



## Alaska 2022-2023 Tourism Impact Model

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Alaska's tourism industry is experiencing a steady rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic and continues to be a major economic driver in the state. The Alaska Travel Industry Association's Tourism Impact Report represents travel in summer 2022 and winter 2022/23 and serves as baseline research to demonstrate where Alaska was positioned immediately following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Data was collected between May 2022 – April 2023 (summer 2022 and winter 2022/23) and resulted in the following highlights:

- In the full year, Alaska saw 2.7 million visitors who spent an average of 8.5 nights in the state.
- Alaska's visitors directly spent approximately \$3.9 billion in the state, with a total economic impact of \$5.6 billion.
- Alaska's travel industry supported 56,711 jobs.
- The Inside Passage remains the most visited region in the state, seeing 67 percent of travelers, while Southcentral was the second most visited region with 50 percent of travelers.
- 74 percent of travelers were very satisfied with their vacation.

Knowing that 2022 was not a typical travel year, this research will allow ATIA to build on this foundational knowledge coming out of the pandemic. Key factors that played into the overall recovery during the study's timeframe included:

- Alaska's cruise industry rebounded strongly and continues to show signs of even more growth.
- Independent travel continued to contribute to the state's tourism recovery.
- Due to ongoing travel restrictions, Alaska's international travel market rebound was slowed.

This study is only one piece of ATIA's data matrix and is part of a larger picture the organization is analyzing as it continues to plan for the future of Alaska's tourism industry.



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# RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

This report presents the findings of the 2022-2023 Tourism Impact Modeling for Alaska, conducted by Destination Analysts on behalf of the Alaska Travel Industry Association. The 2022-2023 Visitor Profile study of travelers to Alaska was conducted with a primary objective of collecting data to calculate Alaska visitor volume and spending estimates by region and segment.



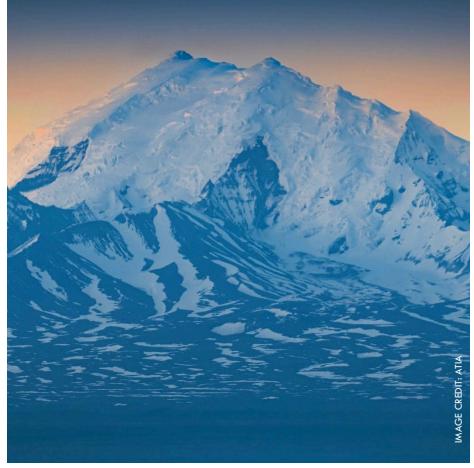
# RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The three components of the 2022-2023 Visitor Profile study included:

1. Intercept survey of visitors to Alaska, collected monthly. Intercept sites included Anchorage, Denali, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai Peninsula, and Cordova.
2. Online panel survey of U.S. travelers who visited Alaska.
3. Online survey of Alaska Travel Industry Association partners' owned audiences who visited Alaska.

A total of 4,256 surveys were collected for travel between May 2022 – April 2023. This include 1,900 intercept surveys, 1,190 panel surveys, and 1,166 partner surveys.

Participants were age 18+ and must have resided outside Alaska. Results were weighted by the volume estimates, as well as origin and destination markets using geolocation data.



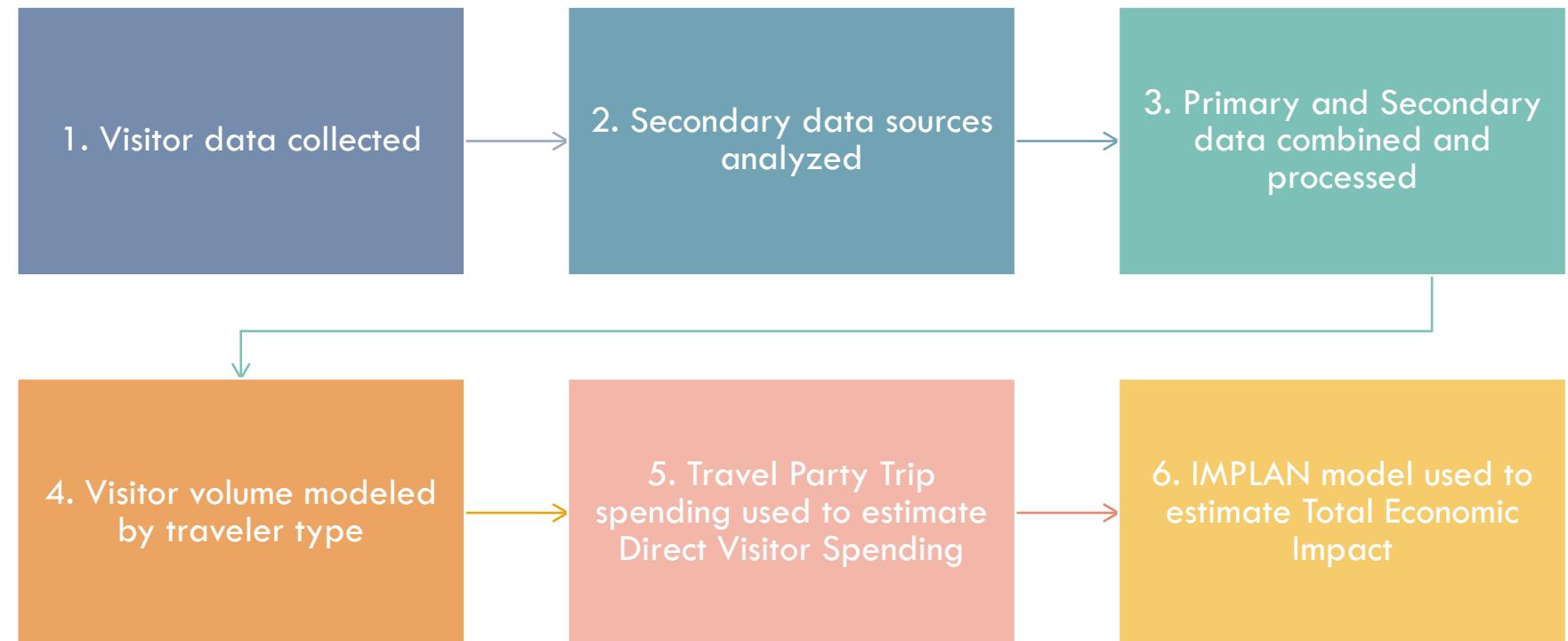


# TOURISM IMPACT MODEL



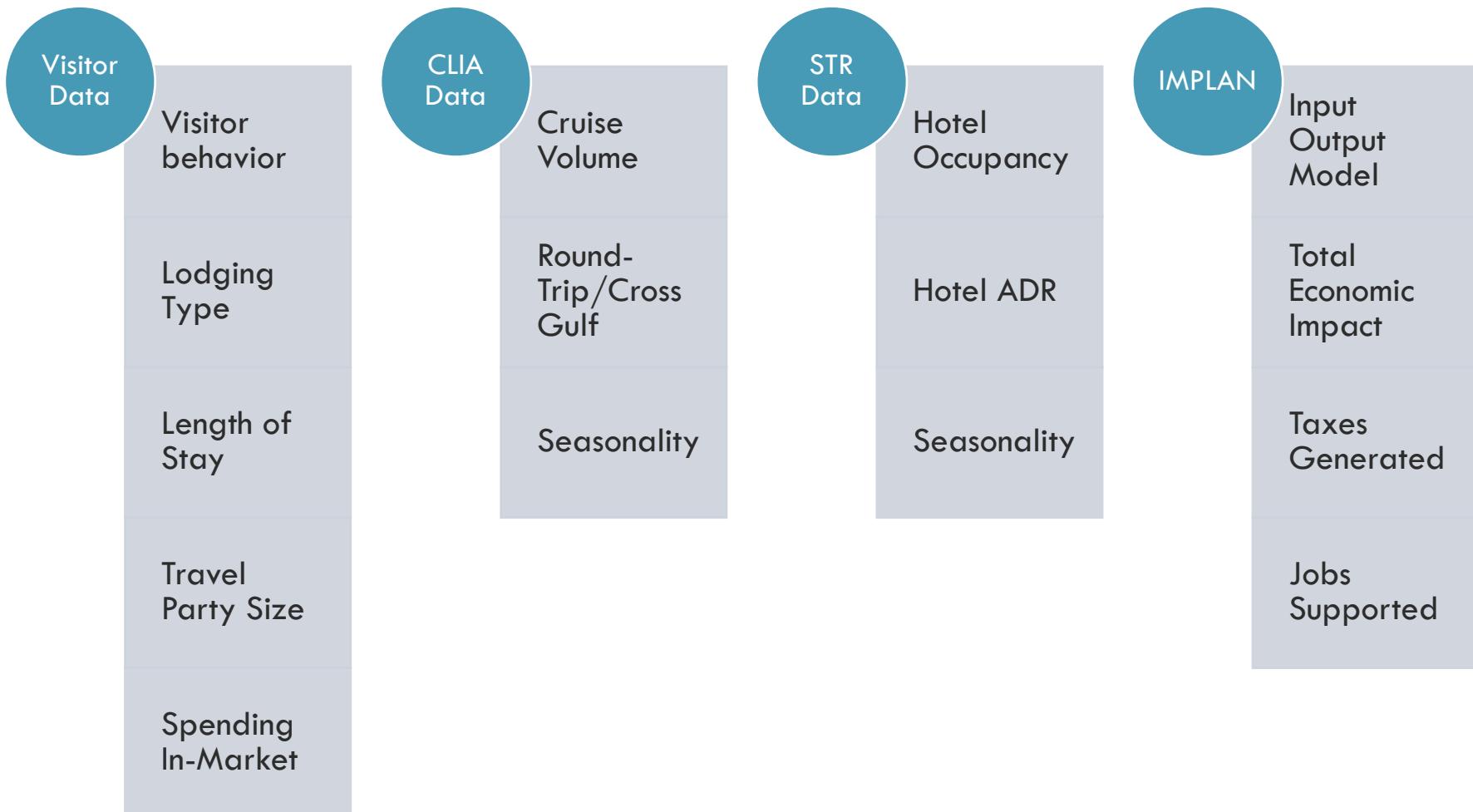
# TOURISM IMPACT MODEL *Overview*

The following process was implemented to develop the 2022-2023 Tourism Impact Model for Alaska:





# TOURISM IMPACT MODEL *Data Sources*



# 2022-2023 TOURISM IMPACT *Summary*

	Summer (May – Oct 22)	Winter (Nov 22 – Apr 23)	Full Year
Visitor Volume	2,081,624	642,556	2,724,180
Visitor Days	17,856,660	4,609,186	22,465,847
Direct Spending	\$3,091,178,109	\$809,251,132	\$3,905,573,498
Total Economic Impact	\$4,442,788,581	\$1,186,148,040	\$5,632,356,465

# 2022-2023 TOURISM IMPACT Year-Over-Year Comparison

	Summer 2006	Summer 2011	Summer 2016	Summer 2022
Visitor Volume	1,714,100	1,556,800	1,857,500	2,081,624
Average Trip Spending	\$934	\$941	\$1,057	\$1,485
Total Direct Spending	\$1.52 Billion	\$1.51 Billion	\$1.97 Billion	\$3.09 Billion

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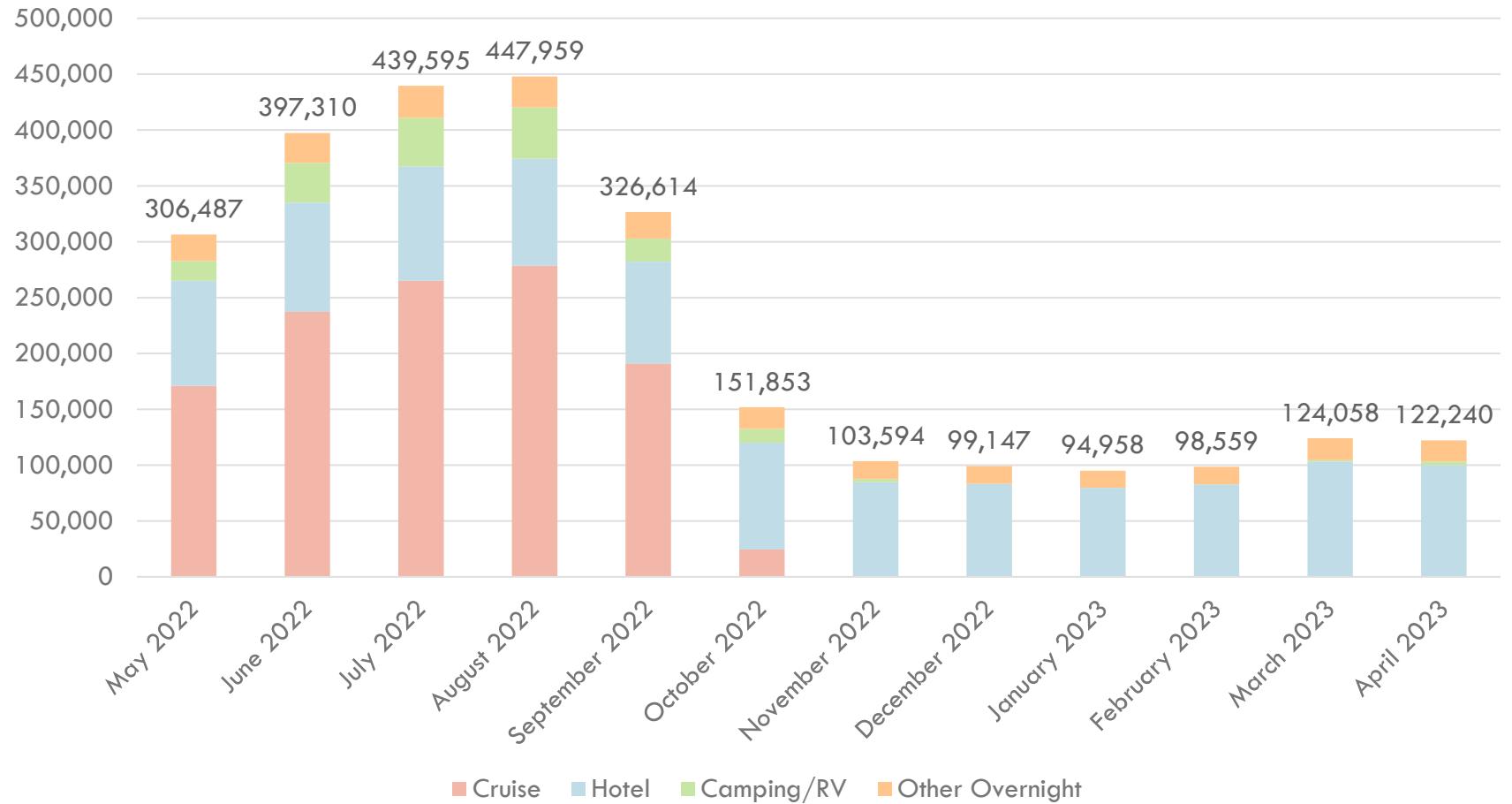
	2017	2022
Jobs Supported	43,300 Industry Jobs	43,661 Industry Jobs
Total Payroll	\$1.5 Billion	\$1.4 Billion



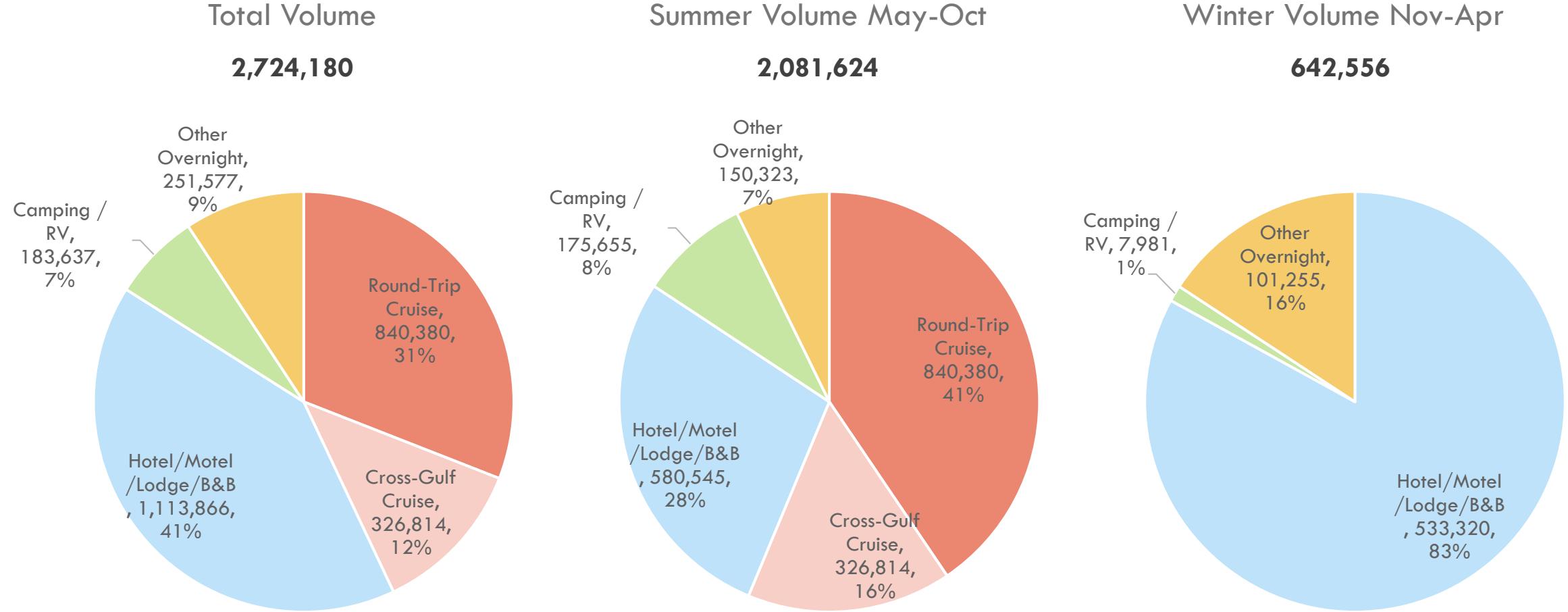
# 2022-2023 TOURISM IMPACT

## Visitor Volume

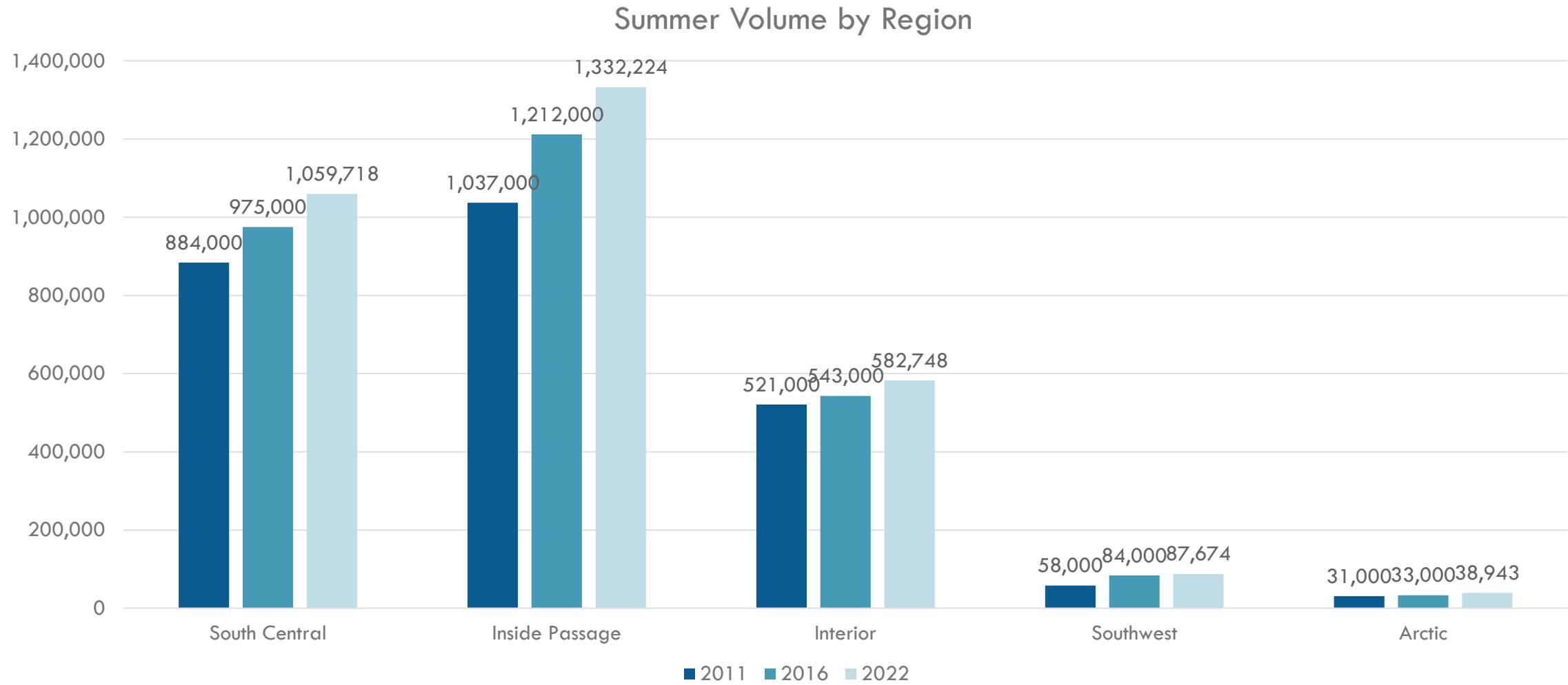
### Total Visitor Volume by Traveler Type



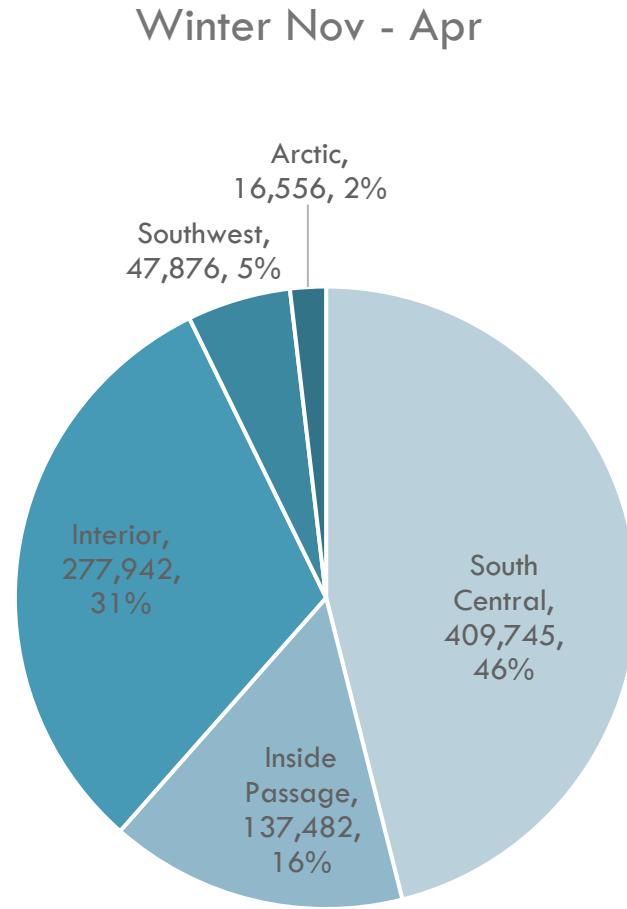
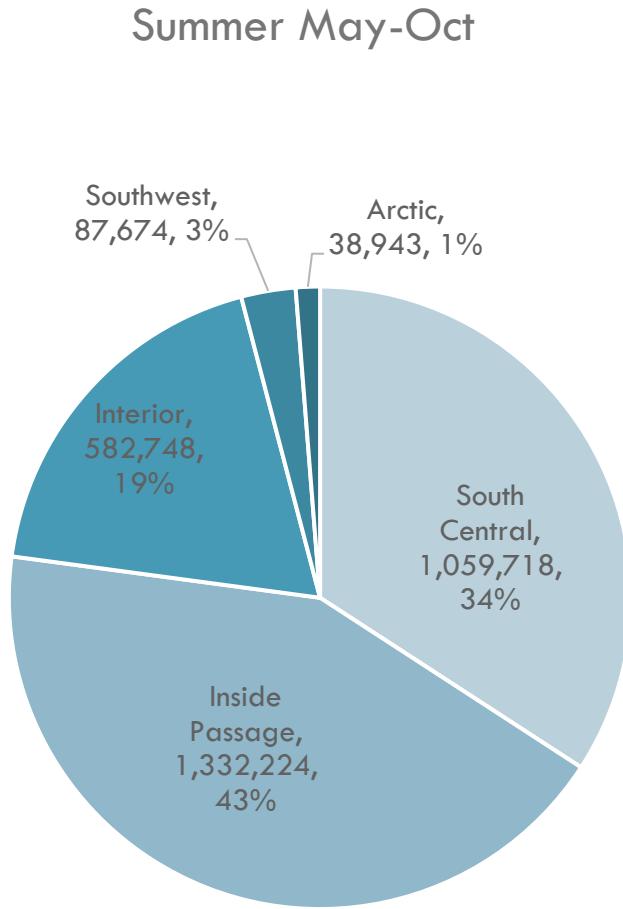
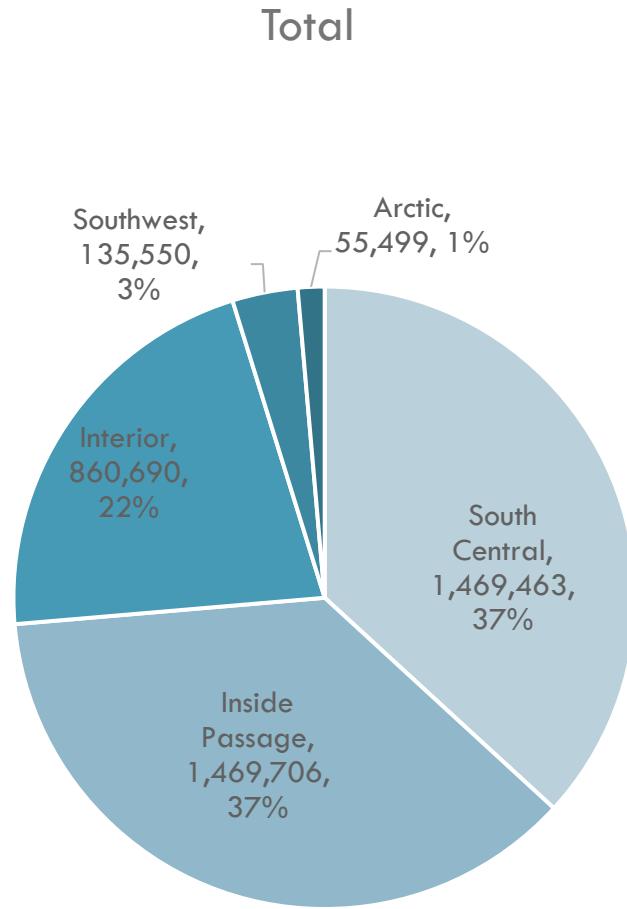
# 2022-2023 TOURISM IMPACT *Visitor Volume By Segment*



# SUMMER REGION VOLUME *Historic Comparison*



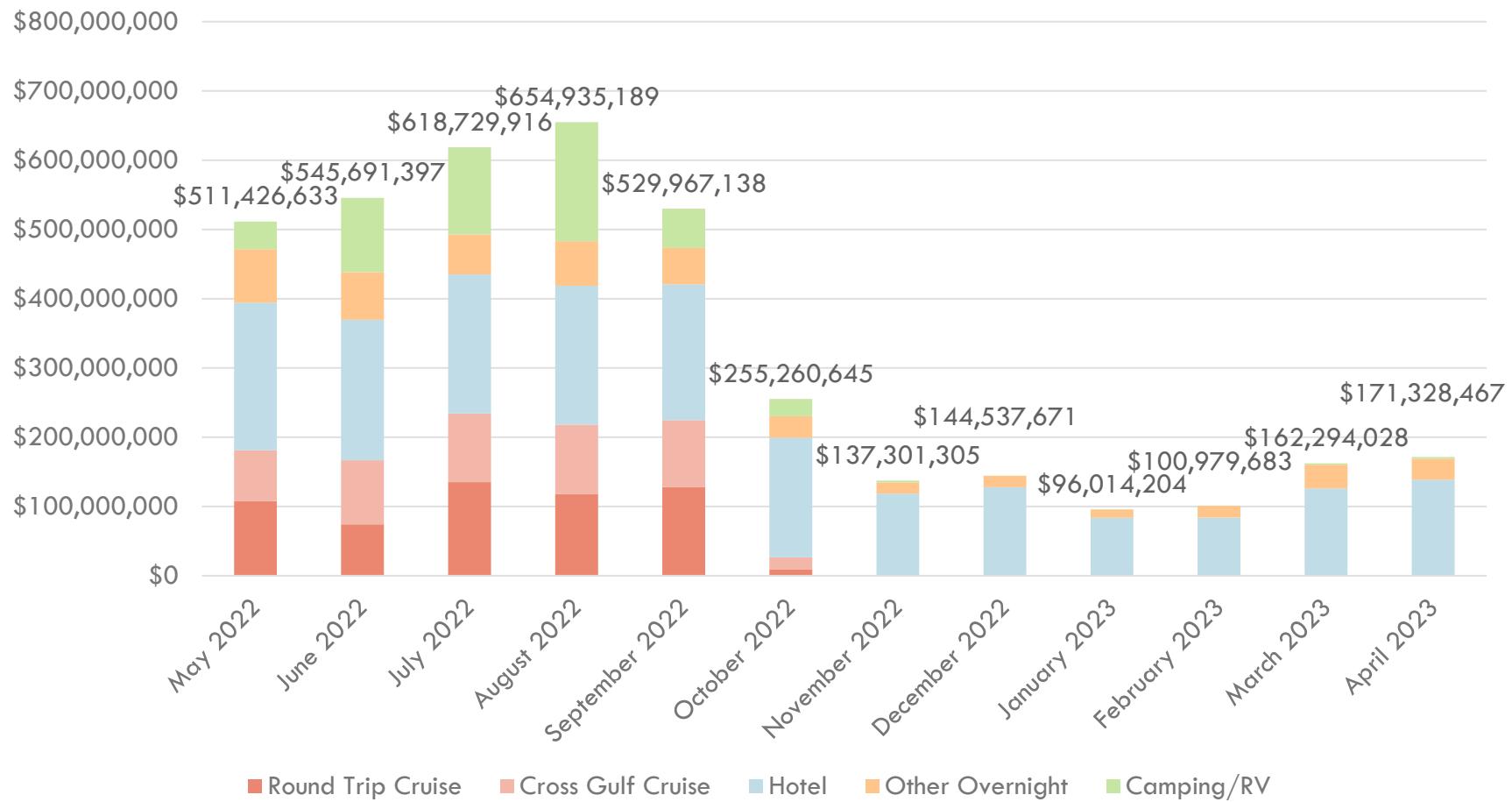
# 2022-2023 TOURISM IMPACT *Visitor Volume By Region*





# 2022-2023 TOURISM IMPACT *Direct Spending*

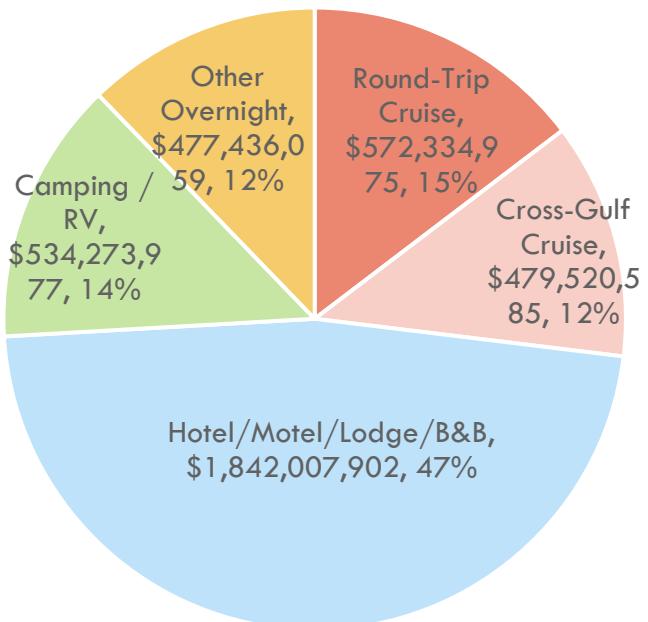
## Direct Spending by Traveler Type



# 2022-2023 TOURISM IMPACT *Direct Spending By Segment*

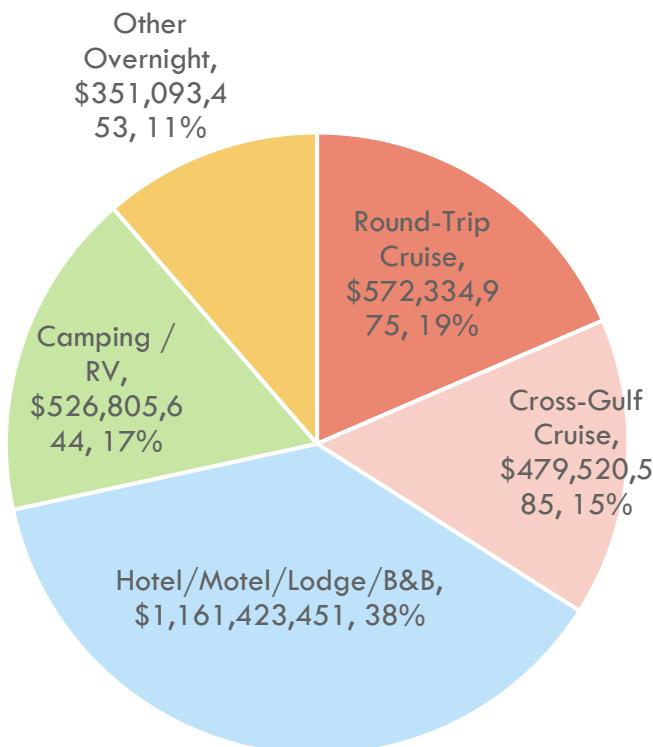
Total Direct Spend

**\$3.91 Billion**



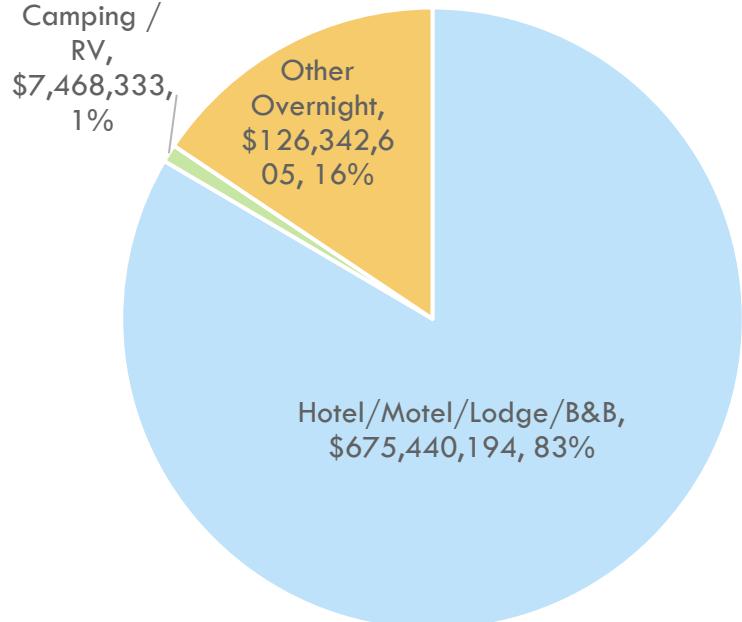
Summer May-Oct

**\$3.09 Billion**

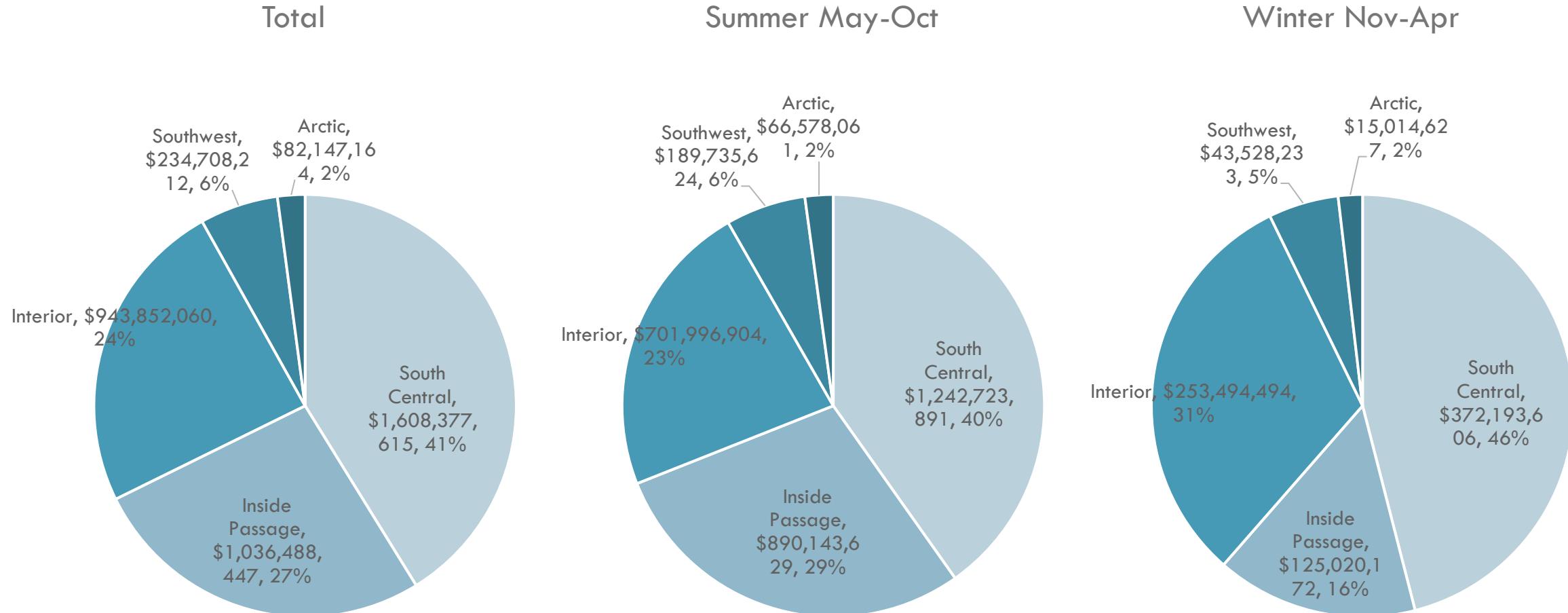


Winter Nov-Apr

**\$809.2 Million**



# 2022-2023 TOURISM IMPACT *Direct Spending By Region*

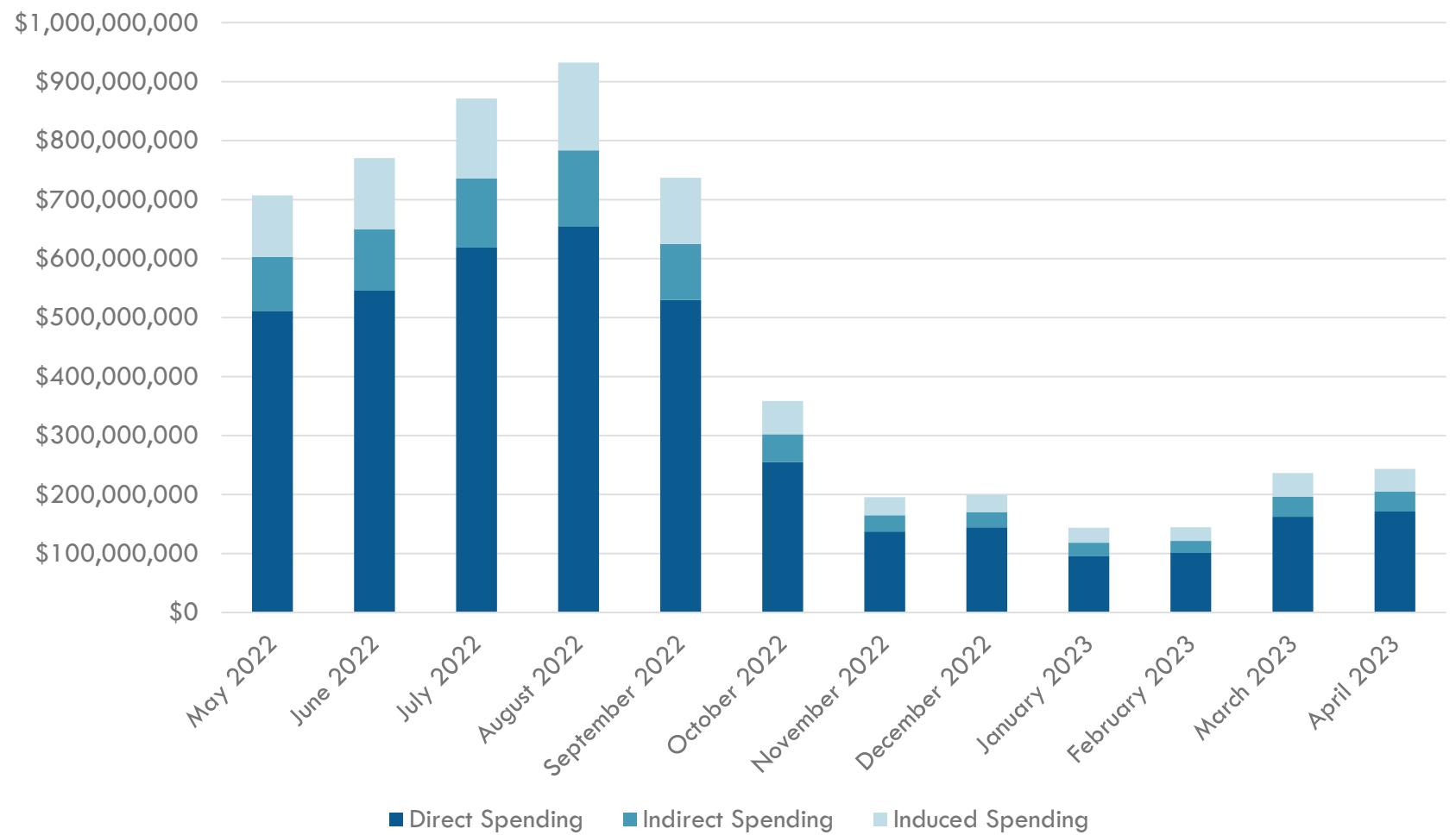




# 2022-2023 TOURISM IMPACT

Total Economic Impact

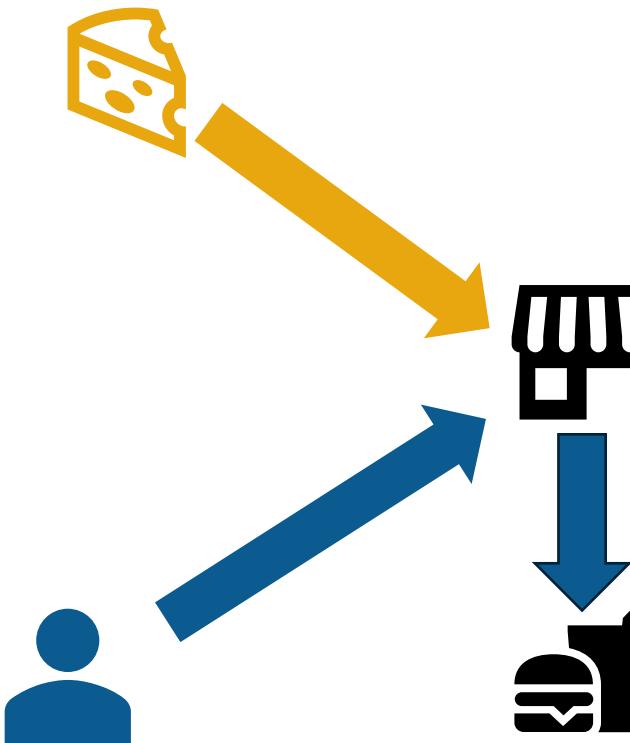
Total Economic Impact by Spending Type





# 2022-2023 TOURISM IMPACT *Total Economic Impact*

**Indirect effects** are changes in inter-industry transactions when supplying industries respond to increased demands from the directly affected industries



**Induced effects** reflect changes in local spending that result from income changes in the directly and indirectly affected industry sectors



(e.g., impacts from wage expenditures; the subsequent round of spending in the local economy made by the households of the employees of companies that incur both direct and indirect expenditures).

## Direct Visitor Spending

The injection of money into the local economy that takes place when a visitor purchases any good or service inside Alaska

A photograph of three people in safety gear standing on a glacier. They are wearing helmets and backpacks. One person is pointing towards a large, textured ice wall. The background shows a body of water with small ice floes.

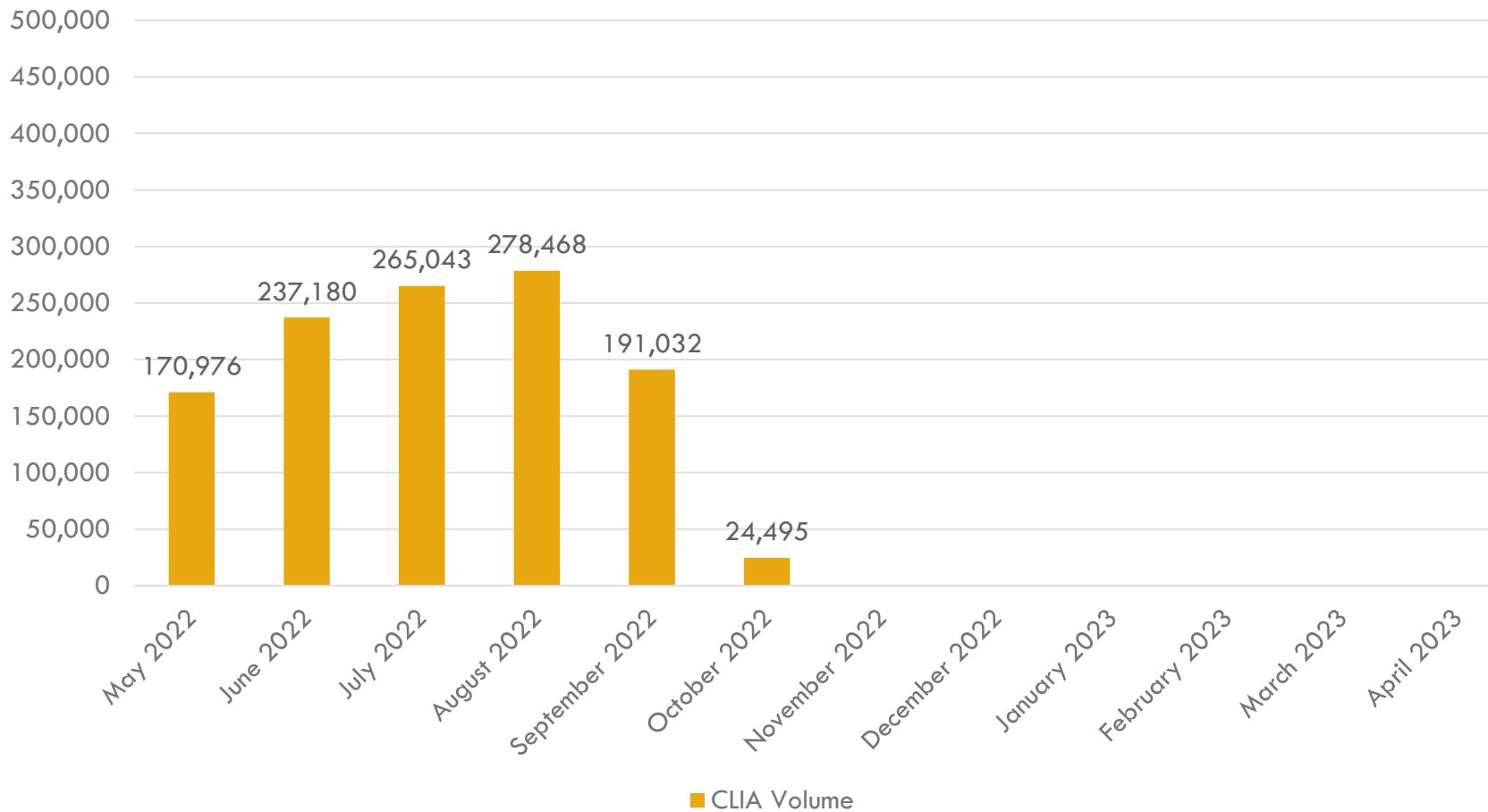
# APPENDIX: SECONDARY DATA



# CRUISE REPORTED DATA

## *Seasonality*

Cruise Seasonality



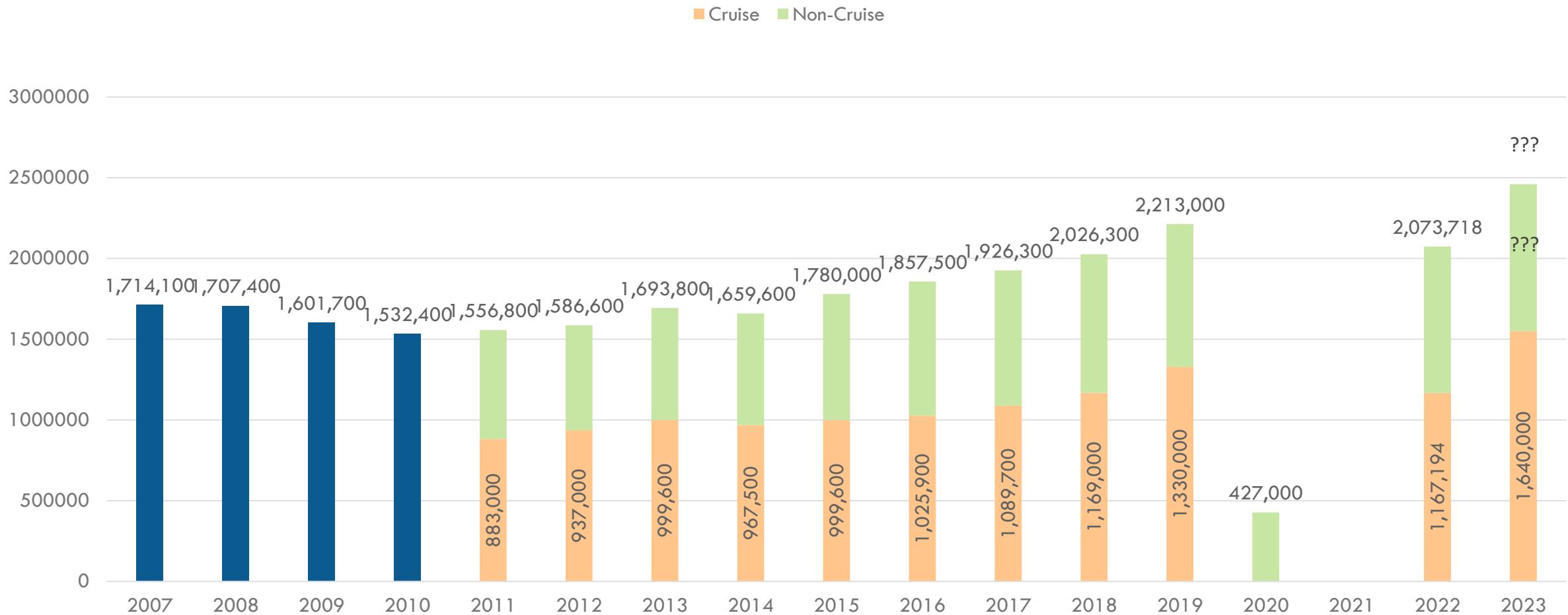
# HOTEL REPORTED DATA *Seasonality*



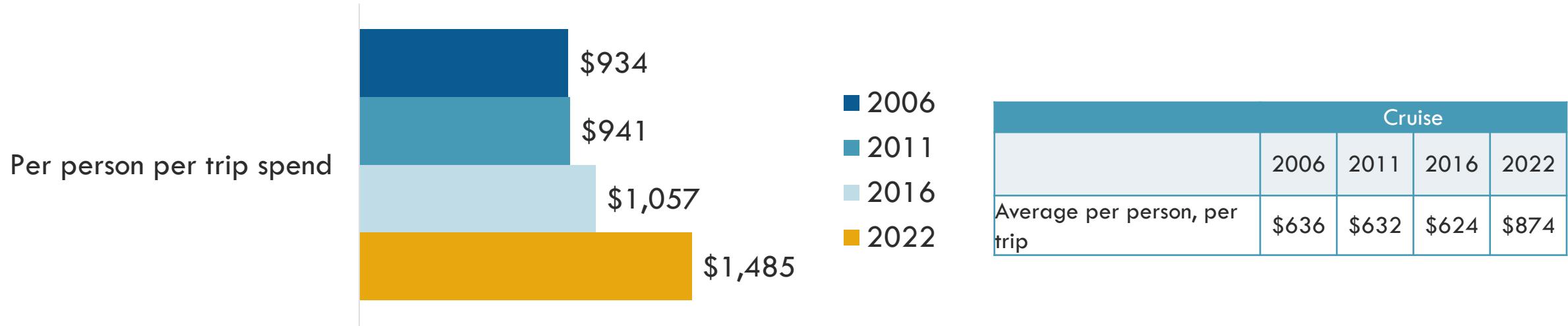
A photograph of a person standing in a snowy, forested landscape at night. The sky is filled with stars and vibrant green aurora borealis lights. The person is seen from behind, wearing a dark jacket and pants, standing on a snow-covered ground. The scene is peaceful and captures the beauty of a northern lights display.

# APPENDIX: HISTORIC COMPARISONS

# SUMMER VOLUME *Historic Comparison*



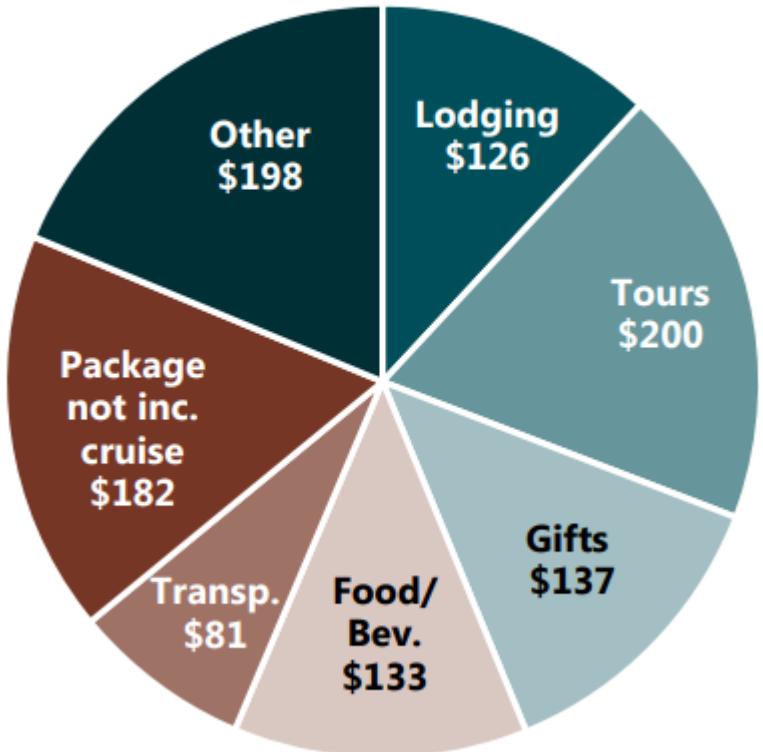
# SUMMER PER PERSON PER TRIP SPEND *Historic Comparison*



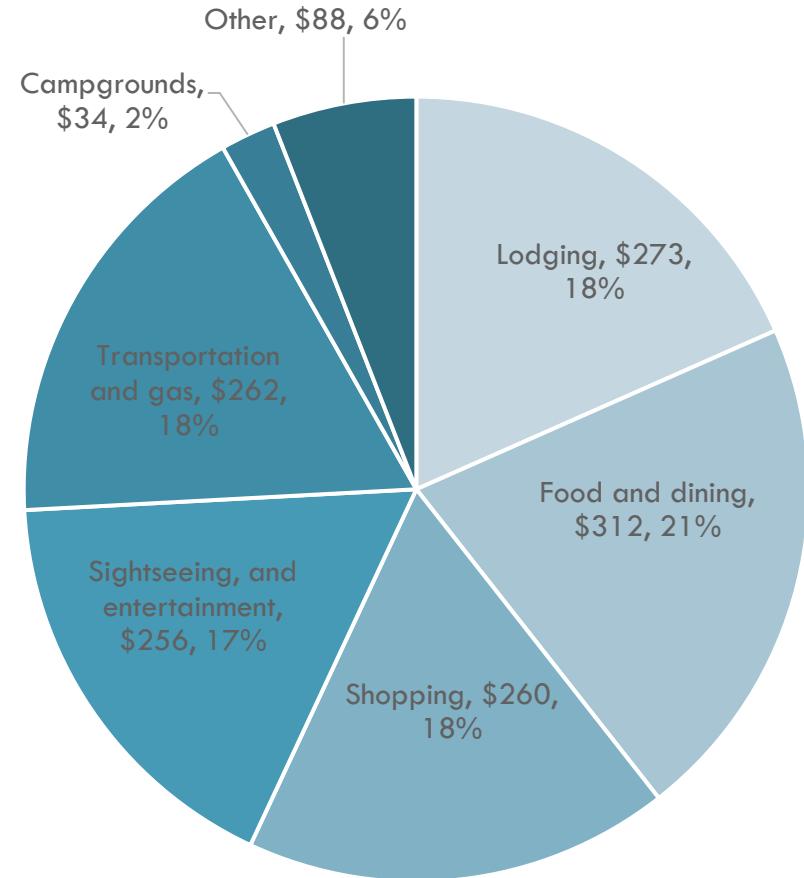
Question: PER DAY, approximately how much will you spend on each of the following? Base: Total, 3,164 respondents. Trip spending for Cruise and Group visitors only reflects spending reported on land within the State of Alaska and thus is calculated based on reported last excursion days and spending on days reported pre/post cruise or group.

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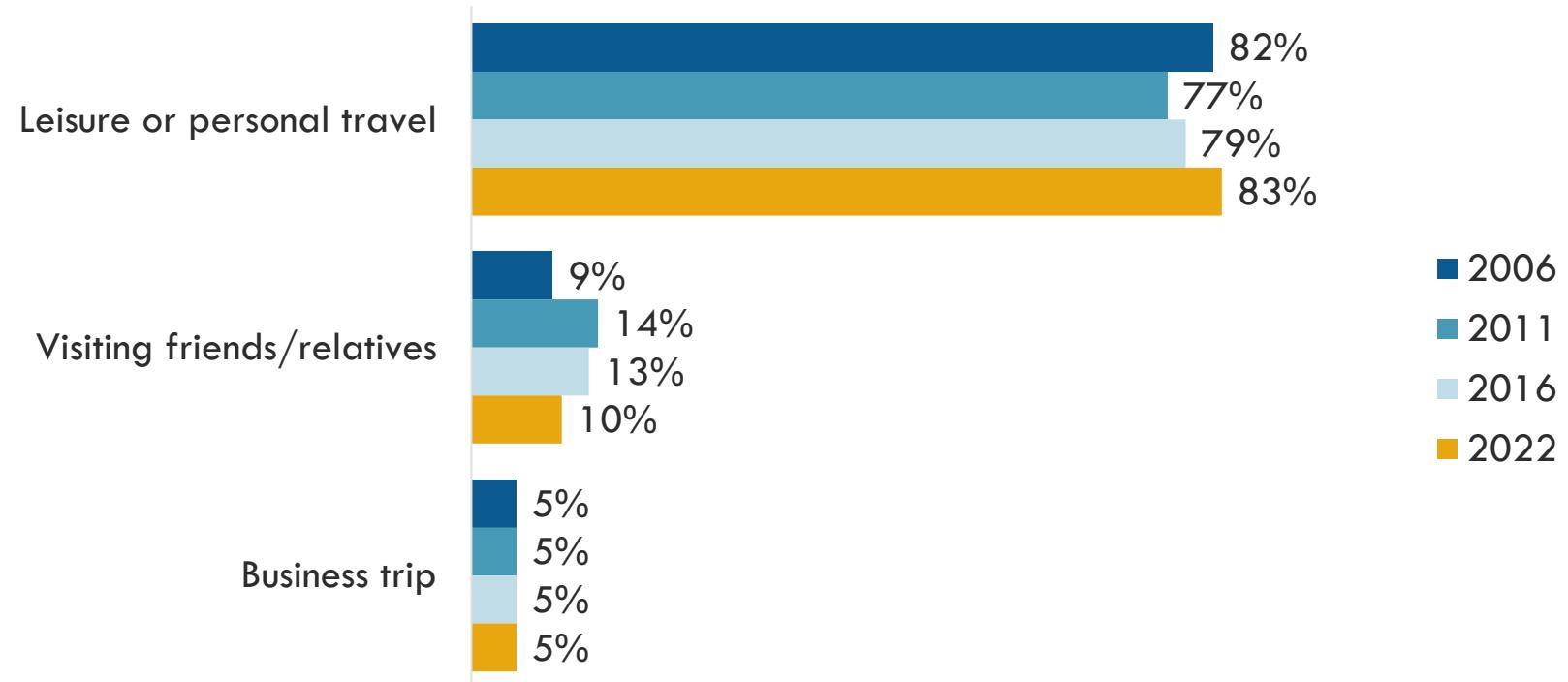
**CHART 1.16 – Average Visitor Spending,  
Per Person, By Category, 2016**



**2022 Summer Share of Wallet**

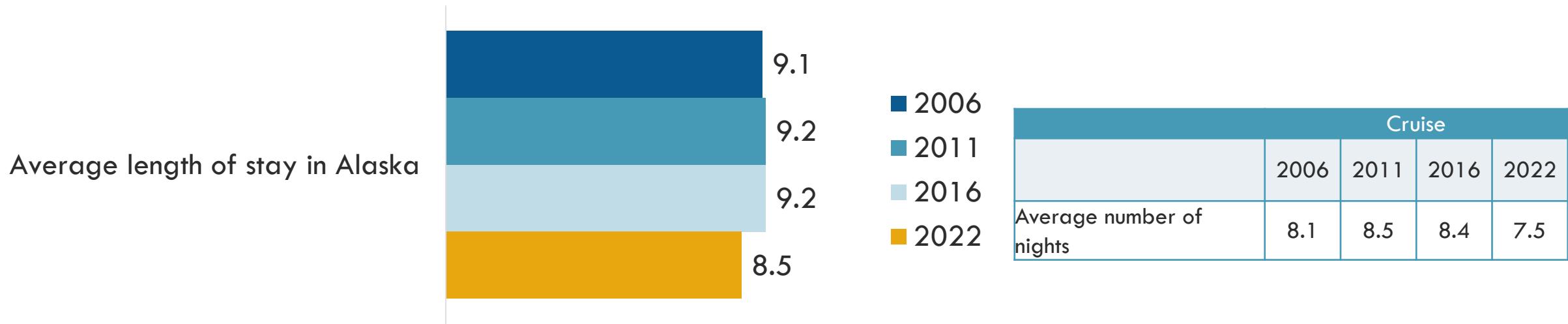


# SUMMER PRIMARY PURPOSE OF TRIP *Historic Comparison*



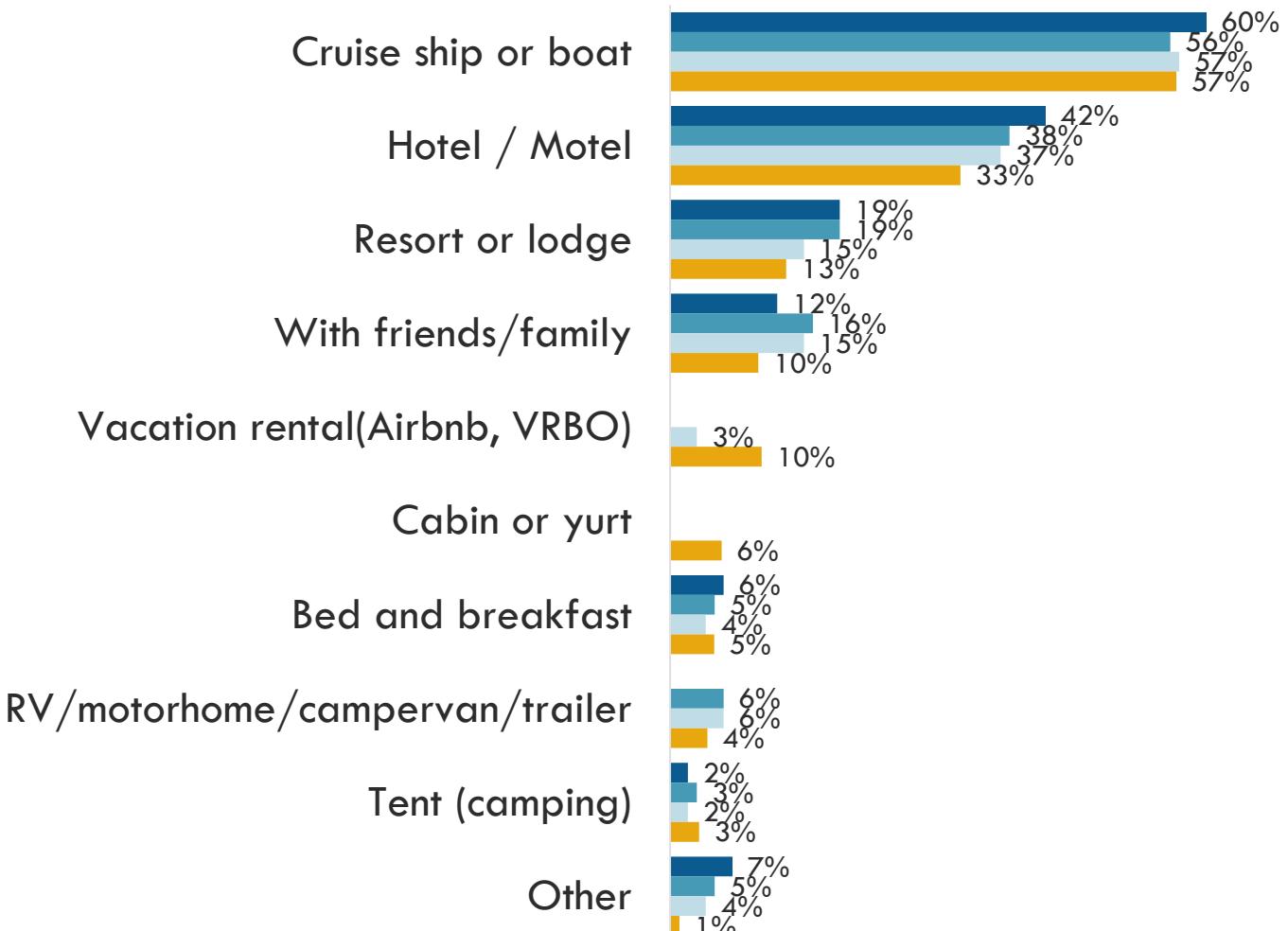
Question: What best describes the purpose of your trip to Alaska? Base: Total, 3,333 respondents.

# SUMMER LENGTH OF STAY – NIGHTS *Historic Comparison*



Base: Total, 3,259 respondents.

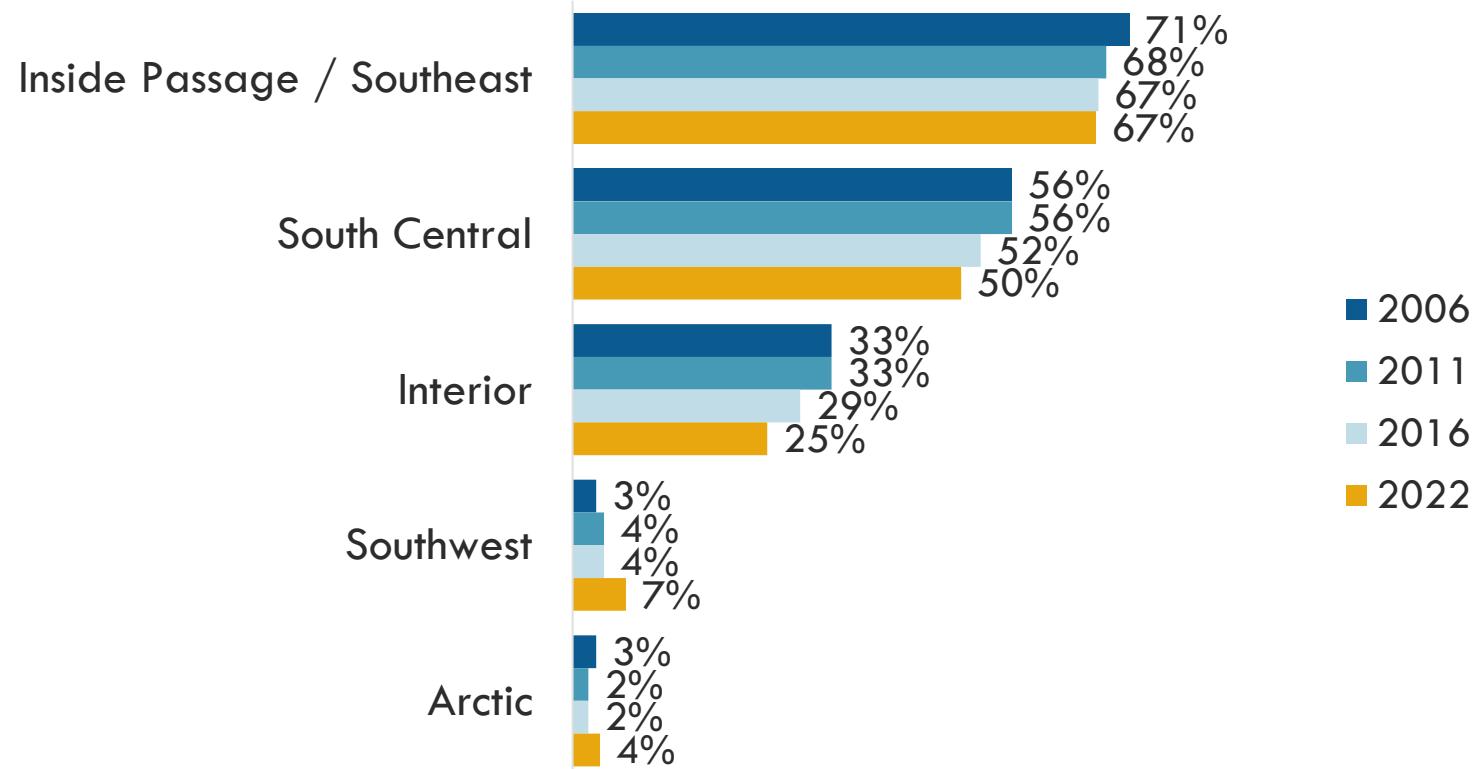
# SUMMER ACCOMMODATION TYPE *Historic Comparison*



Cruise		
	2016	2022
Cruise ship or boat	100%	100%
Hotel / Motel	25%	15%
Vacation rental (Airbnb, VRBO)	<1%	3%
With friends/ family	<1%	1%
Resort or lodge	12%	9%
Cabin or yurt	-	1%
Bed and breakfast	1%	2%
RV/ motorhome/ campervan/ trailer	<1%	1%
Tent (camping)	<1%	1%
Other	<1%	0%

Question: What types of lodging did you/will you stay in on this trip? Select all that apply. Base: Total, 3,328 respondents.

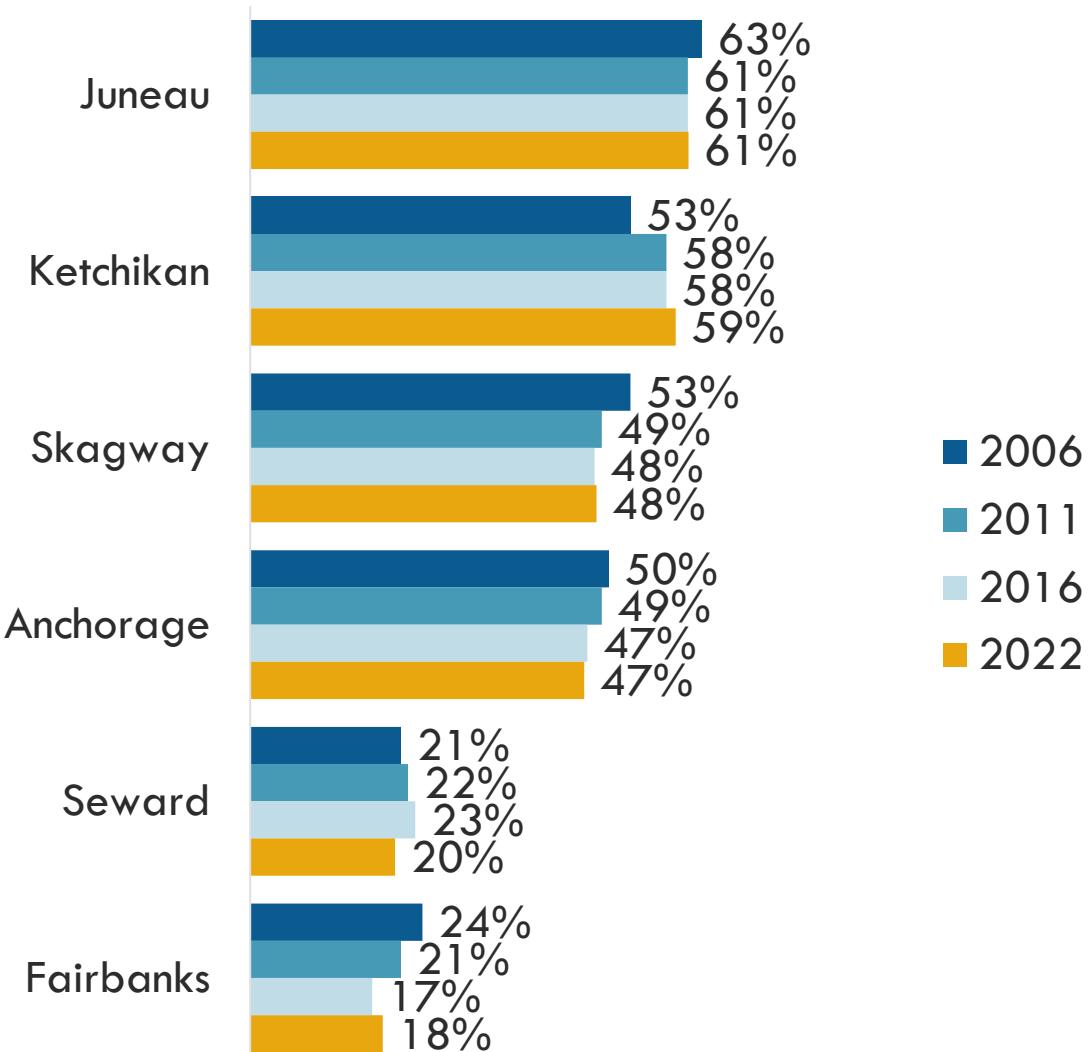
# SUMMER AREAS VISITED *Historic Comparison*



	Cruise			
	2006	2011	2016	2022
Inside Passage	99%	99%	100%	100%
South Central	42%	41%	34%	27%
Interior	27%	30%	21%	10%
Southwest	1%	2%	1%	2%
Arctic	1%	1%	< 1%	1%

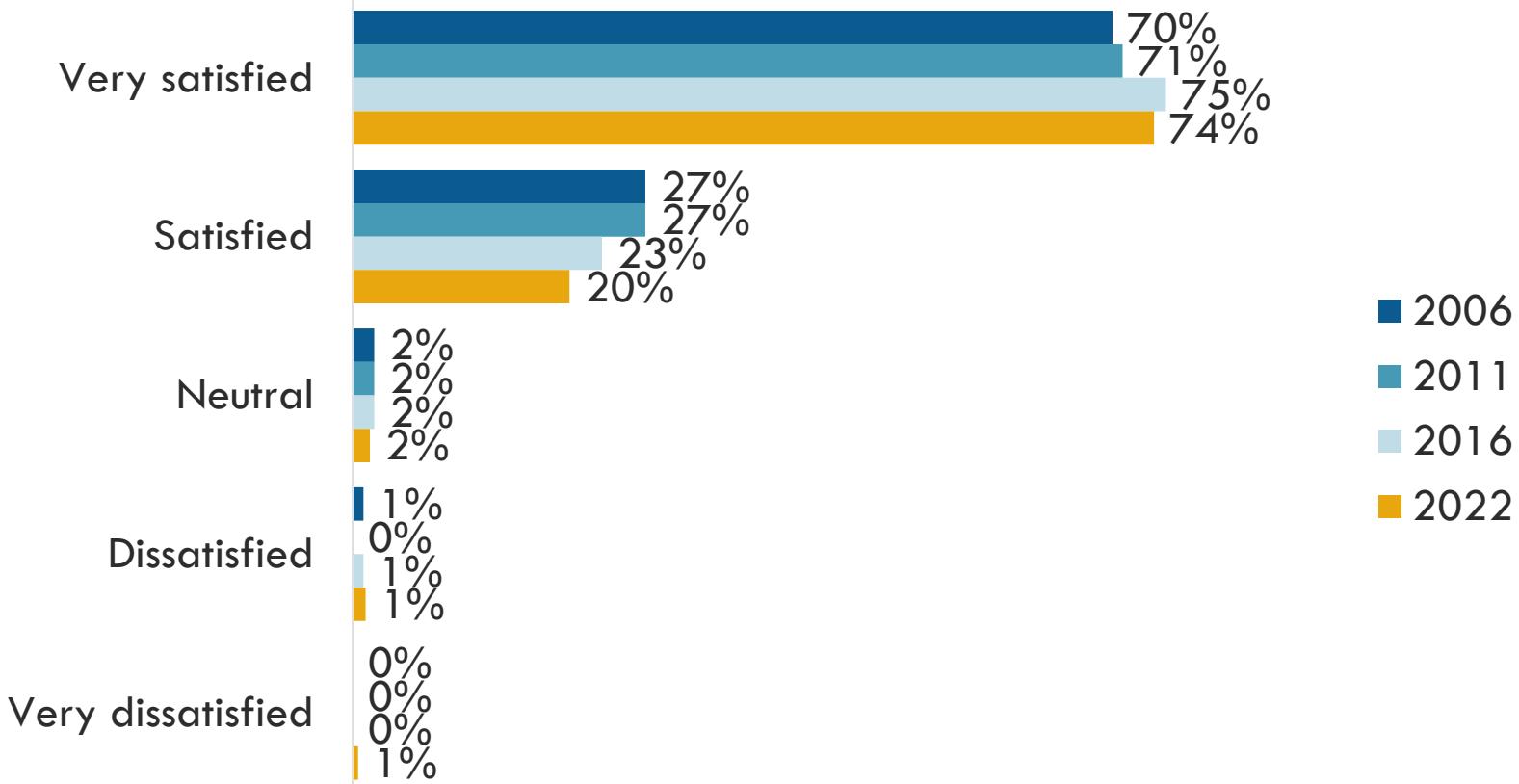
Question: How many nights did you stay/are you staying in each region on this trip? Base: Total, 3,259 respondents.

# SUMMER AREAS VISITED *Historic Comparison*



Question: What areas have you visited/are you planning to visit on this trip? Select all that apply. Base: Total, 3,328 respondents.

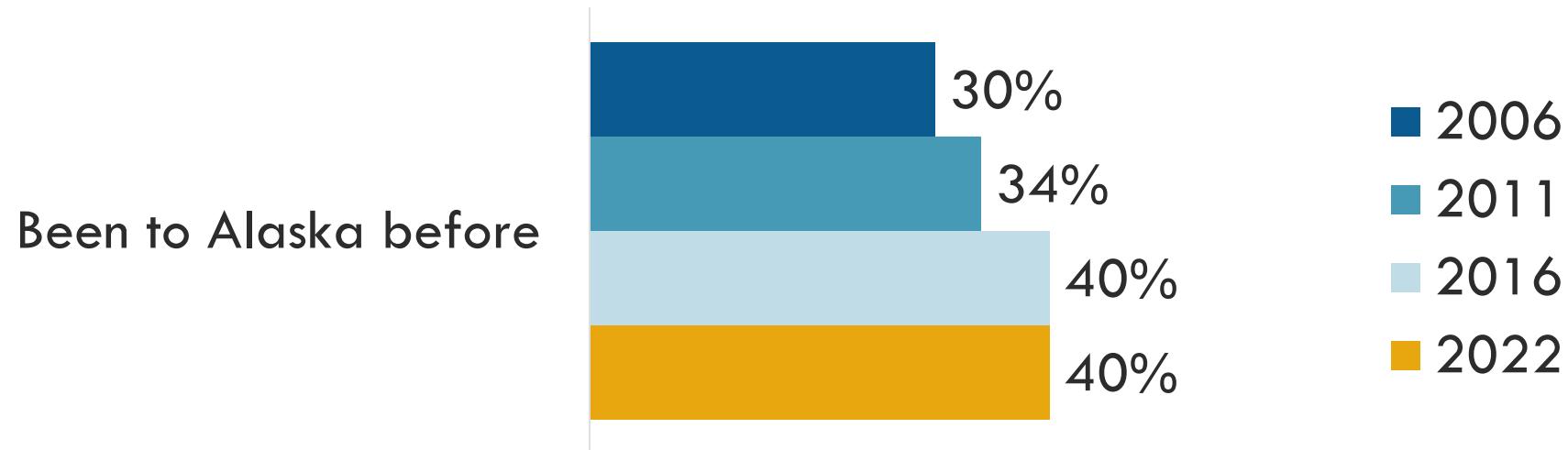
# SUMMER SATISFACTION – OVERALL TRIP *Historic Comparison*



Question: How satisfied are you with... Base: Total, 3,293 respondents.

# SUMMER FIRST TIME VS REPEAT VISITATION *Historic Comparison*

## FIRST TIME VS REPEAT VISITATION (SUMMER)



Question: Is this your first visit to Alaska as an adult (after age 18)? Base: Intercept, 1,295 respondents.