## The Beaches of Fort Myers - Sanibel

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(Revised)


## Executive Summary September 2007 <br> (Revised)

## Executive Summary

During the month of September 2007, Lee County hosted more than 330,000 visitors. Fewer than half of the visitors stayed in paid accommodations while visiting the area. Among those staying in paid accommodations, more than half were US residents. Among US visitors, $42 \%$ were from the South, including one quarter from Florida (27\%), and $24 \%$ were from the Midwest.

| Total Visitation |  |  | * Estimated from property managers' responses <br> ** Estimated from survey among residents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \% | Visitor Estimates |  |
| Paid Accommodations | 40\% | 133,060* |  |
| Friends/Relatives | 60\% | 199,778** |  |
| Total Visitation |  | 332,838 |  |
| Visitor Origin |  |  |  |
| Visitors Staying in Paid Accommodations ${ }^{* * *}$ |  |  | *** Estimated using Visitor Profile statistics and |
| United States | 58\% | 77,828 | property managers' responses |
| Germany | 17\% | 22,595 |  |
| UK | 14\% | 18,829 |  |
| Canada | 3\% | 3,766 |  |
| Other/No Answer | 8\% | 10,042 |  |
| U.S. Region (Paid Accommodations)*** |  |  |  |
| Florida | 27\% | 21,340 |  |
| South (including Florida) | 42\% | 32,638 |  |
| Midwest | 24\% | 18,829 |  |
| Northeast | 15\% | 11,298 |  |
| West | 3\% | 2,511 |  |
| No Answer | 16\% | 12,553 |  |
| Top DMAs (Paid Accommodations)*** |  |  |  |
| Tampa-Saint Petersburg | 16\% | 12,553 |  |
| New York | 8\% | 6,276 |  |
| West Palm Beach | 5\% | 3,766 |  |
| Champaign \& Springfield | 5\% | 3,766 |  |
| Milwaukee | 5\% | 3,766 |  |
| Chicago | 3\% | 2,511 |  |
| Saint Louis | 3\% | 2,511 |  |
| Cleveland-Akron | 3\% | 2,511 |  |
| Atlanta | 3\% | 2,511 |  |
| Miami-Ft. Lauderdale | 3\% | 2,511 |  |
| Charleston-Huntington | 3\% | 2,511 | davidson |
| Wilkes Barre-Scranton | 3\% | 2,511 | peterson |
| Denver | 3\% | 2,511 | associates |

## Executive Summary

Visitors spent nearly $\$ 170$ million in Lee County during the month of September. Somewhat less than half of this was spent by those visitors staying in paid accommodations ( $\$ 74$ million). Including only those properties paying the bed tax, $\$ 70$ million was spent by visitors staying in paid accommodations. The highest proportions continue to be spent on shopping, food and beverages, and lodging accommodations.

Three fourths of September visitors flew to the area (75\%), while an additional 25\% drove to Lee County. Most Lee County visitors were repeat visitors (71\%), averaging four visits in five years.

Almost nine visitors out of ten spent some time at the beach while visiting Lee County (88\%). The majority spent time relaxing, dining out swimming, or shopping.

Lee County visitors continue to be satisfied with their visit (94\%). Nine in ten said they will recommend Lee County to a friend or family member (89\%), and nearly as many indicated that they plan to return themselves (84\%).

Lee County September visitors are around the age of 50 and are more affluent than the general population (average household income of $\$ 91,086$ ). While most are married (69\%), only $15 \%$ are traveling with children.

Occupancy rates for the month of September are fairly low, with hotels/motels/resorts pulling in the highest occupancy at 42.1\%. Average daily rates were highest among condos/cottages/vacation rentals at \$147.04.

|  | Average <br> Occupancy Rate | Average <br> Daily Rate | RevPAR |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Property Managers Responding | 120 | 120 | 120 |
| Hotel/Motel/Resort/B\&B | $42.1 \%$ | $\$ 110.42$ | $\$ 46.53$ |
| Condo/Cottage/Vacation Home* | $18.8 \%$ | $\$ 147.04$ | $\$ 27.62$ |
| RV Park/Campground | $28.5 \%$ | $\$ 32.15$ | $\$ 9.17$ |
| AVERAGE | $32.7 \%$ | $\$ 100.19$ | $\$ 32.80$ |

* Includes timeshare rental properties.

Fifty-eight percent of the lodging properties surveyed reported their September 2007 occupancy to be better (34\%) or the same (24\%) as September 2006, while $42 \%$ said it was worse than one year ago. Lodging revenue showed a similar pattern, with $63 \%$ reporting it to be better (38\%) or the same (25\%) in September 2007 as compared to September 2006, and 37\% saying it was worse.

## Visitor Profile Analysis

## September 2007

(Revised)

A total of 173 interviews were conducted with visitors in Lee County during the month of September. A total sample of this size is considered accurate to plus or minus 7.5 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 | 173 | Started Talking <br> About Trip | Chose Lee County <br> for Trip | Made Lodging <br> Reservations |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $<1$ month | $12 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $21 \%$ |  |
| 1 mo $-<2 \mathrm{mos}$ | $16 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $12 \%$ |  |
| $2 \mathrm{mos}-<3 \mathrm{mos}$ | $8 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $10 \%$ |  |
| $3 \mathrm{mos}-<6 \mathrm{mos}$ | $17 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ |  |
| 6 mos $-<1$ year | $34 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $25 \%$ |  |
| A year or more | $10 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $2 \%$ |  |
| No answer | $2 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $18 \%$ |  |


$\square$ Started Talking About Trip
$\square$ Chose Lee County for Trip
$\square$ Made Lodging Reservation
$\square$ Made Lodging Reservations

## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Travel Planning

| Reserved Accomodations |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 173 |
| Before Leaving Home | $66 \%$ |
| After arriving in FL | $14 \%$ |
| On the road, but not in Florida | $1 \%$ |
| No Answer | $19 \%$ |

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

| Computer Access |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 173 |
| Yes | $\underline{92 \%}$ |
| Home | $38 \%$ |
| Work | $4 \%$ |
| Both Home and Work | $51 \%$ |
| No | $\underline{8 \%}$ |



Base: Respondents with Computer Access

| Travel Web Sites Visited |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents with | 160 |
| computer access | $\underline{53 \%}$ |
| Visited web sites (net) | $15 \%$ |
| Visit Florida | $11 \%$ |
| AAA | $9 \%$ |
| Travel Booking Sites | $5 \%$ |
| Trip Advisor | $4 \%$ |
| Hotel web sites | $3 \%$ |
| Airline web sites | $1 \%$ |
| Search engines | $15 \%$ |
| Other | $\underline{41 \%}$ |
| Did not visit web sites | $6 \%$ |
| No Answer |  |
| 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 | 173 |
| Requested Information (net) | $\underline{29 \%}$ |
| Hotel Web Site | $6 \%$ |
| VCB Web Site | $6 \%$ |
| Visitor Guide | $10 \%$ |
| Call hotel | $6 \%$ |
| Call local Chamber of | $3 \%$ |
| Commerce | $12 \%$ |
| Other | $\underline{62 \%}$ |
| Did not request information | $9 \%$ |
| No Answer |  |

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

| Travel Agent Assistance |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 173 |
| Yes | $4 \%$ |
| No | $95 \%$ |

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

| Travel Agent Influence |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Total respondents who used a <br> travel agent | $6^{*}$ |
|  |  |
| Yes | N/A |
| No | N/A |
| Question 12: And did your travel agent suggest/influence this destination |  |

Question 12: And did your travel agent suggest/influence this destination decision?
*Note: N/A=Insufficient number of responses for statistical analysis.

| Recall of Lee County Promotions |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 173 |
| Yes | $31 \%$ |
| No | $52 \%$ |
| Can't Recall | $15 \%$ |

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

Recall of Promotions


## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Travel Planning

|  | Travel Decision Influences |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 173 |  |  |
|  | Top 2 Box Scores |  | Top 2 Box Scores |
| White sandy beaches | $75 \%$ | Plenty to see and do | $57 \%$ |
| Peaceful/Relaxing | $73 \%$ | Clean environment | $55 \%$ |
| Warm weather | $68 \%$ | Reasonably priced lodging | $49 \%$ |
| Convenient location | $60 \%$ | Affordable dining | $49 \%$ |
| Good value for the money | $60 \%$ | Family atmosphere | $48 \%$ |
| Safe destination | $60 \%$ | Upscale accommodations | $38 \%$ |

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


## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Trip Profile

| Mode of Transportation |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 173 |
| Fly | $75 \%$ |
| Drive a Personal Vehicle | $18 \%$ |
| Drive a Rental Vehicle | $6 \%$ |
| Drive an RV | $1 \%$ |

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

| Airport |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents who Flew | 130 |
| SW Florida Int'। | $58 \%$ |
| Miami Int'l | $13 \%$ |
| Orlando Int'l | $10 \%$ |
| Tampa Int'l | $6 \%$ |
| Sarasota/Bradenton | $3 \%$ |
| Ft. Lauderdale Int'l | $2 \%$ |
| West Palm Beach Int'l | $1 \%$ |
| Other | $5 \%$ |

Question 2: At which Florida airport did you land?


Airport

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## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Trip Profile

| Trip Length |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Respondents | Florida Residents | Out-of-State Residents | International Visitors |
| Total Respondents | 173 | 20* | 72 | 62 |
|  | Mean \# of days | Mean \# of days | Mean \# of days | Mean \# of days |
| Away from Home | 10.6 | N/A | 7.8 | 16.5 |
| In Florida | 9.7 | N/A | 7.5 | 14.2 |
| In Lee County | 7.5 | N/A | 6.6 | 9.8 |

Question 7: On this trip, how many days will you be:
*Note: NA = Insufficient number of responses for statistical analysis.

Trip Length (mean \# of days)


## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Trip Profile

| Reason for Visit |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Total Respondents | 173 |
| Vacation | $84 \%$ |
| Visiting Friends / Relatives | $33 \%$ |
| Business Trip | $4 \%$ |
| Sporting Event | $2 \%$ |
| Personal Business | $2 \%$ |
| Other | $4 \%$ |

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


## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Trip Profile

| First Time Visitors to Florida |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Base: Total Respondents | 173 |
| Yes | $10 \%$ |
| No | $76 \%$ |
| No answer | $3 \%$ |
|  |  |
| FL Residents* | $12 \%$ |

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 Florida



| First Time Visitors to Lee County |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | TOTAL | Florida Residents | Out-of-State Residents | International Visitors |
| Base: Total Respondents | 173 | $20^{*}$ | 72 | 62 |
| Yes | $26 \%$ | N/A | $22 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| No | $71 \%$ | N/A | $73 \%$ | $68 \%$ |
| No answer | $4 \%$ | N/A | $5 \%$ | $3 \%$ |

Question 20: Is this your first visit to Lee County?
*Note: NA = Insufficient number of responses for statistical analysis.
60\%

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## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Trip Profile

| Previous Visits in Five Years |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | To Florida | To Lee County |
| Base: Repeat Visitors | 131 (FL res. excl.) | 123 |
| Number of visits | Mean \# of visits | Mean \# of visits |
|  | 4.9 | 4.1 |

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 | $14^{*}$ | 52 | $42^{\star *}$ |
| 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? | 5.0 | 2.7 |  |

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

## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Trip Profile

|  | Type of Accommodations |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Total Respondents | 173 |  |  |
| Hotel/motel/inn | $37 \%$ | Borrowed home/condo | $5 \%$ |
| Resort | $9 \%$ | Owned home/condo | $1 \%$ |
| B\&B | $<1 \%$ | Campground | $1 \%$ |
| Home of family/friend | $30 \%$ | Day trip (no accommodations) | $2 \%$ |
| Rented home/condo | $14 \%$ |  |  |
| Question 25 Are you staying overnight (either last night or tonight) |  |  |  |

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

Type of Accommodations


## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Trip Profile

| Quality of Accommodations |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 173 |
| Far exceeded/Exceeded expectations | $50 \%$ |
| Met expectations | $39 \%$ |
| Did not meet/Far below expectations | $1 \%$ |
| No Answer | $9 \%$ |

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 | 173 |
| Beaches | $88 \%$ |
| Relaxing | $70 \%$ |
| Dining out | $67 \%$ |
| Swimming | $61 \%$ |
| Shopping | $61 \%$ |
| Sightseeing | $41 \%$ |
| Attractions | $38 \%$ |
| Visiting Friends/Relatives | $33 \%$ |
| Shelling | $23 \%$ |
| Photography | $21 \%$ |
| Miniature Golf | $15 \%$ |
| Watching Wildlife | $15 \%$ |
| Birdwatching | $12 \%$ |
| Bars/Nightlife | $12 \%$ |
| Fishing | $8 \%$ |
| Boating | $8 \%$ |
| Golfing | $7 \%$ |
| Exercise/Working Out | $7 \%$ |
| Guided Tour | $6 \%$ |
| Cultural Events | $5 \%$ |
| Parasailing/Jet Skiing | $3 \%$ |
| Bicycle Riding | $3 \%$ |
| Sporting Event | $3 \%$ |
| Tennis | $1 \%$ |
| Scuba Diving/Snorkeling | $1 \%$ |
| Kayaking/Canoeing | $1 \%$ |
| Other | $7 \%$ |



[^1]Lee County? (Please mark ALL that apply.)

## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Trip Activities

| Attractions Visited |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Total Respondents | 173 |
| Beaches | $74 \%$ |
| Ft. Myers Beach Pier | $45 \%$ |
| Edison/Ford Estates | $39 \%$ |
| Sanibel Factory Outlets | $33 \%$ |
| Miromar Outlets Mall | $30 \%$ |
| Edison Mall | $25 \%$ |
| Bell Tower Shops | $25 \%$ |
| Coconut Point Mall | $24 \%$ |
| Sanibel Lighthouse | $18 \%$ |
| Shell Factory and Nature | $12 \%$ |
| Park | $8 \%$ |
| Ding Darling National Wildlife | $5 \%$ |
| Refuge | $5 \%$ |
| Bailey-Matthews Shell | $4 \%$ |
| Museum | $3 \%$ |
| Gulf Coast Town Center | $2 \%$ |
| Periwinkle Place | $4 \%$ |
| Broadway Palm Dinner | $5 \%$ |
| Theater |  |
| Manatee Park | Other |
| None/No Answer | $5 \%$ |

Question 29: On this trip, which attractions are you visiting? (Please
mark ALL that apply.)

Most Frequently Visited Attractions


## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Trip Activities

| Day Trips Outside Lee County |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 173 |
| Any Day Trips (net) | $\underline{51 \%}$ |
| Naples | $29 \%$ |
| Everglades | $16 \%$ |
| Key West | $14 \%$ |
| Sarasota | $11 \%$ |
| Other | $11 \%$ |
| $\frac{\text { No day trips }}{\text { No answer }}$ | $\frac{43 \%}{6 \%}$ |

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

Day Trips Outside Lee County


## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Lee County Experience and Future Plans

| Least Liked Features |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Total Respondents | 173 |
| Insects | $29 \%$ |
| Beach seaweed | $26 \%$ |
| Traffic | $24 \%$ |
| Red tide | $13 \%$ |
| Weather | $12 \%$ |
| Lack of nightlife | $7 \%$ |
| High prices | $5 \%$ |
| Quality of accomodations | $4 \%$ |
| Other | $5 \%$ |
| Nothing/no answer | $26 \%$ |



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 | 173 |
| More expensive | $8 \%$ |
| Less expensive | $9 \%$ |
| As expected | $76 \%$ |
| 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 | 173 |
| Satisfied | $\underline{94 \%}$ |
| Very Satisfied | $53 \%$ |
| Satisfied | $41 \%$ |
| Neither | $3 \%$ |
| Dissatisfied/Very Dissatisfied | $<1 \%$ |
| Don't know/no answer | $3 \%$ |

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 | 173 |
| Likely to Recommend Lee County | $89 \%$ |
| Likely to Return to Lee County | $84 \%$ |
| Base: Total Respondents Planning to <br> Return | 146 |
| Likely to Return Next Year | $54 \%$ |

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
LLikely to Return to Lee County

## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Visitor and Travel Party Demographic Profile

| Travel Party |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 173 |
| Couple | $43 \%$ |
| Family | $25 \%$ |
| Group of couples/friends | $10 \%$ |
| Single | $13 \%$ |
| Other | $7 \%$ |
|  |  |
| Mean travel party size | 2.7 |
| Mean adults in travel party | 2.4 |

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 | 173 |
| Traveling with any children (net) | $15 \%$ |
| Any younger than 6 | $6 \%$ |
| Any 6-11 years old | $6 \%$ |
| Any 12-17 years old | $7 \%$ |
| Question 24: How many of those people are: Younger than 6 years old / 6-11 years |  |

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

Travel Party


## Visitor Profile Analysis

## Visitor and Travel Party Demographic Profile

| Visitor Demographic Profile |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Respondents | 173 |
| Vacations per year (mean) | 2.7 |
| Short getaways per year (mean) | 3.9 |
| Age of respondent (mean) | 50.0 |
| Annual household income (mean) | $\$ 91,086$ |
| Marital Status |  |
| Married | $69 \%$ |
| Single | $14 \%$ |
| Other | $15 \%$ |
| Gender of Respondent |  |
| Male | $36 \%$ |
| Female | $61 \%$ |

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

September 2007
(Revised)

Property managers representing 130 properties in Lee County were interviewed for the September Occupancy Survey between October 1 and October 15, 2007, a sample considered accurate to plus or minus 8.6 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 | 120 |  | 120 |
| Responding | Average Occupancy - $\%$ | Average Daily Rate $-\$$ | 120 |
| Hotel/Motel/Resort/B\&B | $42.1 \%$ | $\$ 110.42$ | RevPAR $-\$$ |
| Condo/Cottage/Vacation Home* | $18.8 \%$ | $\$ 147.04$ | $\$ 46.53$ |
| RV Park/Campground | $28.5 \%$ | $\$ 32.15$ | $\$ 27.62$ |
| AVERAGE | $32.7 \%$ | $\$ 100.19$ | $\$ 9.17$ |



## Occupancy Data Analysis

## Room/Unit/Site Nights

|  | Occupied Room Nights | Available Room Nights |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Hotel/Motel/Resort/B\&B | 124,689 | 295,890 |
| Condo/Cottage/Vacation Home* | 29,623 | 157,724 |
| RV Park/Campground | 39,146 | 137,310 |
| Total | 193,458 | 590,924 |

* Includes timeshare rental properties.

Available/Occupied Room Nights


## Occupancy Data Analysis

## Lodging Management Estimates

| Guest Profile |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Property Managers Responding | 112 |
| Purpose of Visit |  |
| Leisure/Vacation | $80 \%$ |
| Conference/meeting | $3 \%$ |
| Business | $17 \%$ |
| Total Property Managers Responding | 113 |
| Average guests per room | 2.4 |
| Total Property Managers Responding | 114 |
| Average length of stay in nights | 5.0 |

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

Purpose of Visit


## Occupancy Data Analysis

## Occupancy Barometer

September 2007 vs. September 2006

|  | Occupancy | Revenue |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total Property Managers Responding | 117 | 111 |
| Better | $34 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Same | $24 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Worse | $42 \%$ | $37 \%$ |

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


## Occupancy Data Analysis

## Occupancy Barometer

| Level of Reservations for Next 3 Months Compared to Last Year |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Property Managers Responding | 117 |
| Up | $31 \%$ |
| Same | $32 \%$ |
| Down | $34 \%$ |

Question 27: Compared to October, November, and December 2006 is your property's total level of reservations up, the same, or down for October, November and December 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 <br> (103 Minimum) | More | Same | Less | N/A |
| U.S. out-of-state | 27\% | 56\% | 14\% | 4\% |
| Floridian | 19\% | 67\% | 11\% | 3\% |
| Canadian | 16\% | 58\% | 18\% | 8\% |
| European | 20\% | 55\% | 18\% | 8\% |

Question 28: Now thinking about the specific origins of your guests, for October, November, and December 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?


## Occupancy Data Analysis

## Occupancy Barometer

| Type of Travelers for Next 3 Months Compared to Last Year |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Property Managers | More | Same | Less | N/A |
| Responding |  |  | $12 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| $(96$ Minimum) | $26 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Leisure/vacation | $10 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Conferences / Meetings | $5 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| Business Purposes | $6 \%$ | $43 \%$ |  |  |
| Tour and travel groups |  |  |  |  |

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

Type of Travelers for Next 3 Months Compared to Last Year



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## Average Expenditures

| Average Expenditures per Person per Day |  |
| :--- | :---: |
|  |  |
| TOTAL | $\$ 124.72$ |
| Shopping | $\$ 35.62$ |
| Food and Beverages | $\$ 31.68$ |
| Lodging and Camping Accom. | $\$ 24.14$ |
| Ground Transportation | $\$ 12.47$ |
| Sports Fees | $\$ 4.68$ |
| Liquor Purchases | $\$ 4.06$ |
| Historic/Cultural Site Admissions | $\$ 2.88$ |
| Other Sightseeing Attractions | $\$ 2.76$ |
| Other Evening Entertainment | $\$ 2.60$ |
| Popular Events Admissions | $\$ 2.24$ |
| Cultural Performance Admissions | $\$ 0.51$ |
| Sweepstakes Tickets | $\$ 0.31$ |
| Gaming | $\$ 0.30$ |
| Licenses/Regist./Permits | $\$ 0.19$ |
| All other | $\$ 0.28$ |

* Per expenditure model

Expenditures per Person per Day


Economic Impact Analysis
Total Visitor Expenditures by Spending Category

|  | TOTAL EXPENDITURES | TOTAL PROPERTIES |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BED-TAX- } \\ & \text { COLLECTING } \\ & \text { PROPERTIES } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Staying in Paid Accommodations |  | Visiting Friends and Relatives / Day Trippers |  | Staying in Paid Accommodations |
| TOTAL | \$169,714,514 | \$74,381,914 | 100\% | \$95,332,600 | 100\% | \$70,127,910 |
| Shopping | \$57,423,622 | \$18,838,141 | 25\% | \$38,585,481 | 40\% | \$17,616,854 |
| Food and Beverages | \$44,595,301 | \$17,773,841 | 24\% | \$26,821,460 | 28\% | \$16,716,003 |
| Lodging Accommodations | \$19,382,725 | \$19,382,725 | 26\% | \$0 | 0\% | \$18,466,607 |
| Ground Transportation | \$17,610,266 | \$6,202,729 | 8\% | \$11,407,537 | 12\% | \$5,839,288 |
| Liquor Purchases | \$6,179,920 | \$2,303,412 | 3\% | \$3,876,508 | 4\% | \$2,102,282 |
| Sport Fees | \$5,881,856 | \$3,222,609 | 4\% | \$2,659,247 | 3\% | \$3,057,124 |
| Historic/Cultural Site Admissions | \$4,379,572 | \$1,488,442 | 2\% | \$2,891,130 | 3\% | \$1,413,761 |
| Other Sightseeing/Attractions | \$4,099,414 | \$1,656,365 | 2\% | \$2,443,049 | 3\% | \$1,607,576 |
| Other Evening Entertainment | \$4,076,543 | \$1,576,476 | 2\% | \$2,500,067 | 3\% | \$1,469,181 |
| Popular Events Admissions | \$3,672,210 | \$1,097,164 | 1\% | \$2,575,046 | 3\% | \$1,044,647 |
| All Other | \$2,413,085 | \$840,010 | 1\% | \$1,573,075 | 2\% | \$794,587 |

## Economic Impact Analysis

## Total Visitor Expenditures by Lodging Type

| Total Expenditures by Lodging Type |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{\text { TOTAL }}{\text { Visiting Friends \& Relatives / }}$ | $\$ 169,714,514$ | $\underline{100 \%}$ |
| Day Trippers <br> Paid Accommodations | $\$ 95,332,600$ | $56 \%$ |
| Hotel/Motel/Resort/B\&B <br> Condo/Cottage/Vacation <br> Home | $\$ 74,381,914$ | $44 \%$ |
| RV Park/Campground | $\$ 15,874,237,226$ | $30 \%$ |



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\section*{Appendix \\ September 2007 \\ (Revised)}

\section*{Interviewing Statistics}
\begin{tabular}{|llcc|}
\hline & \multicolumn{3}{c|}{ Visitor Profile Interviewing Statistics } \\
\hline \multicolumn{1}{|c|}{ City } & \multicolumn{1}{c|}{ Event/Location } & Interviewing Dates & Number of Interviews* \\
\hline Ft. Myers Beach & Pier at Ft. Myers Beach & \(9 / 1 / 2007\) & 16 \\
Ft. Myers & Best Western Resort & \(9 / 2 / 2007\) & 4 \\
Ft. Myers & Edison Ford Estates & \(9 / 10 / 2007\) & 14 \\
Ft. Myers Beach & Best Western Beach Resort & \(9 / 13 / 2007\) & 26 \\
Ft. Myers Beach & Best Western Beach Resort & \(9 / 24 / 2007\) & 27 \\
Ft. Myers & Hilton Garden Inn & \(9 / 25 / 2007\) & 5 \\
Ft. Myers & Lani Kai Beach & \(9 / 25 / 2007\) & 29 \\
Ft. Myers & Edison Ford Estates & \(9 / 27 / 2007\) & 35 \\
Ft. Myers Beach & Best Western Beach Resort & \(9 / 29 / 2007\) & \(\underline{17}\) \\
& & & \(\mathbf{1 7 3}\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
* The sample of surveys was balanced to provide an appropriate representation of interviews across Lee County.

\section*{Interviewing Statistics}

\section*{Occupancy Interviewing Statistics}

Interviews were conducted from October 1 - October 15, 2007. Information was provided by 130 Lee County lodging properties during this time period.
\begin{tabular}{|lc|}
\hline \multicolumn{1}{|c|}{ Lodging Type } & Number of Interviews \\
\hline Hotel/Motel/Resort/B\&B & 76 \\
Condo/Cottage/Vacation Home & 37 \\
RV Park/Campground & 11 \\
Other (Trailer Park, Timeshare, Marina) & \(\underline{6}\) \\
Total & \(\mathbf{1 3 0}\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular}```


[^0]:    -TOTAL
    $\square$ Out-of-State Residents
    -I International Visitors

[^1]:    Question 28: What activities or interests are you enjoying while in

