

2024 Angler Travel and Targeting Summary: Indian River 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 Indian River County**. The report describes information about where people come from when they fish Indian River 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 Indian River County*, which Lisa Krinsky can provide you.

Where people come from to fish Indian River County

Table 1: Out-of-state angler origins comparison

Trips to Florida		Trips to East Central FL		Trips to Indian River County	
	Prop.		Prop.		Prop.
Georgia	0.148	Not Available	0.065	New York	0.102
Alabama	0.063	Texas	0.064	Michigan	0.081
Texas	0.057	Georgia	0.063	Georgia	0.077
Not Available	0.057	Michigan	0.063	North Carolina	0.070
Tennessee	0.049	Minnesota	0.047	New Jersey	0.065

Table 1. The origins of out-of-state angler trips for Florida, the region, and specifically Indian River 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 Indian River County. Comparing the columns shows how Indian River 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.
Brevard	0.578	Indian River	0.498
Orange	0.086	Brevard	0.290
Osceola	0.083	Orange	0.043
St Lucie	0.046	Osceola	0.042
Polk	0.035	St Lucie	0.023

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

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

What people fish for in Indian River County

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

All Indian River County trips	Prop.	In county trips	Prop.	Out of county trips	Prop.	Out of state trips	Prop.
No Target	0.576	No Target	0.595	No Target	0.562	No Target	0.710
Common snook	0.095	Common snook	0.086	Common snook	0.101	Common snook	0.068
Dolphin	0.055	Gray snapper	0.058	Dolphin	0.074	Lefteye flounder genus	0.027
Gray snapper	0.038	Red drum	0.035	Red drum	0.040	Spotted seatrout	0.023
Red drum	0.038	Dolphin	0.031	Spotted seatrout	0.025	Dolphin	0.020

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

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