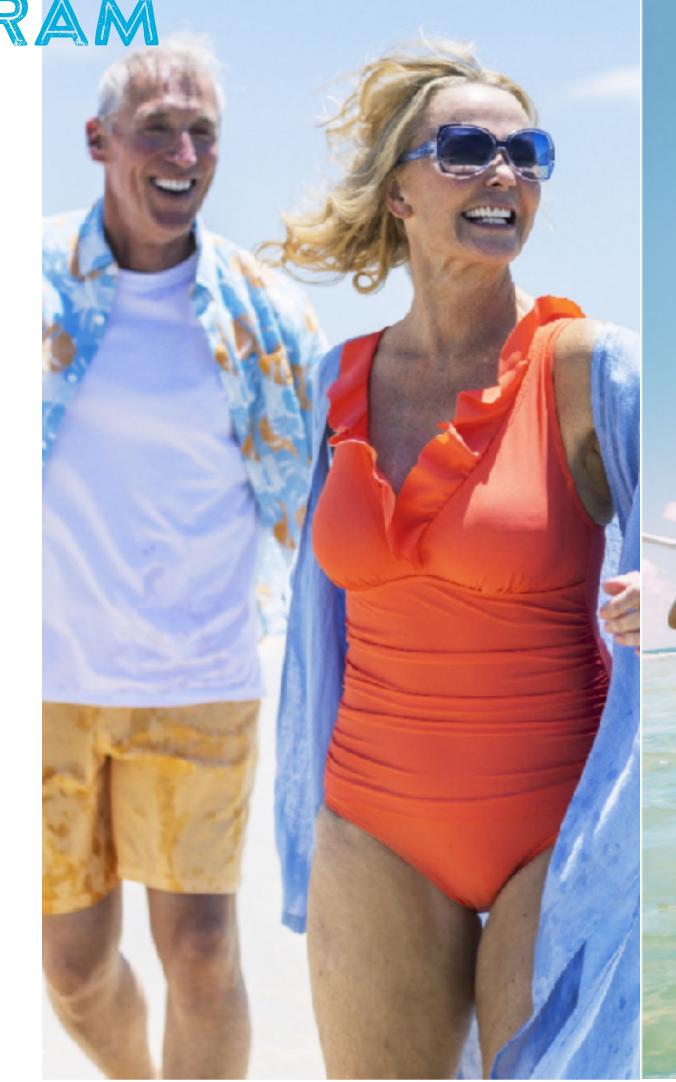
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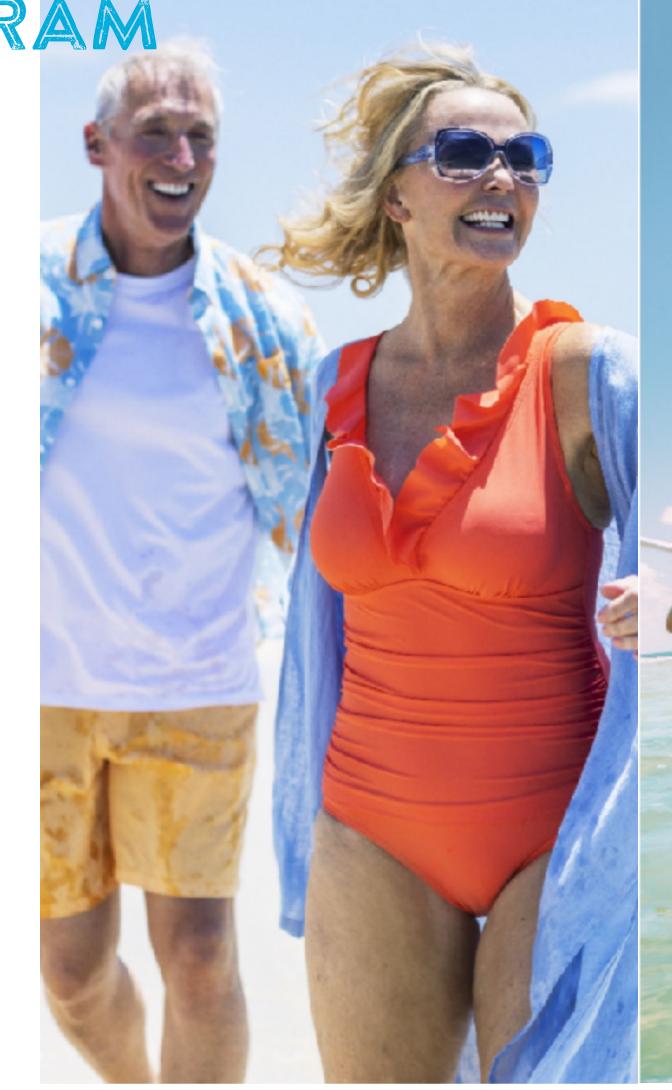




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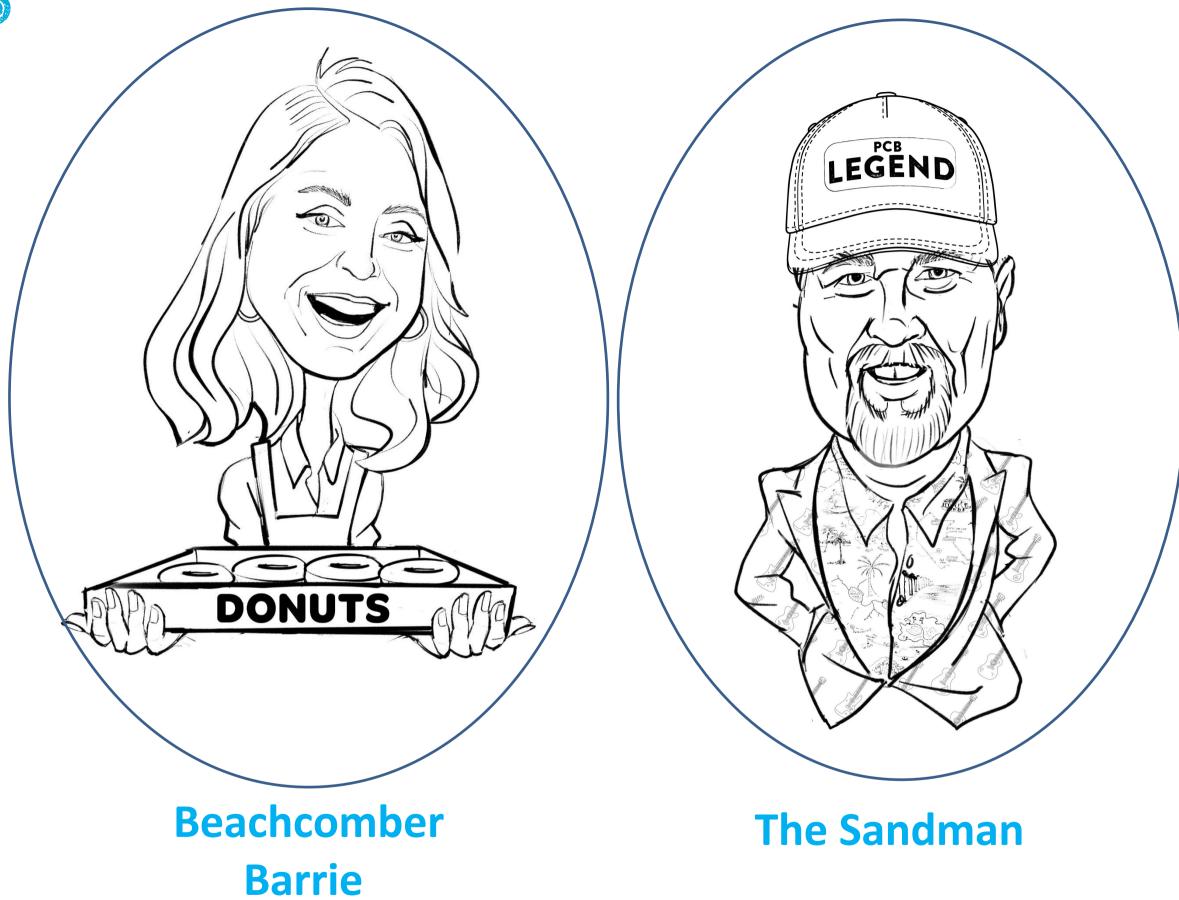
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#### THE WAVE MAKERS



#### WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

- That captures the personality of Richard's e-blasts
- Establishes Barrie as the co-curator of our Winter Resident outreach program
- Maintains & builds engagement
- Allows us to gather more first-party data
- When Richard retires, we will be able to transition the outreach program without interruption



#### WAVE MAKERS PRESENT REAL. FUN. BEACH NEWS.





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#### **OVERVIEW**

Special events are an important part of our year around visitation strategy in Panama City Beach. Research has shown that our visitors will increase the frequency of their visits when given a compelling reason to do so. Outside of the peak summer season, festivals and special events help spur this type of travel.

Special events create intangible benefits by encouraging interest in the destination even if the potential visitor is unable to attend a specific event. The positive PR, word of mouth and social media content are important to our mission.

#### **WINTER EVENTS**











## 2025 NEW YEARS EVE BEACH BALL DROP



December 15, 2023 UMV: 680,591

#### From ice skating to NYE drops: Best places to enjoy some winter fun

With the holidays kicking off the winter season, it's a great time to make fond new memories with your loved ones. And there are so many ways to enjoy this frosty time of year! You can travel to a snowy destination that offers winter activities and cozy nights by the fire, go ice skating at one of the best rinks in the country, and welcome the New Year at a festive event.

To find the best spots to enjoy some winter fun, an expert panel nominated their favorites in each of three categories. Then, readers voted for their top picks to determine the winners.

#### Best New Year's Eve Drop: New Year's Eve Beach Ball Drop in Panama City Beach, Florida



Each December 31, Panama City Beach, Florida, closes off its streets at Pier Park to get the New Year's party started. The public is invited to watch not just one beach ball drop, but two. One is dropped at 8 p.m. for the early birds, and the second is dropped at midnight. There's also live music, entertainment, and fireworks.

http://tinyurl.com/bz554fft







"3...2...1... Happy New Year," could be heard all around Pier Park Friday at Midnight, and a happy new year it was for businesses in Pier Park, benefiting from the return of the Beach Ball Drop. (WJHG)

By WJHG Newsroom

Published: Dec. 15, 2023 at 12:18 PM CST

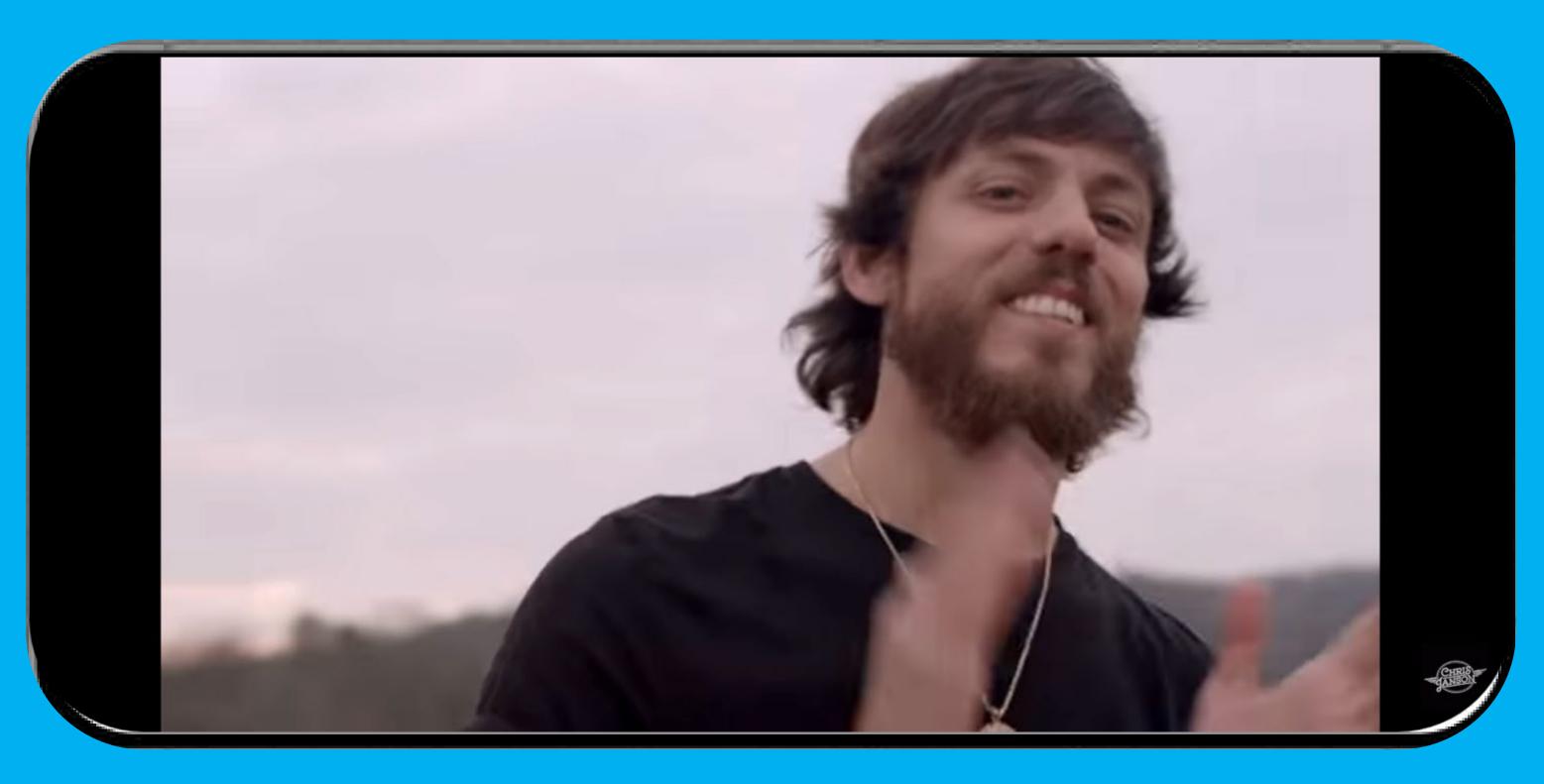








## MARDI GRAS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025





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FRIDAY: 4:00 - 8:00

**SATURDAY: 10:00 - 8:00** 

SUNDAY: NOON - 5:00

**22 CRAFT VENDORS** 

9 FOOD VENDORS

**6 PERIOD ENCAMPMENTS** 

**5 STAGES** 

## 



**SATURDAY: 5:00PM** 

**OVER 70 ENTRIES** 

**26 FLOATS** 

**8 NEW FLOATS** 

**NEW PARADE ROUTE** 

## SITE DECOR





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#### 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
- ☐ City of PCB Business Tax receipts
- ☐ STR hotel data for PCB
- ☐ KeyData Dashboard lodging metrics for PCB
- AirDNA vacation rentals metrics for PCB
- ☐ Azira mobile data for PCB
- ☐ 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 Summer and summer. The annual report accompanies the fall report.

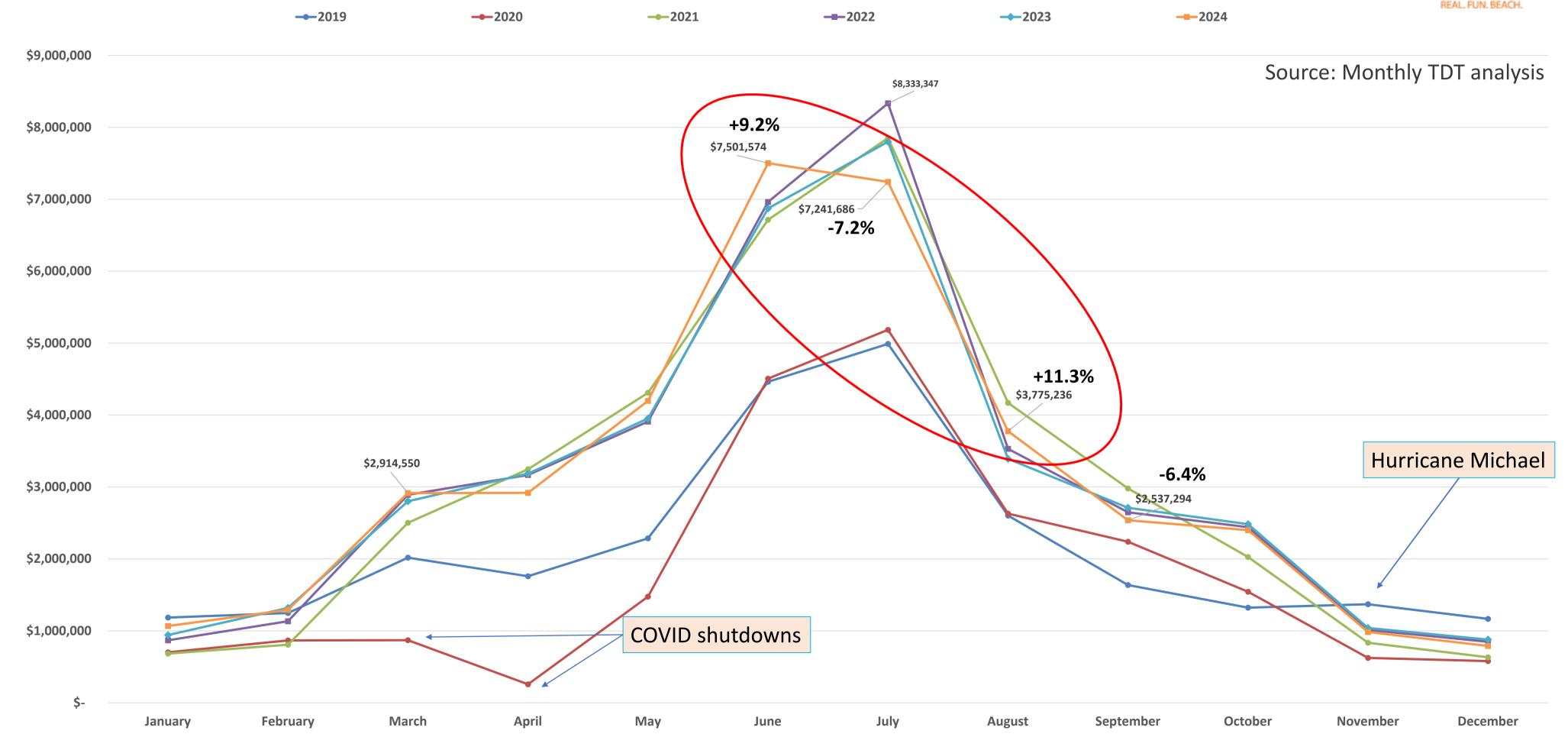
## MONTHLY TDT COLLECTIONS





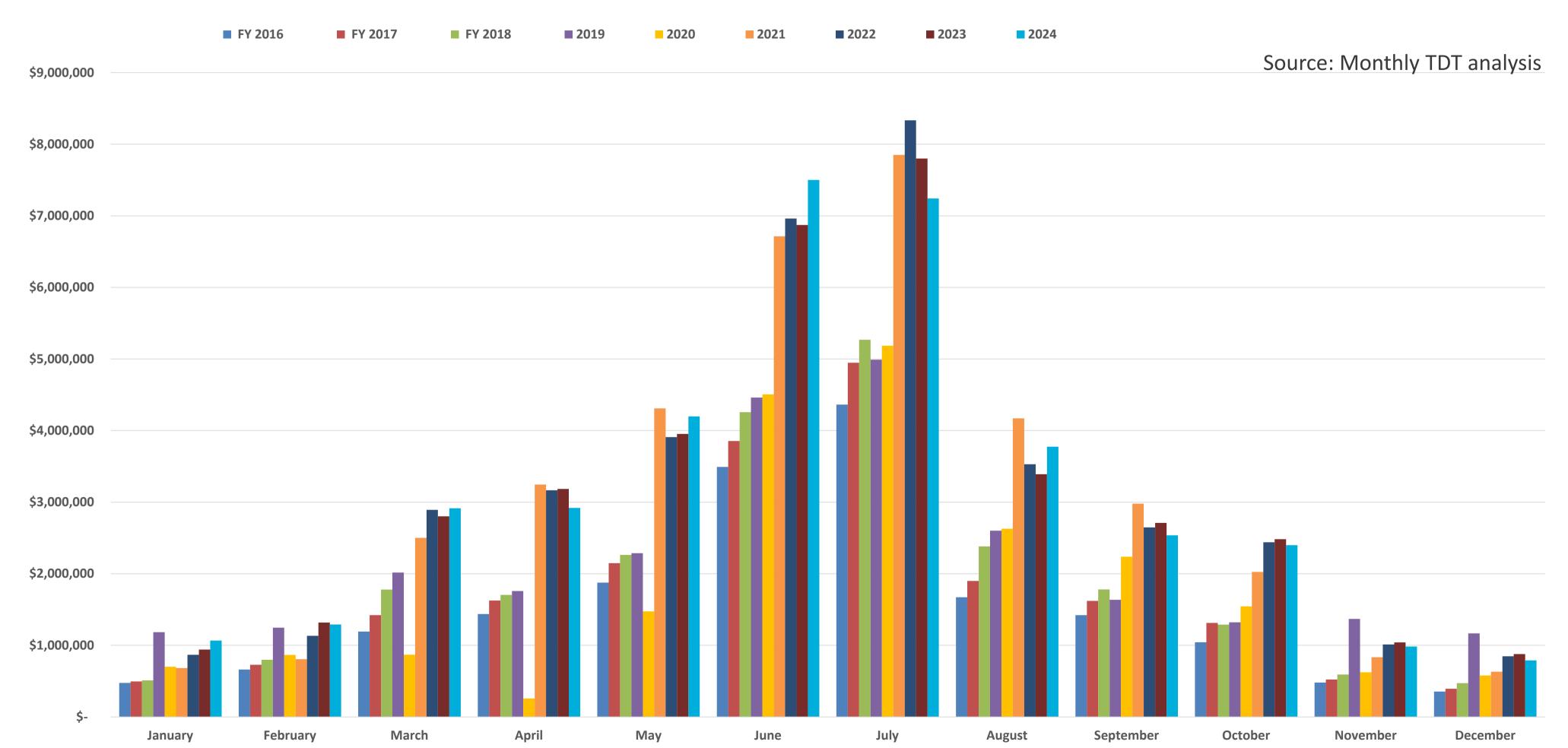
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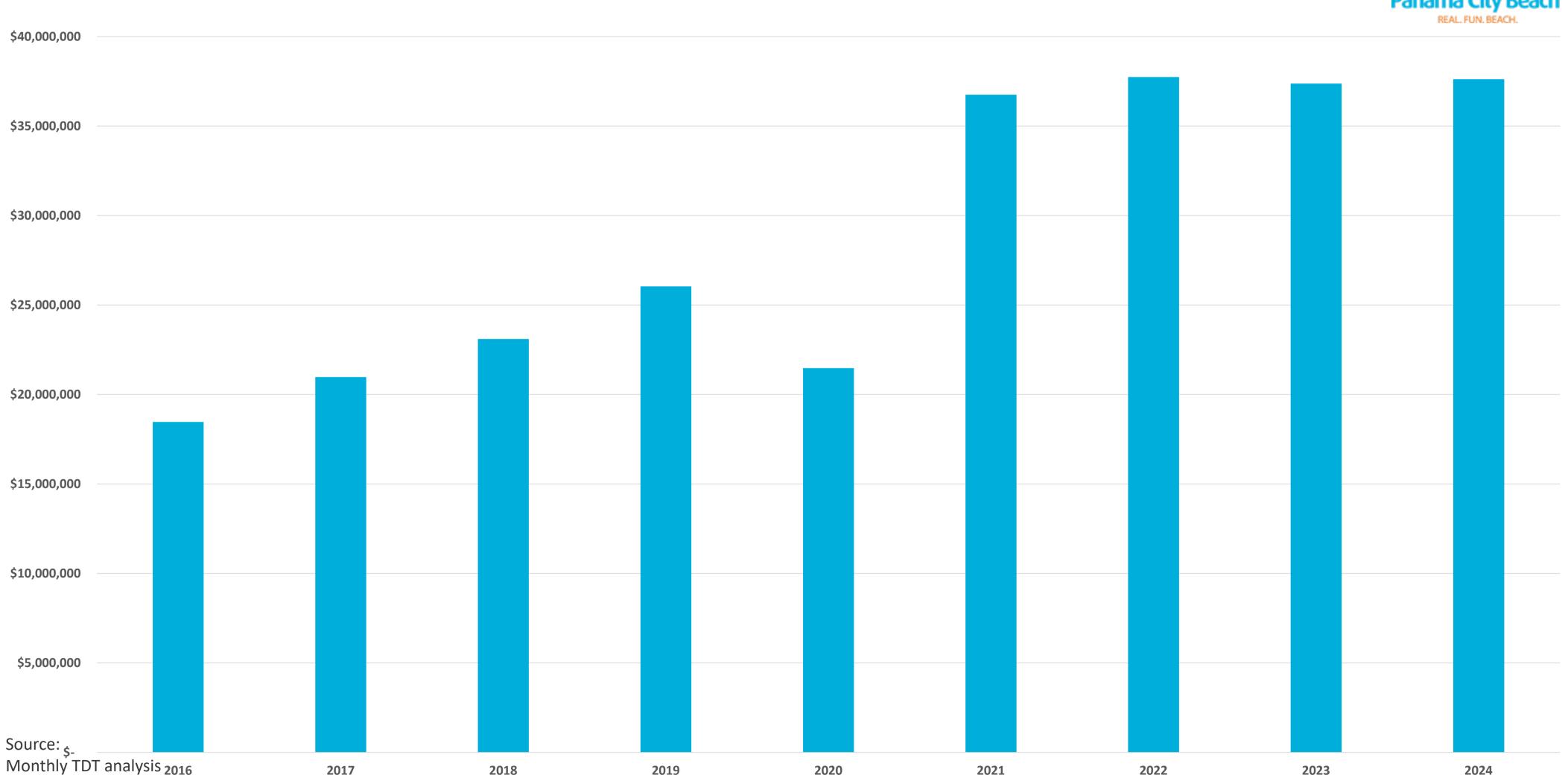
#### MONTHLY TDT COLLECTIONS





## ANNUAL TDT COLLECTIONS





#### SUMMER TRENDS



#### SUMMER 2024 (JUNE - AUGUST)

- Summer visitation and spending peaked in 2022 with a slight decline in 2023 and an uptick in 2024. PCB 1% Business Tax Receipts were up 1.8% for the Summer period.
- June revenue outpaced July as the #1 month for the first time! June had 5 weekends in 2024 whereas July only had 4.
- Short-term rentals revenue (\$284.6M) was up 4.1% represents 77% of Summer TDT revenue in spite of a 5% decline in daily inventory reporting to the Clerk of Court.
- Hotel revenue overall (\$85.8M) was down 2.4% represents 23% of Summer TDT revenue (same ratio as prior year).
- Summer STR hotel revenue (\$66.1M) was slightly down 0.9% down; STR inventory was unchanged from prior summer.
- While STR demand was up 6.9% it was offset by STR ADR down 6.5%
- Overall visitor volume (includes daytrips) to PCB was up 4.1%.
- Total Visitor Spending was up 1.9%.



#### '24 MONTHLY STR OCCUPANCY

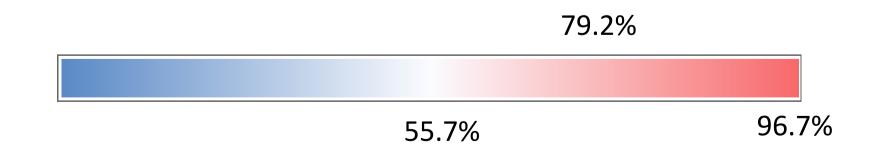


June						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					Gı	ulf Coast Jam 84.1%
77.0%	70.8%	72.3%	72.3%	78.7%	89.3%	93.2%
73.2%	77.8%	79.4%	81.0%	82.6%	88.8%	94.2%
71.8%	78.5%	83.4%	88.0%	91.5%	95.5%	96.2%
78.1%	80.9%	81.4%	81.2%	81.4%	88.7%	92.2%

July					REAL. FUN. BEACH	
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	77.5%	79.6%	89.5%	96.2%	July 96.3%	91.4%
68.6%	74.1%	75.8%	77.5%	79.4%	90.0%	91.6%
75.1%	77.9%	81.7%	82.1%	85.2%	93.3%	92.7%
74.7%	76.8%	78.4%	81.0%	86.3%	93.9%	94.6%
71.5%	70.2%	71.1%	75.6%			

#### August

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				85.3%	92.8%	94.1%
71.4%	67.6%	71.6%	74.7%	75.4%	81.0%	84.0%
62.6%	65.3%	68.2%	67.8%	69.7%	85.3%	92.4%
61.9%	61.9%	65.5%	68.3%	68.9%	81.7%	86.4%
55.9%	56.4%	56.2%	56.5%	55.7%	77.5%	96.7%



Source: STR

74.5%

#### SUMMER 2025 KEY METRICS





**OF STAY** 

Sources: **♦♦♦♦** KEYDATA<sup>™</sup>

4.9%

4.0 people

AVERAGE TRAVEL PARTY
SIZE



Source: YSI visitor profile survey

\$4,074
per travel party

OVERNIGHT SPENDING
PER TRAVEL PARTY

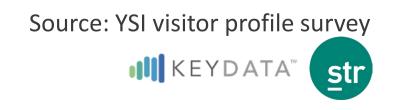


13,553,553 people

TOTAL
VISITOR DAYS/NIGHTS



Source: YSI visitor profile survey



# SURVEY: FIRST-TIME vs REPEAT VISITATION



71.2% had visited PCB before (64.5% Summer '23)

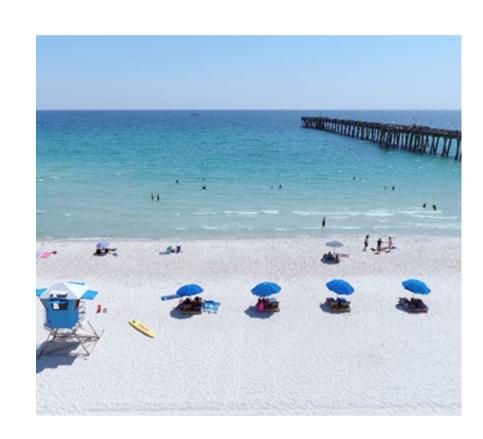
#### Repeat visitors:

 The repeat visitors reported coming to PCB for average of 19.3 years with an average of 2.1 visits in last 12 months





### SURVEY: PRIMARY TRIP PURPOSE



94.1 %

**VACATION / GETAWAY** 

2023: 94.1%



2.8%

VISIT FRIENDS / FAMILY

2023: 3.0%



2.1%

SPORTS EVENT / TOURNAMENT

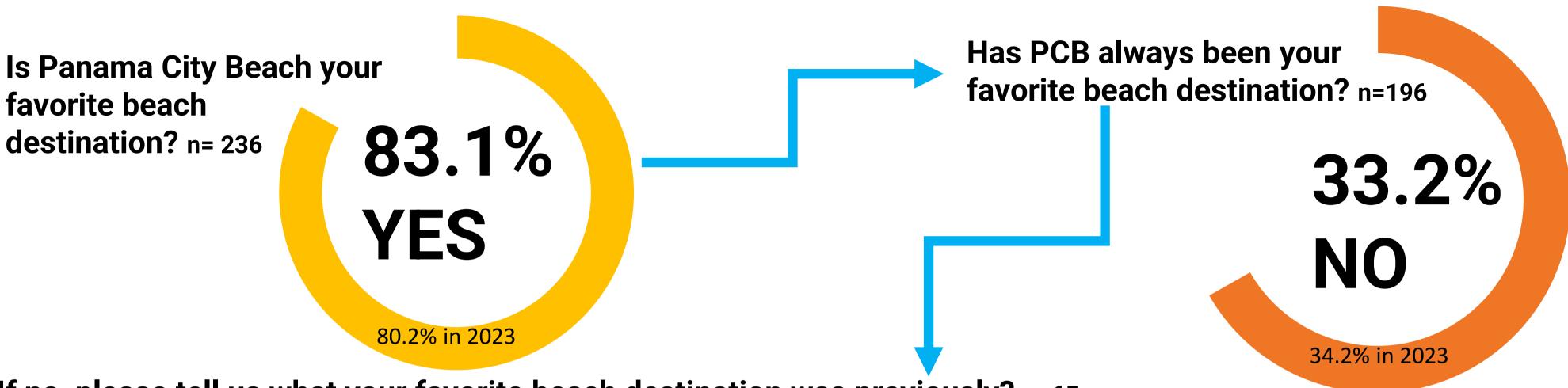
2023: 1.1%

Q. What was the MAIN purpose for your most recent trip to Panama City Beach? n=287

Source: YSI visitor profile surveys

#### SURVEY: FAVORITE BEACHES



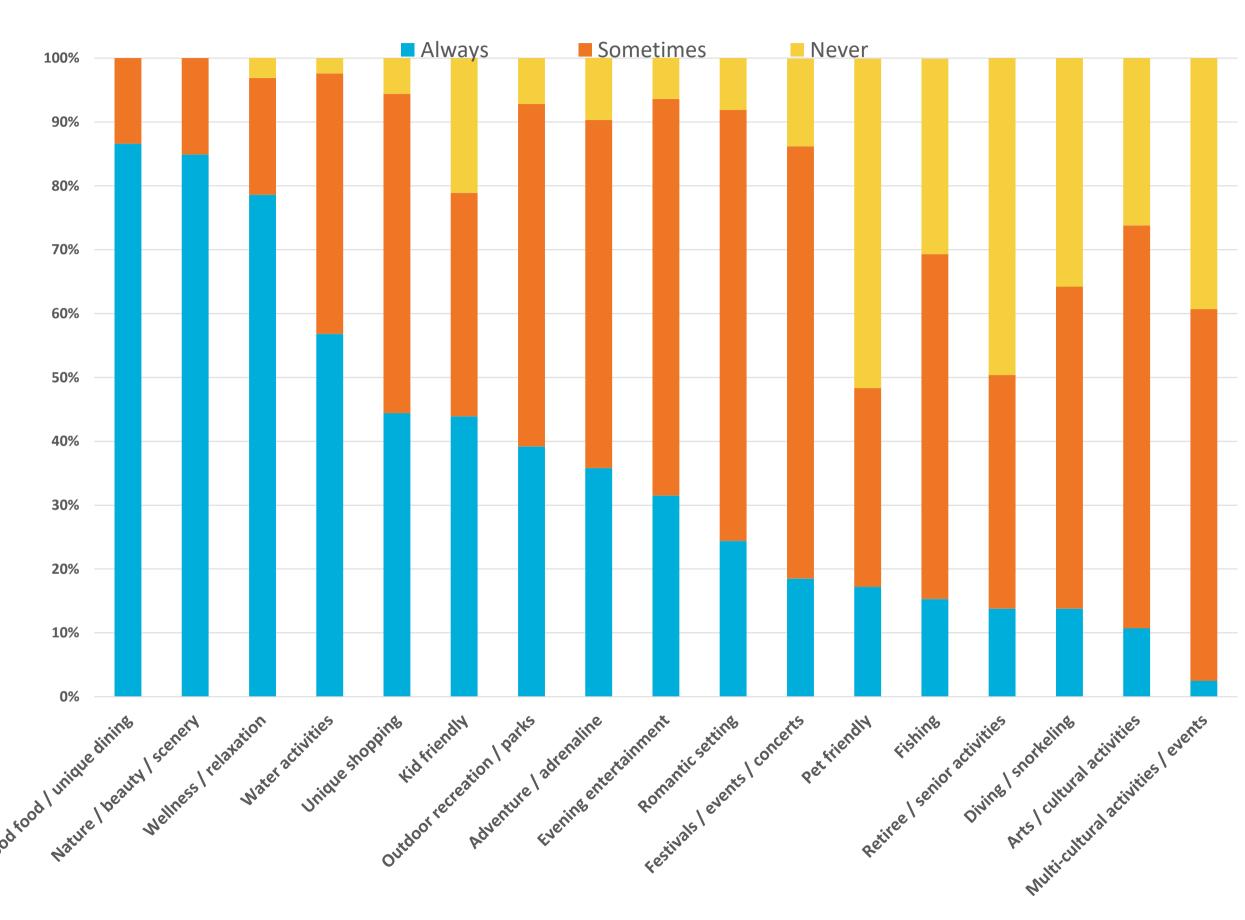


If no, please tell us what your favorite beach destination was previously? n=65

- Destin / Ft. Walton Beach (20)
- Myrtle Beach (8)
- Ft. Myers (7)
- Gulf Shores (7)
- Clearwater (5)
- Sanibel Island (5)
- Alligator Point
- Cancun
- Daytona
- Galveston
- Hilton Head

- Jupiter
- Miami
- Navarre
- North Myrtle
- Outer Banks
- Seaside Heights
- St. Pete Beach
- Topsail
- Virginia Beach
- We travel all around the Gulf area

#### SURVEY: ATTRIBUTES WHEN SELECTING A DESTINATION



Q. Please tell us the level of importance for each of the following attributes when
selecting a getaway / vacation destination. n=227

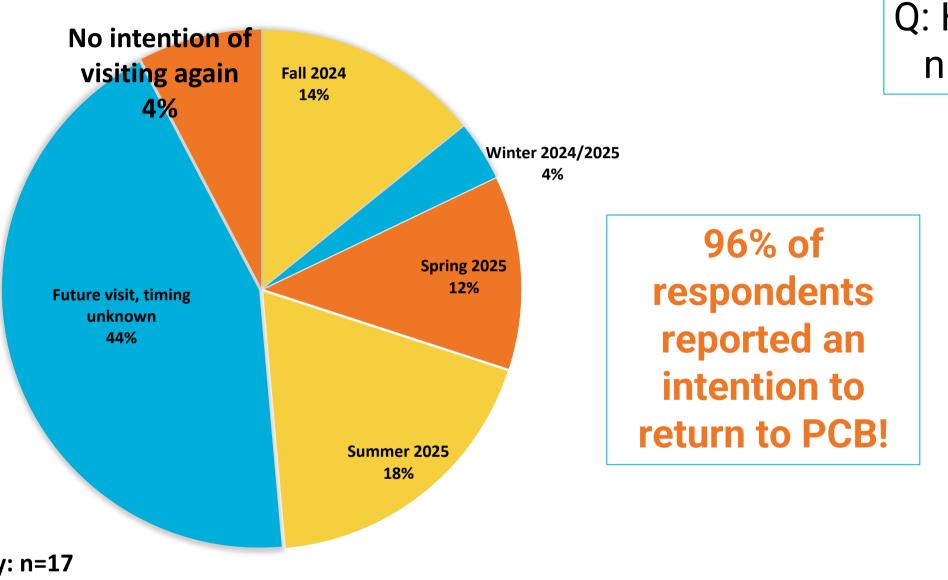
Attribute	Always	Sometimes	Never
Good food / unique dining	86.6%	13.4%	0.0%
Nature / beauty / scenery	84.9%	15.1%	0.0%
Wellness / relaxation	78.6%	18.3%	3.2%
Water activities	56.8%	40.8%	2.4%
Unique shopping	44.4%	50.0%	5.6%
Kid friendly	43.9%	35.0%	21.1%
Outdoor recreation / parks	39.2%	53.6%	7.2%
Adventure / adrenaline	35.8%	54.5%	9.8%
Evening entertainment	31.5%	62.1%	6.5%
Romantic setting	24.4%	67.5%	8.1%
Festivals / events / concerts	18.5%	67.7%	13.7%
Pet friendly	17.2%	31.1%	51.6%
Fishing	15.3%	54.0%	30.6%
Retiree / senior activities	13.8%	36.6%	49.6%
Diving / snorkeling	13.8%	50.4%	35.8%
Arts / cultural activities	10.7%	63.1%	26.2%
Multi-cultural activities / events	2.5%	58.2%	39.3%

Source: YSI visitor profile surveys

#### SURVEY: TRIP PLANNING



Q: Please tell us if you are planning a future visit to Panama City Beach. n=267

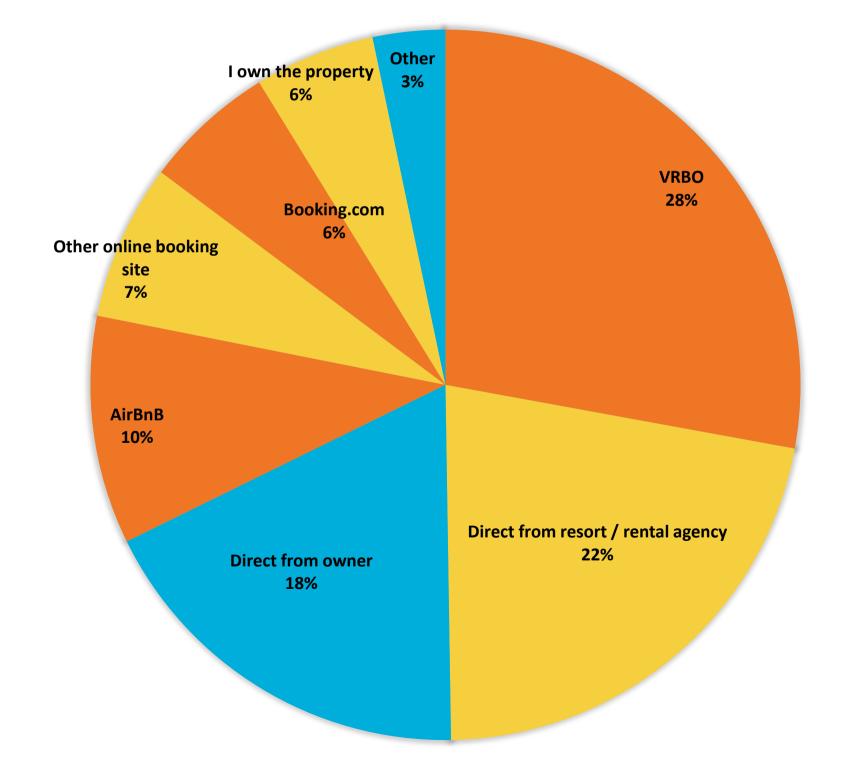


- Taking care of my mom.
- Traffic and those damn beach chair people hogging up space.
- Wasn't happy with airline prices and quality of townhouse.
- Sister moved to Orange Beach, will visit her next.

Q: How did you reserve your vacation accommodation.

n=194

**Vacation rentals:** 



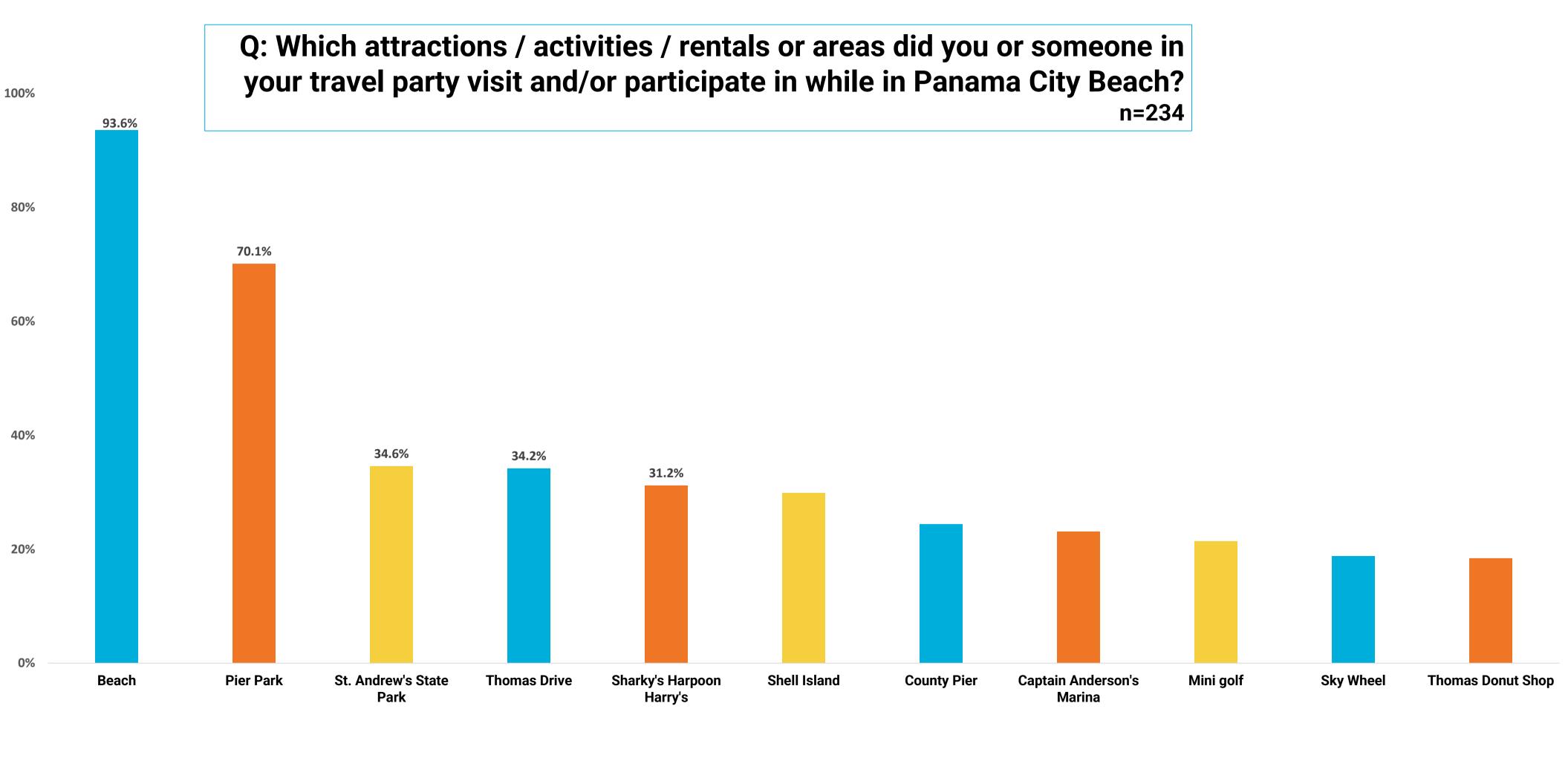
please tell us why: n=17

No intention,

- Area was too crowded. Restaurants had over 90-minute wait.
- I enjoyed Panama City 20 years ago, not so much now.
- I was unimpressed.
- Like to visit different beaches each year.
- Long trip for us.
- Once is enough.
- Overcrowded. Beaches and streets were dirty, stores were dirty. Overall, its just overpriced and very underwhelming. We will stick with the Indian Shores Pinellas County area of Florida where we have gone for 16 plus years. Its clean, not crowded, beautiful beaches, and not overgrown.

#### SURVEY: ACTIVITIES / ATTRACTIONS

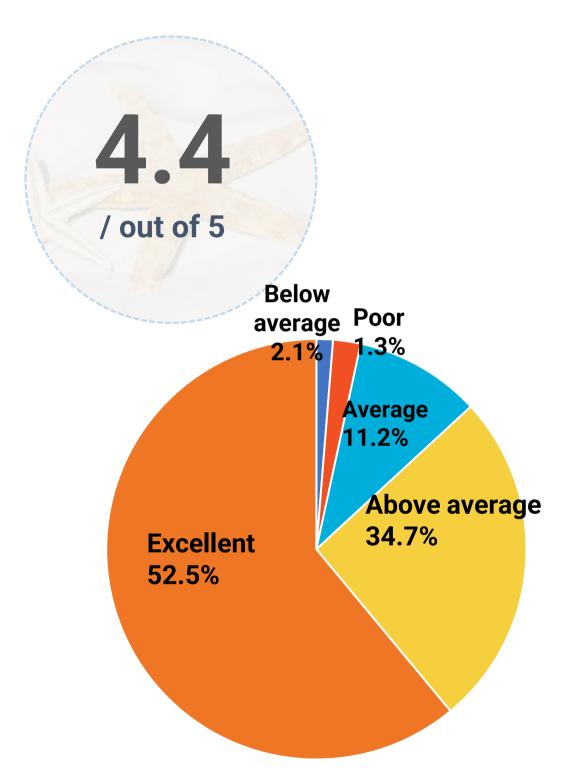




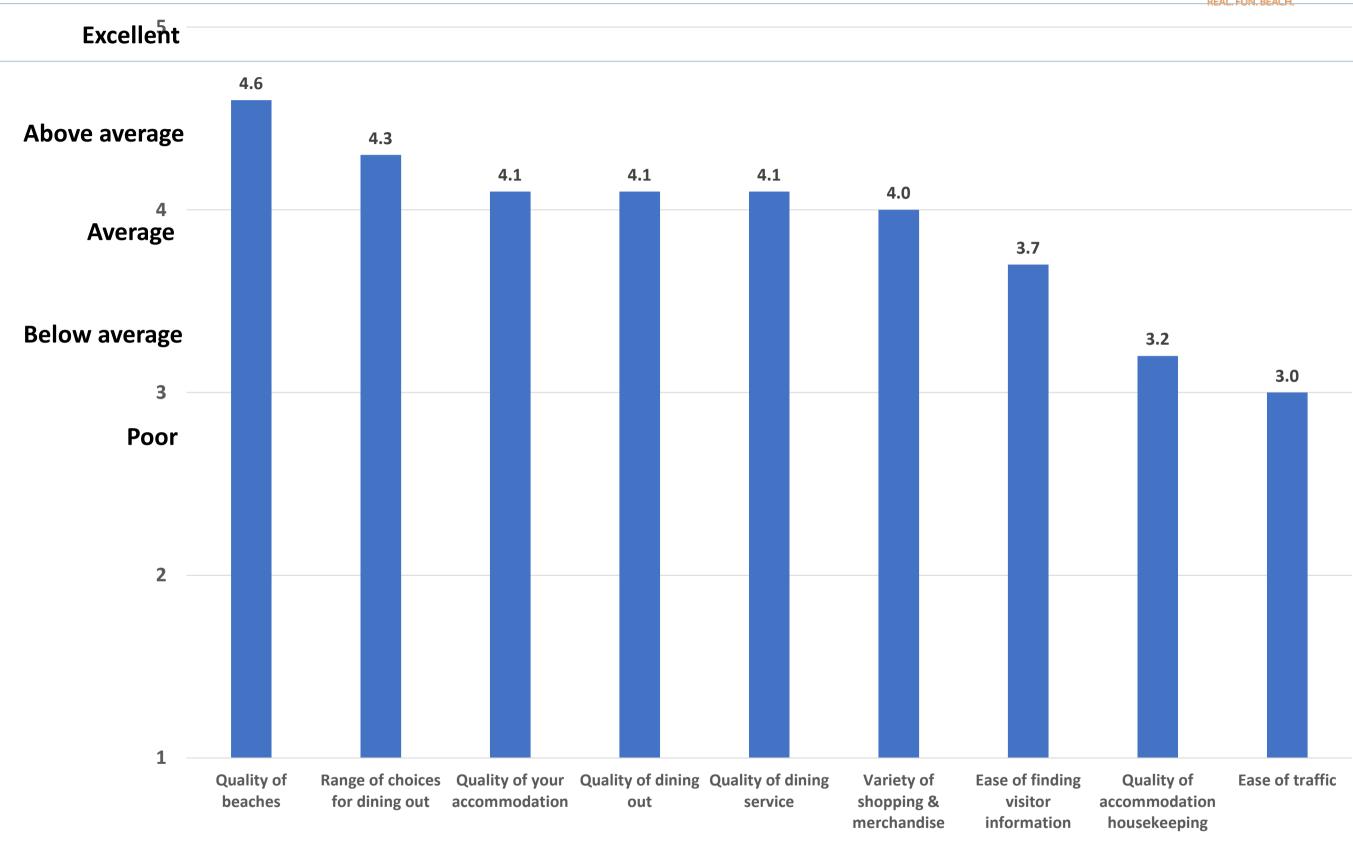
#### SURVEY: DESTINATION SATISFACTION



#### **OVERALL TRIP SATISFACTION**



Q. Overall, how would you rate your visit to Panama City Beach? n=236



Q. Following is a list of amenities offered in Panama City Beach.

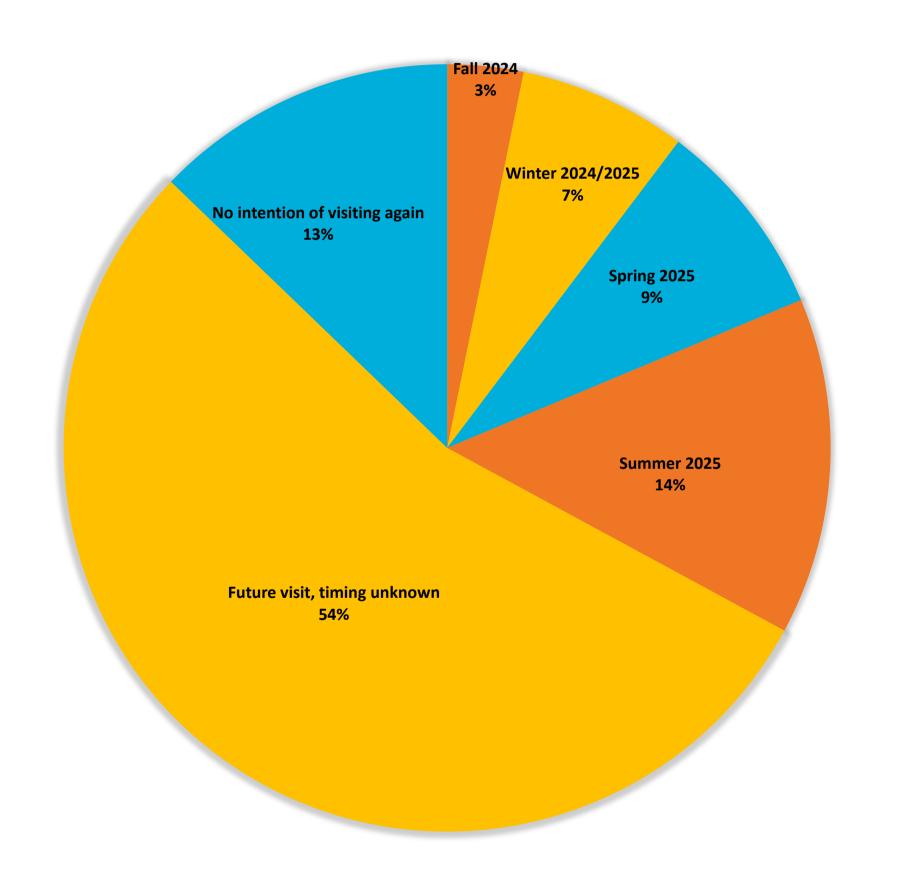
Considering this visit, please rate each amenity. n=236

Source: YSI visitor profile survey

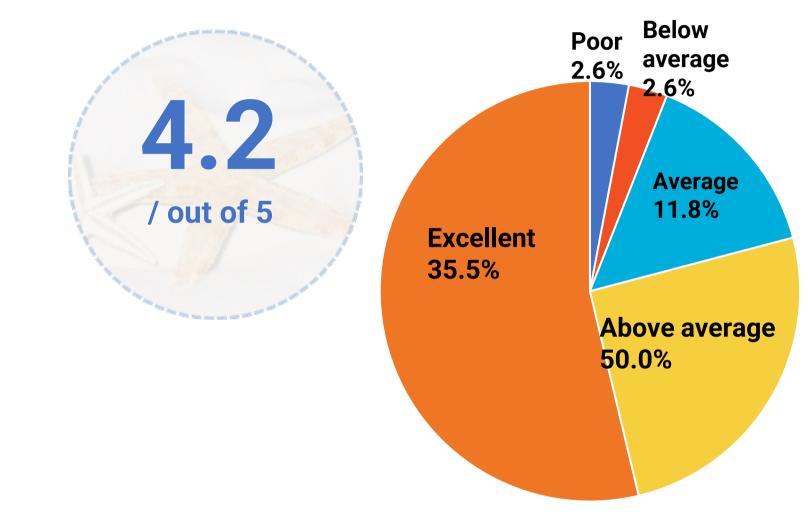
#### SURVEY: FIRST-TIME VISITATION



First-time visitors: Please tell us if you are planning a future visit to Panama City Beach. n=78



First-time visitors: Overall, how would you rate your visit to Panama City Beach? n=76



First-time visitors: What was the MAIN purpose for your most recent trip to Panama City Beach? n=83



**VACATION / GETAWAY** 





3.6%
SPORTS EVENT / TOURNAMENT

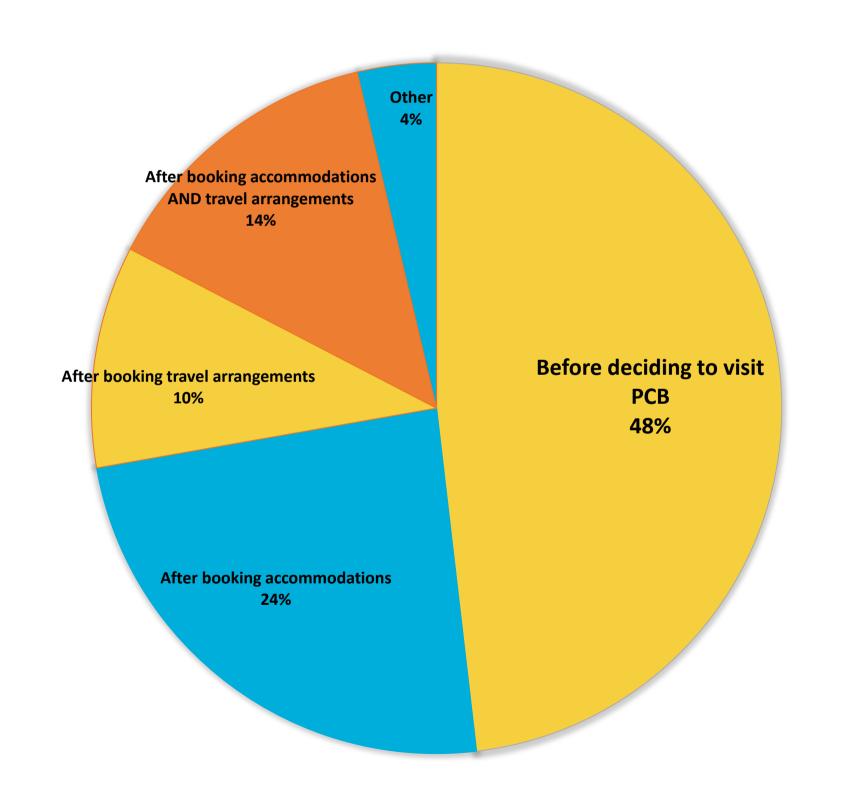
2.6%
VISIT FRIENDS / FAMILY

# SURVEY: VISITOR INFORMATION



Please tell us when you requested information from Visit Panama City Beach. n= 299

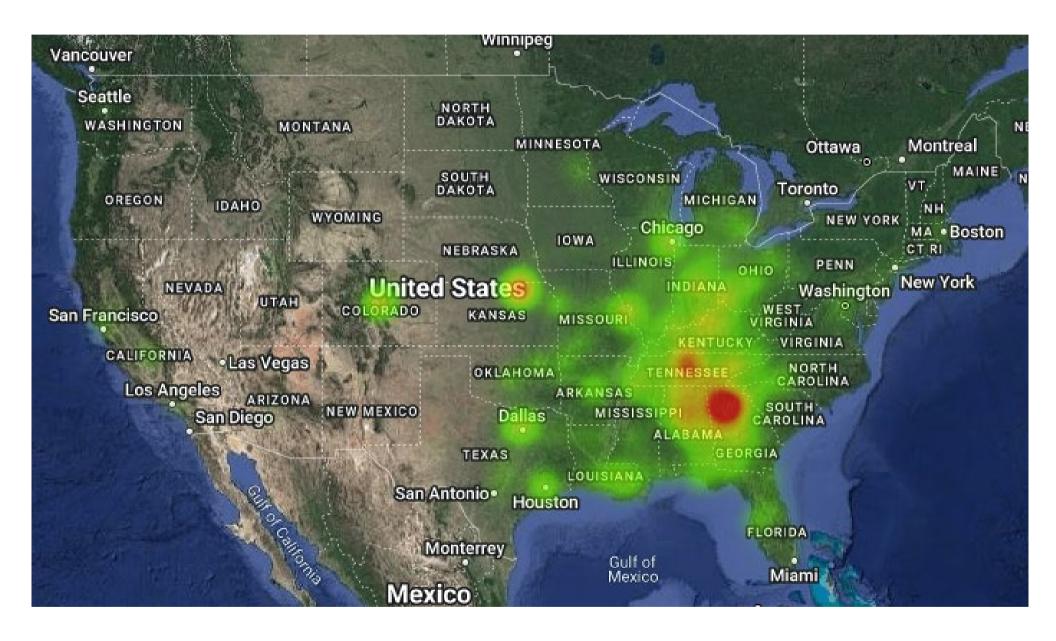
Please tell us, in rank order, what information you were looking for in the Panama City Beach Vacation Guide. n=297



Overall Rank	Information
1	Activities
2	Dining
3	Lodging / accommodation
4	Inspiration for the visit
5	Shopping
6	Evening entertainment / nightlife

# TOP FEEDER MARKETS - HOTELS



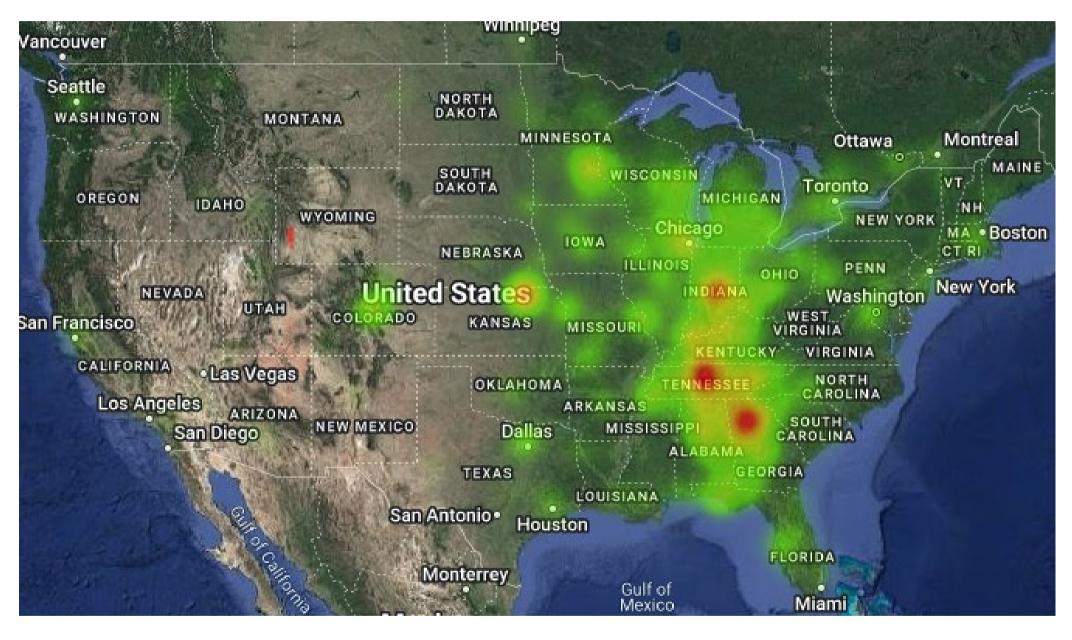


RANK	State	Booking Window	Avg. Length of Stay	% of Room Nights
1	Florida	23.3	2.0	17.7%
2	Georgia	30.0	2.5	17.1%
3	Alabama	28.5	2.1	13.1%
4	Texas	37.4	2.8	8.6%
5	Tennessee	41.0	3.2	5.2%
6	Louisiana	36.0	2.9	2.5%
7	Mississippi	28.0	2.4	1.7%
8	Missouri	62.6	3.2	1.5%
9	South Carolina	31.5	2.8	1.3%
10	Illinois	52.0	2.9	1.3%

Source: KeyData Dashboard

# TOP FEEDER MARKETS - RENTALS

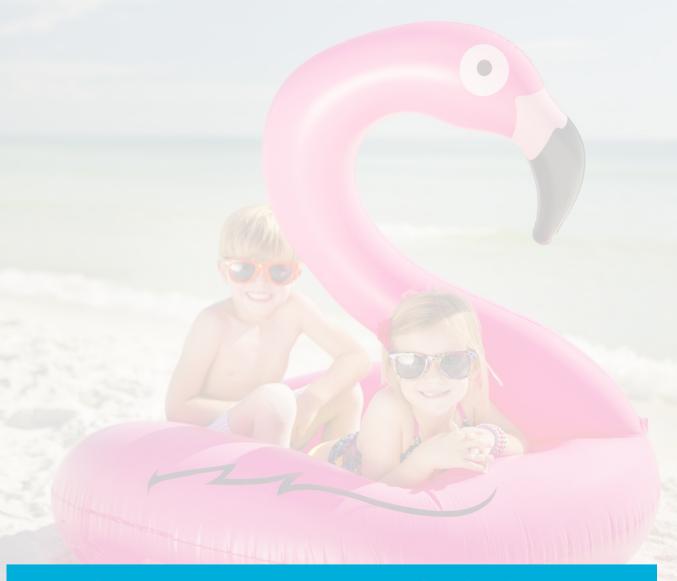




				NEAL, FON, BEACH.
RANK	State	Booking Window	Avg. Length of Stay	% of Room Nights
1	Georgia	52	4	17.4%
2	Tennessee	64	5	11.8%
3	Alabama	52	3	9.3%
4	Kentucky	70	5	5.4%
5	Indiana	78	7	3.7%
6	Ohio	90	8	2.7%
7	Texas	67	5	2.6%
8	Missouri	88	6	2.4%
9	Illinois	83	8	2.2%
10	Colorado	49	8	2.0%

Source: KeyData Dashboard





SUMMER 2024 JUNE- AUGUST)



#### **GROSS LODGING/RENTAL REVENUE**

2024 \$370,369,920

Summer '23 - \$361,257,680





Variance

**'23** 



#### STR LODGING REVENUE

\$66,047,929

Summer '23 - \$66,635,309

-0.9%





#### RENTAL REVENUE

\$284,600,640 2024

Summer '23 - \$273,403,512

+4.1%



320,716 2024

+4.3%

Summer '23 - 307,388



#### TOTAL VISITOR SPENDING

2024 \$1,283,315,084

Summer '23 - \$1,259,769,229

+1.9%

# SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT



Visitor spending	Summer '23	Summer '24	Variance
Hotel / motel (Taxed lodging)	\$262,318,182	\$266,543,094	1.6%
Condo / rentals (Taxed Lodging)	\$842,919,072	\$858,684,985	1.9%
Other overnight (VFR, owners, etc.)	\$48,107,906	\$49,279,796	2.4%
Daytrip	\$106,424,069	\$108,807,209	2.2%
Total visitor spending	\$1,259,769,229	\$1,283,315,084	1.9%

Source: YSI Economic Impact Model

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# Your Simpleview Team



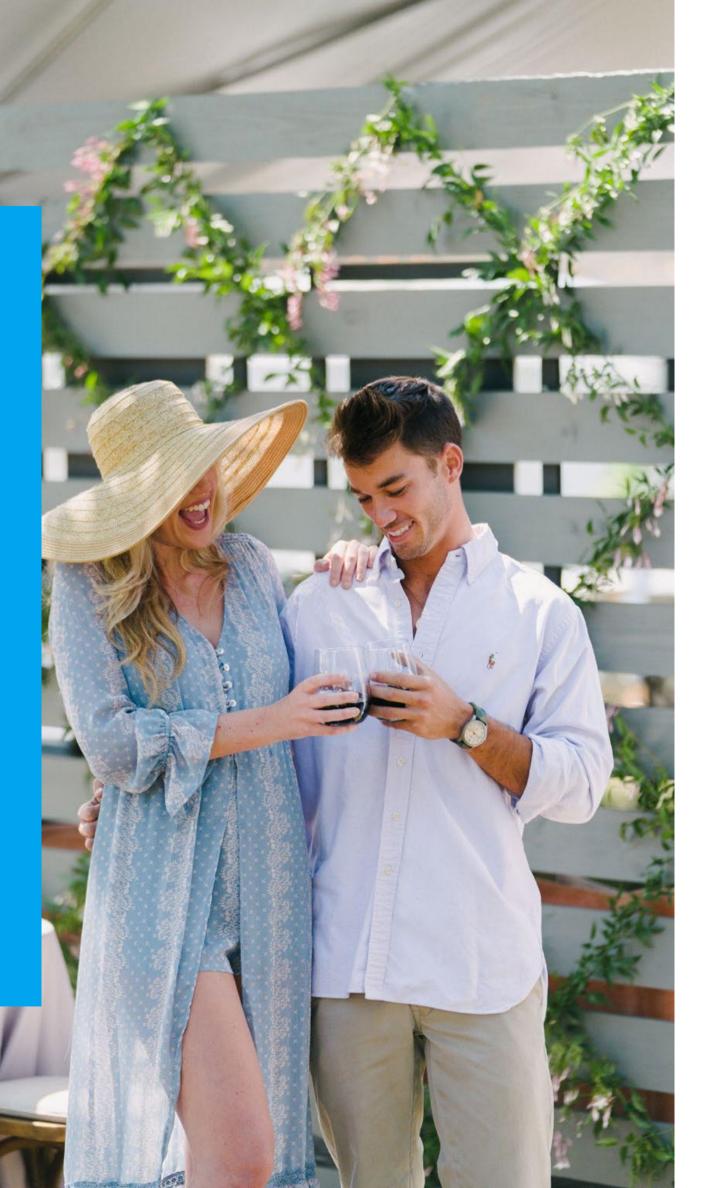
Christina Fey **Director of Customer Success** 



Christina Day
Growth Director



Melissa Oropesa Customer Success Manager



# Today's Agenda

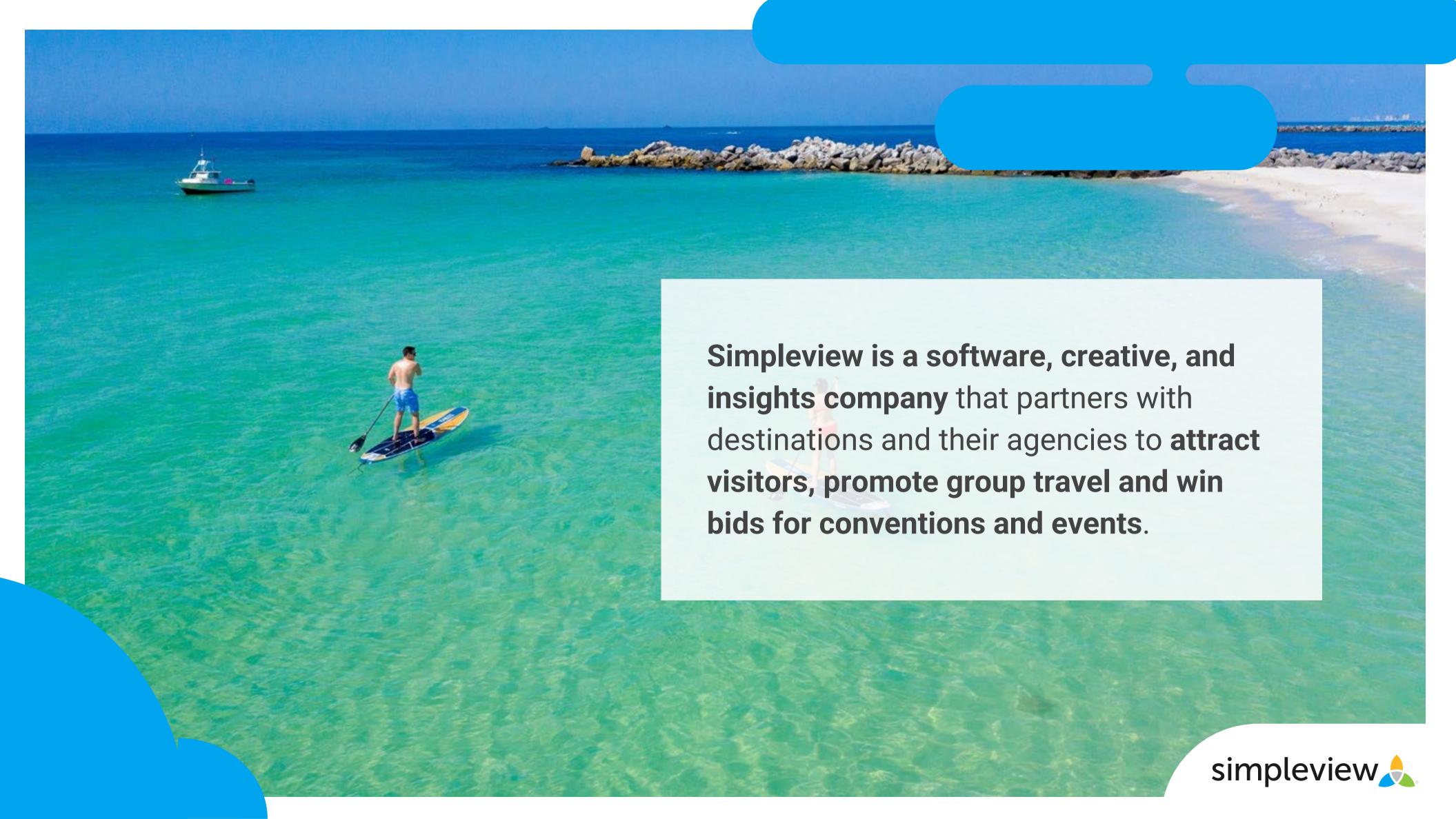
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- Visit Panama City Beach Digital Ecosystem
- The Year in Review
- . Q&A

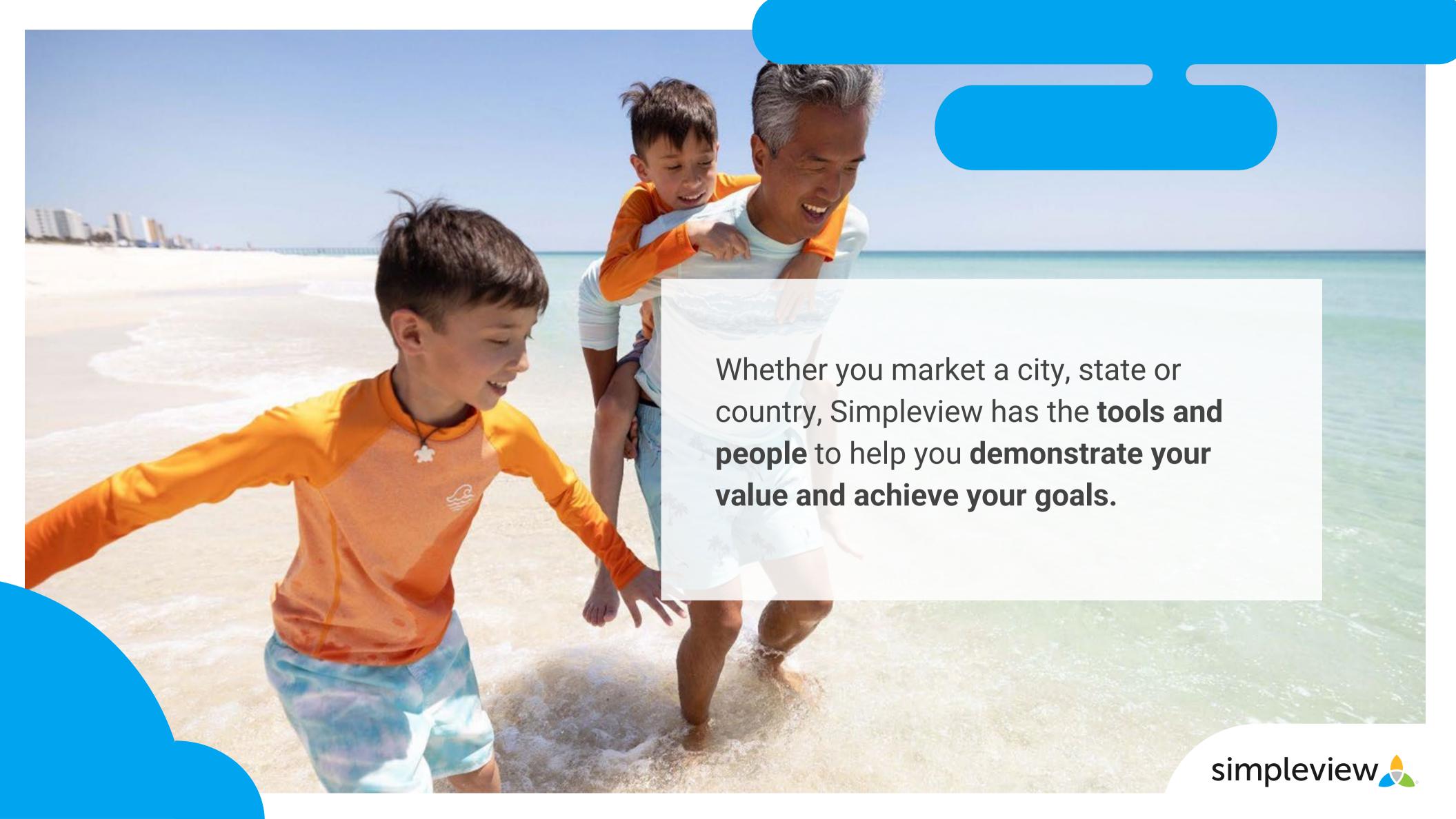




# Simpleview Overview







# Simpleview is the **One Destination**DMOs Agree On



Trusted by

1000+

destinations

Proudly have a

99%

customer retention rate

We power

700+

Destination websites globally



# The Leading Destination Platform











SIMPLEVIEW

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INTEGRATED MARKETING

**DATA** & INSIGHTS

**EVENT**MANAGEMENT

Marketing automation (Act-on)

Digital proposals

Portal & stakeholder engagement

Website development & content management

Revenue generation

Simpleview DAM

**User Generated Content** 

Mobile apps

**Destination branding** 

Visual identity

Website design

Paid media

Campaign management

**Content creation** 

SEO & CRO

Website monetization

Simpleview Data Engine

Pace reporting

MINT+

**Insights Hub** 

DIR

**FuturePace** 

**Eventsforce** 

**EventApp** 

Virtual Content Delivery

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# Simpleview: Why We Are Different









#### **PRODUCTS**

World-class, integrated solutions that power the tourism economy

#### **PEOPLE**

Your Simpleview team:
industry experts, former
customers, tourism
professionals, and everyone in
between

#### **COMMITMENT**

We invest more **time**, **energy**, **and resources** into the industry than most suppliers

#### **EXECUTION**

Your goals are our goals.
We ensure you get a high return on investment from your Simpleview solutions using a proven methodology

# Simpleview is your partner on your technology journey

- With you every step of the way
- There is no finish line
- Aligned goals
- Our promise:
  - Partnership
  - Transparency
  - Accountability







### Powerful integrations with industry leading solutions



80%

Of U.S. marketers say they want to use integrated marketing technology from a single vendor









































## Support for our industry

































Caribbean Tourism Organization







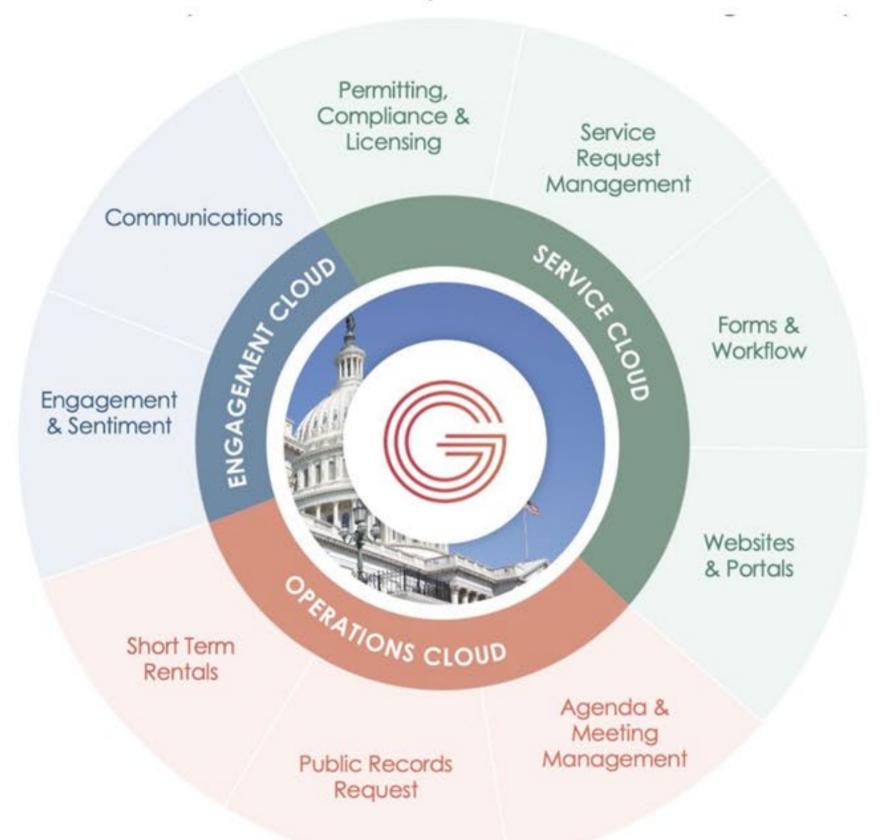


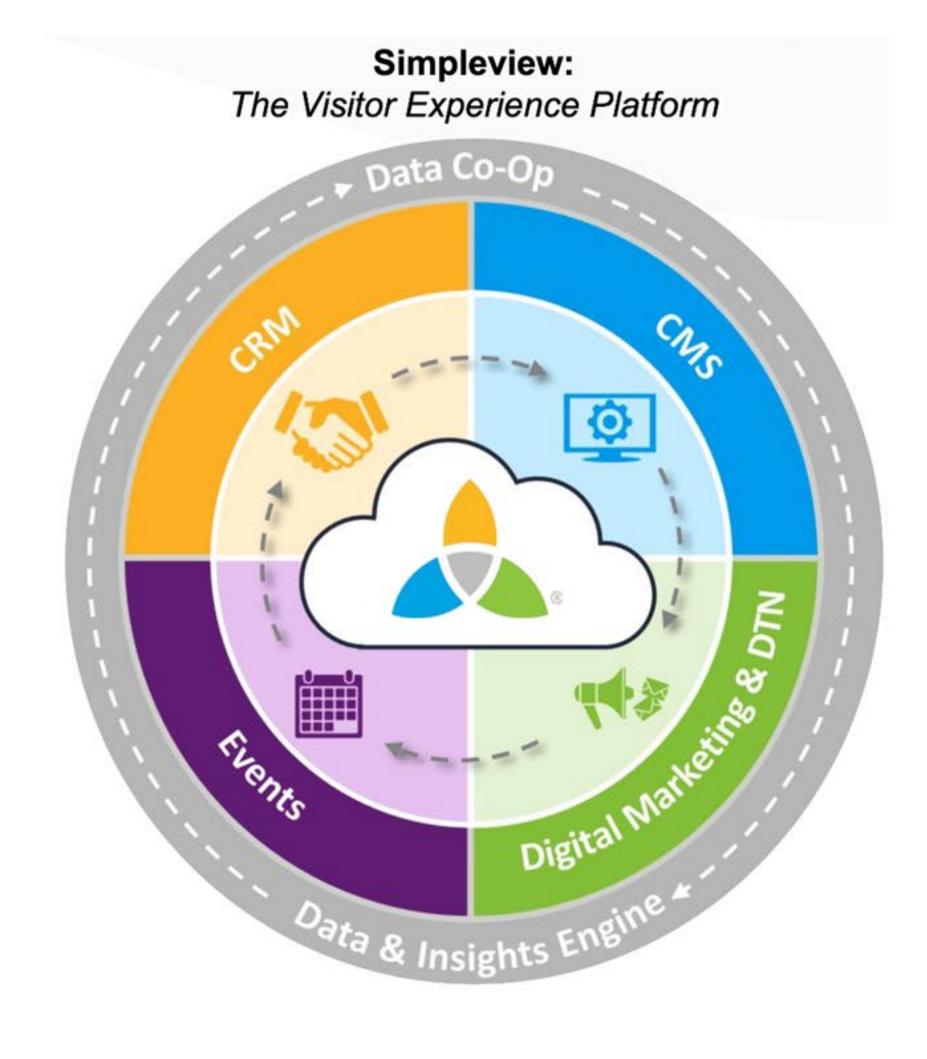




#### SIMPLEVIEW ACQUISITION

Granicus:
The Citizen Experience Platform









Maura Gast, FCDME Executive Director Visit Irving, Texas

If we build a place where people want to visit, we will build a place where people want to live.

And if we build a place where people want to live, we will build a place where people want to work.

And if we build a place where people want to work, we will build a place where business has to be.

And if we build a place where business has to be, we'll be back to building a place where people have to visit.

It all starts with a visit and that visit doesn't happen without "us".





# Relationship History



- CRM and CMS launch 2012
- Search Engine Optimization begins 2013
- Pay-Per-Click with Simpleview begins 2013
- Email marketing support begins 2013
- Website is redesigned & launched 2015
- New Extranet is launched 2016
- Website is redesigned & launched 2018
- Sports site is launched 2018
- Accessibility tool AudioEye is deployed 2019
- Virtual Pirate Fest 2020
- Main site and sports site are redesigned and launched - 2023
- SKYNAV incorporated into site 2023
- Fun For All microsite coming in 2025!



#### Your Simpleview **Engagements**



#### **CMS**

An enterprise grade, hybrid CMS, blending the best of open source technologies and industry specific tools.



#### **CRM**

Manage partner relationships, group sales, organize workflows, inventory, promote leisure travel and more.



#### **SimpleSupport**

A bank of hours which can be used for project work, training, additional tools, managed services and more.



#### **SEO**

Proven expertise you need in SEO, CRO, and content creation to make your DMO's website stand out as the true voice of authority for destination visitors. Strategic, optimized, and results-focused.



#### **Paid Media**

Drive qualified traffic to your website when travelers are searching for something related to your destination.



#### Act-On

Automated email marketing and reporting. Boost awareness of your destination, generate more qualified leads, increase local business engagement, and drive greater leisure travel demand.



#### **SKYNAV**

Integrating seamlessly with Simpleview CMS, SKYNAV helps you impress visitors and meeting planners by showcasing area attractions and venues.

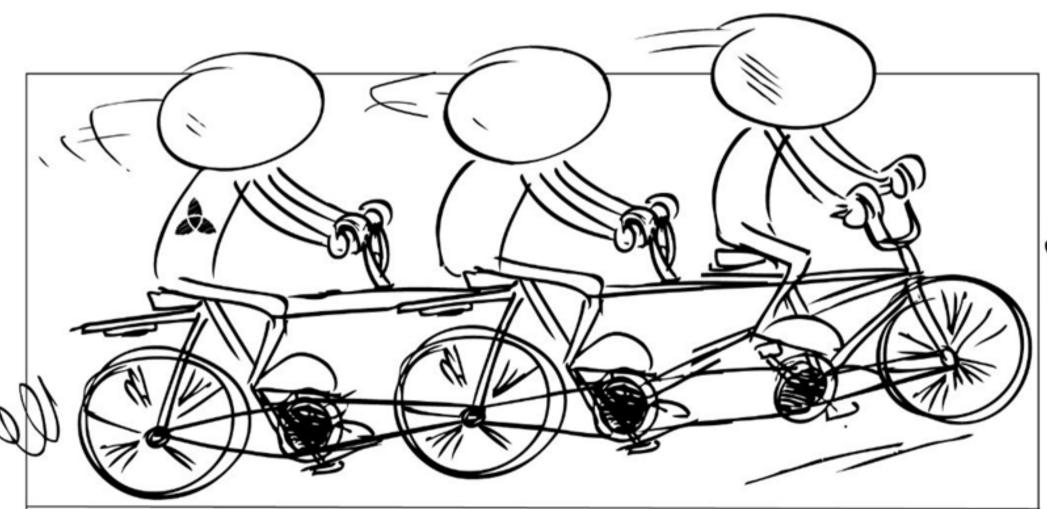


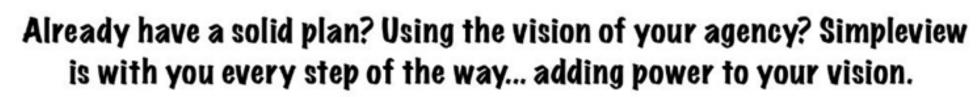
#### **AudioEye**

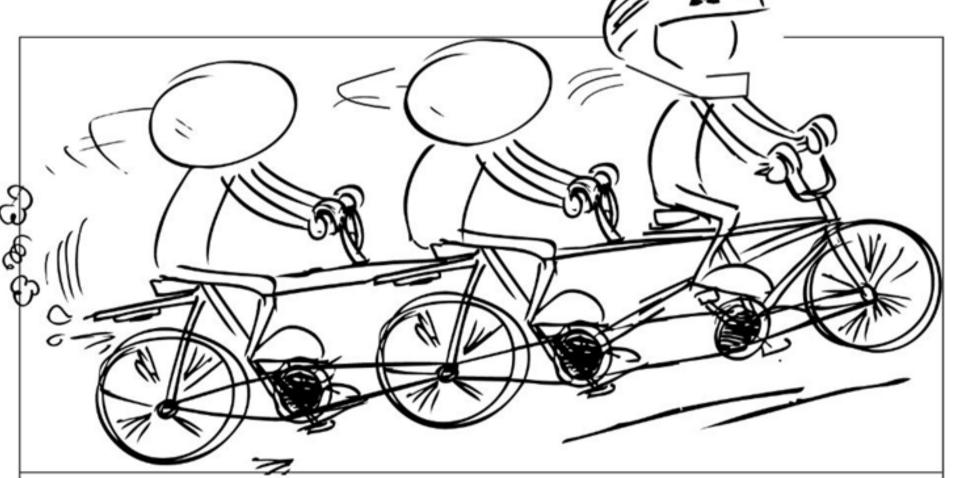
AudioEye allows website visitors to customize their browsing experience to meet their specific needs related to vision, hearing, motor, and cognitive abilities.









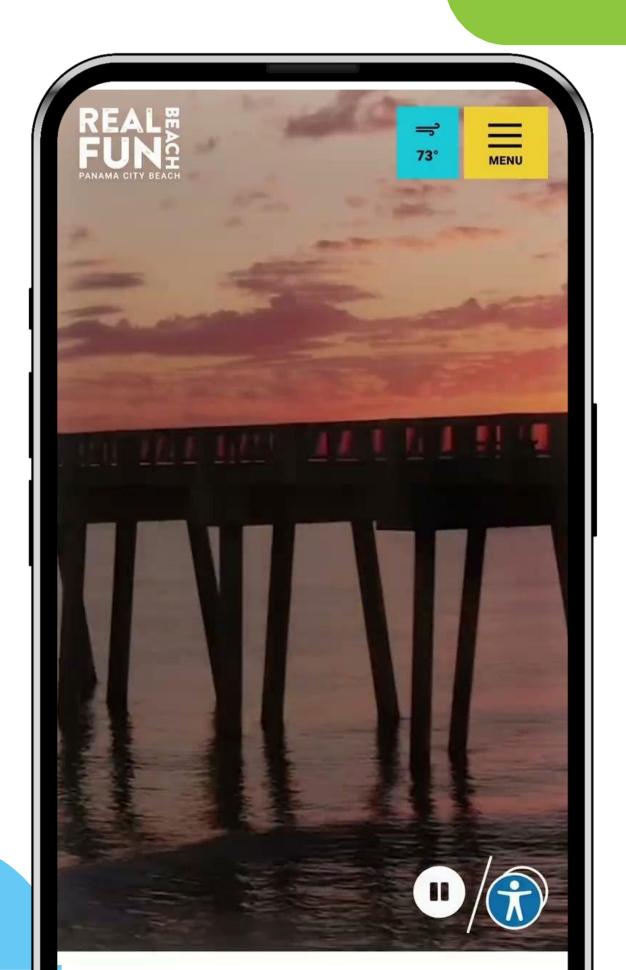


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# Year In Review





## VisitPanamaCityBeach.com

#### **POWERED BY SIMPLEVIEW**

Newly redesigned site launched in July of 2023

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6.6M Active Users (October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024) - up 4.8% YoY. Mobile devices account for over 77% of total website traffic.

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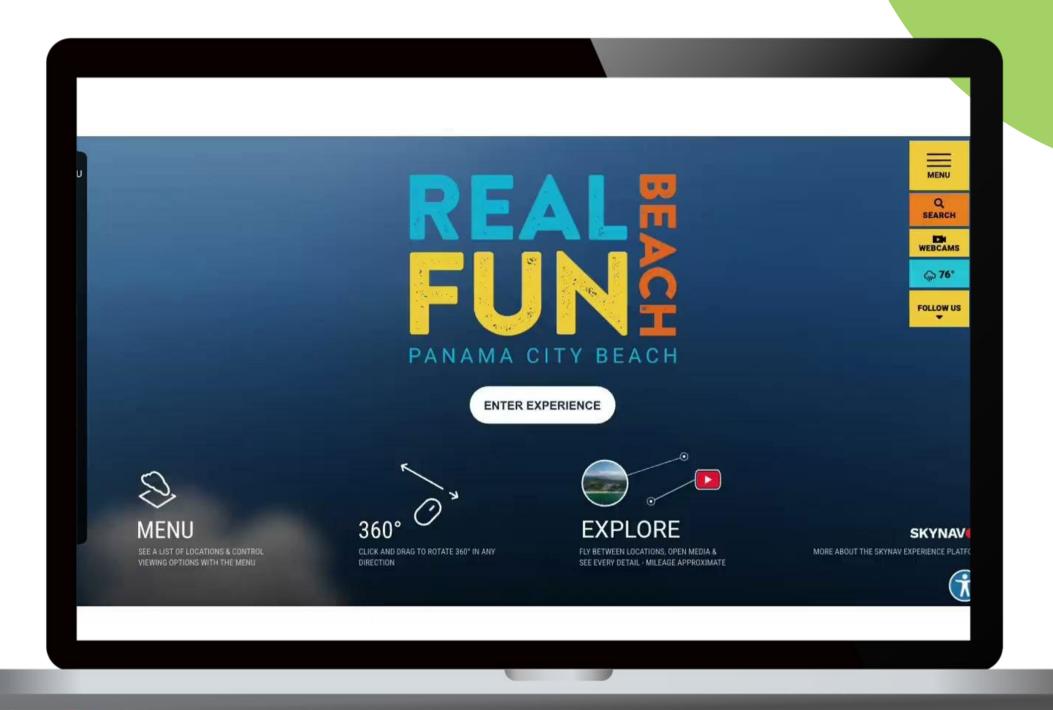
Organic Traffic (powered by Simpleview SEO services) drove 1.5M Active Users - up 16.9% YoY.

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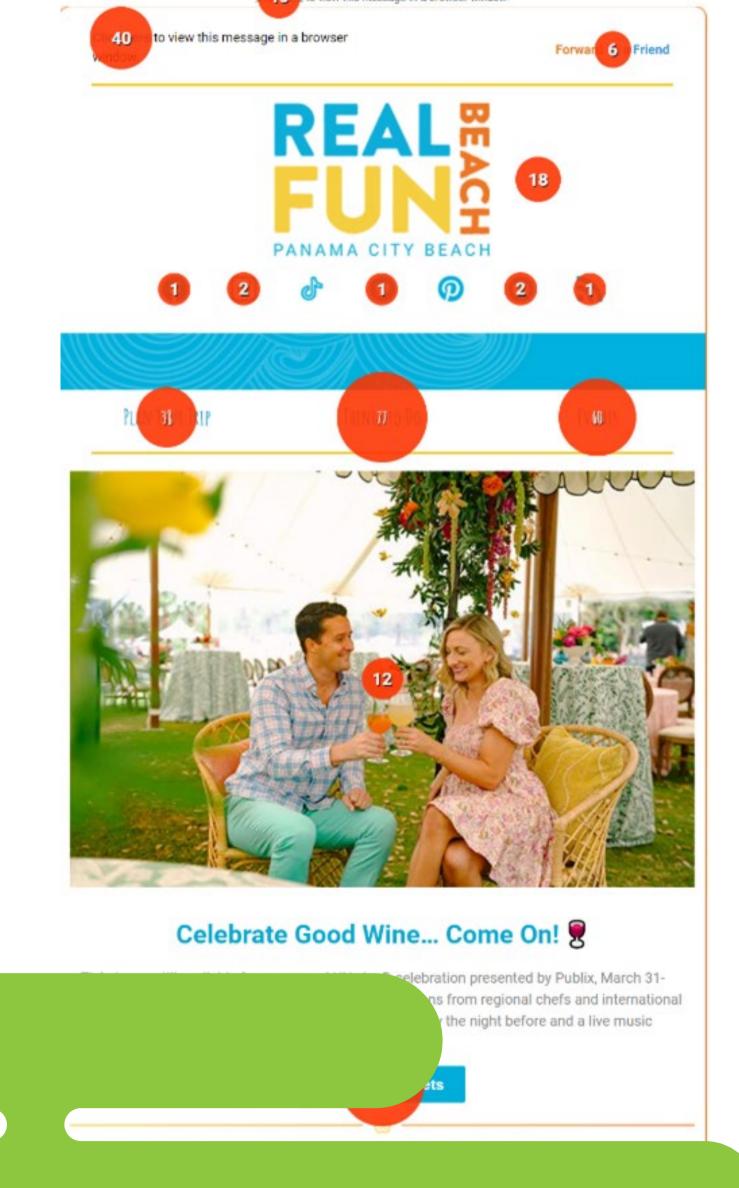
Paid Search (powered by Simpleview Paid Media Services) generated over 77K conversion actions and over 75K partner referrals - up 9% YoY.











## **Email Marketing**

#### **POWERED BY ACTON**

3,180 e-newsletter sign-ups from October 2023 through September 2024

- One of the top performing e-newsletters for 2024 was the February send
  - 99.5% Delivery Rate
  - 43.91% Open Rate
  - 5.2% CTOR
  - 2.43% Click Rate
  - Generated 598 Website Visitors



#### PARTNERSHIP REVIEW

#### **Highlights**

- New sports site launched September 2023
- Congratulations on your Silver Flagler award
- Most utilized deployment of SKYNAV across the country
- New e-newsletter sign up widget deployed
- Simpleview + Granicus = Stronger Together!

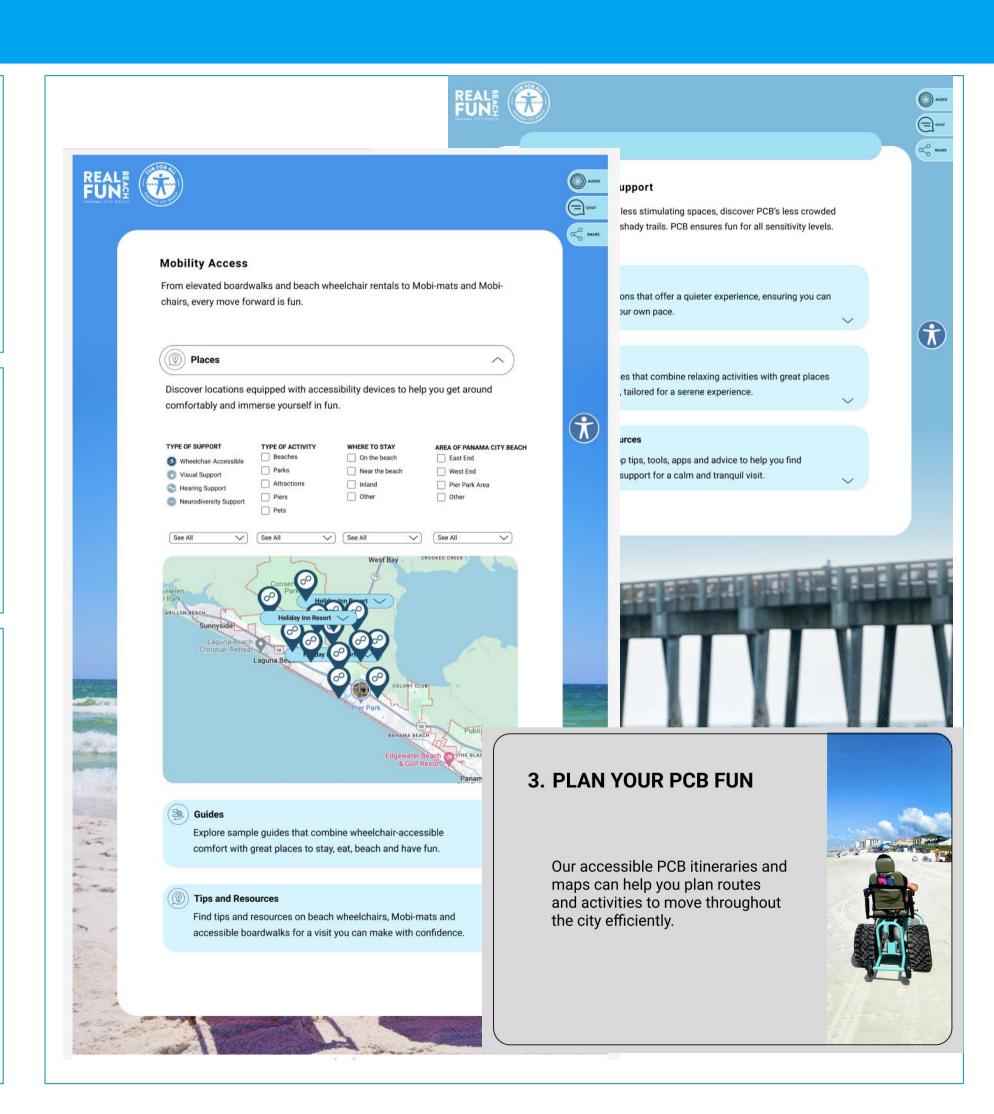
#### **Opportunities**

- Explore more dynamic content in email marketing with ActOn
- Roll out Marketplace forms for partner self-identification of accessibility amenities
- On-site CRM Training for the team

#### **Looking Forward**

- Multi-agency collaboration for the Fun For All microsite
- Simpleview Summit 2025







# **Q&A Session**





# Thank You!

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