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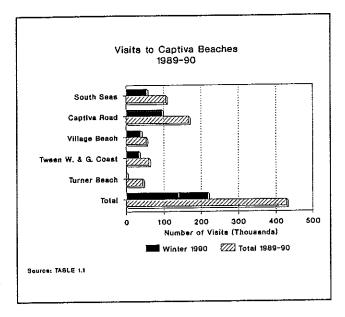
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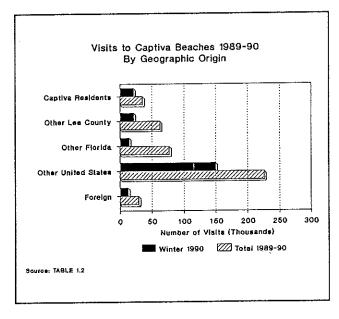
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#### Highlights

1. During 1989-90, there were a total of 428,400 visits made to Captiva's beaches. The number of visits to the public beaches would have been even higher except that Turner Beach was closed during the Winter months to facilitate construction of the new Blind Pass bridge.

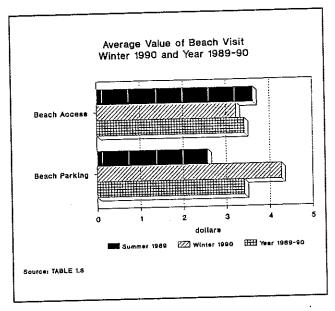


2. The vast majority of Captiva beach visits are not resident of the island (91.9 percent). The greatest use of the beach is made by out of state visitors, but there are also many visits from residents of other parts of Lee County. Florida visitors to Captiva's beaches comes from all around the state, with the



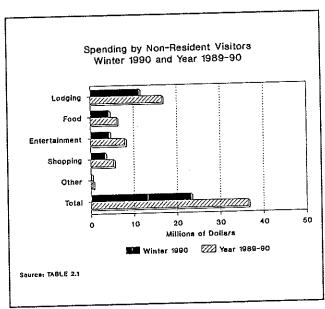
largest group coming from Southeast Florida, and a little more coming from East Central than from West Central Florida. About 40 percent of the out of state beach visits were made by residents of the Northeast United States, and a similar number were made by Midwest visitors.

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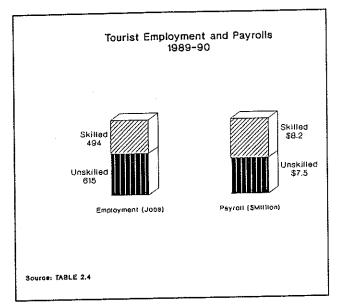


\$3.41, or about \$1.00 for each hour they spent on the beach. Almost 87 per cent believed that the local County government pay to maintain Captiva's beaches.

4. During 1989-90, non-residents visited Captiva's beaches a total of 393,742 times. They spent over \$36 million on the island during their stay (TABLE 2.1). About 46 percent of these expenditures were for lodging, with the rest for food, dining and entertainment.

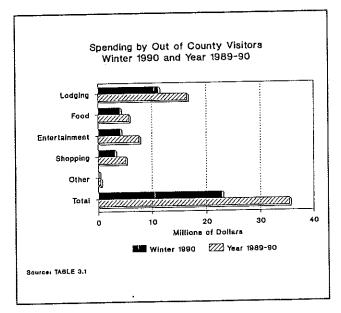


The \$36.3 million spent by 5. non-resident beach users on results in Captiva directly payrolls. \$15.8 million in communities most Although experience some ripple effect of these expenditures, the nature of Captiva's economy make the insignificant. effect ripple This is because there are few

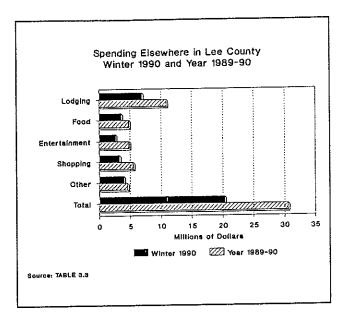


local suppliers to the tourist industry and most of the labor force does not live on Captiva.

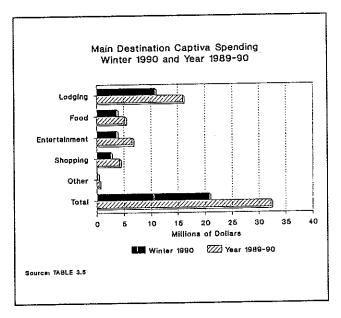
A total of 331,174 beach made by nonvisits were Captiva of residents elsewhere in Lee County. The island receives little economic impact from beach visitors who are residents of other parts of Lee County. Out of county beach visitors spent \$35.4 million on Captiva.



7. Out of county visitors to Captiva's beaches during 1989-90 spent \$30.6 million elsewhere in Lee County. This spending includes the spending of day visitors to Captiva's beaches who are staying elsewhere in the county. Many of these visitors stay on Sanibel.

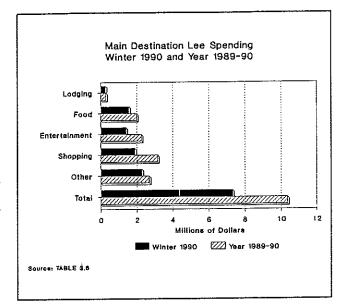


8. A total of 275,234 Captiva beach visits were made by out of county main destination visitors to Captiva. These account for 64 percent of all persons found on the beaches of Captiva during 1989-90 (428,400). About one in four of these main destination visitors were day visitors to the County, with the remaining

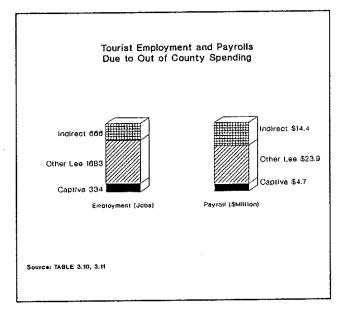


three fourths spending the majority of their lodging expenditures on the island. The economic impact on Captiva of casual visitors to the island is very small, since the main destination visitors' expenditures (\$32.2 million) account for 90.0 percent of total out of county spending on the island.

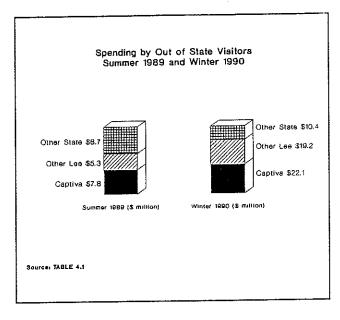
county. main Out of 9. destination visitors to Captiva spend \$42.6 million in Lee County during 1989-90. Of this, million was \$10.3 elsewhere in the county, so that about 25 cents of every dollar was spent off the island.



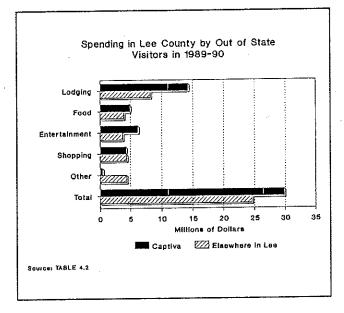
of out of county Captiva beach visitors in Lee County is approximately 2,700 jobs and a payroll of close to \$43 million. Main destination out of county visitors create about 1,800 jobs and generate a payroll of over \$27 million.



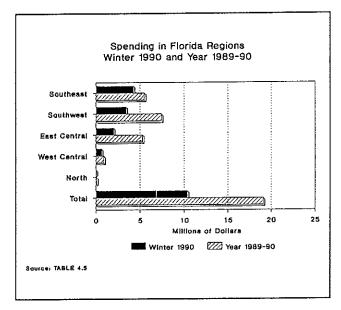
11. A total of 254,175 visits were made to Captiva's beaches by non-residents of the state These out of during 1989-90. Captiva's to state visitors \$73.5 million beaches spent during their stay in Florida. More than 40 percent of their spending occurred on Captiva, percent spent with about 33 elsewhere in Lee County.



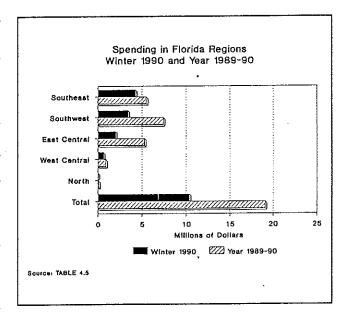
12. Out of state visitors spent \$54.4 million in Lee County during the year 1989-90. Spending on the island totalled \$29.8 million and spending in the rest of the County amounted to \$24,545,307.



Out of state visitors to 13. Captiva's beaches spent \$19.1 outside Lee County million during 1989-90. The largest expenditures were made in the Southwest Florida region (\$7.4 million). Spending in Southwest Florida included spending Sarasota and Naples, as well as Everglades trips.



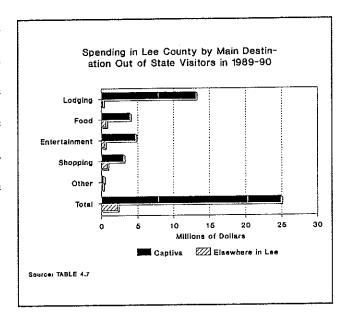
Almost one out of every 14. four dollars spent in the state by out of state visitors to Captiva's beaches were accounted destination for main by is, visitors, that to Florida individuals drawn directly by the beaches, or by events adjacent to the beaches on Captiva island. The bulk of



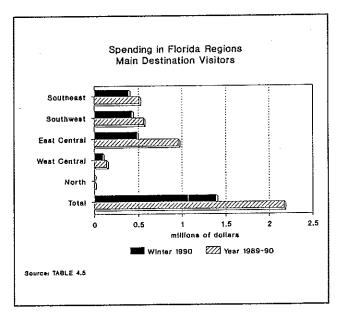
the spending of main destination beach visitors occurred on Captiva, but over \$2 million was spent elsewhere in Lee County, and another \$2 million was spent elsewhere in the state. Three-fourths of the expenditures made by main destination visitors occurred in the winter season. However, spending elsewhere in the state

accounted for a larger share of expenditures in the summer than in the winter.

15. Out of state main destination visitors spent \$27.1 million in Lee County during the year 1989-90. Spending on the island totalled \$24.9 million and spending in the rest of the County amounted to \$2.2 million.

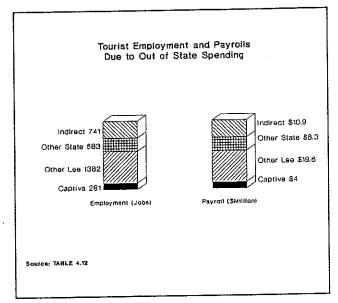


Spending elsewhere in the 16. state outside Lee County by main state destination out of visitors to Captiva's amounted to \$2.2 million. largest expenditures were made Florida Central the East region, amounting to about \$1.0 Spending in Southeast million. Southwest Florida each and



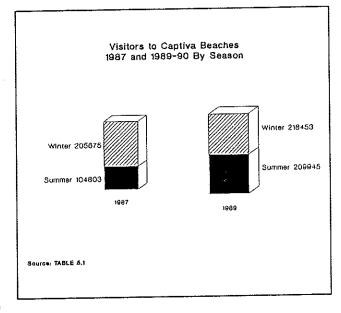
amounted to approximately \$0.5 million. Spending was relatively small in the Tampa area, with virtually no spending in the north.

of out of state Captiva beach visitors is approximately 3,000 jobs with a payroll of \$48 million. Captiva residents hold 281 jobs, other Lee County residents hold 1,382 of the jobs and there are 583 jobs directly created by the spending of these visitors elsewhere in the state.



There are an additional 741 jobs created by ripple effects throughout the state's economy.

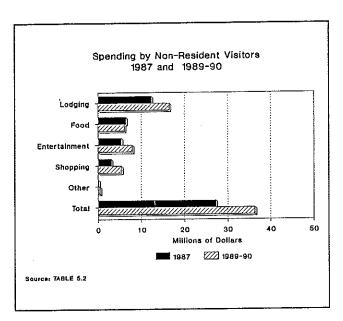
of users The number οf 18. Captiva's beaches grew from 310,478 to 428,398 between 1987 1989-90. There was and doubling of the number of beach between the visitors The increase in the summers. winter season was only about 6 percent, but this reflected the Beach Turner closing of



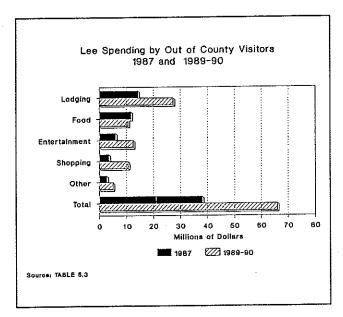
accommodate construction of the new Blind Pass bridge. If the same number of people had visited Turner Beach in the winter as in the summer (which appears to be about its capacity, given parking

constraints), winter use of the beaches would have increased by 27 percent.

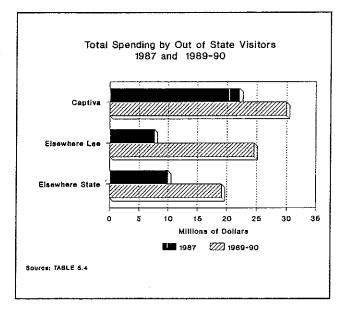
19. Between 1987 and the 198990 season, total spending by
non-resident visitors to
Captiva's beaches grew from
\$27.2 million to \$36.3 million,
a growth of 33.5 percent. Most
of this increase occurred in the
summer seasons where spending
jumped from \$6.1 million to
\$13.2 million.



spending Lee 20. Total of county out County by \$38.0 from residents grew million to \$66.0 million 1989-90, an increase of 73.7 increase This percent. reflected a rise in beach use of close to 40 percent, and a rise in spending per beach user by over 30 percent.



21. Total spending by out of state beach visitors grew from \$40 million in 1987 to \$73.5 million in 1989-90. Spending in Captiva grew from \$22.1 million to \$29.9 million. Spending elsewhere in Lee County \$7.6 million to \$24.5 million, and spending elsewhere in the State grew from \$10 million to \$19.1 million.



#### Introduction

This report summarizes the results of surveys of beach users on the gulf-front beaches of Captiva Island that were undertaken in the summer of 1989 and the winter of 1990.

The purpose of the surveys was to measure the economic impact of the beaches on the island, the county and the state. Additionally, the survey represents an updating of previous surveys of Captiva's beaches that were taken prior to the beach restoration project that was commenced in 1988 and was completed in April 1989. As a result, the surveys can be used to measure the effect of the beach restoration on beach use and its economic impact.

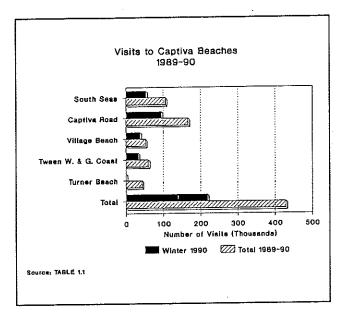
The survey consisted of interviews conducted on the beach with 624 persons during the ten day period ending with September 4, 1989, and 660 persons during the ten day period ending with March 23, 1990. Counts were made of the number of people on the beaches each day and the relationship of beach use during the survey period to hotel occupancy at the two major resorts on the island was used to extrapolate the results to the summer and winter seasons.

The report is divided into six sections. The first section provides estimates of the number of persons on each of Captiva's beaches. Included is a geographical breakdown of beach visitors, and a number of characteristics of their beach experience and opinions. The next three sections provide estimates of spending and its impact by non-resident beach users, out of county beach visitors and out of state visitors. The report concludes with comparisons of the 1987 and 1989-90 survey result.

#### Beach Use in 1989-90

# Beach Use by Beach

During 1989-90, there were a total of 428,400 visits made to Captiva's beaches (TABLE 1.1). Of these, almost 50 percent were found within one-quarter mile each way of the public accesses at the end of Captiva Road and Turner Beach. The number of visits to the public beaches would have been



even higher except that Turner Beach was closed during the Winter months to facilitate construction of the new Blind Pass bridge.

TABLE 1.1 Visits to Captiva Beaches 1989-90

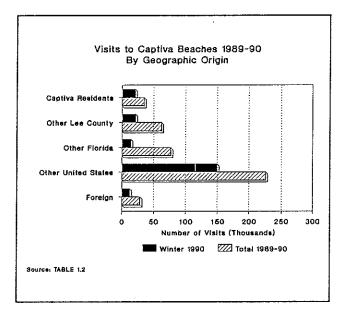
	Summe	r 1989	Winte	er 1990	roT	Total		
Beach	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Boasii								
South Seas	52,665	25.1	53,614	24.6	106,279	24.8		
Captiva Road	71,487	34.0	95,111	43.5	166,598	38.9		
Village	15,237	7.3	37,340	17.1	52,577	12.3		
Tween Waters-								
Gold Coast	27,526	13.1	32,390	14.8	•	14.0		
Turner Beach	43,030	20.5	0	0.0	•			
Total	209,945	100.0	218,455					
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Notes: Summer consisted of May through October, and Winter consisted of November through April.

There are more visits made to Captiva's beaches in the winter than in the summer, except in South Seas Plantation where the number of visits remains about the same between the two seasons<sup>1</sup>.

#### Origin of Beach Users

As shown in TABLE 1.2, the vast majority of Captiva beach visits are made by non-residents of the island (91.9 percent). There were almost twice as many visits made to Captiva's beaches by residents of other parts of Lee County as were made by Captiva residents, and there were even more beach visits made.



by Floridians from outside Lee County. Almost 60 percent of beach visits were made by people from out of state. The number of beach visits made by foreigners was almost as large as the number of beach visits made by residents of the island.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The number of people staying on the South Seas Plantation property was 9 percent less in the summer than in the winter. However, those staying on South Seas Plantation in the summer visit the beach more often than those staying in the winter. This reflects warmer beach temperatures and the shorter Captiva stays of summer visitors.

TABLE 1.2
Visits to Captiva Beaches 1989-90
By Geographic Origin

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Geographic Origin	Summer 1 Number 1		Winter Number	1990 <u>Percent</u>	Tot Number	
Captiva Residents	13,833	6.6	20,825	9.5	34,658	8.1
Other Lee County	41,154	19.6	21,414	9.8	62,568	14.6
Other Florida	62,812	29.9	14,187	6.5	76,999	18.0
Other United States	s 75,969	36.2	149,607	68.5	225,576	52.6
Foreign	16,177	7.7	12,422	5.7	28,599	6.7
Total	209,945	100.0	218,455	100.0	428,399	100.0

The increase in the number of visits by Captiva residents to the beaches during the winter reflects the large number of seasonal residents on the island during that time. Most year round residents of Florida visit the state's beaches more frequently in the summer than in the winter. This is seen by the decline in the number of visits to Captiva's beaches by Lee County and Florida visitors in the winter months, although the decline in these numbers also reflects reduced access due to the closing of Turner beach.

Florida tourism, generally, is dependent on travel to the state by out of state residents during the winter months, and it is dependent on travel within the state by Florida residents during the summer months. This can be seen from the geographic origin of Captiva beach users, where the largest origin is within the state during the summer, and the largest origin is out of state during the winter months.

TABLE 1.3 Lee County Visitors To Captiva Beaches By City 1989-90

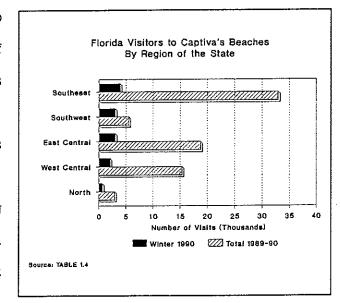
Area of County	Summer 1 Number E		Winter Number F		Tota Number P	
Sanibel	2,816	6.9	1,326	6.1	4,142	6.6
Fort Myers	25,814	62.7	16,484	77.0	42,298	67.6
Cape Coral	7,854	19.1	2,131	10.0	9,985	16.0
Other Lee County						
Outside Captiva	4,670	11.3	1,473	6.9	6,143	9.8
Total	41,154	100.0	21,414	100.0	62,568	100.0
Notes: Numbers ex	clude Cap	tiva re	sidents.			

Within Lee County, 42,298 of the 62,568 visits to Captiva's beaches were made by residents of the Fort Myers area (TABLE 1.3). This number was much larger than the number of visits to the island's beaches made by Captiva residents (34,658).

TABLE 1.4
Florida Visitors to Captiva By Region 1989-90

Region of State	Summe Number 1	er 1989 Percent	Winte Number P	r 1990 ercent	To Number P	tal ercent
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Southeast (inc.		4.6.0	2 224	27.7	22 045	42.7
Dade, Broward)	29,011	46.2	3,934	27.7	32,945	42.7
Southwest (inc.						
Naples, Sarasota)	2,518	4.0	3,005	21.2	5,523	7.2
East Central (inc.	•		·			
Orlando, Daytona)	15,790	25.1	3,003	21.2	18,793	24.4
	13,750	20.1	3/000			
West Central (inc.				01 0	15 275	20.0
Tampa, St. Pete.)	12,281	19.6	3,094	21.8	15,375	20.0
North (inc.						
JAX, Pensacola)	2,284	3.6	642	4.5	2,926	3.8
Unknown	928	1.5	509	3.6	1,437	1.9
	62,812	100.0	14,187	100.0	76,999	100.0
<u>Total</u>						
Notes: Southwest	Florida f	gures	exclude L	ee coun	ty reside	nus.

A breakdown of visitors to Captiva's beaches from areas of Florida outside Lee County is provided in TABLE 1.4. Florida visitors to Captiva's beaches come from all around the state, with the largest group coming from southeast Florida, and a little more coming from east central than from west central



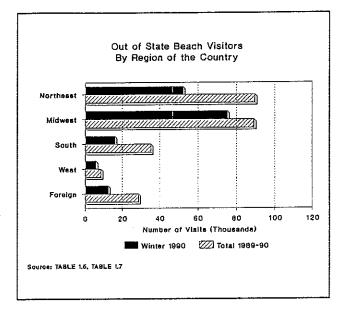
Florida. A much smaller number of visits is made to Captiva's beaches made by other residents of southwest Florida outside Lee County.

TABLE 1.5 U.S. Visitors to Captiva 1989-90

Region of Nation	Summe Number B	r 1989 Percent	Winte Numb <u>er</u> F	r 1990 Percent	To Number P	tal ercent
Northeast	37,487	49.3	52,173	34.9	89,660	39.8
Midwest	13,826	18.2	75,321	50.3	89,147	39.5
South	19,271	25.4	16,013	10.7	35,284	15.6
West	2,728	3.6	5,919	4.0	8,647	3.8
Unknown	2,657	3.5	181	0.1	2,838	1.3
Total	75,969	100.0	149,607	100.0	225,576	100.0
	exclude Flo	rida re	sidents.			

Captiva also draws visitors to its beaches from a large number of states in the nation (TABLE 1.5). About 40 percent of the out of state beach visits were made by residents of the northeast United States, and a similar number were made by midwest visitors.

The northeast supplies about 50 percent of the out of state visitors to Captiva in the summer, and the midwest supplies about 50 percent of the out of state visitors to Captiva during the winter. More people from the southern United States visit Captiva's beaches in the summer than in the winter.



There were 28,599 visits made by residents of foreign countries to Captiva's beaches during 1989-90 (TABLE 1.6). Three countries accounted for over 90 percent of these visits (the United Kingdom 35.3 percent, West Germany 29.4 percent and Canada 25.9 percent). British use of the beaches declined between the summer and the winter, while Canadian use increased. German use of the beaches remained fairly stable though the year. There was little use of the beaches by Central and South Americans.

TABLE 1.6
Foreign Visitors to Captiva By Country
1989-90

Country	Summe Number I	r 1989 Percent	Winter Number F		Tot Number P	
United Kingdom	8,193	50.6	1,903	15.3	10,096	35.3
Germany	3,793	23.5	4,602	37.0	8,395	29.3
Canada	2,311	14.3	5,090	41.0	7,401	25.9
Other Foreign	1,880	11.6	827	6.7	2,707	9.5
Total	16,177	100.0	12,422	100.0	28,599	100.0

#### Beach Visit Characteristics

A number of characteristics of the beach visit are summarized in TABLE 1.7. Over 80 percent of beach users came for swimming or sunning. Swimming or sunning was relatively more popular in the

TABLE 1.7 Characteristics of the Beach Visit Summer 1989 and Winter 1990

Visit Purpose	Summer Percent	Winter Percent	Other Characteristics	Summer	Winter
Swimming or Sunning	90.1	83.2	Average Party Party Size	3.3	3.4
or Shelling	7.3	12.1	Hours Spent	3.5	3.4
	2.7	4.6	At the Beach	46.5	37.5
or Sunning Walking	7.3	12.1	Party Size Average Hours Hours Spent Percent Who Park	3.5 ced	

summer, with walking or shelling rising in popularity in the winter months. The average number of persons in a beach party was about 3.3 in both the winter and the summer. The average length of time spent on the beach was between just under 3.5 hours, with beachstays a little longer in the summer months. Almost 50 percent parked at the beach in the summer, and this percentage declined in the winter as Turner Beach was closed. During the year as a whole 42 percent of beach visits were made by persons who had parked at the beach.

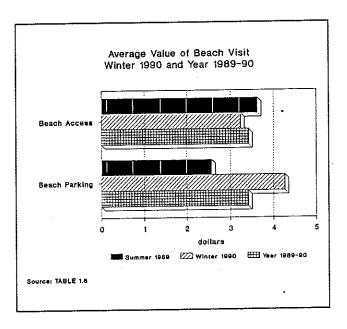
#### Opinions About Captiva Beaches

More than three of every four Captiva beach users rated Captiva's beach as one of the top three beaches that they had ever visited (TABLE 1.8), with higher ratings received in the summer

TABLE 1.8
Opinions About Captiva's Beaches
Winter 1989-90

	Summer	Winter	Total
Average Opinion of			ė 2 41
Fair Beach Parking Fee Average Willingness to	\$ 2.57	\$ 4.26	\$ 3.41
Pay for Beach Day Access Percent Rating Captiva One	\$ 3.62	\$ 3.23	\$ 3.42
of Three Favorite Beaches Percent Who Believe County	81.7	73.5	77.5
Should Pay for Beach Maintenance	85.6	86.8	86.2

than in the winter<sup>2</sup>. They indicated that the value of their beach experience on the day interviewed was \$3.42, and they thought that a fair beach parking fee would have been \$3.41, or about \$1.00 for each hour they spent on the beach. Almost 87 per cent believed that the local County government pay to maintain Captiva's beaches.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Summer visitors contained a larger share of Floridians who may be less well traveled than the out of State visitors who predominate in the winter months.

# Economic Impact of Beach Use on Captiva

Non-resident beach users have a positive impact on Captiva's economy by creating sales and, as result, employment and income for Captiva's businesses.

# Expenditures by Non-Resident Beach Users

1989-90, During nonresidents visited Captiva's total of 393,742 beaches times. They spent over \$36 million on the island during their stay (TABLE 2.1). these percent of 46 expenditures were for lodging, with most of the rest for food, dining and entertainment.

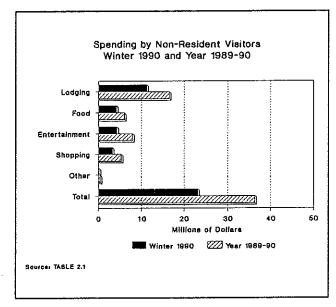


TABLE 2.1
Spending on Captiva by Non-Resident Beach Visitors
1989-90

Туре	 Summer	Winter	<u>Total</u>
Lodging	\$ 5,305,470	\$ 11,244,539	\$ 16,550,009
Food	1,852,745	4,206,462	6,059,207
Entertainment	3,596,045	4,284,821	7,880,866
Shopping	2,074,241	3,259,029	5,333,270
Other	323,123	149,595	472,718
Total	 13,151,624	23,144,446	36,296,070

Although lodging accounted for the largest share of spending, TABLE 2.2 shows that close to 50 percent of winter Captiva Beach visits were made by day visitors. This number would have been even higher if Turner beach was not closed. About one in three beach visitors stayed in condominium or interval apartments.

TABLE 2.2 Lodging of Non-Resident Captiva Beach Visitors 1989-90

Lodging Type	Summer	Winter	Total	Percent				
No Lodging i.e.								
Day Visitor	97,759	78,185	175,944	44.7				
Hotel-Motel	11,128	23,064	34,192	8.7				
Condominium	•							
inc. Interval	79,658	61,223	140,881	35.8				
House or Room	7,568	35,155	42,724	10.9				
Total	196,112	197,629	393,741	100.0				
Note: this lodging breakdown refers to persons counted								
on the beaches.	Tourist	s on Capt	iva did no	ot, on				

Note: this lodging breakdown refers to persons counted on the beaches. Tourists on Captiva did not, on average, visit the beach every day. In the summer months, Captiva tourists visited the beach approximately two out of every three days. In the winter months, Captiva tourists, on average, visited the beach approximately once every two days.

Over 140,000 beach visitors stayed in condominium apartments. Of these, 30,376 stayed in interval units which generated about 280 beach visits per each of 106 units, compared to about 180 beach visits per each of 607 wholly owned condominium units. 1

# Employment and Payrolls

The vast majority of all employment on Captiva Island is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>53 Sunset Captiva units were included in the condominium total.

directly or indirectly related to the beach. A business survey undertaken in the winter of 1990 identified 1,219 jobs on the island (TABLE 2.3). Of these, 1,129 were full-time and 90 were part-time. There was little decline in employment reported in the summer season.

The largest industry on the island consists of the resorts, with 862 employees accounting for over 70 percent of all jobs on

TABLE 2.3
Employment in Captiva By Industry
1989-90

Industry	Full-time	Part-time	Total
Finance, Insurance			0.7
& Real Estate	15	16	31
Government &		_	
Institutional	11	3	14
Resorts	842	20	862
Restaurants	189	3	192
Services	19	1	20
Stores	53	47	100
Total Winter	1,129	90	1,219
Total Summer	1,114	81	1,195
Average Annual Emp	•	86	1,207
Tourist Employment	•	79	1,109

the island. Restaurants are the second largest industry employing 192 persons, and there are 100 jobs in stores. These are the businesses most impacted by tourist spending and they account for about 95 percent of the jobs.

Tourists on Captiva create 1,109 of the 1,207 jobs on the island.<sup>2</sup> These 1,109 jobs had an estimated payroll of \$15.75

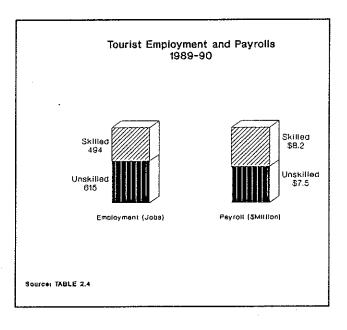
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The percentage of beach visits accounted for by residents was used to estimate the percent of jobs on Captiva due to the spending of residents. The average tourist visits the beach more often than the average resident, since frequency of beach use declines with

# million.3

TABLE 2.4
Payroll in Captiva Due to Tourism
1989-90

Item	Unskilled	Skilled	Total
Jobs	615	494	1,109
Average Reported Annual Wage <u>Total Wages</u>	\$ 12,255 \$ 7,536,825	\$ 16,627 \$ 8,213,738	\$ 14,202 \$15,750,563

figure spending The TABLE 2.1 and the payroll figure in TABLE 2.4 show that the \$36.3 million spent by non-resident beach users on Captiva directly \$15.8 million results in payrolls. Although most experience communities some effect of these ripple nature of expenditures, the



length of stay on the island. However, the average tourist spends more per day than does the average resident, so that residents' share of beach visits will be close to residents' share of spending.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Data on wages and earnings are difficult to obtain, particularly for trade and service industries which predominate on Captiva. The survey provided some information on skill levels and average wages. It showed average annual earnings reported to be \$12,255 in unskilled jobs and \$16,627 in skilled jobs. The overall average was \$14,202. This can be compared with average earnings reported for Lee County of \$16,769 in 1987. The island's greater dependence on trade and service industries is consistent with a lower average wage. In addition, the employees in these industries may receive tips or commissions, and subsidized housing and food.

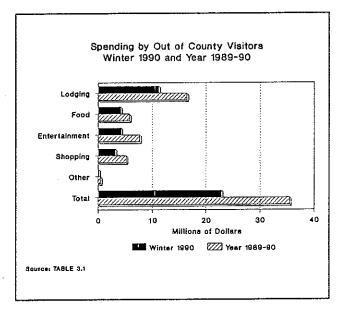
Captiva's economy make the ripple effect insignificant. This is because there are few local suppliers to the tourist industry and most of the labor force does not live on Captiva.

#### Economic Impact on Lee County

Captiva's beach visitors make expenditures in other parts of Lee County as well as on Captiva itself. When these expenditures are made by out of county residents, they create employment and income elsewhere in the County.

# Spending by Out of County Beach Visitors:

A total of 331,174 beach visits made by nonwere of Captiva residents or Lee County. elsewhere in Although these out of county beach visitors accounted for 84 percent of non-resident beach visits. their spending Captiva (\$35.4 million) was 97.0 percent of total non-resident



spending. The island receives little economic impact from beach visitors who are residents of other parts of Lee County.

TABLE 3.1 Spending on Captiva by Out of County Beach Visitors 1989-90

Туре	Summer	Winte	r	 Total
Lodging Food Entertainment Shopping Other Total	\$ 5,215,373 1,672,321 3,442,757 2,003,732 289,985 12,624,168	4,18 3,14	1,193 8,153 1,950 0,413	6,459,543 5,753,514 7,630,910 5,145,682 440,398 5,430,047

TABLE 3.2 Lodging of Out of County Captiva Beach Visitors 1989-90

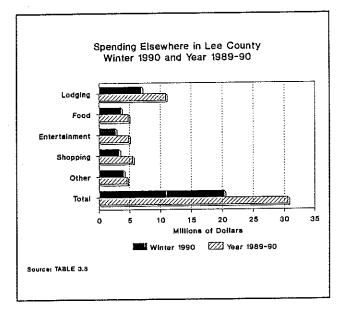
Lodging Type	Summer	Winter	Total	Percent
No Lodging i.e. Day Visitor Hotel-Motel Condominium	58,732	57,160	115,892	35.0
	10,080	23,064	33,144	10.0
inc. Interval House or Room Total	78,914	61,223	140,137	42.3
	7,232	34,768	42,000	12.7
	154,958	176,215	331,173	100.0

TABLE 3.2 shows that even a significant proportion of the out of county beach visitors do not stay overnight on Captiva (35.0 percent). This is because Captiva's beaches draw day visitors from outside the county, as well as drawing tourists staying in other parts of Lee County. More than 42 percent of out of county visitors to Captiva stay in a condominium or interval unit, about 10 percent stay in hotels and one in eight stays in a private residence.

TABLE 3.3
Spending Elsewhere in Lee County by
Out of County Captiva Beach Visitors
1989-90

Туре	 Summer	 Winter	-	Total
Lodging Food Entertainment Shopping Other Total	\$ 4,020,547 1,271,138 2,191,242 2,186,881 590,872 10,260,680	\$ 6,885,550 3,522,995 2,653,945 3,265,623 3,964,205 20,292,318	\$	10,906,097 4,794,133 4,845,187 5,452,504 4,555,077 30,552,998

TABLE 3.3 shows that out of county visitors to Captiva's beaches during 1989-90 \$30.6 million elsewhere in Lee amount spent The County. outside Captiva is relatively large because many visitors to Lee County make only a day visit to Captiva so that their island only a small spending is



fraction of their total spending in the County. Three fourths of their spending is made on Sanibel.

# Spending by Main Destination Beach Visitors:

A more conservative concept of economic impact focuses on the main destination of beach visitors. A main destination visitor to Captiva is an individual who spends more on lodging on Captiva than elsewhere in the County, or who is a day visitor to the county who visits Captiva's beaches. Such an individual can be presumed to have visited the county as a result of being attracted by Captiva.

TABLE 3.4 shows that 275,234 Captiva beach visits were made by out of county main destination visitors to Captiva. These accounted for 64 percent of all persons found on the beaches of Captiva during 1989-90 (428,400). About one in four of these main

TABLE 3.4
Lodging of Out of County Main Destination
Captiva Beach Visitors
By Type
1989-90

Lodging Type	Summer	Winter	Total	Percent
No Lodging i.e. Day Visitor Hotel-Motel	32,586 10,080	33,816 21,312	66,672 31,392	24.2 11.5
Condominium inc. Interval House or Room Total	78,914 7,232 129,082	57,712 33,312 146,152	136,626 40,544 275,234	49.6 14.7 100.0

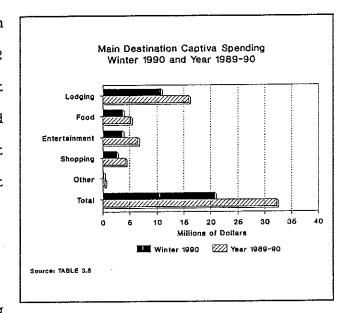
destination visitors were day visitors to the county, with the remaining three fourths spending the majority of their lodging expenditures on the island.

TABLE 3.5
Spending on Captiva by Out of County
Main Destination Captiva Beach Visitors
1989-90

Type	 Summer	Winter	Total
Lodging Food Entertainment Shopping Other Total	\$ 5,217,117 1,506,527 2,880,463 1,623,744 249,807 11,477,658	\$ 10,721,181 3,679,039 3,619,986 2,568,832 144,681 20,733,719	\$ 15,938,298 5,185,566 6,500,449 4,192,576 394,488 32,211,377

The economic impact on Captiva of casual visitors to the island is very small, since the main destination visitors' expenditures (\$32.2 million) accounted for 90.7 percent of total out of county spending on the island. Spending of main destination visitors is almost twice as large in the winter than in the summer months.

1989-90, Τn main destination visitors spent \$32.2 million on Captiva, with almost of these expenditures accounted for by lodging. Entertainment was the second largest component spending (\$6.5 million), of followed by food (\$5.2 million) shopping (\$4.2 million). and distribution of spending The



across categories was similar in each of the two seasons.

TABLE 3.6
Spending Elsewhere in Lee County by Out of County
Main Destination Captiva Beach Visitors
1989-90

Type	 Summer	 Winter	Total
Lodging Food Entertainment Shopping Other Total	\$ 32,667 426,593 866,637 1,293,230 418,907 3,038,034	\$ 250,978 1,547,204 1,378,902 1,869,046 2,264,706 7,310,836	\$ 283,645 1,973,797 2,245,539 3,162,276 .2,683,613 10,348,870

Main destination visitors to Captiva spent \$10.3 million elsewhere in Lee County during 1989-90. This amounted to 33.7 percent of the spending elsewhere in Lee County by out of county visitors to Captiva's beaches (\$30.5 million).

# Employment and Payrolls

Jobs and payrolls are created for Lee County residents who do not live on Captiva as a result of spending by Captiva tourists elsewhere in the county and also as a result of their spending creating jobs and payroll for Lee County residents who commute to Captiva for work. The business survey showed that 69 percent of the jobs on Captiva itself are held by residents of other parts of Lee County.

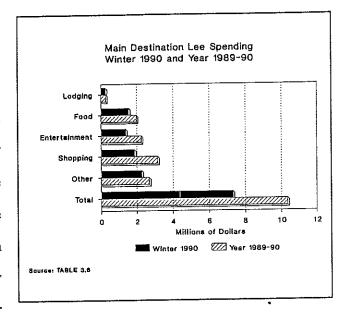
TABLE 3.8
Employment and Payrolls Elsewhere in Lee County
Created by Out of County Captiva Beach Visitors
1989-90

	E	lsewhere	
Type ·	Captiva	in County	Total
Captiva is	\$ 24,517,593 749 \$ 10,637,298 ling that create 69.2 percent of	s jobs for non- total spending	on Captiva by
	its. The Captiva spending are app		

Out of county visitors to Captiva's beaches created 1,683 jobs for county residents who do not live on Captiva as a result of their spending (TABLE 3.8). A total of 749 jobs were created on Captiva itself, and an additional 934 were created elsewhere in the county. A minimum estimate of the payroll created was \$23.9 million.

The largest category of spending was shopping (\$3.2 million) and lodging expenditures were relatively insignificant, since main destination visitors eother stay on Captiva or outside Lee County. Over 70 percent of the spending by main destination visitors elsewhere in Lee County occurred during the winter

season.



Adding spending on Captiva to spending elsewhere in the County, TABLE 3.7 shows that out of county main destination visitors to Captiva spent over \$42 million in Lee County during 1989-90. In other words, people attracted to the county by Captiva and, therefore, by Captiva's beaches, spent over \$42 million in the county during 1989-90. These visitors spent about 25 cents of every dollar elsewhere in the county outside Captiva.

TABLE 3.7
Total Spending in Lee County by Out of County
Main Destination Captiva Beach Visitors
1989-90

Туре	 Captiva	 Elsewhere in County	 Total
Lodging Food Entertainment Shopping Other Total	15,938,298 5,185,566 6,500,449 4,192,576 394,488 32,211,377	\$ 283,645 1,973,797 2,245,539 3,162,276 2,683,613 10,348,870	\$ 16,221,943 7,159,363 8,745,988 7,354,852 3,078,101 42,560,247

TABLE 3.9
Employment and Payrolls Elsewhere in Lee County
Created by Main Destination Captiva Beach Visitors
1989-90

Type		Captiva	Elsewhere in County	Total
			30 340 070	22 620 142
Spending Employment	Ş	22,290,273 681	10,348,870 316	32,639,143 997
Payrolls		9,671,562	4,487,832	14,159,394
Note: See pre	eviou	is TABLE.	•	

Main destination Out of county visitors to Captiva's beaches created 997 jobs for county residents who do not live on Captiva as a result of their spending (TABLE 3.9). A total of 681 jobs were created on Captiva itself, and an additional 316 were created elsewhere in the county. A minimum estimate of the payroll created was \$14.2 million.

TABLE 3.10

Total Employment and Payrolls in Lee County

Created by Out of County Captiva Beach Visitors

1989-90

Type		Captiva Residents	Other Lee Residents	Total
Out of County	Bea	ch Visitors:		
Employment Payrolls	\$	334 4,743,468	1,683 23,901,966	2,017 28,645,434
Main Destinati	on_	<u>Visitors:</u>		
Employment Payrolls	\$	303 4,303,206	997 14,159,394	1,300 18,462,600

TABLE 3.10 combines the jobs created for Captiva residents with those created for residents of other parts of the county. Out

of county Captiva beach visitors created 2,017 jobs in the county in 1989-90 and directly generated a payroll of \$28.6 million. Main destination visitors created 1,300 jobs with a payroll of \$18.5 million.

The employment and payroll estimates given in TABLE 3.10 can be increased as a result of the ripple or multiplier effect of additional employment and payrolls in the supplying industries to the frontline tourist industries, as well as in the industries that supply consumer goods and services to the employees in industries which expand as a result of the spending of Captiva beach visitors.

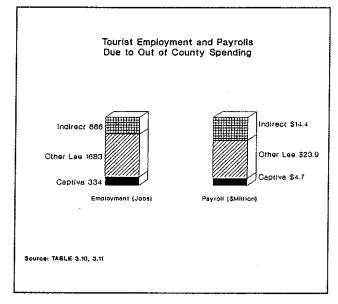
TABLE 3.11

Total Employment and Payrolls in Lee County Created
by Out of County Captiva Beach Visitors
1989-90

-	Direct		Total
Type	Impact	Multiplier	Impact
Out of County	y Beach Visitors:		
Employment Payrolls	2,017 \$ 28,645,434	1.33 1.50	2,683 42,968,151
Main Destinat	tion Visitors:		
Employment Payrolls	1,300 \$ 18,462,600	1.33 1.50	1,773 27,693,900

Estimates of these ripple effects from other studies suggest that one additional job is created by the ripple effects for every three direct jobs created, and that payrolls expand by approximately 50 percent. Thus the appropriate multiplers are 1.33 for jobs and 1.50 for payrolls.

In sum, the total economic impact of out of county Captiva beach visitors in Lee County is approximately 2,700 jobs and a payroll of close to \$43 million. Main destination out of county visitors create about 1,800 jobs and generate a payroll of over \$27 million.

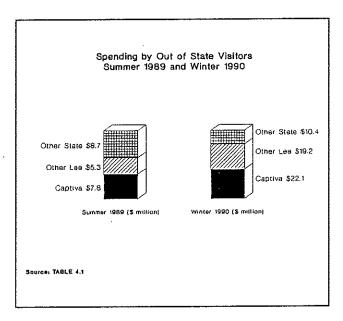


#### Impact on the State of Florida

Captiva's beaches are also an attraction to out of state visitors. Such beach users make expenditures not only on Captiva or elsewhere in Lee County, but also elsewhere in the state. These expenditures create employment, income and government revenues beyond Lee County.

### Spending by Out of State Beach Visitors:

A total of 254,175 visits were made to Captiva's beaches by non-residents of the state during 1989-90. TABLE 4.1 shows that these out of state visitors to Captiva's beaches spent \$73.5 million during their stay in Florida. More than 40 percent of their spending occurred on Captiva, with about 33 percent spent elsewhere in Lee County.



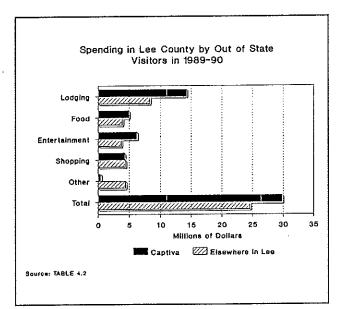
Out of state beach visitors spent \$19.0 million elsewhere in the state during 1989-90. This amounted to 25.8 percent of their total spending, or over 60 percent of the amount they spent on

TABLE 4.1
Spending in Lee County and Statewide by Out of State Beach Visitors
1989-90

Location	Summer	Winter	Total
Captiva	\$ 7,776,047	\$ 22,135,425	\$ 29,911,472
Elsewhere in Lee County	5,349,325	19,195,982	24,545,307
Total in Lee County	13,125,372	41,331,407	54,456,779
Elsewhere in the State	8,720,234	10,366,024	19,086,258
Total in the State	 21,845,606	51,697,431	73,543,037

Captiva. The amount spent by Captiva out of state beach visitors elsewhere in the state was more than 70 percent of what they spent elsewhere in Lee County.

A breakdown of out of state visitors' expenditures in Lee County by category is given in TABLE 4.2. These visitors spent \$54.4 million in Lee County during the year 1989-90. Spending on the island totalled \$29.8 million and spending in the rest of the County amounted to \$24,545,307. The largest



category of expenditure was lodging, followed by food, entertainment and shopping.

TABLE 4.2
Spending in Lee County
by Out of State Beach Visitors
Total 1989-90

Туре	Captiva	Rest of County	Total in County
Lodging \$ Food Entertainment Shopping Gasoline,& Other Total	14,193,922	\$ 8,230,302	22,424,224
	4,875,279	3,856,871	8,732,150
	6,148,472	3,709,296	9,857,768
	4,242,831	4,349,625	8,592,456
	361,418	4,399,213	4,760,631
	29,821,922	24,545,307	54,367,229

Summer expenditures of out of state beach visitors amounted to \$13.1 million, of which the largest category was lodging, followed by entertainment and shopping (TABLE 4.3). Spending on Captiva exceeded spending elsewhere in the County by almost 50 percent. Shopping expenditures were higher in Lee County than on Captiva. All automobile gasoline expenditures were made off Captiva where there is no gas station.

TABLE 4.3
Spending in Lee County
by Out of State Beach Visitors
Summer 1989-90

Type	Captiva	Rest of County	Total in County
Lodging \$ Food Entertainment Shopping Gasoline & Other Total	3,200,088	\$ 1,659,781	4,859,869
	917,247	628,199	1,545,446
	2,105,558	1,231,989	3,337,547
	1,278,237	1,363,024	2,641,261
	232,523	466,332	698,855
	7,733,653	5,349,325	13,082,978

Winter expenditures amounted to \$41.3 million, about three times the level of summer expenditures (TABLE 4.4). Spending on Captiva exceeded spending elsewhere in the County by about 15 percent. The closing of Turner beach reduced the number of out of state day visitors to Captiva, so that a higher proportion of out of state visitors were staying elsewhere in the county.

TABLE 4.4
Spending in Lee County
by Out of State Beach Visitors
Winter 1989-90

	Rest	m-+-1
Type Captiv	a of County	Total <u>in County</u>
Lodging \$ 10,993,83 Food 3,958,03 Entertainment 4,042,91 Shopping 2,964,59 Gasoline & Other 128,89 Total 22,088,26	2 3,228,672 4 2,477,307 4 2,986,601 5 3,932,881	17,564,355 7,186,704 6,520,221 5,951,195 4,061,776 41,284,251

elsewhere in the state outside
Lee County by out of state
visitors to Captiva's beaches.
The largest expenditures were
made in the Southwest Florida
region (\$7.4 million). Spending
in Southwest Florida included
spending in Sarasota and Naples,
as well as Everglades trips.

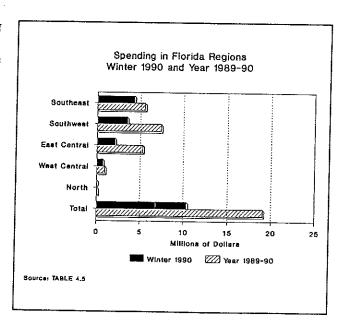


TABLE 4.5 Spending in Florida Outside Lee County by Out of State Beach Visitors to Captiva

Region	Summer	Winter	Total Spending
Southeast Florida Southwest Florida East Central Florida West Central Florida North Florida Total	1,243,551	4,238,882	5,482,433
	3,949,045	3,428,769	7,377,814
	3,252,759	2,021,537	5,274,296
	253,078	659,185	912,263
	21,801	17,651	39,452
	8,720,234	10,366,258	19,076,258

Spending was over \$5.0 million in Southeast Florida and also in East Central Florida. In addition to spending in Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach, this region also included spending in the Florida Keys, an additional destination cited by many visitors to Captiva. Spending in East Central Florida included spending at Disneyworld and other theme parks, as well as spending in the Cape Kennedy area.

Spending in the Tampa area (West Central Florida) was relatively small, and there was almost no spending in North Florida (St. Augustine was the only named attraction).

# Spending by Captiva Main Destination Visitors:

Once again, it is possible to use the more conservative main destination concept for examining economic impact. It was not possible to distinguish main destination visitors on the basis of lodging expenditures, since a breakdown of expenditures elsewhere

in the state was not obtained during personal interviews. Instead, main destination out of state visitors were defined to be those who spent the largest amount at their Captiva destination, compared to the other parts of the state they visited.

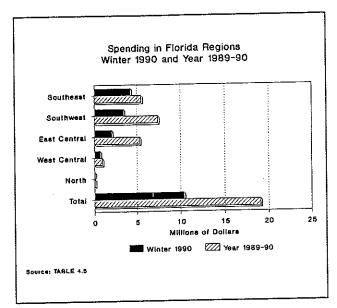
A total of 151,119 visits were made to Captiva's beaches by non-residents of the state whose main destination was Captiva during 1989-90. These amounted to almost 60 percent of the beach visits made by non-residents of the state.

TABLE 4.6
Spending in Lee County and Statewide
by Out of State Main Destination Beach Visitors
1989-90

Location	 Summer	Winter	Total Spending
Captiva Elsewhere in	\$ 6,363,443	\$ 18,523,717	\$ 24,887,160
Lee County Total in	530,288	1,658,976	2,189,264
Lee County Elsewhere in	6,893,731	20,182,693	27,076,424
the State Total in	758,423	1,390,813	2,149,236
the State	 7,652,154	21,573,506	29,225,660

TABLE 4.6 shows that out of state main destination visitors to Captiva's beaches spent \$29.2 million during their stay in Florida in 1989-90. Comparing this to the data for all out of state Visitors to Captiva's beaches, shows that almost one out of every four dollars spent in the state by out of state visitors to Captiva's beaches were accounted for by main destination visitors,

that is, by individuals drawn to Florida directly by the beaches, or by events adjacent to the beaches on Captiva island. The bulk of the spending of main destination beach visitors occurred on Captiva, but over \$2 million was spent elsewhere in Lee County, and another \$2 million was spent elsewhere in



the state. Three-fourths of the expenditures made by main destination visitors occurred in the winter season. However, spending elsewhere in the state accounted for a larger share of expenditures in the summer than in the winter.

TABLE 4.7

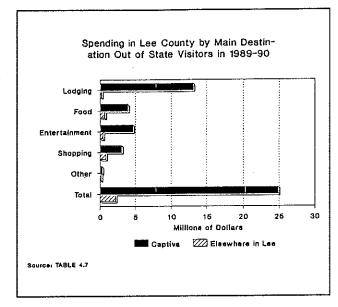
Spending in Lee County

by Out of State Main Destination Beach Visitors

1989-90

Туре	Captiva	Rest of County	Total in County
Lodging \$ Food Entertainment Shopping Gasoline & Other Total	13,080,767	\$ 188,389	13,269,156
	3,885,331	640,946	4,526,277
	4,615,022	410,627	5,025,649
	3,028,160	799,930	3,828,090
	277,880	149,372	427,252
	24,887,160	2,189,264	27,076,424

A breakdown of out of state destination visitors' main expenditures in Lee County by category is given in TABLE 4.7. visitors spent \$27.1 These million in Lee County during the Spending on the year 1989-90. island totalled \$24.9 million and spending in the rest of the County amounted to \$2.2 million.



The largest category of expenditure was lodging, followed by food, entertainment and shopping.

TABLE 4.8

Spending in Lee County

by Out of State Main Destination Beach Visitors

Summer 1989-90

Type	Captiva	Rest of County	Total in County
Lodging \$ Food Entertainment Shopping Gasoline & Other Total	3,022,373 751,457 1,481,148 905,580 202,885 6,363,443	\$ 15,674 70,531 140,191 279,511 24,381 530,288	3,038,047 821,988 1,621,339 1,185,091 227,266 6,893,731

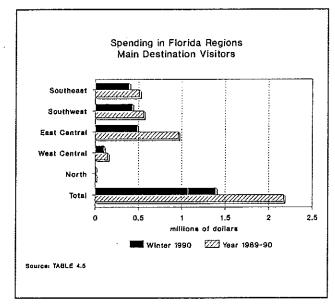
Summer expenditures of out of state beach visitors amounted to \$6.9 million, of which the largest category was lodging, followed by entertainment and shopping (TABLE 4.8). Spending on Captiva was more than ten times spending elsewhere in the County.

TABLE 4.9
Spending in Lee County
by Out of State Main Destination Beach Visitors
Winter 1989-90

Type	· Captiva	Rest of County	Total in County
Food Entertainment Shopping Gasoline & Other	10,058,394	\$ 172,715	10,231,109
	3,133,874	570,415	3,704,289
	3,133,874	270,436	3,404,310
	2,122,580	520,419	2,642,999
	74,995	124,991	199,986
	18,523,717	1,658,976	20,182,693

Winter expenditures amounted to \$20.2 million, about three times the level of summer expenditures (TABLE 4.9). As in the summer, spending on Captiva was more than ten times spending elsewhere in the County.

TABLE 4.10 shows spending elsewhere in the state outside Lee County by main destination state visitors out of to Captiva's beaches. The largest expenditures were made in the East Central Florida region, amounting to about \$1.0 million. Spending in Southeast and Southwest Florida each amounted



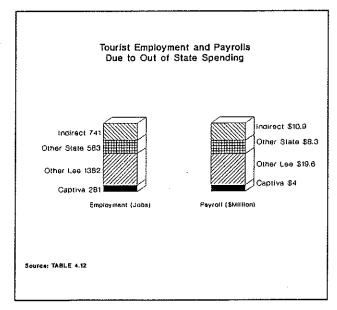
to approximately \$0.5 million. Spending was relatively small in the Tampa area, and there was virtually no spending in the north.

TABLE 4.11
Employment and Payrolls Created by Out of State
Captiva Beach Visitors
1989-90

Type	Spending	Employment	Payrolls
Out of State Beach	Visitors:		
Captiva Residents Other Lee County Total Lee County Other State Total State	\$ 9,212,733 45,244,046 54,456,775 19,086,255 73,543,033	6 1,382 9 1,663 8 583	\$ 3,990,762 19,627,164 23,617,926 8,279,766 31,897,692
Main Destination V	isitors:		
Captiva Residents Other Lee County Total Lee County Other State Total State	\$ 7,665,249 19,411,179 27,076,424 2,149,230 29,225,660	9 593 4 827 5 66	\$ 3,323,268 8,421,786 11,745,054 937,332 12,682,386

created was \$12.7 million, with \$3.2 million for island residents, \$8.4 million for other residents of Lee County, and \$0.9 million elsewhere in the state.

The employment and payroll estimates given in TABLE 4.11 can be increased as a result of the ripple or multiplier effect of additional employment and payrolls in the supplying industries to the frontline tourist industries, as well as in the industries that supply consumer goods and services to

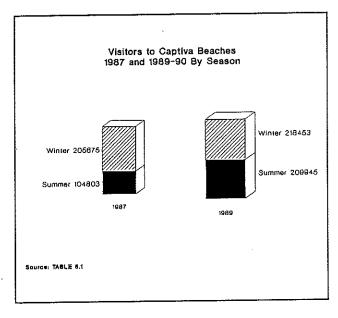


# Beach Use and Spending in 1987 and 1989-90

Previous studies of beach use and expenditures were undertaken in 1987. The results of the 1987 studies were re-estimated using the newer methodologies developed for 1989.

#### Beach Use:

number of users of Captiva's beaches grew from 310,478 to 428,398 between 1987 and 1989-90. There was a doubling of the number of beach visitors between the two summers. The increase in the winter season was only about 6 percent, but this reflected the closing of Turner



Beach to accommodate construction of the new Blind Pass bridge. If the same number of people had visited Turner Beach in the winter as in the summer (which appears to be about its capacity, given parking constraints), winter use of the beaches would have increased by 27 percent.

There was a significant increase in the number of beach users of the Captiva Road beach in the winter. This reflects three factors. First, available parking was increased at this beach.

TABLE 5.1 Visitors to Captiva Beaches 1987 and 1989-90

		1987		19	89	
Beach	Summer	<u>Winter</u>	Total	Summer	Winter	<u>Total</u>
South Seas	23,826	63,476	87,302	52,665	53,614	106,278
Captiva Road	32,342	46,626	78,968	71,488	95,111	155,598
Village	6,893	28,184	35,077	15,237	37,340	52,576
Tween Waters-						
Gold Coast	12,453	22,680	35,133	27,526	32,389	59,915
Turner Beach	29,289	44,709	73,998	43,030	0	43,030
Total	104,803	205,675	310,478	209,945	218,453	428,398
Notes: 1987 su	mmer data	a for Sou	th Seas a	nd Tween	Waters Go	ld Coast
estima	ted using	1989 rel	lationshi	p to othe	er beaches	5.

Second, some Turner Beach users came to Captiva Road. Third, the southern boundary of South Seas Beach was moved northward in the 1989 studies.

## Spending by Beach Visitors:

Between 1987 and the 198990 season, total spending by
non-resident visitors to
Captiva's beaches grew from
\$27.2 million to \$36.3 million,
a growth of 33.5 percent (TABLE
5.2). Most of this increase
occurred in the summer seasons
where spending jumped from \$6.1
million to \$13.2 million.

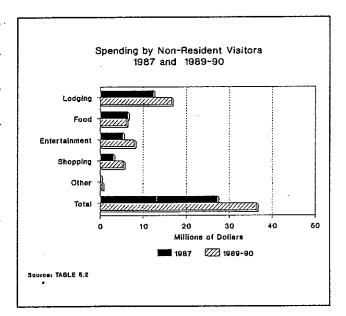


TABLE 5.2 Spending on Captiva by Non-Resident Beach Visitors 1987 and 1989-90

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,		1987		1989	1990	
Beach	Summer	Winter	<u> Total</u>	Summer	Winter	<u> Total</u>
Ludaina	1,564,584	10,807,884	12,372,468	5,305,470	11,244,539	
	2,637,444		6,353,004	1,852,745	4,206,462	6,059,207
E terta	in-					
m nt	1,548,044	3,725,936	5,273,980			7,880,866
Shoppin		2,684,741	3,072,327		3,259,029	
Other	27,260	120,467	147,727	323,123	149,595	472,718
T tal	6,164,918	21,054,588	27,219,506	13,151,624	23,144,446	36,296,070
Notes:	1987 summer	r data for S	South Seas a	and Tween Wa	aters Gold (	Coast
x.	estimated u	ısing 1989 1	relationship	p to other h	eaches.	

The growth in winter spending was relatively small because the closing of Turner Beach restricted access by non-residents, and because overnight lodging places had little room for expansion during the peak winter season. Although information on employment and payrolls was not collected for 1987, it can be estimated that payrolls generated on the island from beach users grew by the same rate as their spending, namely 33 percent.

Total spending in Lee county by out of county \$38.0 residents grew from million to \$66.0 million (TABLE increase of 73.7 5.3), an increase This percent. reflected a rise in beach use of close to 40 percent, and a rise in spending per beach user by over 30 percent.

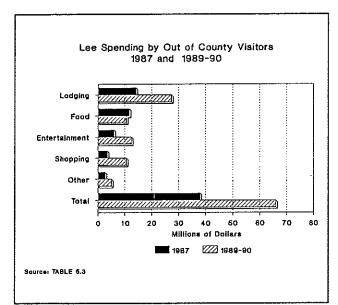


TABLE 5.3

Total Spending in Lee County by Out of County Beach Visitors
1987 and 1989-90

i jh	Captiva	1987 Other <u>Lee</u>	Total	1989 Captiva	1990 Other Lee	Total
	12,230,330 5,932,587	2,005,268	14,235,598 11,671,007	_ , ,	10,906,097 4,845,187	27,365,640 10,598,701
opping   er	4,982,988 2,859,734 131,058 26,136,697	2 535 578	2,666,636	440,398	5,452,504	12,476,097 10,598,186 4,995,475 65,983,045

Spending on Captiva by non-residents of Lee County grew from \$26.1 million to \$35.4 million, an increase of 35.6 percent. The rate of increase in spending by these visitors was faster than the 33 percent increase for all non-residents of the island. Spending on elsewhere in Lee County by out of county residents grew from \$11.9 million to \$30.6 million, an increase of 137.1 percent. This rate of increase in spending was more than four times faster than the 33 percent increase in spending on Captiva.

Total spending by out of state beach visitors grew from \$40 million in 1987 to \$73.5 million in 1989-90 (TABLE 5.4). Spending in Captiva grew from \$22.1 million to \$29.9 million. Spending elsewhere in Lee County \$7.6 million to \$24.5 million, and spending elsewhere in the State grew from \$10 million to

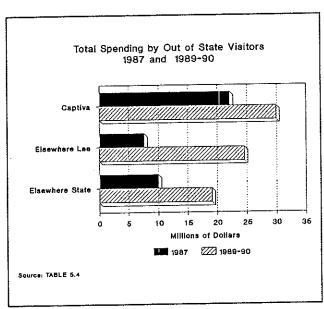


TABLE 5.4
Total Spending by Out of State Beach Visitors
1987 and 1989-90

Deagh	Summer	1987 Winter	Total	1989 Summer	1990 Winter	Total
Beach Captiva			22,086,518	7,776,047	22,135,425	29,911,472
Elsewher in Lee Co.	ce 3,454,048	4,165,471	7,619,519	5,349,325	19,195,982	24,545,307
Total in Lee Co.	6,068,974	23,637,063	29,706,037	13,125,325	41,331,407	54,456,779
Elsewher in State	re 4,032,119	5,928,237	9,960,356	8,720,234	10,366,024	19,086,258
Total in	n 10,101,093	29,565,300	39,666,393	21,845,606	51,697,431	73,543,037

\$19.1 million. Growth in spending was fastest elsewhere in Lee County (where it tripled), second fastest elsewhere in the state (where it almost doubled) and the least rapid growth occurred on Captiva where spending grew by about one-third.

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