.1	4.3	22	14	1958	1554



### Visitor Profile

#### **Statistics**

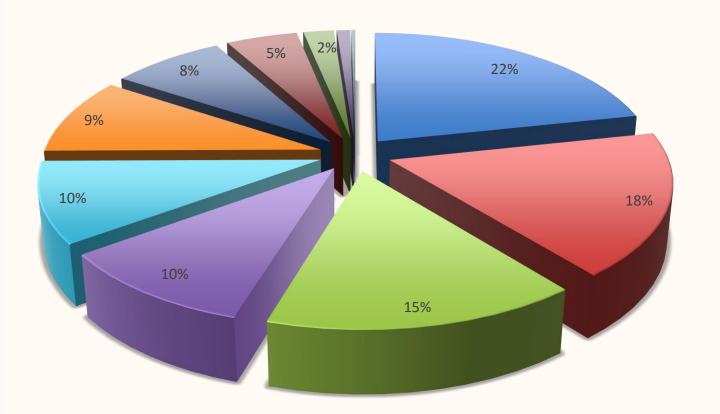
Sources: Attractions, Electronic Kiosks, Hotels, Online and Visitor Center Walk-Ins

- 1. Visitors to Cumberland County were from the following states: North Carolina 56.57%, Florida 5.50% and Virginia 3.03%.
- 2. The visitors' reason for visiting was Visit Friends/Family 22%, Attraction 20% and Vacation 20%.
- 3. The top areas of interest were Museums 13%, Dining & Historical Sites 12% each and Arts & Entertainment 11%.
- 4. On a scale of 1-5 for visitor experience with 5 being the best, the overall visitor average score was 4.75.



### Visitor Profile

### **Reason for Visiting**

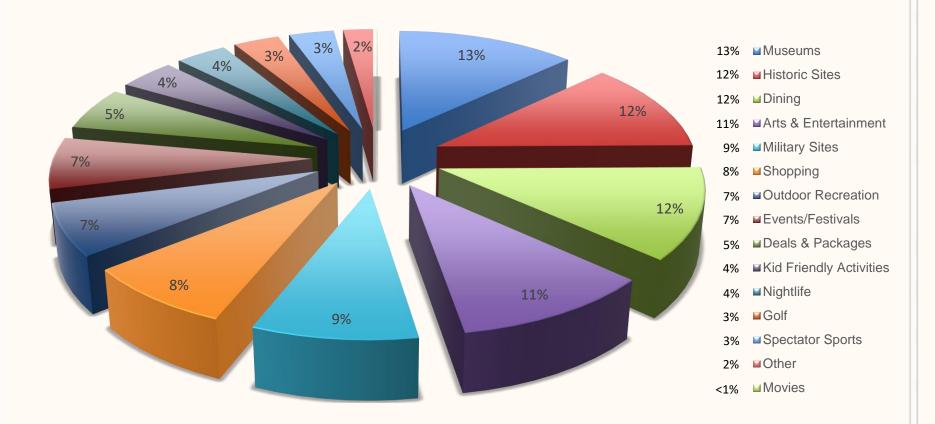


- 22% ■Visit Friends/Family
- 18% Specific Attraction
- 15% ⊌ Vacation
- 10% Business
- 10% ■Traveling Through
- 9% ■Business w/Military
- 8% ■Other
- 5% Events/Festivals
- 2% Relocation
- 1% ■Convention/Reunions
- <1% Hurricane Irma
- <1% Eclipse



### Visitor Profile

#### **Visitor's Interests**





## Sales Department

### **Meeting and Sporting Event Solicitation Activity**



			# of Bookings	Attendance	Peak Nights	Room Nights	Economic Impa	ct	
	Grand	Totals:	152	427,766	25,214	77,796	\$36,823,710.00		
	Car	ncelled:	0	0	0	0	\$0.00		
		Closed:	7	2,400	180	215	\$145,920.00		
	D	efinite:	11	8,955	489	1,006	\$665,760.00		
		Assist:	0	0	0	0	\$0.00		
		Lost:	10	29,020	3,642	9,836	\$11,991,660.00		
	P	ending:	7	6,925	1,200	3,760	\$3,112,200.00		
	Verbal D	efinite:	31	28,700	3,125	4,910	\$3,608,100.00		
c	Canceled from P	ending:	0	0	0	0	\$0.00		
	Lead	d Sour	ce Summary						
American Legion - Magazine:	1				Tourist	m Development Au	thority (TDA) Grant:	4	
Calls (9-11 a.m.):	7						CVent:	5	
RCMA No Longer Used:	4			Associatio	n Executives of No	orth Carolina (AENO	C) - Annual Meeting:	3	
Referred by Previous Client No Longer Used:							MP Annual Meeting:		
Client Contacted Us:	18					Prev	ious Client Referral:	9	
Parks & Recreation:	22						Sales Blitz:	4	
Internet/ CVB Website No Longer Used:	2			Strategic Database Research (SI					
Networking:							dvertising Masonics:		
Internet/CVB Website:	1						Telemarketing:	1	
TEAMS:	1					Reiu	venate Marketplace:	9	
National Association of Sports Comm:	3					Travel Allia	ance Partners (TAP):	1	
Connect Marketplace:	3						RCMA:		
Bureau Generated:	22								
	Marke	t Sean	nent Summary						
		_	Market Segments						
	Training: 0		_				Group Tour: 3		
Performa	nce Group: 0						Social: 7		
Health	& Medical: 1					Hob	by & Vocational: 3		
	Religious: 24						Senior Group: 0		
	Politics: 0					Educational	Student Group: 3		
Military/Go	overnment: 0						Affinity Group: 1		
	Sports: 27						Fraternal: 7		
	Ethnic: 0						Corporate: 0		
Outdoor/Advent	ure Group: 0						Retail Tour: 0		
	ducational: 9					Corporate	- Miscellaneous: 8		
Church/Reliai	ous Group: 0						Friend Reunion: 0		
	Military: 5						Reunion: 2		
Go	overnment: 5						Association: 7		
_	ofit Group: 3						TDA: 4		

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# Sales Department

Description	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	JAN	FEB	3rd Quarter	FY 2018 Totals
COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT						
Facebook						
Users/Followers	N/A	N/A	6,927	6,945	N/A	N/A
Postings	149	172	45	48	93	414
GoFayetteville Facebook						
Users/Followers	N/A	1,179	1,258	1,302	N/A	1,179
Postings	N/A	15	18	7	25	40
Twitter						
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Postings	110	131	22	44	66	307
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Postings	21	67	20	21	41	129
Linked In						
Followers	N/A	N/A	348	411	N/A	N/A
Postings	N/A	N/A	30	33	63	63
Engagement	N/A	N/A	151	271	422	422
Event Calendar Postings (not including FACVB site)	478	610	62	103	165	1,253
Electronic Destination Guides Viewed	64	49	10	11	21	134
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103 Events Listings Placed



















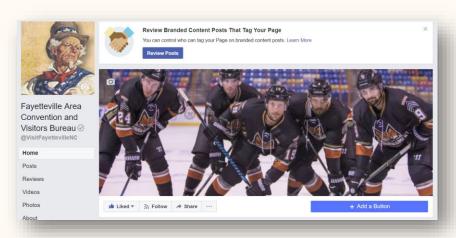






#### **Social Media Statistics**

Outlet	<b>Followers</b>	<b>Posts</b>	Engagement
Twitter	2,291	44	520 Clicks, Retweets, Replies
Facebook	6,945	48	566 Likes, Comments, Shares
Instagram	1,677	31	757 Likes, Comments
Facebook - #GoFay	1,302	7	261 Likes, Comments, Shares







#### **Social Media Statistics**







**Publicity Generated** 

#### **Up & Coming Magazine – Liberty Point Bulletin**

February 8: **Cumberland County Celebrates** Black History month

February 21: Be a Hometown Hero

### Jiberty Point Bulletin





#### Cumberland County

#### Celebrates Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual commemoration that honors the contributions of African-Americans to the United States. Several noteworthy African-Americans called Cumberland County home. We've highlighted two below.

Born in Fayetteville in 1827, Hiram Rhodes Revels was elected as the first African-American to serve in the U.S. Senate and the first to serve in the U.S. Congress. He served from 1870-71 during the Reconstruction era following the Civil Was

America's first great African-American novelist, Charles Chesnutt, settled in Fayetteville with his family at age 8. In 1877, he became assistant principal of the Normal School, which is known. today as Fayetteville State University. After several years, he moved his family to Ohio and began his law and literary career,

His first book, "The Conjure Woman" was published in 1899, followed by "The House Behind the Cedars" in 1900. Many of his works dealt

with racism and other social issues in the south during Resonstruction.

Learn more about the legacy of local African Americans on the Cultural Heritage Trail.

As you read this article, we are a week into Black History Month. Remaining events this month include museum exhibits, cultural presentations and musical performances. A few key events are below. For a complete list, head to www.VisitFayettevilleNC.com

Feb. 10 - 1867-2017: a 150 Year Celebration. In celebration of the sesquicentennial of Fayetteville State University, the Payetteville Symphony Orchestra performs with guest artist Angela Brown. Together they explore the influence of African Americans on music composed during this 150-year time period.

Feb. 17 - True to Yourself: A Black History Month Film Talk. Presented by the Arts Council & Piedmont Natural Gas and held at Fayetteville State University, easting director Winsome Sinclair and actress Tichina Arnold guide the audience through their careers, lives and challenges.

Feb. 24 - 15th Annual Black History Quiz Bowl. Youth 10 to 18 from North and South Carolina compete in subjects ranging from Black History, business, economics and civies. Held at Ramada Plana Hotel

Feb. 26- African-American Heritage Bus Tour. Fayetteville Area Transportation Museum guides visitors to a number of sites, including cemeteries to learn the distinct contributions of African Americans to Cumberland County, Pre-registration required.

#### **CULTURAL HERITAGE TRAILS**

enberland County offers 18 themed Cultural critage Trails that package county history into emas for convenient exploration.

The African-American Heritage Trail compict ourn by slaves, the entrepreneurship o the visitor a grand stary

- A few key sites on the trail.

  > Evens Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church.

  > Fayetteville State University.

  > Saint Ann Catholic Church.

- Cross Creek Cemetery
   Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Filler's

Explore all the trails at FayettevilleNCTrails.com





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CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

### **Publicity Generated**

Wife In the Wild Blue Yonder Wine, Cupcakes and Massages



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**Drive I-95 Guide**The FSO's French Connection

DROG – Our Driving Blog Things we find and do along I-95

NC: The Fayette Symphony Orchestra's French Connection Concert

Posted on January 4, 2018

Fayetteville, NC Exit 49: Francophiles and Lafayette enthusiasts, this concert is for you. On Jan. 11, the Fayetteville Symphony will explore the area's heritage with the concert "The French Connection." The first chamber concert of the season at St. John's Episcopal Church will feature the Fayetteville Symphony String Quartet as they perform Ravel's String Quartet, a piece that is a cornerstone composition of French Impressionism.

Founded in 1956, the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra holds the distinction of being the **oldest continuously-funded community orchestra in North Carolina**. Fifty-one years later, their mission remains: To Educate. To Entertain. To Inspire.

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 302 Green Street, Fayetteville, NC

Date: Thurs, Jan 11, 2018

Time: 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Tel: 910-433-4690

www.fayettevillesymphony.org/2017-2018-concerts

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#### **Kelly Seeks**

A Great Place to Breathe in Fayetteville





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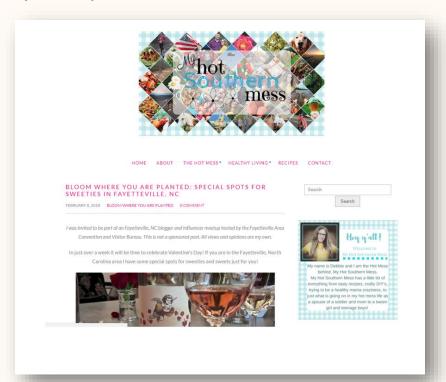
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The Wine Café. Something to Wine About

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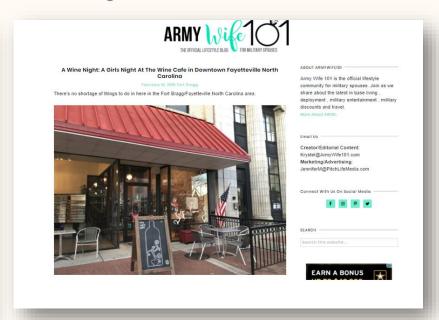


### **Publicity Generated**

My Hot Southern Mess Special Spots for Sweeties



**ArmyWife 101** A Wine Night



Plus 65 Social Media posts to an audience of 200,000+



Go Fayetteville Blog





The Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex, one of Fayetteville's prized attractions, will soon be transformed into the North Carolina Civil War & Reconstruction History Center. You don't have to delve into history books much to discover that Cumberland County was a strategic target for the Union Army. On March 11, 1865, [...]

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#### WELCOME SPRING TO CUMBERLAND COUNTY



Is anyone else experiencing spring fever as badly as I am? Sitting in my office on a cold, overcast day in February, I'm daydreaming about warmer days, budding dogwood trees and outdoor adventures. That's why I couldn't be more excited about what's showing up on our calendar of events in March. If you call yourself a green [...]

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Public Relations						
FACVB (In-House)						
Publicity Generated						
Out of Market	18	18	5	3	8	44
Local	14	17	8	9	17	48
Press Releases Issued	5	7	4	4	8	20
Travel Writer Visits	7	0	0	3	3	10
Martin Armes						
Publicity Generated						
Out of Market	0	1	0	0	0	1
Local	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Publicity Generated						
Out of Market	7	13	0	0	0	20
Local	5	14	0	0	0	19
Totals						
Publicity Generated						
Out of Market	25	32	5	3	8	65
Local	19	_ 31	8	9	17	67



### **Tourism Department**

**Shows & Presentations** 

Tourism Sales Manager, Jessica
Bennett attended the Travel and Leisure
Consumer Show in Philadelphia.

At the busy show, Jessica sold attendees on Cumberland County as a leisure travel destination.

**Director of Tourism, Angie Brady** made a tourism presentation to the chamber's Leadership Fayetteville Class.





### **Tourism Department**

### **Tours & Product Updates**

The staff from the VisitNC I-95 Welcome Center on the VA/NC border spent a half-day touring the community



An ad showing the value of tourism to Cumberland County and it's residents was updated. The ad runs periodically on the back page of the weekender.





# **Tourism Department**

TOURISM DEPARTMENT						
Civic Presentations	0	3	0	1	1	4
Bookings	3	4	0	1	1	8
Bookings-Attendance	275	47,500	0	22	22	47,797
Bookings-Room Nights (Annual Goal = 900)	67	218	0	13	13	298
Bookings-Economic Impact	\$5,543	\$22,466	\$0	\$1,222	\$1,222	\$29,231
Verbal Bookings	6	1	1	0	1	8
Verbal Bookings-Attendance	23,169	3000	150	0	150	26,319
Verbal Bookings-Room Nights	122	0	70	0	70	192
Verbal Bookings-Economic Impact	\$232,446	\$5,700	\$22,800	\$0	\$22,800	\$260,946
Leads (Annual Goal =40)	7	1	0	7	7	15
Leads-Attendance	3,335	265	0	268,225	268225	271,825
Leads-Room Nights	217	157	0	130	130	504
Leads-Economic Impact	\$64,980	\$47,310	\$0	\$174,420	\$174,420	\$286,710
Welcome Center Coupon Card - Room Nights	1	0	0	0	0	1
Welcome Center Coupon Card - Estimated Value	\$128	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$128



February was a Busy Month in Visitor Services!

**Fulfilled 18 Group Service Requests** 

Includes internal FACVB requests, walk-ins, meetings etc.



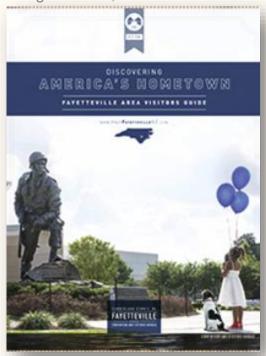




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#### **Distributed 2,937 Visitor Guides**

to hotels, welcome centers, visitors, FACVB advertising and visitor generation, AAA offices and others



#### **Handled 769 Visitor Inquiries**

via phone, walk-ins, web at two Visitor Centers for both local and out-of-town guests





/ISITOR INFORMATION DEPARTMENT						
Destination Guide						
Number Distributed	18,459	12,200	3,778	2,937	6,715	37,374
VisitFayettevilleNC.com	98	59	23	34	57	214
Inquiries						
FACVB Main Office						
Calls						
Tourism Information	108	82	26	24	50	240
Local Information	223	220	64	70	134	577
Total Calls	331	302	90	94	184	817
Walk-Ins						
Local Residents (Tourism)	673	488	125	140	265	1,426
Out-of-Town (Tourism)	606	351	99	116	215	1,172
Total Walk-Ins	1,279	839	224	256	480	2,598
Drive Thru	6	7	0	0	0	13
Relocation/Retiree Info	17	17	4	1	5	39
Transportation Resources	0	1	1	2	3	4
Same Day Group Service Request	13	4	1	2	3	20
Local Directions/Maps	57	49	12	13	25	131
Total	1,514	917	242	274	516	2,947

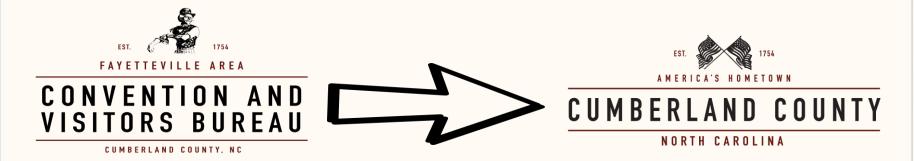


Transportation Museum						
Walk-Ins						
Local Residents (Tourism)	774	453	115	164	279	1,506
Out-of-Town (Tourism)	294	262	83	131	214	770
Relocation/Retiree Info	0	0	0	9	9	9
Maps/Local Directions	7	5	2	7	9	21
Questions About Museum	146	89	54	36	90	325
Transportation Resources	3	3	0	3	3	9
Museum Special Events	50	72	0	10	10	132
Group Visits	747	290	69	61	130	1,167
Cross Creek Mall						
Walk-Ins						
Local Residents (Tourism)	855	642	165	0	165	1,662
Out-of-Town (Tourism)	24	17	2	0	2	43
Relocation/Retiree Info	27	2	0	0	0	29
Transportation Resources	15	15	0	0	0	30
CCM Store Information	249	277	52	0	52	578
Maps/Local Directions	7	7	0	0	0	14
Special Events/Partner Day	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous						
Group Service Request	78	50	25	18	43	171
Meetings/Events Serviced	9	6	3	2	5	20



## Everything Begins with a Visit

**Thank You!** 



Economic Impact of \$525.39 million

4,540 jobs with a \$98.41 million payroll

State and Local Taxes of \$39.62 million:

a \$120.86 tax savings to each county resident.

