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The Tourism Economy Study: CCU Lodging Update, March 7, 2019

Current Performance Estimates

Hotel, Condo-Hotel and Campsite Properties

Preliminary results from Coastal Carolina University's voluntary sample of hotel, condo-hotel and campsite (HC-HC) properties along the Grand Strand during the week of Feb. 24 to March 2, 2019, are shown below.

Metric	Midweek	Midweek	Weekend	Weekend	Complete Week	Complete Week	Week Delta	Week Percent Change
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018-2019	2018-2019
Average percent occupancy	34.8	34.2	66.4	64.0	43.9	42.6	-1.3	-3.1%
Average daily rate per unit	\$69.74	\$65.63	\$94.31	\$116.19	\$80.47	\$86.94	\$6.47	8.0%
Revenue per available room	\$24.25	\$22.46	\$62.63	\$74.37	\$35.33	\$37.00	\$1.67	4.7%

Vacation Rental Properties

Based on the Brittain Center's observations of random samples of internet websites of vacation rental properties (VRPs) in the coastal sections of Horry and Georgetown counties (328 of the 3,135 units) for which complete data are publicly available, the percent that were reserved or blocked from rental are shown below.

	2018	2019	Delta 2018-2019	Percent Change 2018-2019
Feb. 23-March 1, 2019	48.0	57.0	9.0	18.7%
March 2-8, 2019	60.2	59.5	-0.7	-1.1%
March 9-15, 2019	59.8	65.7	5.9	9.9%
Scientific random sample weekly (units)	330	332		

Forecast and Analysis

According to weather.com at the time of this writing, the weather forecast for the weekend of March 9-10, 2019, calls for a high temperature of 68 degrees and 58 degrees, and a 30 percent and 20 percent chance of precipitation, respectively. The Brittain Center predicts that average occupancy for its sample of HC-HC properties may be near or above 68 percent for the weekend nights of March 8-9, 2019.

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February Results

Preliminary results for Brittain Center's voluntary sample of HC-HC properties located along the Grand Strand, and results of center researchers' internet observations of a scientifically random sample of VRP websites in Horry County are shown below. The [annual results](#) of the center's lodging research on the HC-HC and VRP properties through 2018 are now published in the February 2019 issue of the Grand Strander: The Newsletter of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. Look for the center's 52-week moving average rate of change trend line analysis in the March issue. The [monthly results](#) for the center's sample of HC-HC properties through January 2019 are available in the Insider section.

Metric	2018	2019	Delta 2018-2019	Percent Change 2018-2019
Hotels, condo-hotels and campsites				
Average percent occupancy	38.0	36.6	-1.4	-3.7%
Average daily rate per unit	\$62.93	\$66.97	\$4.04	6.4%
Revenue per available room	\$23.93	\$24.54	\$0.61	2.5%
Voluntary sample (units)	8,307	7,457		
Average bedrooms per unit	1.3	1.4		
Vacation rental properties				
Average percent reserved	48.6	44.6	-4.0	-8.2%
Average advertised price per bedroom	\$44.23	\$44.23	\$0.00	0.0%
Est. revenue per available bedroom	\$21.50	\$19.73	-\$1.76	-8.2%
Scientific random sample (units)	210	208		
Average bedrooms per unit	4.0	4.1		

Additional Research Notes

The Brittain Center's preliminary sample of 20 HC-HC properties reporting for the week of Feb. 24 to March 2, 2019, consisted of eight hotels (all but one are oceanfront/view, and three are brand-affiliated), 11 condo-hotels (all are oceanfront/view), and one campground resort property. During the most recent 52-week period, the center's sample of all hotels, condo-hotels and campsites averaged 8,076 units per week.

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Note: The above analysis is based on sample estimates. Actual business performance results may vary greatly. Therefore, neither the above centers nor Coastal Carolina University warrant the use of the above data or analysis for specific business application.