

Panama City Beach 2012 Visitor Profile

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Report to Panama City Beach TDC

- Analysis of STR data from 13 hotels 1,943 rooms
- Results from the 2012 Visitor Profile Research
- Economic Impact and Visitation Estimates
- Winter Resident Focus Groups

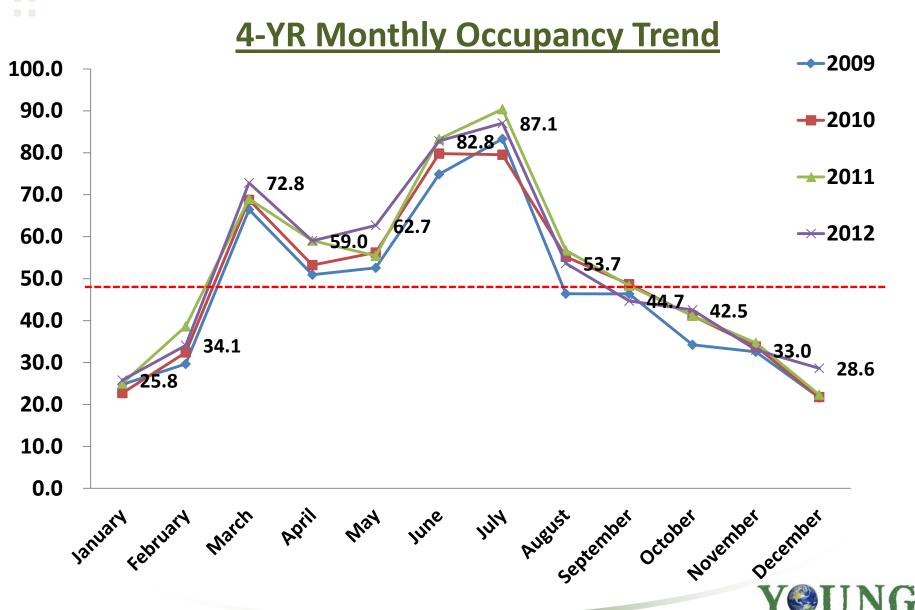


Smith Travel Research Data

- Establishes a baseline visitation trend
- 13 hotels in Panama City Beach
- 1,943 Rooms out of 4,900 in PCB
- 7 year Trend Analysis

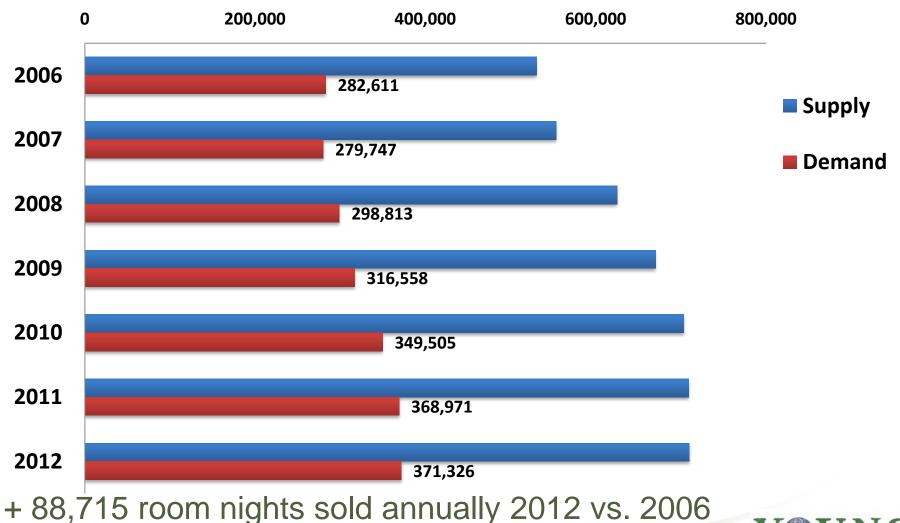


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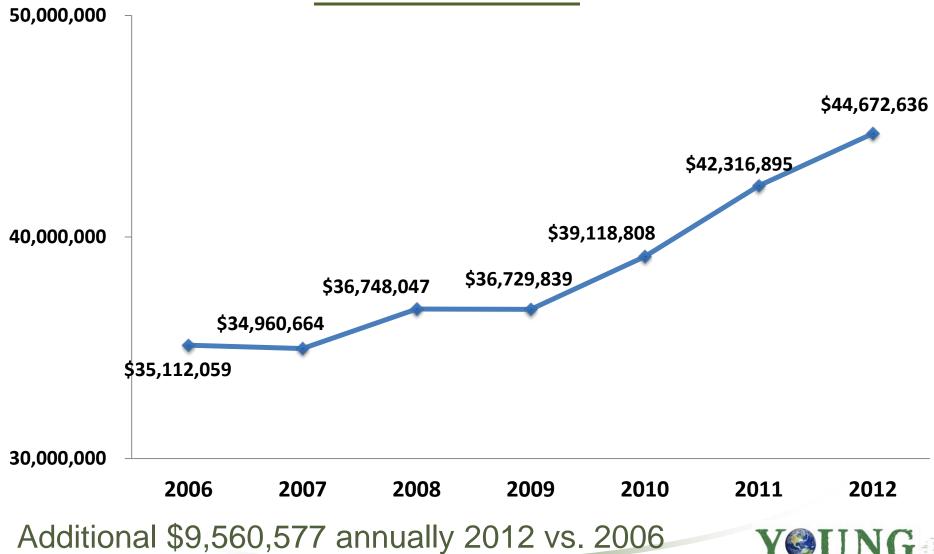
7-YR Trend Supply-Demand





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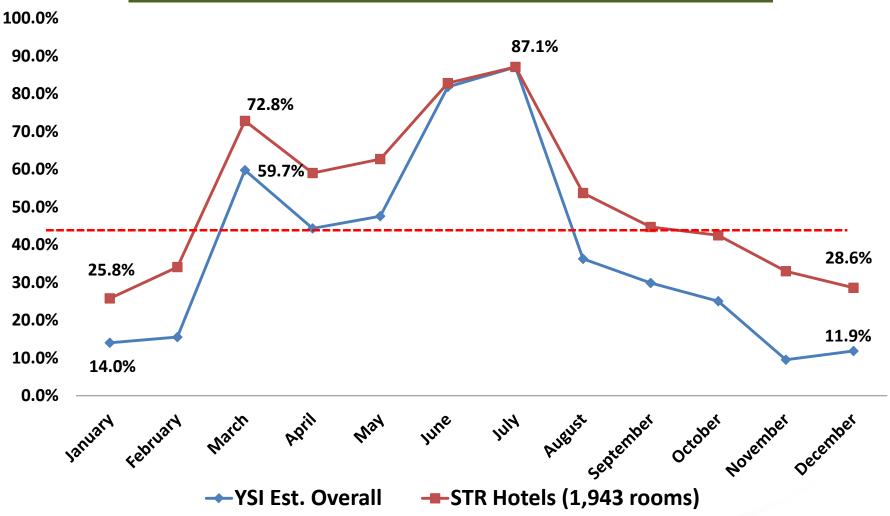


PCB 2012 Visitor Survey

- Online survey deployed March December, 2012
- <u>Visitor</u> emails collected at various lodging properties, restaurants, attractions throughout PCB.
- Intercept surveys to balance the data.
- 2,903 total survey respondents
- 2,036 respondents that visited in 2012

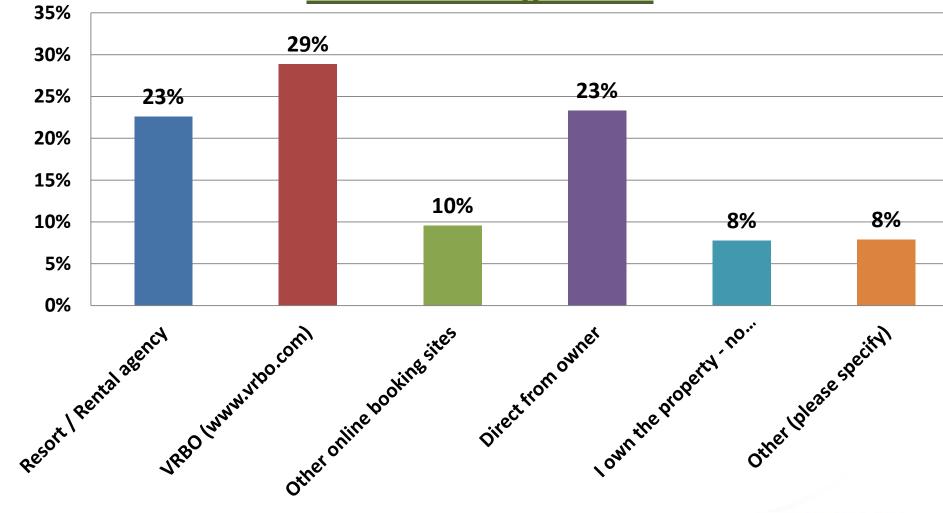


2012 PCB Estimated Occupancy by Month



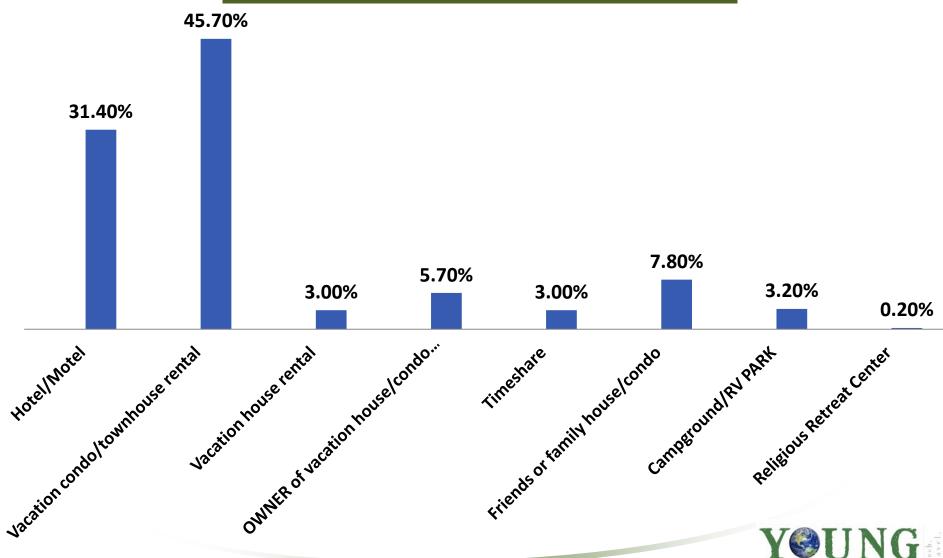


Rental Booking Source

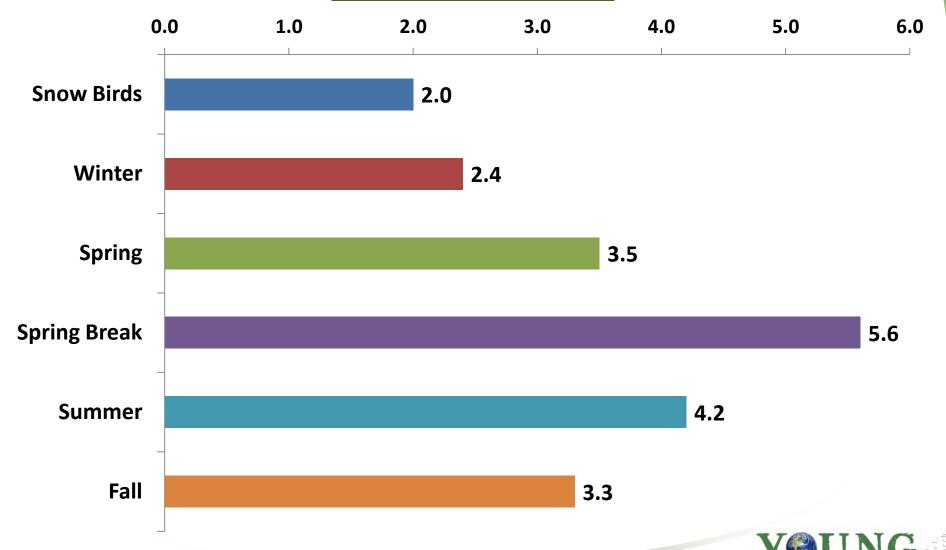




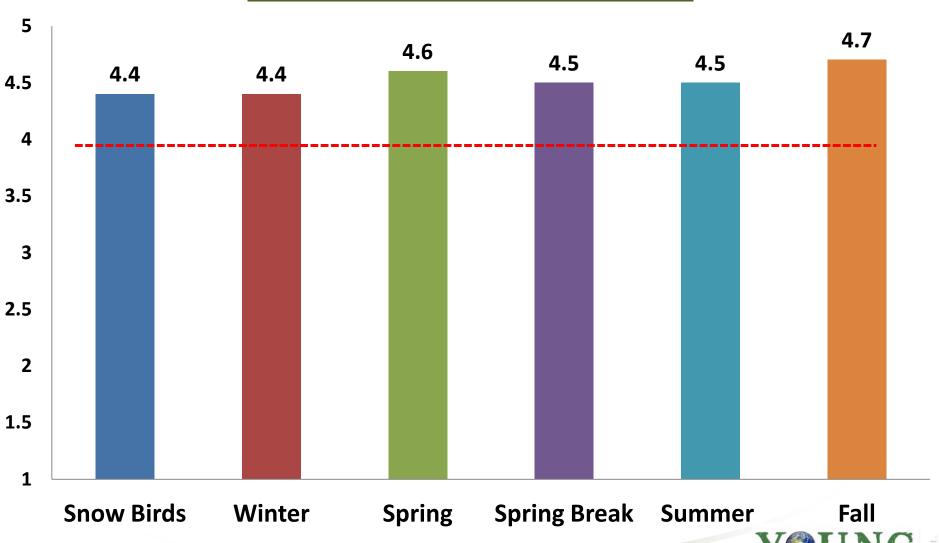




Average Party Size



Average Rating of PCB Experience

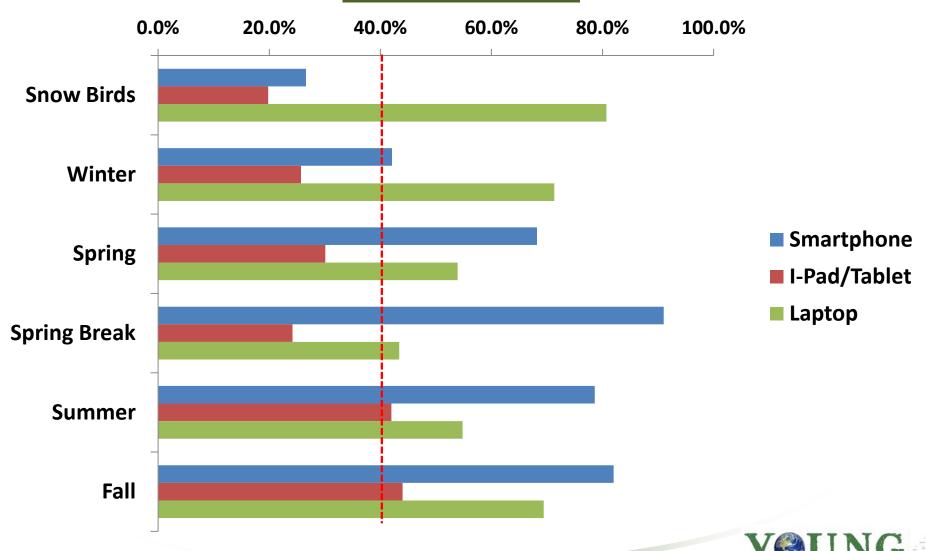


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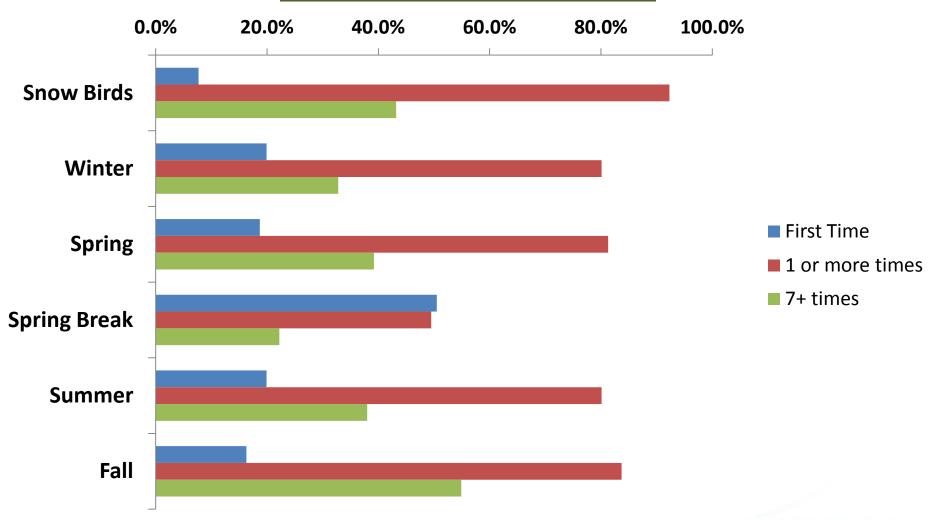






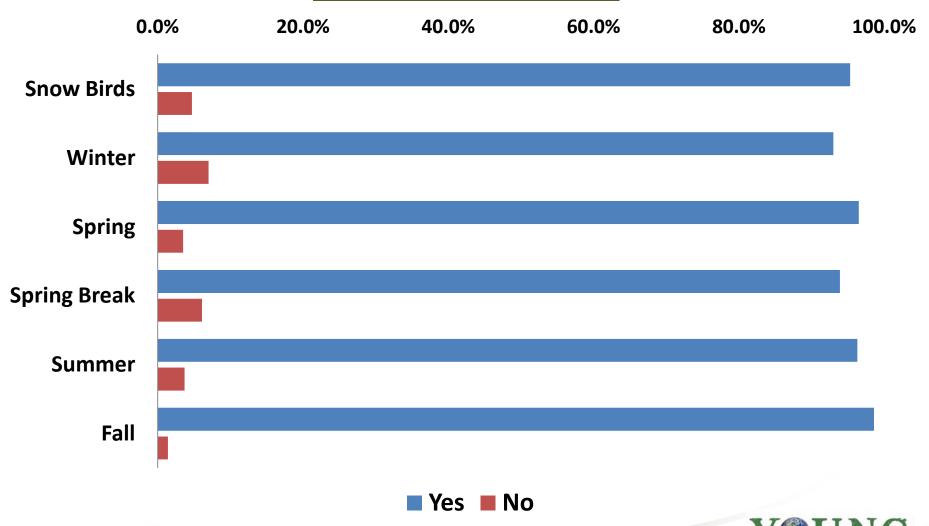


Repeat Visitation to PCB

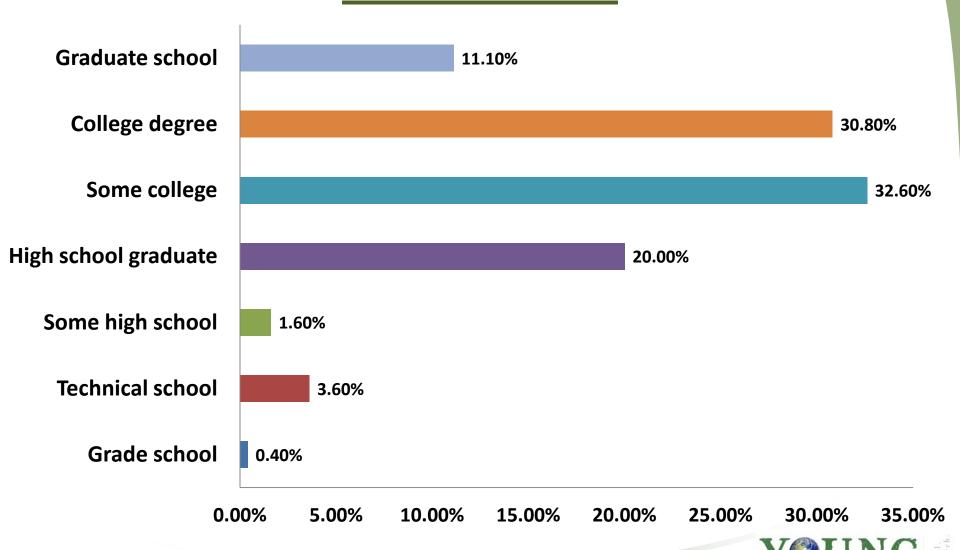




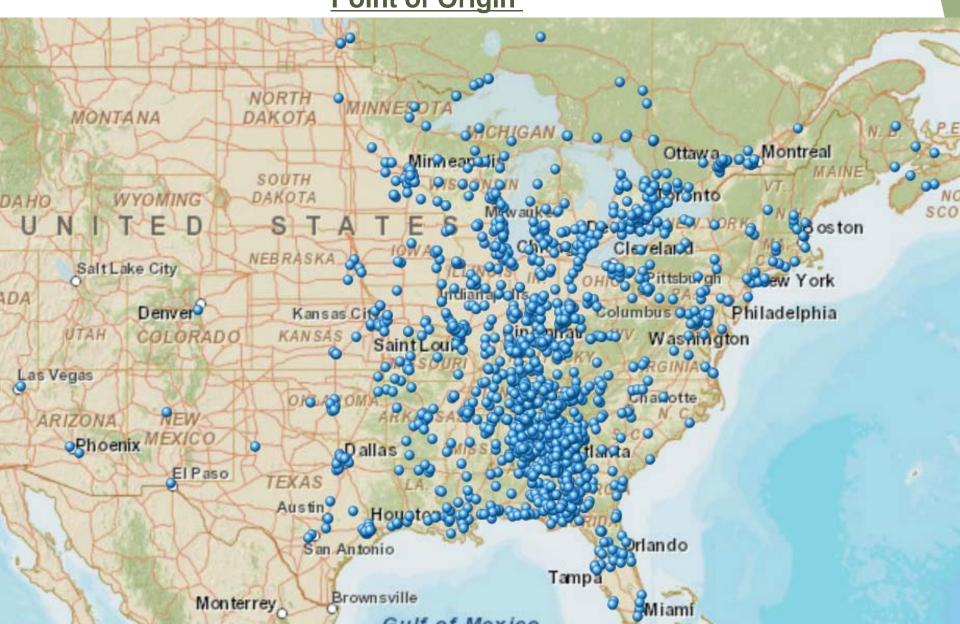
Planning to Return?



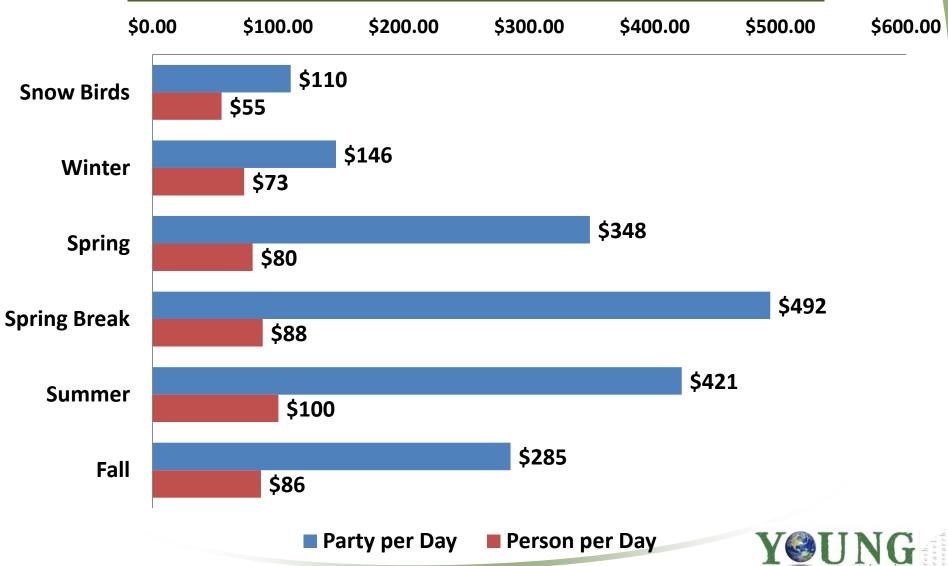
2012 PCB Visitor Profile Education Level



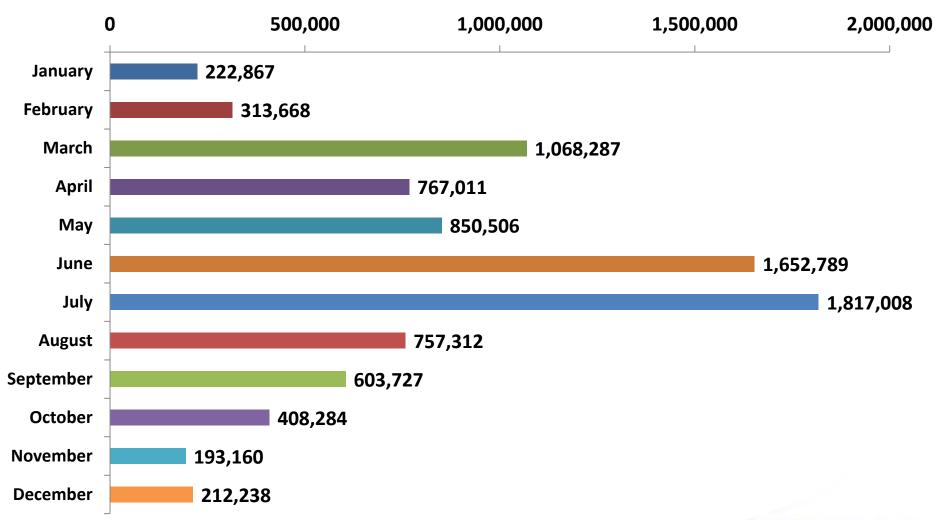
Point of Origin



PCB Spending Per Party & Per Person in Paid Lodging

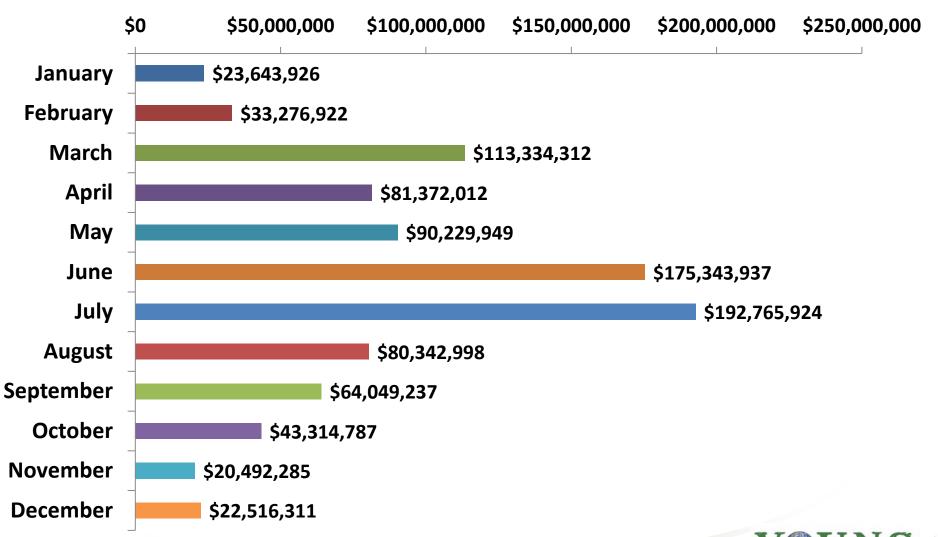


2012 PCB Visitor Person Nights





Total Spending



Economic Impact and Visitation Estimates

Process:

- **1. Tourist Dev. Tax** 2012 tax revenue reports as submitted by the tax office.
- 2. Gross Lodging Revenue calculated gross lodging revenue based on the tax (this would not include non-taxed lodging...gov't, etc.)
- **3. Total Visitor Spending** calculated based on visitor surveys that showed lodging expense was 31.2% of the typical travel party spend,
- **4. Person days/nights** calculated as gross lodging revenue divided by the average daily lodging expense per person (\$33.10)
- **5.** Rental (lodging parties) Travel Parties calculated as the number of person days divided by 4.0 which is the average number of lodgers in lodging parties.
- **6. Lodging Supply** assumed a monthly inventory of 16,000 rentable units multiplied by the days in the month
- 7. Monthly Occupancy Percent of occupied rentable units



2012 PCB Impact - Taxed Lodging

Based on visitors who stayed in taxed overnight lodging	
2012 Tourist Development Tax Revenue	\$14,674,649
Total Taxed Lodging Revenue	\$293,492,971
Lodging as a Percentage of Total Visitor Spending	31.2%
Total Visitor Spending (from those in taxed lodging)	\$940,682,598
Average Daily Spending Per Person	\$106.09
Visitor Days/Nights	8,866,857
Visitor Travel Parties	2,216,714
Overall Annual Occupancy	38.5%

2012 PCB Impact – Owner Use

Based on owners & friends/family who did NOT PAY for overnight lodging	
Condo / Home / Townhome Inventory (est.)	16,150
Total Annual Inventory (condo, home townhome X 365)	5,894,750
Estimated Occupancy Rate (owners, friends, family)	6.75%
Estimate Occupied nights (owners, friends, family)	398,905
Typical Travel Party Size (owners, friends, family)	5
Visitor Days/Nights	1,994,525
Average Daily Spending Per Person (2012 Visitor profile)	\$58.11
Total 2012 Spending by Owners, Family & Friends (est.)	\$115,901,848

2012 PCB Impact – Totals

Paid and non-paid lodging	
Visitor Days/Nights	10,861,382
Travel Parties	2,615,619
Total Visitor Spending	\$1,056,584,446

Does not include:

- Day-trip
- Visitors staying with year-round residents



Winter Resident Focus Groups

- Monday, February 25, 2013
- Two groups, eight winter residents each
- Two hour discussion session with surveys



2012/13 Winter Resident

- Consider themselves residents, not visitors. PCB is their winter home.
- Affordability of PCB compared to other FL beaches is the key!
- Higher prices are not worth warmer weather to the south.
- Two bedroom condos most popular (guest room for visitors).
- The term "senior" does not apply. These are active mature adults having fun in PCB. It's a party.
- Active lifestyle = involvement in the community (volunteerism).
- A typical day:
 - Breakfast at home
 - Active morning walking on the beach or golfing
 - Lunch with a group of friends
 - Nap
 - Early dinner with friends.



2012/13 Winter Resident

- PCB needs to have an aggressive recycling program. It is a big issue for the retirees.
- Need sidewalks and bike paths along Front Beach Road.
- Donut Days is much appreciated but overcrowded.
- Dancing and social activities are preferred. Rock and roll!
- Night-time driving is limited after 70, late afternoon activities are preferred, consider afternoon rock concerts.
- <u>Senior prom is appreciated</u> but "prom" connotes formal. Consider a monthly late afternoon/ early evening rock concert dance November through February – Homecoming Dance.



2012/13 Winter Resident

- Health insurance for Canadians in the U.S. is expensive, many return to Canada during their visit to cut insurance costs.
- Investigate seasonal air service (November March) between PCB and Detroit and/or Buffalo. Also more Canadians would visit snow-birds throughout the winter.
- PCB newspaper better content of local events & happenings.
- Snow-birds don't mind Spring Break. They enjoy the kids.
 They dislike that PCB forgets snow-birds March 1st.
- Target young retirees for first-time winter visits that will become an annual habit. Internet and newspapers are best advertising placements. Chatelaine is a popular magazine for Canadian women.
- Barrie and Richard are beloved and are appreciated as concierge-style coordinators.

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