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	16% Social   16% SEM   68% Display/Other         BREAKDOWN BY MARKET         44% Los Angeles   18% San Francisco   11% San Diego         6% Dallas, Denver, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Portland, Seattle   21% California In-State (Other)         1.3m         sessions         *33% OVER FY 2019				
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**6%** OVER FY 2019

**42%** OVER FY 2019

**19%** OVER FY 2019

E-NEWSLETTER OPEN RATE

VISITOR MAGAZINE REQUESTS

**18.64**<sup>%</sup>

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PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

277.019

309,902

## HIGHWAY 1 CLOSURE

FY 2021 125,567

**CLICKS 12%** 

FY 2019 93,869

FY 2021

- Distributed laminated navigational one-sheets to lodging investors, chambers and visitor centers
- · Added multilingual services to SLOCAL.com



## **GOOGLE MY BUSINESS**





**156** ARTICLES **1.4** BIMPRESSIONS <sup>\$</sup>5.6м AD VALUE EQUIVALENC

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**SESSIONS** 

SALES 6 VIRTUAL TRADE SHOWS **29** APPOINTMENTS **396** BUYERS TRAINED **191** LEADS **11** DIRECT ROOM NIGHT CONTRACTS

> **24** PRODUCTIONS 🖗 **47** FILMING DAYS 61 LEADS 🕀

## **\$589**K ESTIMATED SPEND IN SLO CAL

**44**%

**5.3K1** 52% AVERAGE TIME ON LANDING PAGE

**PARTNER REFERRALS** 

**CONVERSION RATE** 

## **EXPERIENCE SLO CAL**

As Visit SLO CAL (VSC) addressed immediate

concerns and needs affecting the county's Travel & Tourism industry during the COVID-19 pandemic, the momentum of the Experience SLO CAL 2050 recommendations slowed in FY 2021. In December, VSC hired a project manager to facilitate this scope of work and resume progress on the recommendations that have been prioritized and funded by the board:

## **EVENTS & FESTIVALS STRATEGY**

· RFP released, and VSC hosted meetings with destination partners and local stakeholders to build understanding/partnership on objectives

## CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING INITIATIVE

• RFP released, and VSC began review of proposals

### INTERNATIONAL VISITATION

• Signed a renewal contract with Black Diamond for trade/PR representation in the UK, beginning July 2021

### PASO ROBLES & SLO COAST WINE

- Ongoing partnership with Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance & SLO Coast Wine Collective through their representation on the Marketing Committee
- Worked with PRWCA to gain access to critical SLO CAL winery data that will be integrated into VSC's monthly community business intelligence reports in FY 2022

### **COUNTYWIDE TRAIL SYSTEM**

· Advocated for extension and connection of Bob Jones Trail from Avila Beach to San Luis Obispo, approved by the County in March 2021

### SPACE LAUNCH EVENTS

 Created new landing page on SLOCAL.com to inform visitors about planned space launches at Vandenberg Space Force Base



## AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT



## VISIT SLO CAL BUDGET

Engagement & Advocacy 8<sup>%</sup> Advertising & Digital Marketing 63 **FY 2021** VISIT SLO CAL BUDGE<sup>-</sup> <sup>\$</sup>5,213,052

**Contingency Reserve 6%** 

General & Administrative 6%

**Industry Research** & Resources 5<sup>%</sup>

Travel Trade 5<sup>%</sup>

**Communications 5<sup>%</sup>** Promotions & Events 2<sup>%</sup> Film Commission <1<sup>%</sup>

## YEAR IN REVIEW







# STRATEGIC DIRECTION



## COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Reallocated \$600k in surplus funds toward spring media budget, spending over \$1 million from February to June
- Reached agreement with the County to offer 1,200 lodging-employees-only vaccine appointments, which was later expanded to the broader hospitality industry
- Developed the COVID-19 Recovery Tracker report to track the SLO CAL tourism industry's recovery against its competitive set
- · Created a jobs board for investors and partners facing a critical hospitality labor shortage
- Hosted biweekly SLO CAL Tourism Task Force calls with local destination partners and wine associations for communication and alignment of countywide marketing, communications and advocacy efforts
- Provided regular email updates and resources throughout the phased reopening process

## ADVOCACY

**1** INDUSTRY MEETINGS WITH ASSEMBLY MEMBER CUNNINGHAM

**D** INDUSTRY MEETINGS WITH . REPRESENTATIVE CARBAJAL

INTRODUCTION MEETINGS WITH NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

## **KEY ADVOCACY INITIATIVES**

## **Oceano Dunes SVRA**

Advocated against the proposed full closure of the Oceano Dunes SVRA in favor of a more balanced solution

## Camp Roberts

Drew awareness to infrastructure challenges and municipal revenue losses surrounding Camp Roberts' proposed designation as a migrant children facility

## WHY TOURISM MATTERS

CY 2020 IMPACTED BY COVID-19









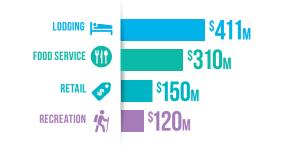
WITHOUT TOURISTS EACH SLO CAL HOUSEHOLD WOULD NEED TO SPEND **AN ADDITIONAL** 

TO CREATE THE SAME ECONOMIC BENEFIT for the community









### **DIRECT SPENDING** BY ACCOMMODATION TYPE

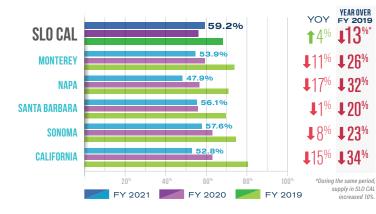




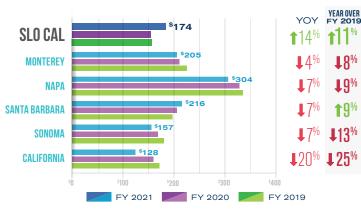


Sources: Dean Runvan, Inc., American Road & Transportation Builders Association, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education

## HOTEL OCCUPANCY (OCC)



## AVERAGE DAILY RATE (ADR)



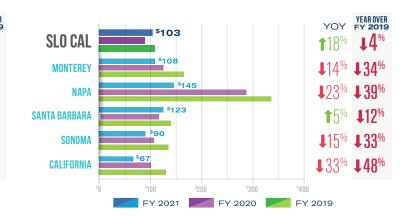
## LENGTH OF STAY 1.17 DAYS

CROSS-VISITATION" 1.36 COMMUNITIES

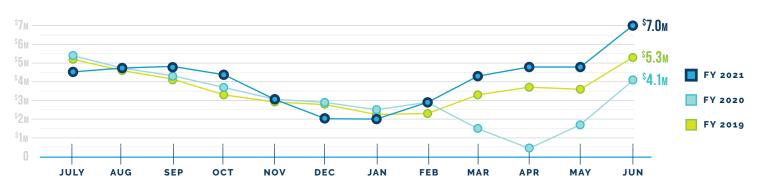
## **REVENUE PER AVAILABLE ROOM (REVPAR)**

FY 2021

COMPARISONS



## TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (TOT)



## **VISITOR VOLUME**





