

Intro to New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism



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Our Role

- ▶ Promote New Jersey as a premier tourist destination
- ▶ Draw tourists from other states and encourage residents to vacation at home
- ▶ Work with industry stakeholders to create tourism products and experiences that will encourage longer stays thus increasing the revenue to the State through tourism tax receipts.



Key Contacts

- ▶ Anthony Minick – Acting Director
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- ▶ Colleen Karr – Grant Administrator
- ▶ Jennifer Stringfellow – Public Relations



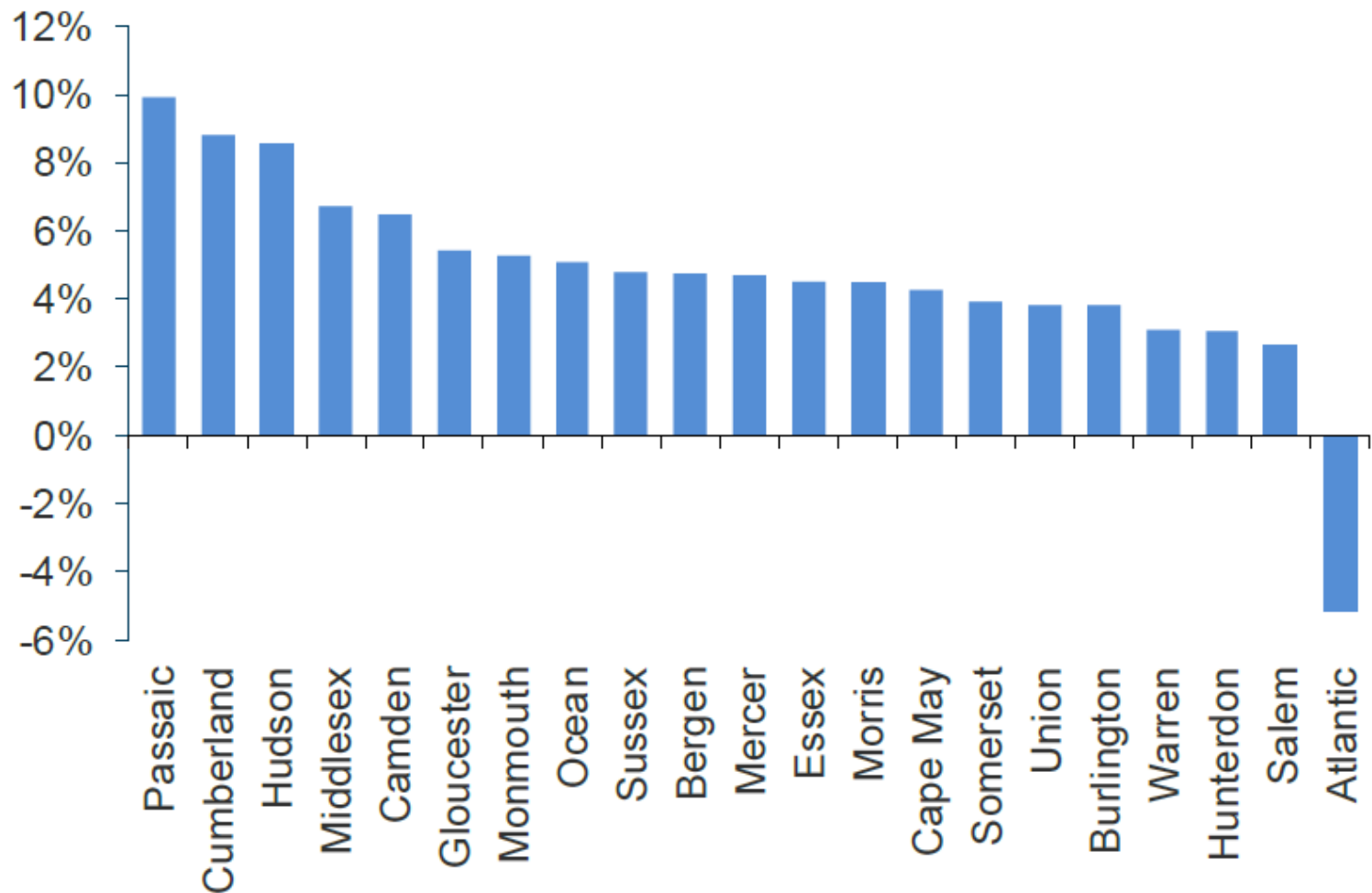
Tourism Economics Snapshot

- ▶ 2015 marks six straight years of spending and visit growth
- ▶ The tourism sector generated \$37.3 billion of state GDP in 2015, representing 6.6% of the entire state economy
- ▶ Only Atlantic City experienced declines
- ▶ Perfect summer weather helped drive strong growth in bed tax receipts in the summer months
- ▶ Initial read for 2016 appears positive
- ▶ Industry analysts project U.S. Tourism overall to continue growing through 2020

Growth in Tourism Industry Sales

2015, % change

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Source : Tourism Economics

Key Components of Our Current Marketing Efforts

- ▶ Marketing and Advertising (direct to consumers and Trade):
 - Network and Cable Television and Radio
 - Trade Print Advertising
 - Social Media
- ▶ Visitnj.org website designed to showcase New Jersey as a destination. Includes free hotel, restaurant and tourism-related businesses listed free of charge. Includes free events listings.
- ▶ We are about to kick off marketing planning for next year and beyond
- ▶ Potential web site update.





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Key Components of Our Marketing Efforts

- ▶ Business and events listings also appear in the annual NJ Travel Guide and the Events Guide



- ▶ Travel Trade show activities
- ▶ Grant Funding Programs



Regional Tourism Organizations

- ▶ The state division of travel and tourism works to generate awareness of New Jersey as a travel destination on a wide scale basis
- ▶ There is a significant amount of tourism marketing that occurs at a regional/local level
- ▶ We partner with a number of non-profit Destination marketing Organizations (DMO's) around the state who promote tourism locally






New Jersey

Engaging Local Municipalities

- ▶ Division of Travel & Tourism also seeks to actively engage local municipalities in order to:
 - Generate awareness of the importance of tourism
 - Educate regarding the resources that are available
 - Encourage tourism growth efforts
 - Provide technical support/advice.

New Jersey Travel and Tourism Destination Marketing Toolbox

- I. Get Listed on the state tourism website (www.visitnj.org)
- II. Add Events to the state tourism website (www.visitnj.org)
- III. Engage in the division's Social Media outlets: FB, Twitter, & YouTube
- IV. Literature Distribution Program
- V. NJ's Destination Marketing Organizations
- VI. Explore opportunities within the Division's two grant programs



Get Listed on the State Tourism Website (www.visitnj.org)

1. Email Cris Tarangioli at Cris.Tarangioli@sos.nj.gov
2. Subject line type: *“New Business Listing”*
3. State: *“Please add me to the visitNJ.org database so my business can be displayed on visitNJ.org.”*
4. Include: name of business listing, physical address, public phone #, website address, and a short few sentences that describes your business.
5. Contact name, phone number, and email for administrator’s use.
6. Once approved, you’ll be able to enhance listing.



Funding Programs

Cooperative Marketing Grant Program:

- ▶ Collaboration between division and NJ's travel industry.
- ▶ Funding provided to market specific tourism opportunities with awards ranging from \$2,000 - \$25,000.
- ▶ \$0.25 : \$1.00 match.
 - Brochure Creation and Distribution (\$2,000 - \$5,000) i.e., \$2,000 (\$500)
 - Advertising/Marketing of an event (up to \$15,000) i.e. \$15,000 (\$3,750)
 - General Marketing Plan (up to \$25,000) i.e. \$25,000 (\$6,250)

Destination Marketing Grant Program:

- DMO's primary function is to promote their defined destination.
 - A destination can be a single city, a group of municipalities, or a defined region.
 - The DMO works with stakeholders: hotels, restaurants, attractions, and smaller tourism entities.
 - The DMO must work with area businesses to drive visitation when and where it is most appropriate.
- 14 tourism-related organizations were awarded grants totaling over \$1.5 million to expand tourism marketing.

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