



# 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER TOURISM IMPACT AND YEAR-END REPORT

FALL 2024  
SEPTEMBER 2024 - NOVEMBER 2024





# Fall 2024

Fall produced 21% of the  
23/24 annual tourism  
revenue in PCB

# METHODOLOGY

Young Strategies, Inc. (YSI) developed a visitor impact model for PCBCVB that calculates monthly, quarterly and annual impact of five different visitor segments to PCB. YSI collects primary source data from multiple research and analytics platforms as well as surveys with visitors to PCB. The impact model builds on Tourist Development Tax and visitor metrics to calculate the impact of:

1. Visitors in paid hotel/motel accommodations
2. Visitors in paid condo, single home, misc. rentals
3. Rental property owner usage
4. Non-rental vacation property owner usage
5. Visiting friends and relatives who stayed in PCB with year-round residents
6. Day-trip visitors from outside of Bay County

## Data Sources –

- ☐ Tourist Development Tax Monthly Revenue Reports
- ☐ STR hotel data for PCB
- ☐ Key Data Dashboard lodging metrics for PCB
- ☐ AirDNA vacation rentals metrics for PCB
- ☐ PCB 1% Business Tax Receipts
- ☐ US Census Bureau Data for PCB
- ☐ Young Strategies online and intercept surveys with visitors to PCB

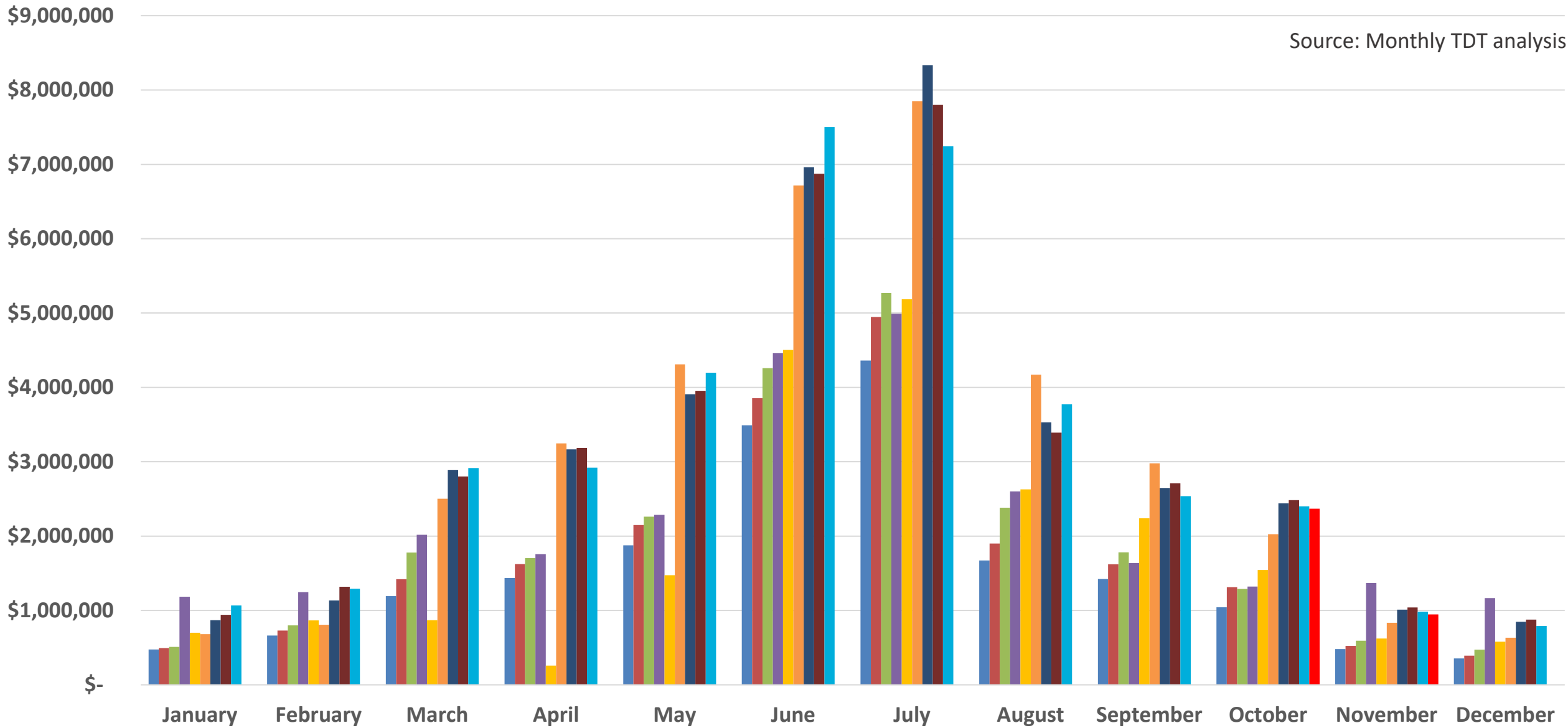
Young Strategies, Inc. prepares the quarterly reports three months after the completion of each season starting with winter followed by fall and summer. The annual report accompanies this fall report.

# MONTHLY TDT COLLECTIONS



2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

Source: Monthly TDT analysis





# TRENDS & CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE SEASON

Fall 2024  
(SEP – NOV '24)



- TDT FY 24 had its second-best revenue year just 0.4% down from the prior peak year (2022).
- Florida gulf hurricanes, inflation concerns and campaigns/elections impacted travel and consumer spending in the Fall of 2024 (SEP – NOV).
- PCB Fall visitation remained relatively flat on the three-year trendline but spending has come down slightly from its peak year 2022.
- TDT collections were down 4.1% for the period SEP, OCT, NOV compared to 2023.
- PCB 1% Business Tax Receipts were down 5.2% for the period reflecting curtailed spending by consumers.
- STR reporting hotels reported lower ADR and flat room demand and thus a decrease (-5.5%) in room revenue.
- Hotels market was flat and the rentals market was down with reduced spending per travel party, resulted in lower overall visitor spending (-5.1%) for the Fall season.



# MONTHLY STR HOTEL OCCUPANCY



September OCC: 63.3% (-6.6%)

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
95.1%	51.1%	51.6%	55.1%	63.0%	73.9%	75.8%
54.5%	59.4%	61.3%	62.0%	64.3%	81.6%	85.8%
58.7%	65.2%	68.7%	69.2%	70.7%	84.2%	89.8%
60.7%	62.4%	56.0%	50.7%	55.7%	47.3%	45.1%
38.4%	45.5%					

'24 One less Friday & Saturday vs '23

Hurricane Helene

October OCC: 67.9% (+5.0%)

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		49.0%	51.3%	50.5%	60.0%	70.0%
62.7%	87.0%	97.6%	97.9%	94.6%	87.1%	84.9%
67.9%	63.3%	64.4%	62.6%	61.8%	70.6%	73.7%
47.8%	58.0%	64.7%	68.6%	70.2%	78.2%	82.8%
51.0%	55.9%	58.7%	62.1%	61.9%		

Pirates of the High Seas

Oktoberfest

Thunder Beach

Hurricane Milton

November OCC: 51.1% (+8.3%)

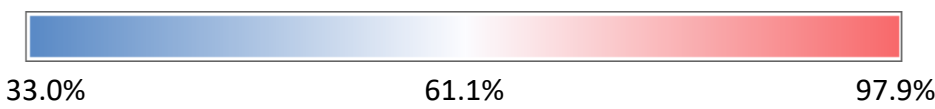
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					IRONMAN	
					80.5%	87.7%
					Emerald Coast Cruizin	Car Show
					64.4%	68.6%
50.8%	53.0%	54.5%	59.3%	56.6%	52.6%	53.9%
44.4%	39.3%	45.9%	45.3%	42.7%	45.5%	53.6%
33.0%	38.4%	39.1%	40.6%	41.1%	64.0%	51.5%
41.4%	44.6%	42.4%	46.7%	58.4%		

Election Day

Emerald Coast Cruizin

Beach Home for Holidays

'24 One more Friday & Saturday vs '23



# MONTHLY STR HOTEL ADR VARIANCE



September ADR: \$144.67 (-7.0%)

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2.4%	-10.3%	-9.8%	-5.7%	-4.4%	-3.2%	-8.3%
-7.6%	-6.6%	-7.1%	-7.7%	-7.1%	-4.9%	-2.9%
-0.5%	2.1%	4.0%	1.2%	4.2%	3.1%	2.3%
-1.2%	-3.3%	-6.7%	-9.5%	-14.3%	-6.6%	-10.0%
-10.3%	-10.0%					

'24 One less Friday & Saturday vs '23

Hurricane Helene

October ADR: \$137.24 (-2.3%)

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		-13.8%	-13.6%	-16.1%	-19.2%	-21.7%
-10.8%	-5.6%	-0.9%	3.3%	5.3%	18.0%	20.6%
8.8%	10.4%	6.8%	7.8%	3.7%	11.5%	7.3%
0.0%	-2.6%	-5.3%	-7.0%	-6.1%	-3.2%	-0.9%
-0.1%	-1.7%	0.7%	-3.5%	-9.1%		

Pirates of the High Seas

Oktoberfest

Thunder Beach

Hurricane Milton

November ADR: \$113.18 (-2.1%)

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					IRONMAN	
-10.3%	-8.4%	-6.8%	-7.4%	-5.7%	-9.7%	-5.9%
-2.7%	-3.4%	-1.6%	-2.5%	-3.2%	4.3%	0.2%
-2.6%	-3.0%	-3.7%	-7.8%	-15.1%	-12.1%	-0.7%
4.8%	6.3%	4.2%	8.1%	16.9%	17.2%	5.6%

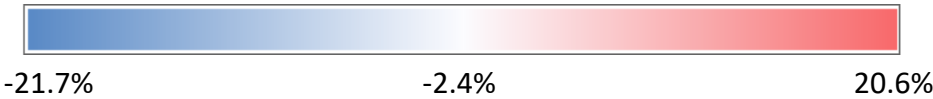
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IRONMAN

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# FALL 2024 KEY METRICS



**4.9**  
nights

AVERAGE  
LENGTH OF STAY

↑ 0.7%

Sources:  KEYDATA™ 




**3.6**  
people

AVERAGE TRAVEL PARTY SIZE

↑ 8.2%

Source: YSI visitor profile survey



**\$2,901**  
per travel party

OVERNIGHT SPENDING  
PER TRAVEL PARTY

↓ -1.1%



Source: YSI visitor profile survey



**7,509,099**  
people

TOTAL  
VISITOR DAYS/NIGHTS

↑ +6.1%

Source: YSI visitor profile survey  
 KEYDATA™ 



# FIRST-TIME vs REPEAT VISITATION

- **34.9%** were first-time visitors (13.8% Fall '23) n=252
- **65.1%** had visited PCB before (86.2% Fall '23)

## Repeat visitors:

- The repeat visitors reported coming to PCB for an average of **18.7 years** with an average of **2.2 visits in last 12 months** n=164





# PRIMARY TRIP PURPOSE



**90.3%**

VACATION / GETAWAY



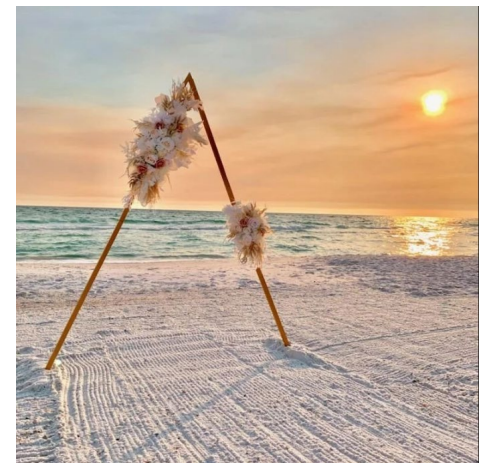
**5.6%**

VISIT FRIENDS / FAMILY



**2.0%**

BUSINESS / CONFERENCE /  
MEETING



**1.2%**

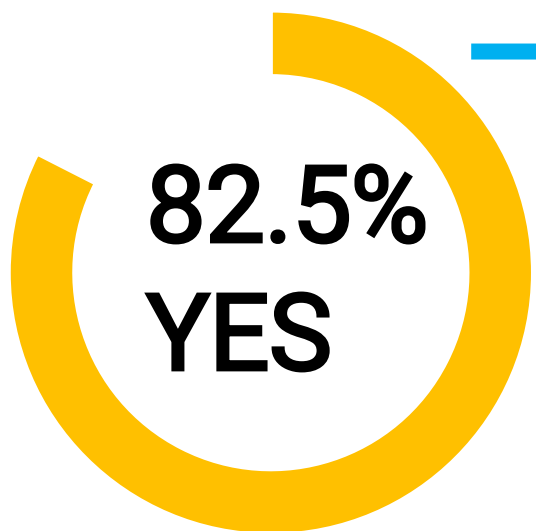
WEDDING / REUNION

Source: YSI visitor profile surveys n=248

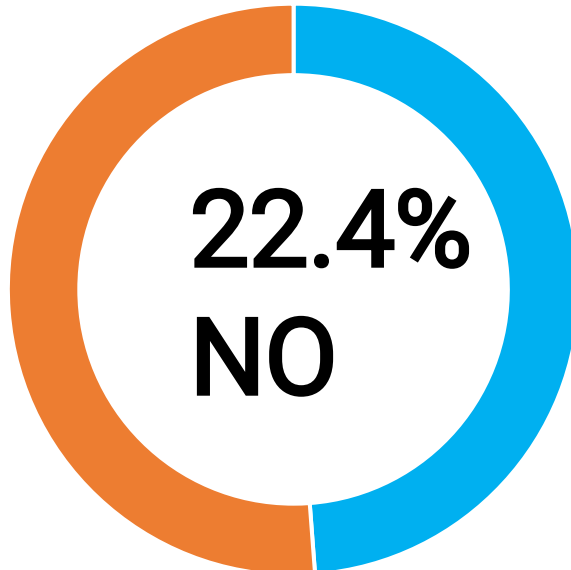
# ACTIVITIES AND FAVORITES



Is Panama City Beach your favorite beach destination?  
n=200



Has PCB always been your favorite beach destination?  
n=165



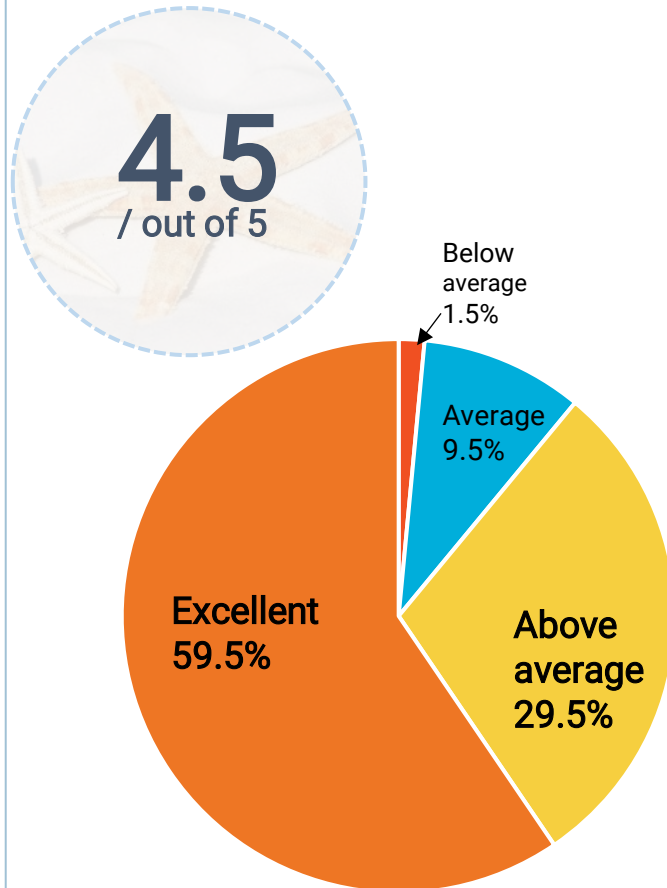
If no, please tell us what your favorite beach destination was previously? n=37

- Myrtle Beach (7)
- Gulf Shores (6)
- Clearwater (4)
- Daytona (4)
- Jacksonville (3)
- Cancun
- Cape San Blas
- Caribbean
- Carlsbad, CA
- Florida
- Ft. Lauderdale
- Mexico
- Navarre Beach
- Outer Banks
- Pensacola
- Punta Cana
- Turks and Caicos
- West Palm Beach



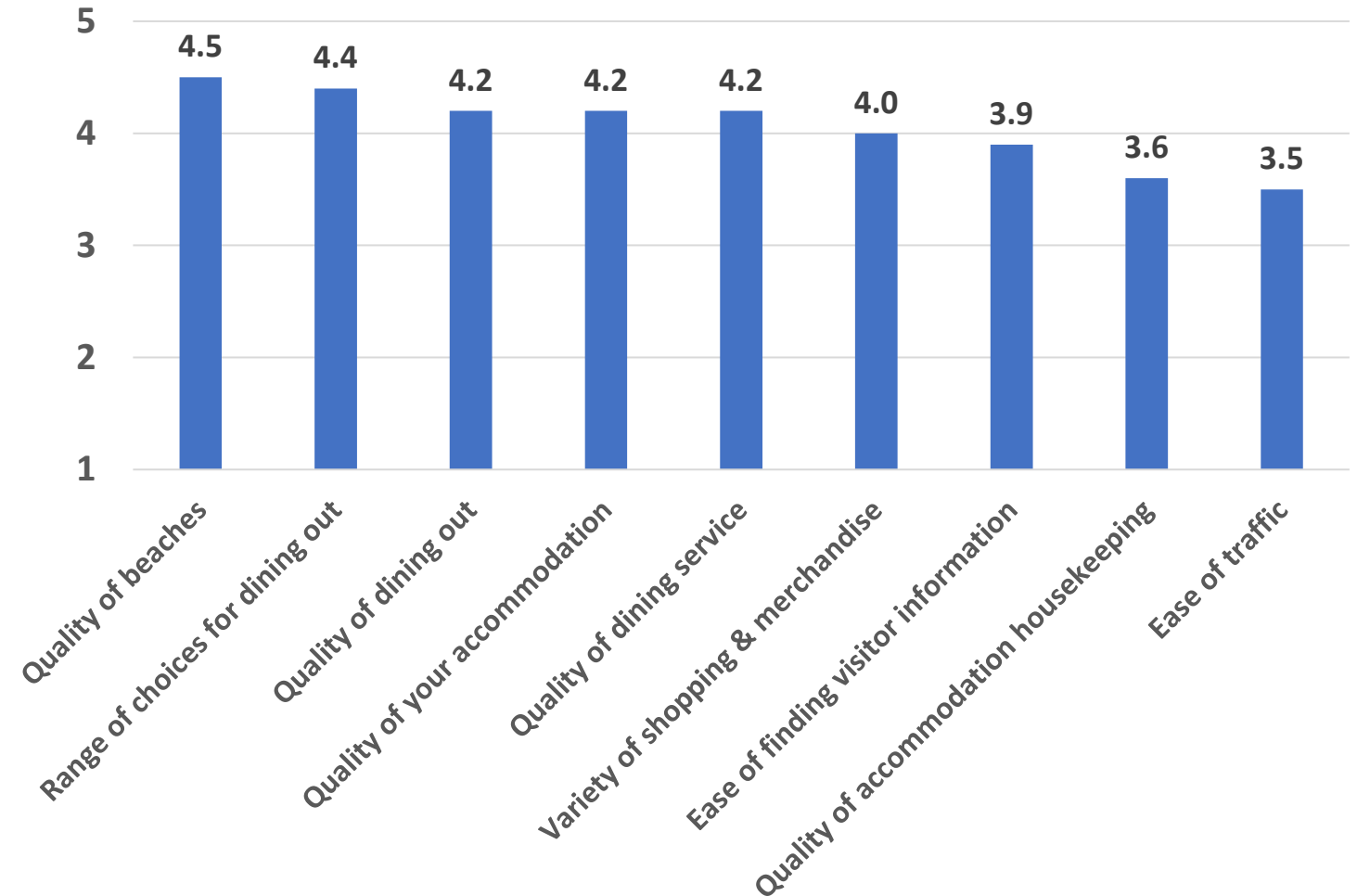
# DESTINATION PERFORMANCE REPORT

## OVERALL TRIP SATISFACTION



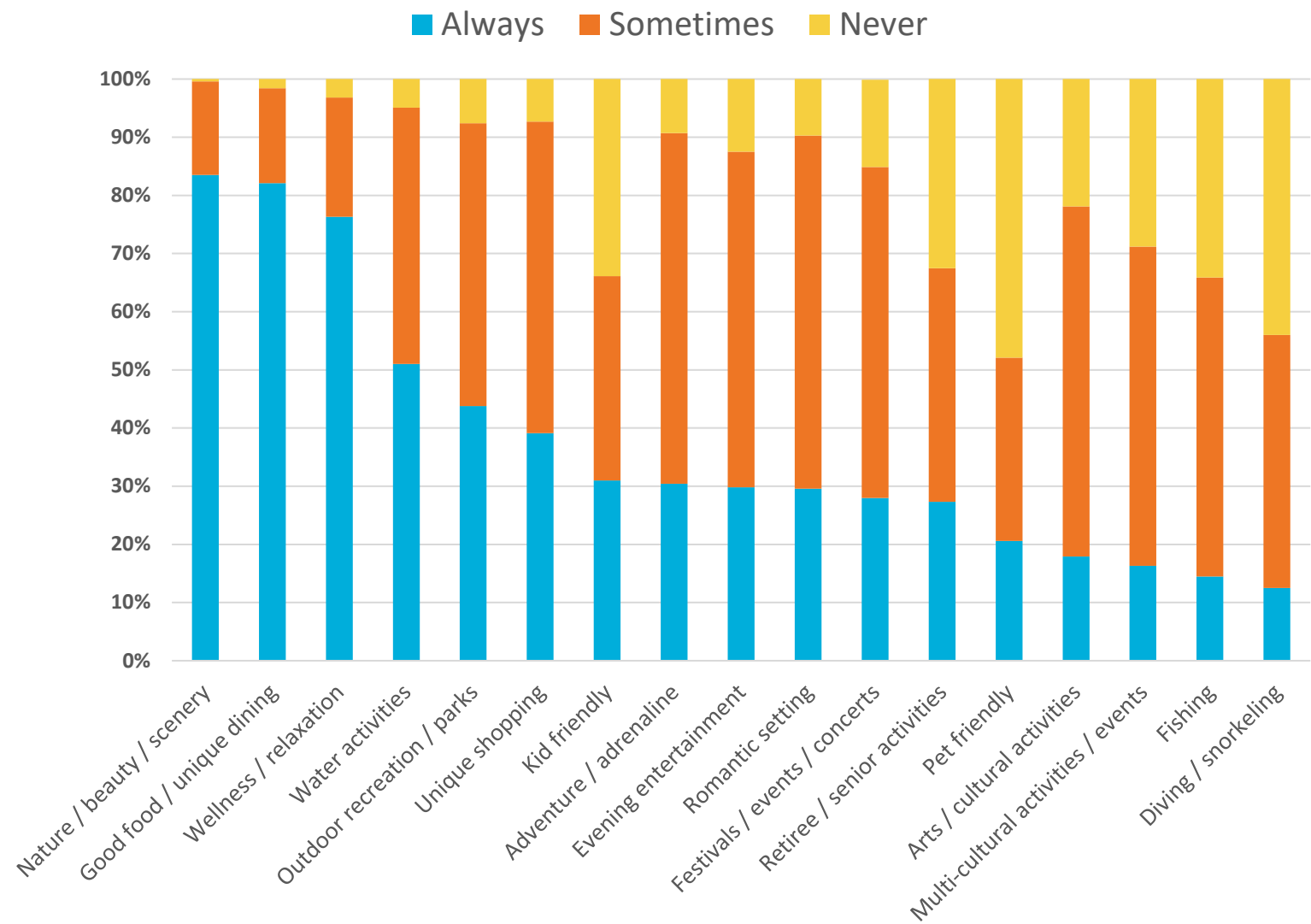
Q. Overall, how would you rate your visit to Panama City Beach? n=200

Source: YSI visitor profile survey



Q. Following is a list of amenities offered in Panama City Beach. Considering this visit, please rate each amenity. n=200

# ATTRIBUTES WHEN SELECTING A DESTINATION

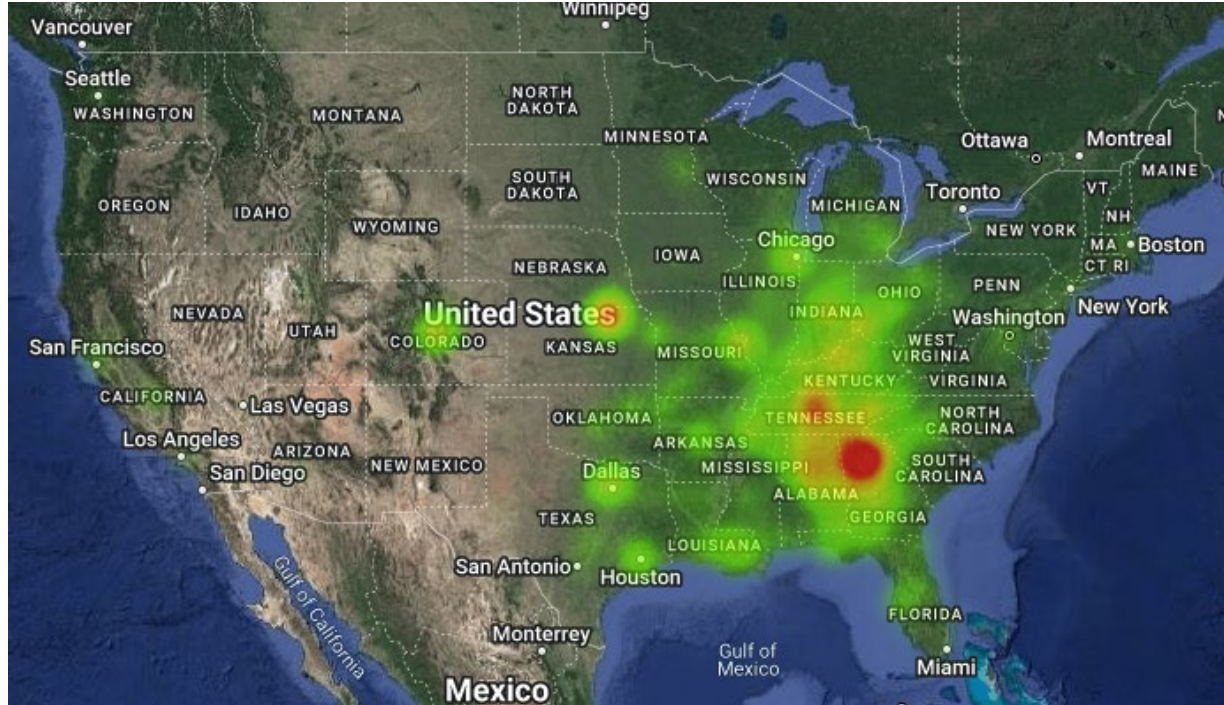


Attribute	Always	Sometimes	Never
Nature / beauty / scenery	83.5%	16.1%	0.4%
Good food / unique dining	82.1%	16.3%	1.6%
Wellness / relaxation	76.3%	20.5%	3.2%
Water activities	51.0%	44.1%	4.9%
Outdoor recreation / parks	43.8%	48.6%	7.6%
Unique shopping	39.1%	53.6%	7.3%
Kid friendly	31.0%	35.1%	33.9%
Adventure / adrenaline	30.4%	60.3%	9.3%
Evening entertainment	29.8%	57.7%	12.5%
Romantic setting	29.6%	60.7%	9.7%
Festivals / events / concerts	28.0%	56.9%	15.0%
Retiree / senior activities	27.3%	40.2%	32.5%
Pet friendly	20.6%	31.5%	48.0%
Arts / cultural activities	17.9%	60.2%	22.0%
Multi-cultural activities / events	16.3%	54.9%	28.9%
Fishing	14.5%	51.4%	34.1%
Diving / snorkeling	12.5%	43.5%	44.0%

Q. Please tell us the level of importance for each of the following attributes when selecting a getaway / vacation destination. n=252



# TOP FEEDER MARKETS - HOTELS

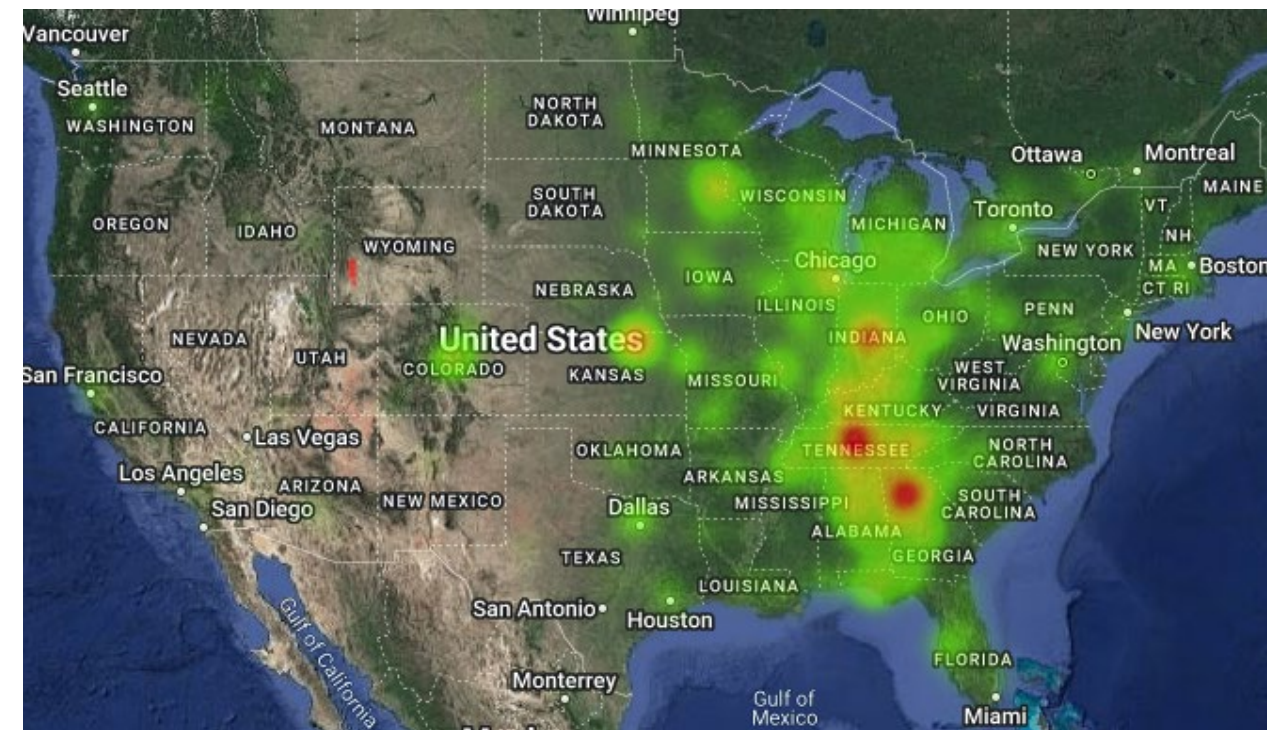


RANK	State	Booking Window	Avg. Length of Stay	% of Room Nights
1	Florida	85.4	2.4	21.3%
2	Georgia	100.9	3.1	12.6%
3	Alabama	80.0	2.5	9.7%
4	Tennessee	130.1	3.6	6.2%
5	Texas	120.9	3.4	5.2%
6	Ohio	115.4	3.6	3.0%
7	Illinois	95.9	3.4	2.4%
8	Missouri	68.3	3.3	2.4%
9	Kentucky	132.6	4.2	2.3%
10	North Carolina	103.0	3.4	2.2%

Source: Key Data Dashboard

**Top 10 states = 67% of room nights sold in Fall**

# TOP FEEDER MARKETS - RENTALS



RANK	State	Booking Window	Avg. Length of Stay	% of Room Nights
1	Georgia	56	4	24.2%
2	Tennessee	69	5	17.1%
3	Alabama	61	4	14.7%
4	Kentucky	73	5	8.1%
5	Indiana	81	7	5.9%
6	Florida	61	4	3.5%
7	Washington	32	6	3.4%
8	Colorado	48	6	2.8%
9	Ohio	84	7	2.5%
10	Illinois	71	7	2.1%

Source: Key Data Dashboard

**Top 10 states = 84% of room nights sold in Fall**



# ECONOMIC IMPACT

Fall 2024  
(SEP-NOV)



GROSS LODGING REVENUE  
\$117,043,060

Variance '23

-4.1% ↓



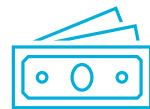
OVERNIGHT TRAVEL PARTIES  
195,190

-5.0% ↓



AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY  
4.9 nights

0.7% ↑



SPENDING per OVERNIGHT PARTY  
\$2,901

-1.1% ↓



TOTAL VISITOR SPENDING  
\$622,979,561

-5.1% ↓

# SUMMARY OF FALL ECONOMIC IMPACT

## TOTAL VISITOR SPENDING BY SECTOR

Visitor spending	Fall 2024	Fall 2023	Variance
Hotel / motel (Taxed lodging)	\$188,695,789	\$188,351,940	0.2%
Condo / rentals (Taxed Lodging)	\$299,045,274	\$328,741,714	-9.0%
Other overnight (VFR, owners, etc.)	\$80,652,039	\$85,644,354	-5.8%
Daytrip	\$54,586,458	\$57,507,728	-5.1%
<b>Total visitor spending</b>	<b>\$622,979,561</b>	<b>\$656,298,665</b>	<b>-5.1%</b>

Total visitor spending in Fall '24 was 5.1% below Fall '23

Source: YSI Economic Impact Model



# SUMMARY OF ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

## TOTAL VISITOR SPENDING BY SECTOR

Visitor spending	2023/24	2022/23	Variance
Hotel / motel (Taxed lodging)	\$743,615,018	\$733,443,002	1.4%
Condo / rentals (Taxed Lodging)	\$1,757,750,127	\$1,786,577,699	-1.6%
Other overnight (VFR, owners, etc.)	\$237,854,761	\$239,643,089	-0.7%
Daytrip	\$323,332,402	\$331,554,213	-2.5%
<b>Total visitor spending</b>	<b>\$3,062,552,308</b>	<b>\$3,091,218,002</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>

Total visitor spending in FY24 was down \$28,665,694 compared to prior year.

# ECONOMIC IMPACT 2024

## DEC '23 – NOV '24 KEY METRICS

	Winter 23-24 (Dec – Feb)	SPRING 2024 (Mar – May)	SUMMER 2024 (Jun – Aug)	FALL 2024 (Sep – Nov)	2024 TOTAL
Total Visitor Spending	\$234,919,620	\$921,338,043	\$1,283,315,084	\$622,979,561	\$3,062,552,308
% of annual spending	7.7%	30.1%	41.9%	20.3%	100%
Overnight unique travel parties	121,324	252,521	305,282	195,190	874,317
Overnight unique visitors	385,642	1,058,684	1,311,287	771,146	3,526,759
Total unique visitors (includes day-trippers)	849,725	1,853,668	1,939,382	1,294,198	5,936,973
Total visitor days	3,407,127	5,720,532	7,415,670	4,206,515	20,749,844