

VCLT Municipal Short Term Rentals Retreat, November 2025

Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing

Economic Impact of Visitation to Vermont (2024)

16.0M

Visitors

\$4.2B

Visitor Spending

9.0%

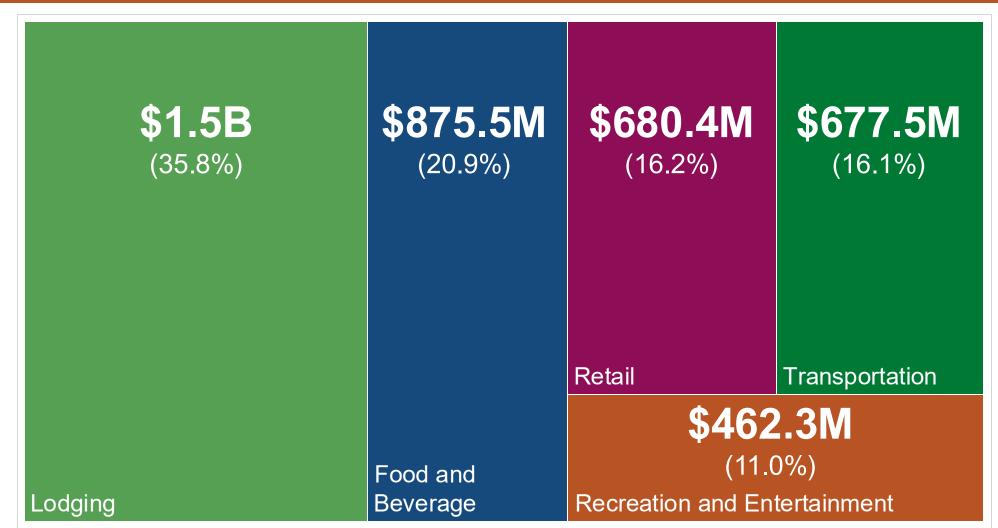
State GDP

31,780

Jobs

\$293.5M

Direct Tax Revenue





Volume of Visitors to Vermont (2024)







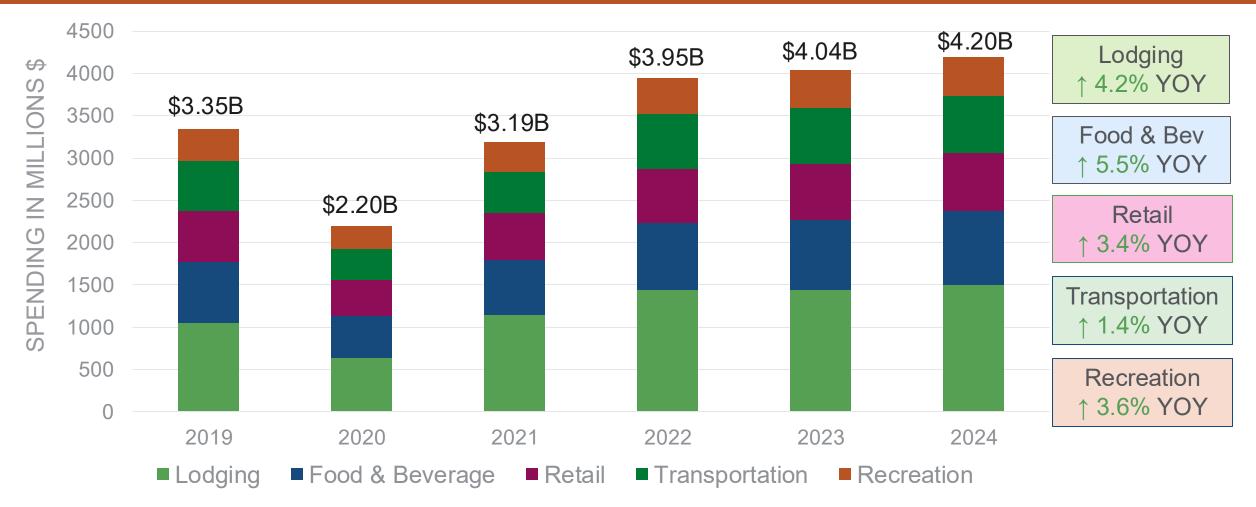
Vermont Visitor Spending by Segment (2024)







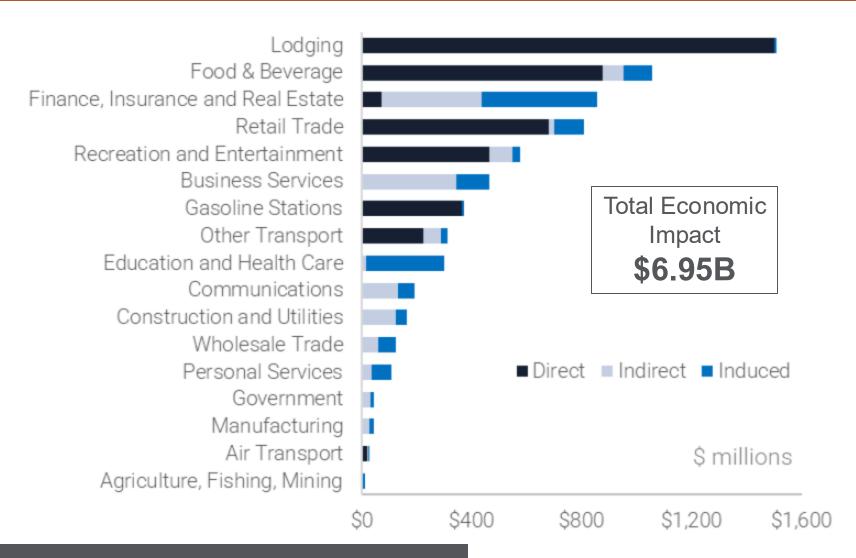
Vermont Visitor Spending by Sector (2024)







Total Visitor-Supported Business Sales by Industry (2024)



DIRECT: \$4.20B

Direct visitor purchases in retail, lodging, transportation, entertainment, and dining

INDIRECT: \$1.38B

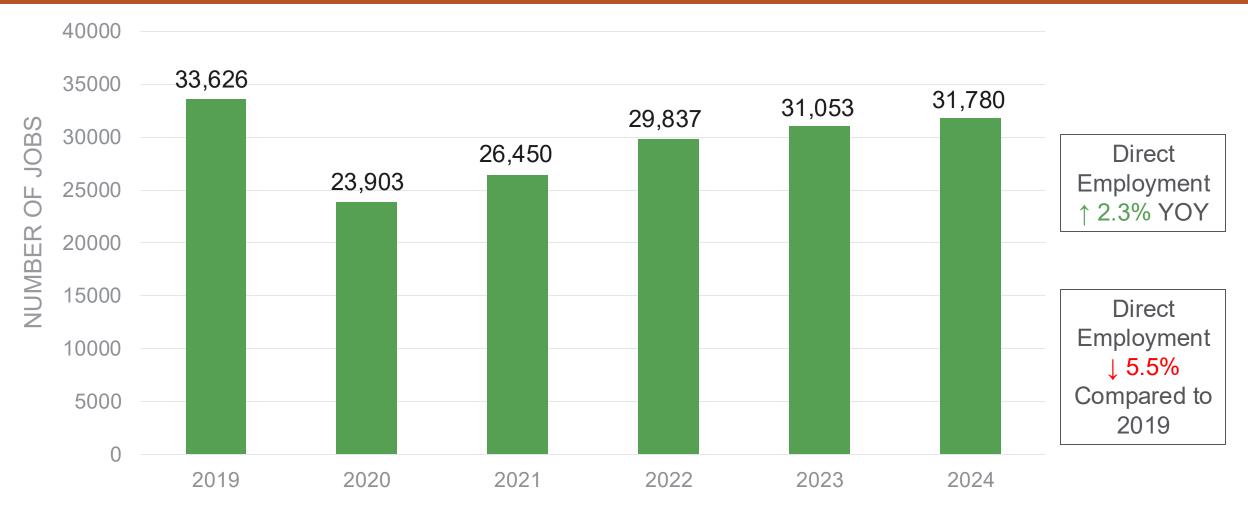
Tourism businesses purchase goods and services creating supply chain effects

INDUCED: \$1.37B

Employees spend wages generated by visitor activity in the local economy

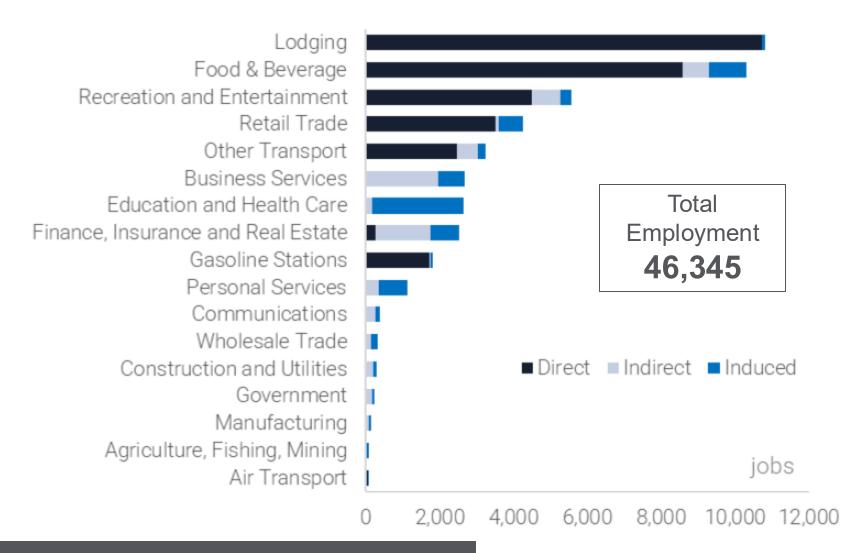


Visitor-Supported Employment in Vermont (2024)





Total Visitor-Supported Employment by Industry (2024)



DIRECT: 31,780

Direct visitor purchases in retail, lodging, transportation, entertainment, and dining

INDIRECT: 7,058

Tourism businesses purchase goods and services creating supply chain effects

INDUCED: 7,507

Employees spend wages generated by visitor activity in the local economy



Tax Impacts of Visitation (2024)

\$ millions	Indirect /			
Ψ ITIIIIOTIS	Direct	Induced	Total	
Total Tax Revenues	\$628.9	\$254.8	\$883.8	
State and Local	\$293.5	\$59.2	\$352.7	
Sales	\$101.5	\$15.8	\$117.3	
Rooms and Meals	\$119.9	\$5.8	\$125.7	
Personal Income	\$37.0	\$22.1	\$59.1	
Corporate	\$14.6	\$11.2	\$25.8	
Excise and Fees	\$20.5	\$4.3	\$24.8	
Federal	\$335.4	\$195.6	\$531.0	

Tax Savings per
Vermont Household
(Direct State and Local
Taxes Paid by Visitors)
\$1,089



County Level Economic Impact of Visitation (2024)

County	Direct Visitor Spending (\$M) + YOY Change	Share of State Spending	Employment	Share of County Employment	Direct State and Local Taxes (\$M)
Addison	\$147.3 († 4.1%)	3.5%	1,150	4.5%	\$10.3
Bennington	\$299.7 († 2.7%)	7.1%	2,206	8.6%	\$20.4
Caledonia	\$109.3 († 7.7%)	2.6%	830	4.6%	\$7.5
Chittenden	\$1,027.5 († 2.5%)	<mark>24.5%</mark>	7,942	5.5%	\$73.1
Essex	\$11.7 († 11.6%)	0.3%	84	4.0%	\$0.8
Franklin	\$100.4 († 12.2%)	2.4%	804	3.1%	\$7.1
Grand Isle	\$38.1 († 18.4%)	0.9%	291	8.2%	\$2.7
Lamoille	\$612.0 († 6.1%)	14.6%	4,281	22.3%	\$43.1
Orange	\$59.4 († 2.7%)	1.4%	488	3.3%	\$4.1
Orleans	\$133.9 († 6.7%)	3.2%	1,112	6.6%	\$9.4
Rutland	\$462.5 († 2.1%)	11.0%	3,457	9.5%	\$31.4
Washington	\$314.8 († 3.1%)	7.5%	2,460	5.2%	\$22.2
Windham	\$394.8 († 2.5%)	9.4%	3,106	9.6%	\$27.5
Windsor	\$484.9 († 3.2%)	11.6%	3,569	9.8%	\$34.0

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Vermont Poll 2025: Resident Sentiment



78.1% Strongly agree



55.4% Strongly agree

94.4%
Strongly or somewhat strongly agree

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Unsure
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

84.9%
Strongly or somewhat strongly agree

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Unsure
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

*Source: UVM Center for Rural Studies 2025 Vermonter Poll





downs & st. germain

Vermont Visitor Survey

Surveys conducted by Downs & St. Germain Research

- Intercept Surveys at 80+ locations statewide
- Online Surveys via QR code (postcards, posters and table tents are available to help reach visitors)
- Social Media ads

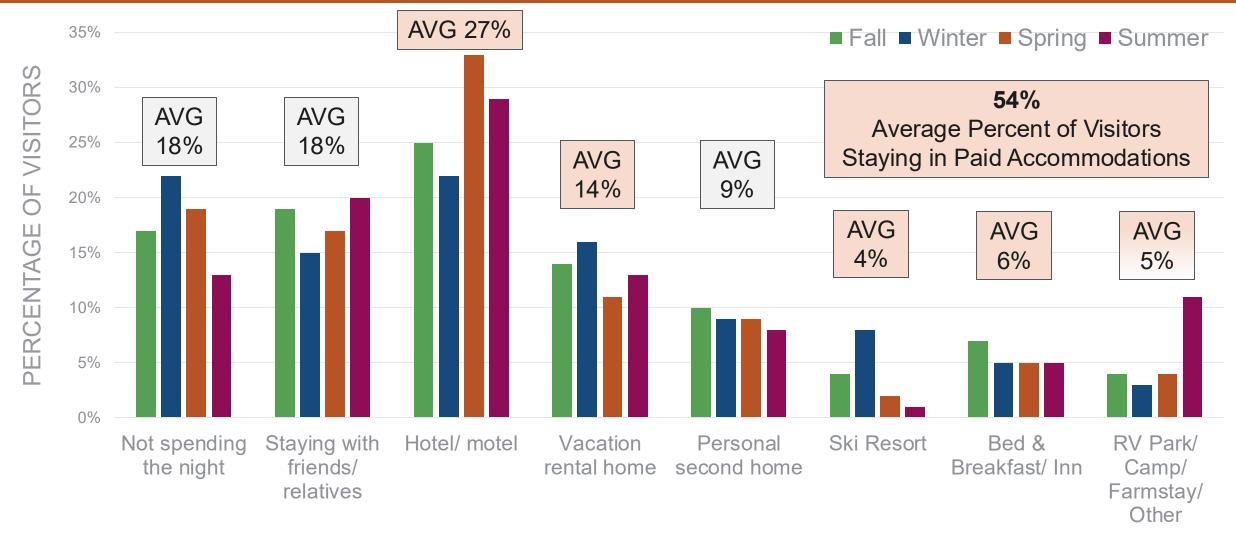
Surveys conducted from October 2024 through October 2025

- Pre-Visit Questions: Planning window; sources of information; reasons for visiting; other destinations considered; exposure to advertising
- Traveler Profile Questions: visitor origin; travel party, demographics; previous visit history; trip inspiration
- Trip Experience Questions: transportation; length of stay; accommodations; activities, regions, attractions, and other states visited; visitor spending

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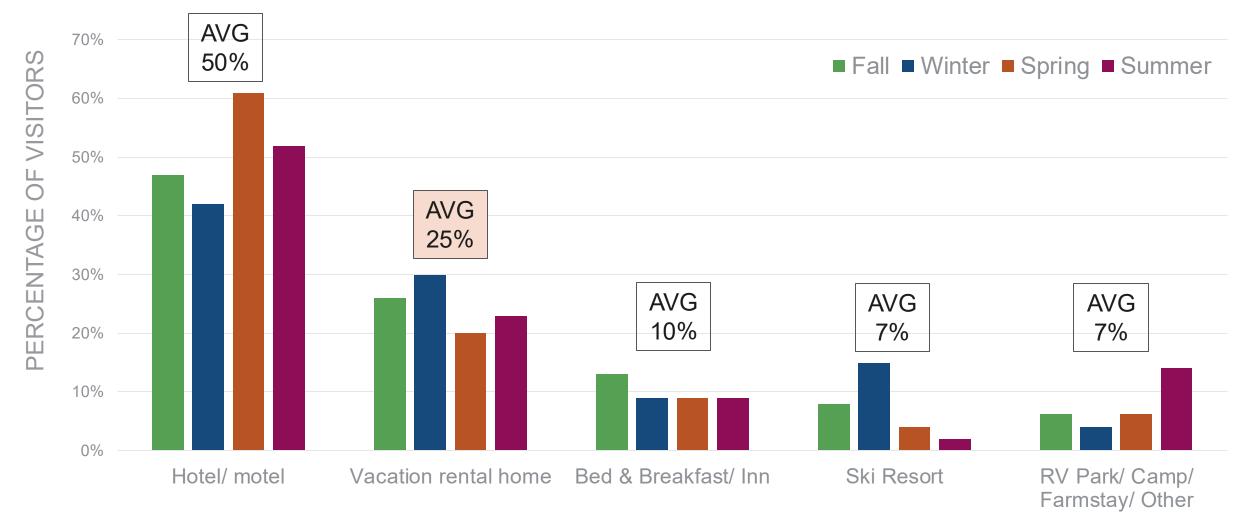
Post-Trip Evaluation: satisfaction; likelihood to return; perceptions; improvements

Accommodation Preferences by Season (2025)



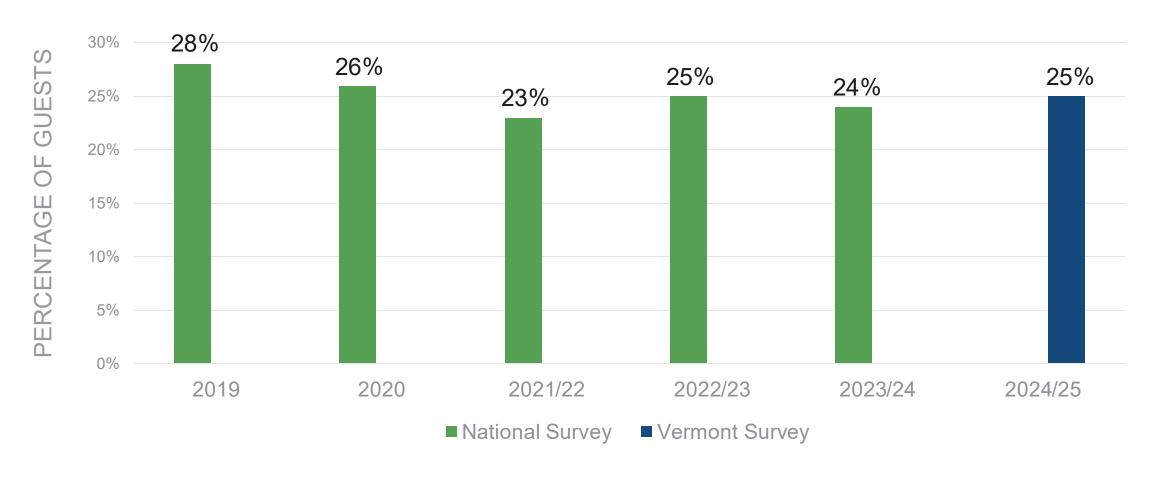


Paid Accommodation Preferences by Season (2025)





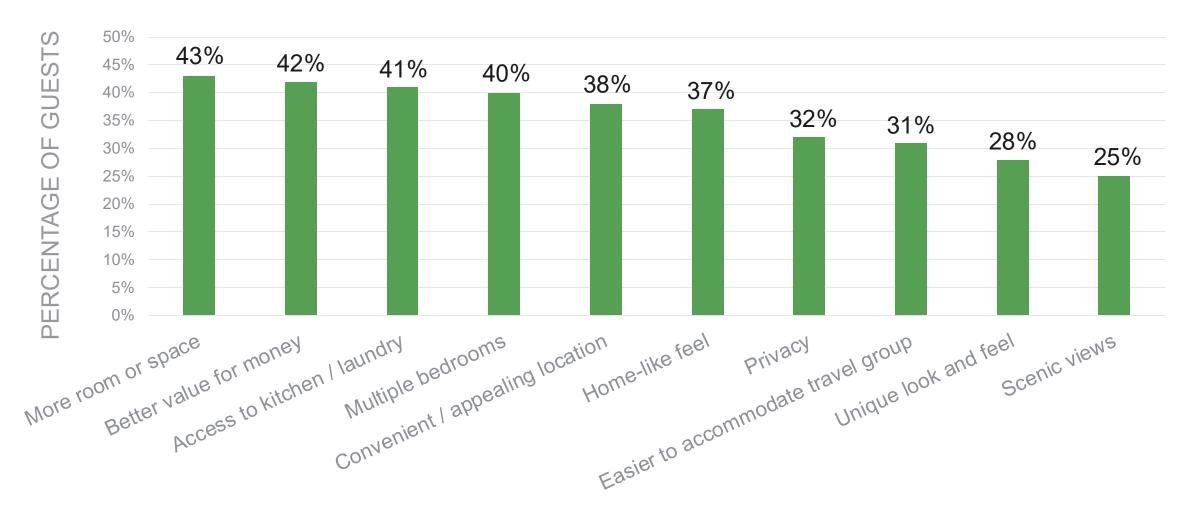
Vacation Rental Usage Among Leisure Travelers







Top Reasons Why Guests Choose Vacation Rentals





Geographic Distribution of Lodging Capacity

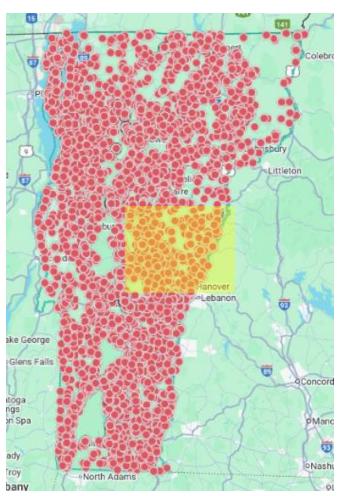
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VACATION RENTALS



Individual
Airbnb
listings



<20 rooms

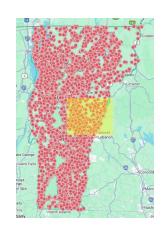
20-50 rooms

50-100 rooms

100-200 rooms

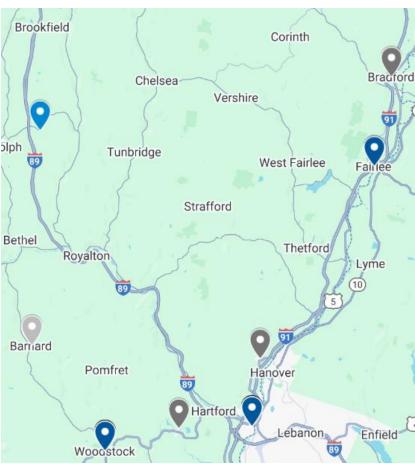
200+ rooms

Geographic Distribution of Lodging Capacity

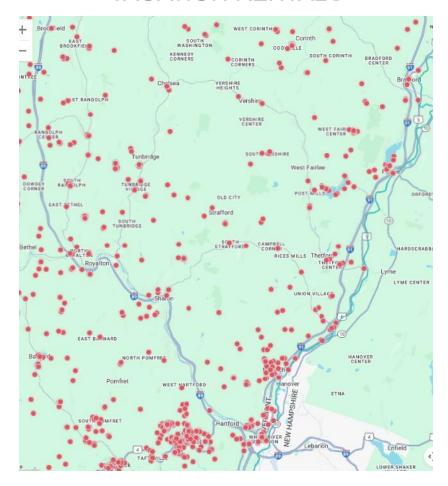


"Nearly 60 percent of Vermont's census tracts are home to Airbnb listings ... but no hotels"

HOTELS



VACATION RENTALS





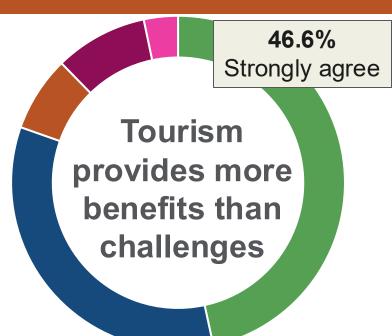


Total Spending per Travel Group (2025)





Vermont Poll 2025: Resident Sentiment



34.4% Strongly agree

Quality of life in my local area is positively impacted by tourism

44.7% Strongly agree Increased

Increased
tourism would
have a beneficial
impact on
my local
community

80.4%
Strongly or somewhat strongly agree

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Unsure
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

72.6%
Strongly or somewhat strongly agree

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Unsure
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

77.5%
Strongly or somewhat strongly agree

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Unsure
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

