# October 2015 Monthly Lodging Report (Smith Travel Research)

### **Statewide**

- Hotel/motel occupancy decreased 0.9% statewide in October 2015 from October 2014.
  - US occupancy increased 1.6% in October 2015 from October 2014.
  - South Atlantic states occupancy increased 1.6% in October 2015 from October 2014.
- October 2015 room rates (ADR) in North Carolina were up 5.6%. .
  - **Room rates** in the US increased 4.8% from October 2014.
  - **Room rates** in the South Atlantic states increased 4.6% from October 2014.
- Statewide, **RevPAR** was up 4.7% from October of 2014.
  - US **RevPAR** increased 6.5% from October 2014.
  - South Atlantic **RevPAR** increased 6.4% from October 2014.  $\cap$
- **Room Supply** increased by 1.4% in the state from October 2014 to October 2015.
  - US room supply increased 1.3% in October 2015
  - South Atlantic room supply was up 1.1% from October 2014 to October 2015. 0
- **Room Demand** increased 0.5% in the state from October 2014 to October 2015.
  - Room demand in the US increased 2.9% in October 2015 from October 2014. 0
  - 0 Room demand in the South Atlantic increased 2.8% in October 2015 from October 2014.
- North Carolina room revenues increased 6.1% in October 2015.
  - **Room revenues** in the US increased 7.9% from October 2014 to October 2015.
  - **Room revenues** in the South Atlantic increased 7.6% from October 2014 to October 2015.  $\circ$

## Regional

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- Two of the eight prosperity zones of the state showed increases in occupancy rates for October 2015 from October 2014.
  - Western Region -2.1% 0
- Piedmont Triad Region +2.1%
- Northeast Region -3.9% 0

- Northwest Region -0.7% 0 0
- $\circ$  North Central Region +0.3%
- Southeast Region -3.5% 0

- Southwest Region -0.9%
- Sandhills Region -0.6%
- Each of the eight zones experienced increased ADR in October 2015 from October 2014. ADR in the Western Region • had the largest increase (+8.7%) from last October, followed by the North Central and Piedmont Triad regions.
  - Western Region +8.7%
- Piedmont Triad Region +6.4%
- Northeast Region +2.1% 0
- Northwest Region +5.4%  $\circ$  North Central Region +6.5% Southeast Region +1.6% 0
- Southwest Region +5.3% ○ Sandhills Region +1.5% 0
- **RevPAR** was up in six of the eight prosperity zones of the state for October 2015 from October 2014. The Piedmont • Triad Region had more than eight percent growth in RevPAR from last October.
  - Western Region +6.5% ○ Piedmont Triad Region +8.6% Northeast Region -1.9% 0 0 Northwest Region +4.6% ○ North Central Region +6.8% Southeast Region -1.9% 0 0
    - Southwest Region +4.3%  $\circ$  Sandhills Region +0.9%
- **Room Supply** was up in six of the eight of the prosperity zones of the state for October 2015 from October 2014, particularly the North Central and Southeast regions.
  - Western Region +1.8% ○ Piedmont Triad Region +0.8% Northeast Region 0.0% 0 0 Northwest Region +1.3%  $\circ$  North Central Region +3.2% Southeast Region +3.1% 0 0 Southwest Region +0.2% ○ Sandhills Region -0.3% 0
- Room Demand was up in three of the prosperity zones of the state for October 2015 from 2014. The North Central • Region led the state with more than three percent demand growth.
  - Western Region -0.4% • Piedmont Triad Region +2.9% Northeast Region -3.9% 0 0 Northwest Region +0.6% • North Central Region +3.5% Southeast Region -0.5% 0 0 0
    - Southwest Region -0.8% • Sandhills Region -0.9%
- Room Revenues were up in seven of the prosperity zones of the state for October 2015 from 2014. The North Central • Region experienced double-digit revenue growth from last October.
  - 0 Western Region +8.3% • Piedmont Triad Region +9.5% Northeast Region -1.9% 0
  - Northwest Region +6.0%  $\circ$  North Central Region +10.2% 0 0 0
    - Southwest Region +4.5% ○ Sandhills Region +0.6%
- Southeast Region +1.1%

#### Year-To-Date (through October 2015) Lodging Report **Statewide & Competitive State Comparison**

- Hotel/motel occupancy is up 2.5% statewide YTD (through October) 2015.
  - The US occupancy is up 1.9% in 2015 from 2014. 0
  - The South Atlantic states occupancy is up 2.7% in 2015 from 2014. 0
- YTD room rates (ADR) in North Carolina are up 4.6%.
  - The US **ADR** is up 4.7% in 2015 from 2014. 0
  - The South Atlantic states **ADR** is up 5.2% in 2015 from 2014. 0
- Statewide, **RevPAR** is up 7.2% year-to-date.
  - Nationally, **RevPAR** is also up 6.7% in 2015 from 2014.
  - The South Atlantic states **RevPAR** is up 8.0% in 2015 from 2014. 0
- **Room Supply** is up 0.6% in the state year-to-date.
  - Nationally, **room supply** is also up 1.1% in 2015 from 2014.
  - The South Atlantic states **room supply** is up 0.9% in 2015 from 2014. 0
- Room Demand is up 3.1% in the state year-to-date.
  - Nationally, room demand is also up 3.0% in 2015 from 2014. 0
  - The South Atlantic states room demand is up 3.6% in 2015 from 2014. 0
- North Carolina room revenues are up 7.9% year-to date.
  - Nationally, **room revenues** are also up 7.8% in 2015 from 2014.
  - The South Atlantic states room revenues are up 8.9% in 2015 from 2014.

#### Regional

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- **Occupancy** in each of the eight prosperity zones of the state is up year-to-date (through October).
- Western Region +5.4% ○ Piedmont Triad Region +1.8% 0
  - Northwest Region +2.7%  $\circ$  North Central Region +1.8%
- Northeast Region +3.8% 0 Southeast Region +0.4% 0

- 0 Southwest Region +2.9% 0
- Sandhills Region +1.7%
- **ADR** in seven of the eight prosperity zones is up year-to-date through October. The decrease in the Sandhills Region can likely be attributed to high rates during the US Opens in June 2014.
  - Piedmont Triad Region +4.2% Western Region +6.9% 0 Northeast Region +4.4% 0
  - Northwest Region +3.4%  $\circ$  North Central Region +5.2% 0 Southeast Region +2.0% 0
    - Southwest Region +5.3% • Sandhills Region -0.6% 0
- **RevPAR** is up year-to-date in each of the eight prosperity zones of the state. The Western Region has double-digit growth year-to-date.
  - Western Region +12.7% ○ Piedmont Triad Region +6.1% 0 0 Northeast Region +8.3% Northwest Region +6.2% • North Central Region +7.1% Southeast Region +2.4% 0 0
    - Southwest Region +8.3% ○ Sandhills Region +1.1%
- **Room Supply** is up in five of the prosperity zones year-to-date through October. In particular, room supply in the Southeast, Northwest and North Central regions is up two or nearly two percent from year-to-date 2014.
  - Western Region -0.8%  $\circ$  Piedmont Triad Region +0.2% Northeast Region 0.0% 0 0
  - Northwest Region +1.8%  $\circ$  North Central Region +1.9% Southeast Region +2.0% 0 0
  - Southwest Region +0.2% ○ Sandhills Region -0.5% 0
- Room Demand is up each of the prosperity zones of the state year-to-date through October.
  - Western Region +4.6%  $\circ$  Piedmont Triad Region +2.1% Northeast Region +3.8% 0 0 Northwest Region +4.5%  $\circ$  North Central Region +3.8% Southeast Region +2.3% 0
  - 0 Southwest Region +3.1% ○ Sandhills Region +1.1% 0
- Room Revenues are up in each of the prosperity zones year-to-date through October. Revenues in Western Region are up nearly twelve percent.
  - Western Region +11.9% ○ Piedmont Triad Region +6.3% Northeast Region +8.3% 0
  - Northwest Region +8.1%  $\circ$  North Central Region +9.1% Southeast Region +4.4% 0 0 0
    - Southwest Region +8.5% ○ Sandhills Region +0.5%

## North Carolina Prosperity Zones

Western Region -	Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania
Northwest Region -	Alleghany, Ashe, Alexander, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, McDowell, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, Yancey
Southwest -	Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly, Union
Piedmont-Triad (Central) -	Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Yadkin
North Central -	Chatham, Durham, Edgecombe, Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Nash, Orange, Person, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wilson
Sandhills (South Central) -	Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland
Northeast -	Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, , Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington
Southeast -	Brunswick, Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Wayne