## FAST FACTS 2004 North Carolina Visitor & Trip Profile

North Carolina's Top States of Visitor Origin in 2004

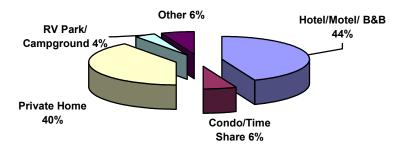
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NC	36%	FL	4%	OH	3%
SC	11%	NY	4%	MD	3%
VA	11%	PA	4%	NJ	3%
GA	7%	TN	3%	TX	2%

Visitor Activities In North Carolina

Shopping	24%	City/Urban Sightseeing	6%		
Social/Family event	20%	Nightlife/Dancing	3%		
Beach Activities	12%	Zoo/Aquarium/Science Museum	3%		
Rural Sightseeing	9%	Attending Sporting Event	3%		
Outdoor Activities	9%	Water Sports/Boating	3%		
Historical Places/Museums	7%	Golf	3%		
National/State Parks	6%	Theme/Amusement Park	2%		

- The average number of activities a visitor participated in while visiting North Carolina was 2.3.
- Approximately 83.7% of overnight visitors to North Carolina reported that they were visiting for leisure purposes.
   Business travelers accounted for 16.3% of overnight visitors in 2004.
- The pursuit of the following activities increased over 5% from 2003 to 2004: gambling, golf, social events, outdoor activities, and performing arts.

## **Lodging Choices of NC Overnight Visitors**

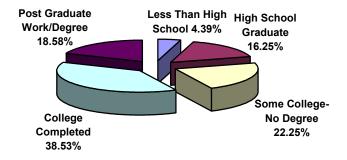


- o Eight-five percent of all travelers came by auto to North Carolina. Ten percent came by plane.
- The average party size of a 2004 NC visitor was 2.2 persons. Approximately 27% of parties included children in their visits to North Carolina, while 73% did not. For those parties with children, the average number of children per party was 1.8.

## 2004 Trip Duration

United States 3.2 nights NC Portion 2.2 nights

## **Education Level of NC Visitors**



- Seventy-four percent of 2004 NC visitors are married, 14% have never been married and 12% are divorced, widowed or separated.
- o The average age of the 2004 NC visitor is 46 years.
- o The average household income of a 2004 NC visitor is over \$70,000.
- o Fifteen percent of NC visitors in 2004 are retired.

Source: TravelScope, Travel Industry Association, 2005