

## 2022 Angler Travel and Targeting Summary: Hernando County

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### How to use this summary

This summary can inform how to **advertise or promote local fishing and fishing-based tourism specifically in Hernando County**. The report describes information about where people come from when they fish Hernando County, and what they fish for. Where people come from (the “origin” of their fishing trip) may help identify advertising locations. The species they fish for, or “target” may inform the photos or text to use in advertisements or other outputs. All data here come from the National Marine Fisheries Service Marine Recreational Information Program. Additional information can be found in the full *Angler Travel and Targeting Report: 2021 Hernando County*, which Brittany Hall-Scharf can provide you.

### Where people come from to fish Hernando County

*Table 1: Out-of-state angler origins comparison*

Trips to Florida	Prop.	Trips to Big Bend	Prop.	Trips to Hernando County	Prop.
Georgia	0.153	Georgia	0.166	Michigan	0.090
Alabama	0.071	Illinois	0.081	Pennsylvania	0.090
Not Available	0.065	Michigan	0.080	Illinois	0.086
Texas	0.056	Pennsylvania	0.065	New York	0.077
Tennessee	0.051	New York	0.058	Georgia	0.059

**Table 1. The origins of out-of-state angler trips for Florida, the region, and specifically Hernando County, for 2011-2021.**

**Columns 1-2** show the top 5 out-of-state origins of angler trips throughout Florida state. **Columns 3-4** show the top out-of-state origins for just trips made to the region. **Columns 5-6** show the top out-of-state origins for trips made to just Hernando County. Comparing the columns shows how Hernando County attracts visitors relative to the surrounding region or state. “Not Available” mostly describes visitors from outside the U.S.

*Table 2: In-state angler origin comparison*

Out-of-county Orig	Prop.	Any Orig.	Prop.
Pasco	0.483	Hernando	0.702
Hillsborough	0.108	Pasco	0.144
Lake	0.084	Hillsborough	0.032
Citrus	0.066	Lake	0.025
Sumter	0.062	Citrus	0.020

**Table 2. The origins of Florida resident anglers fishing in Hernando County, for 2011-2021.**

This table shows where Florida resident anglers come from when they fish Hernando County. **Columns 1 & 2** show origins of trips in Hernando County by anglers who are **not** residents of Hernando County, and **columns 3 & 4** show origins of **all** Florida-resident trips in Hernando County. This information can be used to identifying in-state advertising.

### What people fish for in Hernando County

*Table 3: Proportion of species targeted, comparing county to state*

All Hernando County trips	Prop.	In county trips	Prop.	Out of county trips	Prop.	Out of state trips	Prop.
No Target	0.407	No Target	0.418	No Target	0.387	No Target	0.423
Spotted seatrout	0.165	Spotted seatrout	0.185	Spotted seatrout	0.127	Spotted seatrout	0.153
Red drum	0.123	Red drum	0.129	Gag	0.125	Red drum	0.099
Gag	0.097	Gag	0.082	Red drum	0.112	Gag	0.068
Mullet genus	0.028	Gray snapper	0.024	Mullet genus	0.047	Mullet genus	0.050

**Table 3. Proportions of species targeted by fishing trips made in Hernando County by anglers from various origins, for 2011-2021.**

This table shows the top 5 species anglers fish in Hernando County, depending on where they live. **Columns 1-2** shows what anglers fish for in Hernando County regardless of where they come from. **Columns 3-4** shows what Hernando County resident anglers fish for, **Columns 5-6** shows what anglers who live in Florida but not Hernando County fish for, and **Columns 7-8** shows what out-of-state anglers fish for. The information here can be used to fine-tune advertising (photos and text) or informational content for out-of-county or out-of-state anglers.