

2024 Angler Travel and Targeting Summary: St. Lucie 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 St. Lucie County**. The report describes information about where people come from when they fish St. Lucie 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 St. Lucie County*, which Vincent Encomio can provide you.

Where people come from to fish St. Lucie County

Table 1: Out-of-state angler origins comparison

Trips to Florida	Prop.	Trips to Treasure Coast	Prop.	Trips to St Lucie County	Prop.
Georgia	0.148	New York	0.129	New Jersey	0.092
Alabama	0.063	Michigan	0.074	Not Available	0.083
Texas	0.057	New Jersey	0.074	New York	0.071
Not Available	0.057	Ohio	0.068	Georgia	0.066
Tennessee	0.049	Georgia	0.063	Illinois	0.064

Table 1. The origins of out-of-state angler trips for Florida, the region, and specifically St. Lucie County, for 2013-2023.

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 St. Lucie County. Comparing the columns shows how St. Lucie 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.
Indian River	0.443	St Lucie	0.616
Martin	0.124	Indian River	0.170
Okeechobee	0.094	Martin	0.047
Palm Beach	0.061	Okeechobee	0.036
Brevard	0.051	Palm Beach	0.023

Table 2. The origins of Florida resident anglers fishing in St. Lucie County, for 2013-2023.

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

What people fish for in St. Lucie County

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

All St Lucie County trips	Prop.	In county trips	Prop.	Out of county trips	Prop.	Out of state trips	Prop.
No Target	0.424	No Target	0.419	No Target	0.430	No Target	0.543
Dolphin	0.143	Dolphin	0.135	Dolphin	0.152	Dolphin	0.102
Common snook	0.097	Common snook	0.106	Common snook	0.085	Sheepshead	0.069
Snapper family	0.053	Snapper family	0.060	Snapper family	0.045	Common snook	0.055
Spotted seatrout	0.037	Spotted seatrout	0.036	Spotted seatrout	0.038	Spotted seatrout	0.040

Table 3. Proportions of species targeted by fishing trips made in St. Lucie County by anglers from various origins, for 2013-2023.

This table shows the top 5 species anglers fish in St. Lucie County, depending on where they live. **Columns 1-2** shows what anglers fish for in St. Lucie County regardless of where they come from. **Columns 3-4** shows what St. Lucie County resident anglers fish for, **Columns 5-6** shows what anglers who live in Florida but not St. Lucie 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.