## The Beaches of Fort Myers - Sanibel

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August 2007 Visitor Profile \& Occupancy Analysis
(Revised)


## Executive Summary August 2007 (Revised)

## Executive Summary

During the month of August 2007, Lee County hosted nearly 410,000 visitors. Forty-three percent of the visitors stayed in paid accommodations while visiting the area. Among those staying in paid accommodations, two-thirds were US residents. Among US visitors, nearly half were from the South, and 29\% were from the Northeast.


## Executive Summary

Visitors spent $\$ 223$ million in Lee County during the month of August. A sizable minority of these dollars was spent by those visitors staying in paid accommodations ( $\$ 99$ million). Including only those properties paying the bed tax, $\$ 87$ million was spent by visitors staying in paid accommodations. The highest proportions continue to be spent on shopping, food and beverages, and lodging accommodations

Half of August visitors flew to the area (50\%), while an additional 44\% drove to Lee County. Most Lee County visitors were repeat visitors (66\%), averaging nearly four visits in five years.

Almost nine visitors out of ten spent some time at the beach while visiting Lee County (85\%). The majority spent time relaxing, dining out swimming, shopping, or sightseeing.

Lee County visitors continue to be satisfied with their visit (95\%). Further, 88\% of visitors said they will recommend Lee County to a friend or family member and 89\% indicated that they plan to return themselves.

Typical Lee County August visitors are around the age of 46 and are more affluent than the general population (average household income of $\$ 90,300$ ). Most August visitors are married (68\%), and $44 \%$ are traveling with children.

Hotels/motels/resorts achieved the highest occupancy for the month of August at 51.1\%. Average daily rates were highest among condos/cottages/vacation rentals at \$159.07.

|  | Average <br> Occupancy Rate | Average <br> Daily Rate | RevPAR |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Property Managers Responding | 129 | 128 | $128 / 129$ |
| Hotel/Motel/Resort/B\&B | $51.1 \%$ | $\$ 106.43$ | $\$ 54.39$ |
| Condo/Cottage/Vacation Home* | $32.0 \%$ | $\$ 159.07$ | $\$ 50.85$ |
| RV Park/Campground | $17.4 \%$ | $\$ 35.81$ | $\$ 6.24$ |
| AVERAGE | $37.8 \%$ | $\$ 110.80$ | $\$ 41.84$ |

* Includes timeshare rental properties.

Two-thirds of the lodging properties surveyed reported their August 2007 occupancy to be better (49\%) or the same (16\%) as August 2006 while $35 \%$ said it was worse than one year ago. Lodging revenue showed a similar pattern, with $67 \%$ reporting it to be better ( $51 \%$ ) or the same (16\%) in August 2007 as compared to August 2006, and 33\% saying it was worse.


## Visitor Profile Analysis

August 2007
(Revised)

A total of 174 interviews were conducted with visitors in Lee County during the month of August. A total sample of this size is considered accurate to plus or minus 7.4 percentage points at the $95 \%$ confidence level. Due to the short time period and the sample size involved, monthly results will fluctuate and should be viewed with caution for decision-making purposes.
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## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Travel Planning

| Total Respondents 174 | Started Talking <br> About Trip | Chose Lee County <br> for Trip | Made Lodging <br> Reservations |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $<1$ month | $14 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| 1 mo $-<2 \mathrm{mos}$ | $12 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| $2 \mathrm{mos}-<3 \mathrm{mos}$ | $16 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| $3 \mathrm{mos}-<6 \mathrm{mos}$ | $21 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| 6 mos $-<1$ year | $25 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| A year or more | $11 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| No answer | $2 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $18 \%$ |



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## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Travel Planning

| Reserved Accomodations |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 174 |
| Before Leaving Home | $77 \%$ |
| After arriving in FL | $12 \%$ |
| On the road, but not in Florida | $2 \%$ |
| No Answer | $10 \%$ |

Question 6: Did you make accommodations reservations for your stay in Lee County:

| Computer Access |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 174 |
| Yes | $\underline{91 \%}$ |
| Home | $41 \%$ |
| Work | $7 \%$ |
| Both Home and Work | $44 \%$ |
| No | $\underline{8 \%}$ |
| Question 8: Do you have access to a computer? |  |


| Total Respondents with |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| computer access | 158 |
| Visited web sites (net) | $\underline{63 \%}$ |
| Visit Florida | $14 \%$ |
| AAA | $11 \%$ |
| Trip Advisor | $6 \%$ |
| Travel Booking Sites | $6 \%$ |
| Airline web sites | $4 \%$ |
| Hotel web sites | $4 \%$ |
| Search engines | $3 \%$ |
| Trip Advisor | $6 \%$ |
| Other | $14 \%$ |
| Did not visit web sites | $27 \%$ |
| No Answer | $10 \%$ |

Question 9: While planning this trip, which of the following web sites did you visit?
(Please mark ALL that apply)

## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Travel Planning

| Requesting Information |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 174 |
| Requested Information (net) | $\frac{36 \%}{10 \%}$ |
| Hotel Web Site | $5 \%$ |
| VCB Web Site | $5 \%$ |
| Visitor Guide | $8 \%$ |
| Call hotel | $2 \%$ |
| Call VCB | $1 \%$ |
| Clipping/mailing coupon | $20 \%$ |
| Other | $\frac{51 \%}{13 \%}$ |
| Did not request information |  |
| No Answer |  |

Question 10: For this trip, did you request any information about our area by..
(Please mark ALL that apply.)

| Recall of Lee County Promotions |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 174 |
| Yes | $40 \%$ |
| No | $49 \%$ |
| Can't Recall | $11 \%$ |

Question 13: Over the past six months, have you seen, read or heard any travel stories, advertising or promotions for the Lee County area?

| Travel Agent Assistance |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 174 |
| Yes | $10 \%$ |
| No | $89 \%$ |

Question 11: Did a travel agent assist you with this trip?

| Travel Agent Influence |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Total respondents who used a | $18^{*}$ |
| travel agent |  |
| Yes | N/A |
| No | N/A |

Question 12: And did your travel agent suggest/influence this destination decision?
*Note: Insufficient number of responses for reliable statistical analysis. Please interpret results with caution.


## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Travel Planning

|  | Travel Decision Influences |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 174 |  |  |
|  | Top 2 Box Scores |  | Top 2 Box Scores |
| Peaceful/Relaxing | $78 \%$ | Warm weather | $62 \%$ |
| White sandy beaches | $77 \%$ | Safe destination | $61 \%$ |
| Clean environment | $68 \%$ | Good value for the money | $56 \%$ |
| Plenty to see and do | $66 \%$ | Reasonably priced lodging | $50 \%$ |
| Family atmosphere | $64 \%$ | Affordable dining | $49 \%$ |
| Convenient location | $63 \%$ | Upscale accomodations | $44 \%$ |

Question 14: When you were talking about coming to Lee County, if one (1) is "Not at All Influential" and five (5) is "Definitely Influential," how strongly did the following influence your selection?

Travel Decision Influences

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## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Trip Profile

| Mode of Transportation |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 174 |
| Fly | $50 \%$ |
| Drive a Personal Vehicle | $34 \%$ |
| Drive a Rental Vehicle | $9 \%$ |
| Drive an RV | $1 \%$ |
| Other | $1 \%$ |
| No Answer | $5 \%$ |

Question 1: How did you travel to our area? Did you...

Mode of Transportation


| Airport |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents who Flew | 86 |
| SW Florida Int'l | $68 \%$ |
| Tampa Int'l | $11 \%$ |
| Miami Int'l | $10 \%$ |
| West Palm Beach Int'l | $3 \%$ |
| Orlando Int'l | $3 \%$ |
| Ft. Lauderdale Int'I | $2 \%$ |
| Other | $1 \%$ |

Question 2: At which Florida airport did you land?

Airport


## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Trip Profile

| Trip Length |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Respondents | Florida Residents | Out-of-State Residents | International Visitors |  |
| Total Respondents | 174 | $34^{*}$ | 76 | $47^{*}$ |  |
|  | Mean \# of days | Mean \# of days | Mean\# of days | Mean \# of days |  |
| Away from Home | 10.2 | 5.4 | 8.8 | 15.7 |  |
| In Florida | 9.7 | 5.6 | 8.5 | 14.4 |  |
| In Lee County | 6.9 | 4.9 | 6.9 | 7.3 |  |

Question 7: On this trip, how many days will you be:
*Note: Insufficient number of responses for reliable statistical analysis. Please interpret results with caution.

Trip Length (mean \# of days)


## Trip Profile

| Reason for Visit |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 174 |
| Vacation | $80 \%$ |
| Visiting Friends / Relatives | $30 \%$ |
| Business Trip | $3 \%$ |
| Sporting Events | $2 \%$ |
| Personal Business | $2 \%$ |
| Conv/Conf/Trade Show | $<1 \%$ |
| Other | $4 \%$ |

Question 15: Did you come to our area for... (Please mark all that apply.)

Reason for Visit


## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Trip Profile

| First Time Visitors to Florida |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Base: Total Respondents | 174 |
| Yes | $15 \%$ |
| No | $65 \%$ |
| No answer | $1 \%$ |
|  | $19 \%$ |
| FL Residents* |  |

Question 18: Is this your first visit to Florida?

* Florida residents are shown as a proportion of total visitor interviews conducted, though FL residents are not asked this question.


First Time Visitors to Lee County

|  | TOTAL | Florida Residents | Out-of-State Residents | International Visitors |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Base: Total Respondents | 174 | $34^{*}$ | 76 |  |
| Yes | $32 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $60 \%$ |
| No | $66 \%$ | $86 \%$ | $66 \%$ |  |
| No answer | $1 \%$ | -- | $2 \%$ | $41 \%$ |

Question 20: Is this your first visit to Lee County?
*Note: Insufficient number of responses for reliable statistical analysis. Please interpret results with caution.

First Time Visitors to Lee County


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## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Trip Profile

| Previous Visits in Five Years |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | To Florida | To Lee County |
| Base: Repeat Visitors | 112 (FL res. excl.) | 115 |
| Number of visits | Mean \# of visits | Mean \# of visits |
|  | 3.7 | 4.0 |

Question 19: Over the past five (5) years, how many times have you visited Florida?
Question 21: Over the past five (5) years, how many times have you visited Lee County?

| Previous Visits to Lee County in Five Years |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Florida Residents | Out-of-State Residents | International Visitors |
| Base: Repeat Visitors | $29^{*}$ | 50 | $19^{\star *}$ |
| Number of visits | Mean \# of visits | Mean \# of visits | Mean \# of visits |
| Question 21: Over the past five (5) years, how many times have you visited Lee County? | 3.8 | N/A |  |

Question 21: Over the past five (5) years, how many times have you visited Lee County?
*Note: Insufficient number of responses for reliable statistical analysis. Please interpret results with caution.
**Note: N/A - Insufficient number of responses for statistical analysis.

## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Trip Profile

|  | Type of Accommodations |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Total Respondents | 174 |  |  |
| Hotel/motel/inn | $33 \%$ | Borrowed home/condo | $3 \%$ |
| Resort | $15 \%$ | Owned home/condo | $1 \%$ |
| B\&B | $1 \%$ | RV at campground | $1 \%$ |
| Home of family/friend | $30 \%$ | No answer | $1 \%$ |
| Rented home/condo | $15 \%$ | Day trip (no accommodations) | $2 \%$ |

Question 25: Are you staying overnight (either last night or tonight)....

Type of Accommodations


## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Trip Profile

| Quality of Accommodations |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Total Respondents | 174 |
| Far exceeded/Exceeded expectations | $49 \%$ |
| Met expectations | $43 \%$ |
| Did not meet/Far below expectations | $1 \%$ |
| No Answer | $6 \%$ |

Question 26: How would you describe the quality of your accommodations? Do you feel that they:


Visitor Profile Analysis

## Trip Activities

| Activities Enjoyed |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 174 |
| Beaches | $85 \%$ |
| Relaxing | $65 \%$ |
| Swimming | $62 \%$ |
| Dining Out | $61 \%$ |
| Shopping | $57 \%$ |
| Sightseeing | $53 \%$ |
| Attractions | $43 \%$ |
| Shelling | $33 \%$ |
| Photography | $30 \%$ |
| Visiting Friends/Relatives | $26 \%$ |
| Boating | $19 \%$ |
| Watching Wildlife | $17 \%$ |
| Miniature Golf | $16 \%$ |
| Bicycle Riding | $14 \%$ |
| Golfing | $14 \%$ |
| Fishing | $13 \%$ |
| Guided Tour | $13 \%$ |
| Bars/Nightlife | $11 \%$ |
| Birdwatching | $10 \%$ |
| Sporting Event | $10 \%$ |
| Kayaking/Canoeing | $9 \%$ |
| Parasailing/Jet Skiing | $7 \%$ |
| Exercise/Working Out | $6 \%$ |
| Tennis | $6 \%$ |
| Scuba Diving/Snorkeling | $4 \%$ |
| Cultural Events | $3 \%$ |
| Other | $4 \%$ |



Question 28: What activities or interests are you enjoying while in
Lee County? (Please mark ALL that apply.)

## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Trip Activities

| Attractions Visited | 174 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Total Respondents | $74 \%$ |
| Beaches | $40 \%$ |
| Edison/Ford Estates | $30 \%$ |
| Fort Myers Beach Pier | $25 \%$ |
| Sanibel Factory Outlets | $25 \%$ |
| Shell Factory and Nature | $24 \%$ |
| Park |  |
| Miromar Outlets Mall | $22 \%$ |
| Sanibel Lighthouse | $20 \%$ |
| Ding Darling National Wildlife | $19 \%$ |
| Refuge | $17 \%$ |
| Bell Tower Shops | $12 \%$ |
| Edison Mall | $11 \%$ |
| Coconut Point Mall | $7 \%$ |
| Bailey-Matthews Shell | $7 \%$ |
| Museum | $6 \%$ |
| Manatee Park | $5 \%$ |
| Periwinkle Place | $6 \%$ |
| Gulf Coast Town Center | $5 \%$ |
| Broadway Palm Dinner | Theater |
| Other | None/No Answer |

Most Frequently Visited Attractions

mark ALL that apply.)
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## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Trip Activities

| Day Trips Outside Lee County |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 174 |
| Any Day Trips (net) | $\frac{43 \%}{23 \%}$ |
| Naples | $13 \%$ |
| Everglades | $12 \%$ |
| Key West | $6 \%$ |
| Sarasota | $9 \%$ |
| Other | $49 \%$ |
| $\frac{8 \%}{\text { No day trips }}$ | No answer |

Question 30: Where did you go on day trips outside Lee County?


## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Lee County Experience and Future Plans

| Least Liked Features |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Total Respondents | 174 |
| Insects | $38 \%$ |
| Traffic | $17 \%$ |
| Beach seaweed | $16 \%$ |
| Weather | $14 \%$ |
| Red Tide | $10 \%$ |
| High prices | $8 \%$ |
| Lack of nightlife | $3 \%$ |
| Quality of accommodations | $2 \%$ |
| Other | $4 \%$ |
| Nothing/no answer | $28 \%$ |



Question 34: Which features do you like least about this area? (Please mark ALL that apply.)

Perception as Expensive

| Perception of Lee County as Expensive |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 174 |
| More expensive | $7 \%$ |
| Less expensive | $6 \%$ |
| As expected | $81 \%$ |
| Don't know/no answer | $6 \%$ |

Question 31: From your experience, would you say that our area is more expensive, less expensive, or as expensive as you had expected?

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## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Lee County Experience and Future Plans

| Satisfaction with Visit |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Total Respondents | 174 |
| Satisfied | $\underline{95 \%}$ |
| Very Satisfied | $57 \%$ |
| Satisfied | $39 \%$ |
| Neither | $2 \%$ |
| Dissatisfied/Very Dissatisfied | $1 \%$ |
| Don't know/no answer | $1 \%$ |

Question 33: How satisfied are you with your stay in Lee County?


Visitor Profile Analysis

## Lee County Experience and Future Plans

| Likelihood to Recommend/Return to Lee County |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 174 |
| Likely to Recommend Lee County | 88\% |
| Likely to Return to Lee County | 89\% |
| Base: Total Respondents Planning to Return | 154 |
| Likely to Return Next Year | 47\% |

Question 32: Would you recommend Lee County to a friend over other vacation areas in Florida?

Likelihood to Recommend/Return to Lee County
$\left.\begin{array}{c}100 \% \\ 80 \% \\ 60 \% \\ 40 \% \\ 20 \% \\ 0\end{array}\right]$

-Likely to Recommend Lee County
-Likely to Return to Lee County

## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Visitor and Travel Party Demographic Profile

| Travel Party |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 174 |
| Family | $53 \%$ |
| Couple | $25 \%$ |
| Group of couples/friends | $3 \%$ |
| Single | $12 \%$ |
| Other | $5 \%$ |
|  |  |
| Mean travel party size | 3.3 |
| Mean adults in travel party | 2.4 |
| Question 22: On this trip are you traveling: |  |

Question 22: On this trip, are you traveling:
Question 23: Including yourself, how many people are in your immediate travel party?
Question 24: How many of those people are: Younger than 6 years old / 6-11 years old / 12-17 years old / Adults

| Travel Parties with Children |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Total Respondents | 174 |
| Traveling with any children (net) | $\frac{44 \%}{13 \%}$ |
| Any younger than 6 | $24 \%$ |
| Any 6-11 years old | $22 \%$ |
| Any 12-17 years old |  |
| Question 24: How many of those people are: Younger than 6 years old / 6-11 years |  |
| old / 12-17 years old / Adults |  |

Question 24: How many of those people are: Younger than 6 years old / 6-11 years old / 12-17 years old / Adults

## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Visitor and Travel Party Demographic Profile

| Visitor Demographic Profile |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 174 |
| Vacations per year (mean) | 2.5 |
| Short getaways per year (mean) | 4.6 |
| Age of respondent (mean) | 45.8 |
| Annual household income (mean) | $\$ 90,319$ |
| Marital Status |  |
| Married | $68 \%$ |
| Single | $13 \%$ |
| Other | $13 \%$ |
| Gender of Respondent |  |
| Male | $36 \%$ |
| Female | $60 \%$ |

Question 37: How many vacations, lasting FIVE (5) NIGHTS AWAY FROM HOME, do you take in an average year?
Question 38: And how many short getaway trips, lasting AT LEAST (1) BUT NOT MORE THAN FOUR (4) NIGHTS AWAY FROM HOME, do you take in an average year?
Question 41: What is your age, please?
Question 43: What is your total annual household income before taxes? Question 40: Are you: Married/Single/Other
Question 42: Are you: Male/Female



## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Visitor Origin and Visitation Estimates




## Occupancy Data Analysis

August 2007
(Revised)

Property managers representing 139 properties in Lee County were interviewed for the August Occupancy Survey between September 1 and September 15, 2007, a sample considered accurate to plus or minus 8.3 percentage points at the 95\% confidence level.
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## Occupancy Data Analysis

## Occupancy/Daily Rates

|  | Average Occupancy Rate | Average Daily Rate | RevPAR |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Property Managers | 129 |  | 128 |
| Responding | Average Occupancy - \% | Average Daily Rate $-\$$ | $128 / 129$ |
| Hotel/Motel/Resort/B\&B | $51.1 \%$ | $\$ 106.43$ | RevPAR - $\$$ |
| Condo/Cottage/Vacation Home* | $32.0 \%$ | $\$ 159.07$ | $\$ 54.39$ |
| RV Park/Campground | $17.4 \%$ | $\$ 35.81$ | $\$ 50.85$ |
| AVERAGE | $37.8 \%$ | $\$ 110.80$ | $\$ 6.24$ |



## Occupancy Data Analysis

## Room/Unit/Site Nights

|  | Occupied Room Nights | Available Room Nights |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Hotel/Motel/Resort/B\&B | 156,244 | 305,769 |
| Condo/Cottage/Vacation Home* | 55,053 | 172,220 |
| RV Park/Campground | 26,353 | 151,311 |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 3 7 , 6 5 0}$ | $\mathbf{6 2 9 , 3 0 0}$ |

* Includes timeshare rental properties.

Available/Occupied Room Nights


## Occupancy Data Analysis

## Lodging Management Estimates

| Guest Profile |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Property Managers Responding | 120 |
| Purpose of Visit |  |
| Leisure/Vacation | $80 \%$ |
| Conference/meeting | $2 \%$ |
| Business | $18 \%$ |
| Total Property Managers Responding | 120 |
| Average guests per room | 2.7 |
| Total Property Managers Responding | 120 |
| Average length of stay in nights | 5.3 |

Question 25: What percent of your August room/site/unit occupancy was generated by:
Question 20: What was your average number of guests per room/site/unit in August?
Question 21: What was the average length of stay (in nights) of your guests in August?

Purpose of Visit


## Occupancy Data Analysis

## Occupancy Barometer

August 2007 vs. August 2006

|  | Occupancy | Revenue |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Property Managers Responding | 123 | 120 |
| Better | $49 \%$ | $51 \%$ |
| Same | $16 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Worse | $35 \%$ | $33 \%$ |

Question 22: Was your August occupancy better, the same, or worse than it was in August 2006? How about your property's August revenue better, the same, or worse than August 2006?


## Occupancy Data Analysis

## Occupancy Barometer

| Level of Reservations for Next 3 Months Compared to Last Year |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Property Managers Responding | 121 |
| Up | $27 \%$ |
| Same | $37 \%$ |
| Down | $35 \%$ |

Question 27: Compared to September, October, and November 2006, is your property's total level of reservations up, the same, or down for September, October, and November $2007 ?$

Level of Reservations for Next 3 Months Compared to Last Year


## Occupancy Data Analysis

## Occupancy Barometer

|  | Origin of Guests for Next 3 Months Compared to Last Year |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Property Managers |  |  |  |  |
| Responding More Same | N/A |  |  |  |
| $(108$ Minimum) |  |  |  | $4 \%$ |
| U.S. out-of-state | $22 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Floridian | $11 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Canadian | $6 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| European | $19 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $16 \%$ | 4 |

Question 28: Now thinking about the specific origins of your guests, for September, October, and November 2007, do you expect more, the same, or fewer guests from each of the following areas than you had at the same time last year?

Origin of Guests for Next 3 Months Compared to Last Year


## Occupancy Data Analysis

## Occupancy Barometer

| Type of Travelers for Next 3 Months Compared to Last Year |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Property Managers Responding (85 Minimum) | More | Same | Less | N/A |
| Leisure/vacation | 23\% | 54\% | 19\% | 4\% |
| Conferences / Meetings | 3\% | 51\% | 17\% | 28\% |
| Business Purposes | 3\% | 60\% | 17\% | 20\% |
| Tour and travel groups | 5\% | 36\% | 21\% | 38\% |

Question 29: Compared to September, October, and November 2006, will the following types of travelers generate more, the same, or less business for your property in September, October, and November 2007?

Type of Travelers for Next 3 Months Compared to Last Year


## Economic Impact Analysis

## August 2007

(Revised)


## Economic Impact Analysis

## Average Expenditures

| Average Expenditures per Person per Day |  |
| :--- | :---: |
|  |  |
| TOTAL | $\$ 122.50$ |
| Shopping | $\$ 33.21$ |
| Food and Beverages | $\$ 31.26$ |
| Lodging and Camping Accom. | $\$ 24.72$ |
| Ground Transportation | $\$ 11.95$ |
| Sports Fees | $\$ 5.44$ |
| Liquor Purchases | $\$ 3.68$ |
| Other Sightseeing/Attractions | $\$ 2.96$ |
| Other Evening Entertainment | $\$ 2.90$ |
| Popular Events Admission | $\$ 2.43$ |
| Historic/Cultural Site Admissions | $\$ 2.25$ |
| Cultural Performance Admissions | $\$ 0.56$ |
| Sweepstakes Tickets | $\$ 0.31$ |
| Gaming | $\$ 0.24$ |
| Licenses/Regist./Permits | $\$ 0.22$ |
| All other | $\$ 0.37$ |

* Per expenditure model

Expenditures per Person per Day


Economic Impact Analysis
Total Visitor Expenditures by Spending Category


## Economic Impact Analysis

## Total Visitor Expenditures by Lodging Type

| Total Expenditures by Lodging Type |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{\text { TOTAL }}{\text { Visiting Friends \& Relatives / }}$ | $\underline{\$ 222,899,579}$ | $\underline{100 \%}$ |
| Day Trippers | $\$ 123,874,353$ | $56 \%$ |
| Paid Accommodations | $\$ 99,025,226$ | $44 \%$ |
| Hotel/Motel/Resort/B\&B | $\$ 61,545,743$ | $28 \%$ |
| Condo/Cottage/Vacation | $\$ 31,844,784$ | $14 \%$ |
| Home | $\$ 5,634,699$ | $3 \%$ |
| $R V$ Park/Campground |  |  |

Paid Accommodations Expenditures by Lodging Type




## Appendix <br> August 2007 <br> (Revised)

## Interviewing Statistics

|  | Visitor Profile Interviewing Statistics |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| City | Event/Location | Interviewing Dates | Number of Interviews* |
| Ft. Myers | Best Western | $8 / 30 / 2007$ | 2 |
| Ft. Myers | Edison Ford Estates | $8 / 14 / 2007$ | 28 |
| Ft. Myers | Edison Ford Estates | $8 / 22 / 2007$ | 22 |
| Ft. Myers | Hilton Garden Inn | $8 / 28 / 2007$ | 7 |
| Ft. Myers | Imaginarium | $8 / 3 / 2007$ | 5 |
| Ft. Myers Beach | Best Western Beach Resort | $8 / 27 / 2007$ | 13 |
| Ft. Myers Beach | Pier at Ft. Myers Beach | $8 / 4 / 2007$ | 8 |
| Ft. Myers Beach | Pier at Ft. Myers Beach | $8 / 8 / 2007$ | 16 |
| Ft. Myers Beach | Pier at Ft. Myers Beach | $8 / 18 / 2007$ | 17 |
| Ft. Myers Beach | Pier at Ft. Myers Beach | $8 / 30 / 2007$ | 15 |
| N. Ft. Myers | Shell Factory | $8 / 30 / 2007$ | 6 |
| Sanibel | Tarpon Bay Marina | $8 / 5 / 2007$ | 15 |
| Sanibel | Tarpon Bay Recreation | $8 / 22 / 2007$ | 15 |
|  |  |  | $\underline{20}$ |

* The sample of surveys was balanced to provide an appropriate representation of interviews across Lee County.


## Interviewing Statistics

## Occupancy Interviewing Statistics

Interviews were conducted from September 1 -September 16, 2007. Information was provided by 139 Lee County lodging properties during this time period.

| Lodging Type | Number of Interviews |
| :--- | :---: |
| Hotel/Motel/Resort/B\&B | 80 |
| Condo/Cottage/Vacation Home | 43 |
| RV Park/Campground | 12 |
| Other (Trailer Park, Timeshare, Marina) | $\underline{4}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 3 9}$ |


[^0]:    Started Talking About Trip
    ■Chose Lee County for Trip
    $\square$ Made Lodging Reservations

[^1]:    ■TOTAL

    - Florida Residents
    -Out-of-State Residents
    IInternational Visitors

