

2024 Angler Travel and Targeting Summary: Hillsborough 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 Hillsborough County**. The report describes information about where people come from when they fish Hillsborough 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 Hillsborough County*, which Angela Collins can provide you.

Where people come from to fish Hillsborough County

Table 1: Out-of-state angler origins comparison

Trips to Florida	Prop.	Trips to Tampa Bay	Prop.	Trips to Hillsborough County	Prop.
Georgia	0.148	Not Available	0.090	Georgia	0.074
Alabama	0.063	Ohio	0.079	Not Available	0.067
Texas	0.057	Michigan	0.071	Michigan	0.066
Not Available	0.057	Illinois	0.070	Illinois	0.064
Tennessee	0.049	Georgia	0.058	Ohio	0.059

Table 1. The origins of out-of-state angler trips for Florida, the region, and specifically Hillsborough 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 Hillsborough County.

Comparing the columns shows how Hillsborough 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.
Polk	0.447	Hillsborough	0.668
Pasco	0.192	Polk	0.148
Pinellas	0.160	Pasco	0.064
Manatee	0.043	Pinellas	0.053
Orange	0.019	Manatee	0.014

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

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

What people fish for in Hillsborough County

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

All Hillsborough County trips	Prop.	In county trips	Prop.	Out of county trips	Prop.	Out of state trips	Prop.
No Target	0.400	No Target	0.401	No Target	0.398	No Target	0.451
Red drum	0.173	Red drum	0.171	Red drum	0.175	Common snook	0.156
Common snook	0.152	Common snook	0.148	Common snook	0.159	Red drum	0.112
Spotted seatrout	0.090	Spotted seatrout	0.090	Spotted seatrout	0.090	Spotted seatrout	0.079
Gray snapper	0.065	Gray snapper	0.069	Gray snapper	0.059	Sheepshead	0.068

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

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