Jackson County TDA

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JCTDA Mission

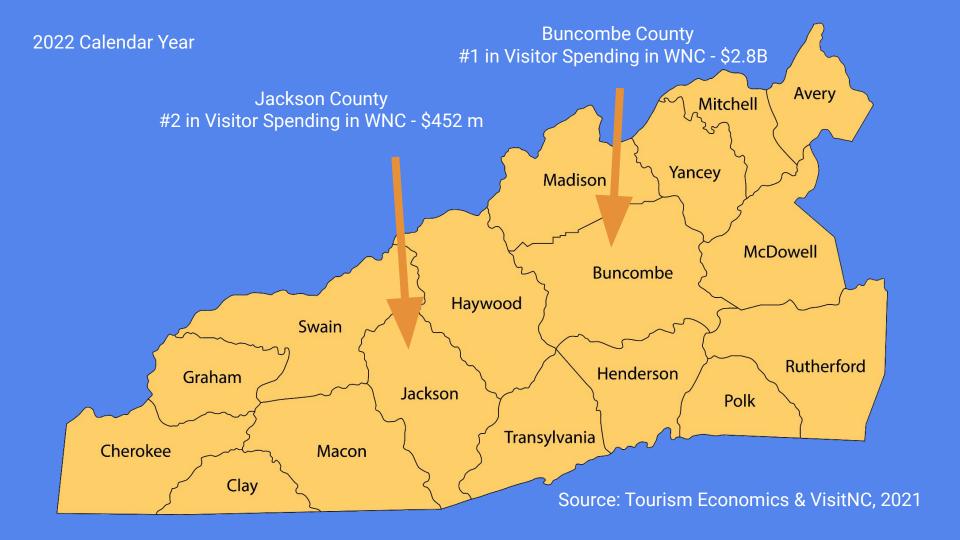
To promote the growth of year-round tourism opportunities that benefit the Jackson County economy. Our efforts put people to work, grow jobs, build community, and make our towns a vibrant place to live, play and work.



JCTDA Vision

To be the premier mountain destination providing an active lifestyle, spectacular natural assets and a friendly community for citizens and visitors alike.

Tourism builds Community















Partners

Ad Agency



PR Firm



SEM Agency



2024 Ad Campaign



CASHIERS

CHEROKEE

DILLSBORO

Capture the Moment Campaign Evolution

'23-24 Fiscal Year



A FRESH TAKE ON SUMMER IN JACKSON COUNTY, NC
As summer sunshine arrives in the mountains, our family finds opportunities to discover adventure and create new traditions just three hours wave in Jackson County, NC. From feativals infect with local and the freshest flavors to epic surset hikes

and serene moments in nature, the Western NC mountains can't

help but show off this time of year.

Plan your summer getaway at DiscoverJacksonNC.com







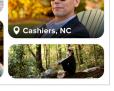




We celebrated our one-year anniversary in peak paradise.









My solo adventure was full of endless discoveries.









'24-25 Fiscal Year



Year in Review: Email

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A SEASON OF GRATITUDE



Discover Our Secret Season
Give the Gift of Lasting Memories in the Mountains of Jackson
County, N.C.

Long after the holiday season has passed, the memories of a wintertime trip to the mountains will remain. Visit Jackson County during our Secret Season and experience its many perks, like affordable accommodations and fewer visitors.

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Be My Valentine Celebrate the One You Love in Jackson County, NC

Our mountains are the perfect backdrop for your romantic escape, and we have Six Ways to Impress Your Date during the month of love.

READ THE BLOG

What We Saw

Period of review: June 2023 - February 2024 (Compare to year prior)

Mailchimp Engagement

Average Open Rate 32.4% Average Click Rate 2.2%

Website Traffic (Acquisition)

New Users from Email 19,725 (7.4% increase)

120,000

Active Subscribers





Public Relations

YEAR IN REVIEW: NATIONAL CLIPS











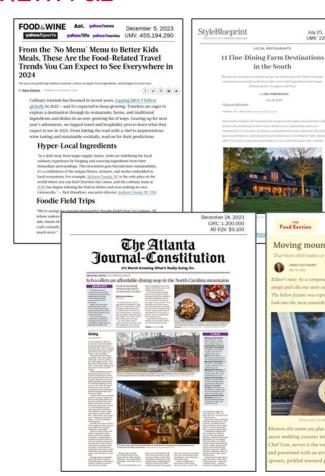
YEAR IN REVIEW: REGIONAL CLIPS







YEAR IN REVIEW: F&B





UMV: 30,086

July 25, 2023

LIMV 228 340

Food Section

Moving mountains

Editor's note: As a component of The Food Section's partnership with The Assembly, I

assign and edit one story each month about food in North Carolina for the digital magazine. The below feature was reported by Asheville writer Emma Castleberry, who gamely agreed to

hanom jiin naam yaa plaa is a mountain trout curry distinguished by a velvety, golden sauce melding coconut milk with pounded fish. Kanlaya Supachana, known better as Chef Gun, serves it the way her father did, the local trout plated alongside rice noodler and presented with an array of bright accompaniments: a soft-boiled egg, bean

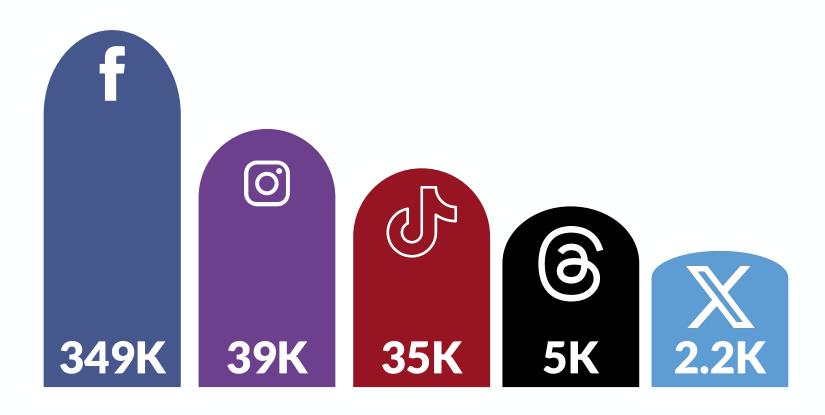
look into the most astonishing dish I ate at DaLaya Thai in September. Have a great weekend. **JamesBeard** Houndation

Social Media

Social Media Metrics for 2023 102,551,759 Impressions +70% YOY

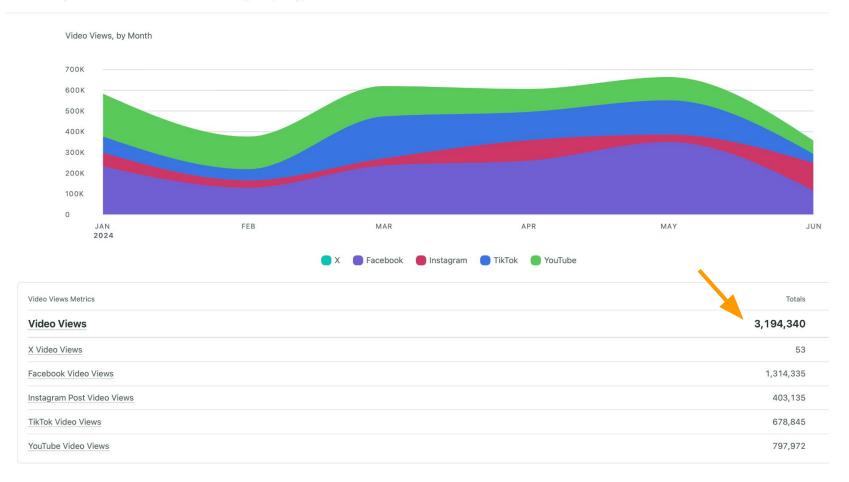
3,507,935 Engagements +16% YOY

Social Media Following @DiscoverJacksonNC

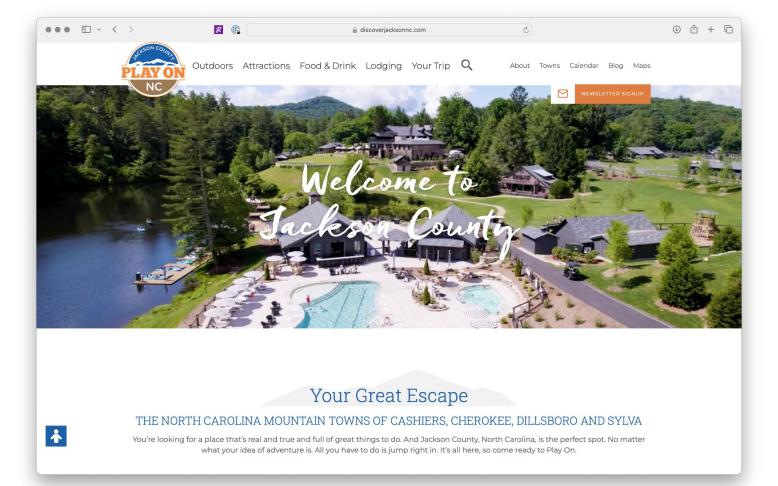


Video Views

Review how your videos were viewed across networks during the reporting period.



Website



Website Metrics For 2023

Visits

714,835

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✓ 3.3% | 691,493 change | prev. year
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Sustainability

The Jackson County Tourism Development Authority dedicates itself to keeping Jackson County a clean, sustainable, and vibrant destination and community for visitors and residents.

Sustainability-related Grants

FY 22-23

- WCU River Cleanup: \$1,200
- Pinnacle Park Trail Maintenance: \$1,200
- Panthertown Trail Maintenance: \$1,200
- Keep our Mountains Clean and Green: \$2,500
- Greening Up the Mountains: \$2,500
- Green Energy Park: \$1,500
- Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation: \$1,000
- Great Smoky Mountains Association: \$1,000

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TCPF



Concept Description

Concept A includes 57 parking spaces, 2 of which are ADA-accessible spaces, with a one-way traffic flow. Parallel spaces are given to accommodate parking for city work trucks observed on-site. The bioretention area is a strong, central feature with an outfall into a quiet rain garden in the northeast corner of the space. Weirs double as safe passage across and engagement opportunities with the bioretention. An entry arch is proposed on the pedestrian entry to the space, which is repeated to the west at the existing pathway to unite the two sides of the park. A simple granite fines path follows the lot edge and continues through a spacious picnic area before connecting to the existing sidewalk at the pavilion. A side path leads to a viewing platform nestled between the existing trees over Scott Creek. Food trucks would be accommodated in the west-most parking bay, which could be easily closed off to create a true court, with a flex event/dining space immediately to the north. This space could be filled with movable furniture for daily use but also host a food truck or vendor during festivals and events. The central location and scale of the food truck court would activate the entire park and unite the east and west sides.

Example Imagery







Summary

- Maximizes parking
- · Allows for flxibles zones for use
- Stormwater
- Keeps truck parking

Concept







Additional Grants in 2023-2024

March 2023 - Pinnacle Park Master Plan

- Amount: \$50,000

- Purpose: Complete a master plan for Pinnacle Park, part of a larger funding project.

March 2023 - Cashiers Historical Society Marketing

- Amount: \$10,000

- Purpose: Fund marketing for events during a budget shortfall due to renovations.

June 2023 - Panthertown Valley Trail Counters

- Amount: \$10,000

- Purpose: Installation and maintenance of trail counters for data collection.

December 2023 - Panthertown Trails Enhancement Phase 2

- Amount: \$40,000

- Purpose: Upgrade and add trail counters in Panthertown Valley.

April 2024 - Master Plan for Village Green Grounds

- Amount: \$25,000

- Purpose: Master Planning w/ Equinox for the Village Green grounds & renovations

April 2024 – Dillsboro Wi-Fi Project

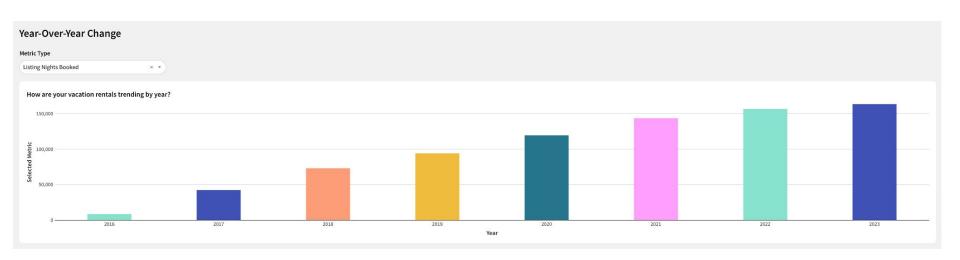
- Amount: \$12,000

- Purpose: First year funding for Wi-Fi service for Town of Dillsboro

Total **Grants** issued since TDA inception \$686,573

Lodging Trends Jackson County

Short Term Rentals - STRs



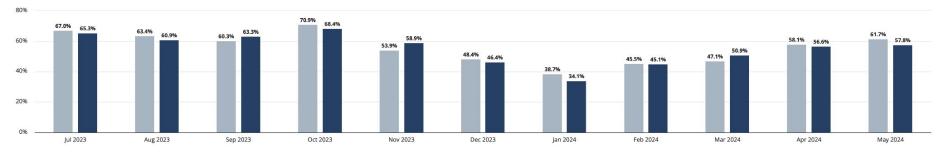


How are your vacation rentals trending by market over time?												
Period	Market Type ≟	Market ≟	Segment =	Listing Nights Available *	Listing Nights Booked *	Revenue *	ADR *	RevPAR *	Available Listings *	Booked Listings *	Occupancy Rate *	Length of Stay *
May 2024	Main Market	Jackson County	Total	30,582	14,833	\$4,147,744	\$280	\$136	1,236	1,181	49%	3.0
May 2024	Submarket	Cashiers	Total	5,761	2,480	\$946,653	\$382	\$164	247	228	43%	2.8
May 2024	Submarket	Cullowhee	Total	3,907	1,734	\$517,101	\$298	\$132	153	147	44%	3.2
May 2024	Submarket	Dillsboro	Total	464	287	\$70,888	\$247	\$153	17	17	62%	2.5
May 2024	Submarket	Sylva	Total	6,655	3,358	\$669,015	\$199	\$101	257	249	50%	3.0
May 2024	Submarket	Tuckasegee	Total	2,248	1,036	\$432,740	\$418	\$193	100	96	46%	3.3
May 2024	Submarket	Whittier	Total	7,896	4,281	\$1,020,391	\$238	\$129	309	300	54%	3.0

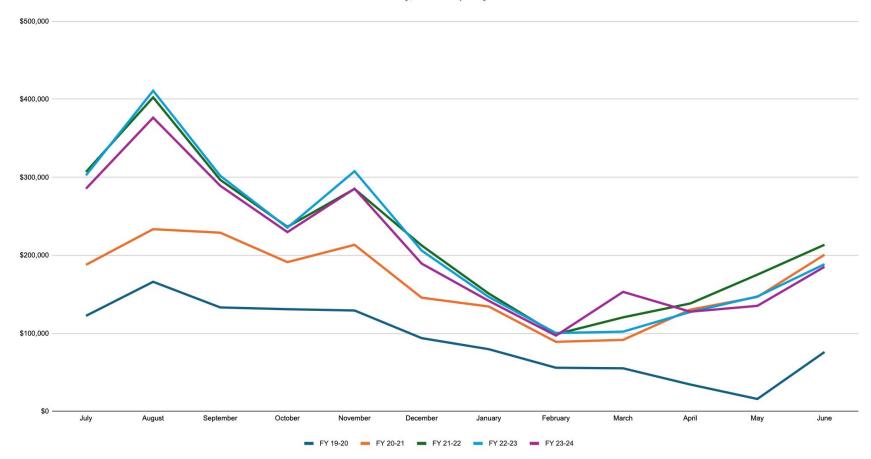
Hotels

Occupancy by Month





Occupancy Taxes



Totals	\$921,923.24	\$1,033,643.21	\$1,078,253.84	\$1,191,547.46	\$1,092,658.09	\$1,993,466.46	\$2,637,308.04	\$2,576,925.76	\$2,495,410.96	
June	\$85,145.38	\$76,932.28	\$83,711.73	\$89,275.51	\$76,044.67	\$200,754.27	\$213,514.02	\$188,605.49	\$185,272.94	
May	\$46,472.01	\$61,363.25	\$53,695.68	\$68,385.86	\$15,854.63	\$146,638.28	\$175,198.14	\$147,200.16	\$135,216.14	
April	\$37,797.19	\$40,794.81	\$44,116.59	\$64,498.34	\$34,404.69	\$130,350.75	\$138,246.01	\$127,334.09	\$127,759.55	
March	\$29,114.84	\$33,603.67	\$35,029.92	\$45,185.00	\$55,161.52	\$91,596.16	\$120,494.03	\$102,142.20	\$153,142.20	
February	\$26,696.45	\$29,357.66	\$37,210.91	\$43,528.62	\$55,878.75	\$89,094.11	\$98,820.63	\$100,429.24	\$97,063.80	
January	\$39,690.82	\$56,081.35	\$56,029.08	\$60,207.39	\$79,652.13	\$134,351.26	\$150,929.14	\$146,534.48	\$141,538.21	
December	\$66,956.10	\$89,928.52	\$84,754.30	\$106,016.63	\$93,829.84	\$145,657.78	\$212,552.55	\$206,012.13	\$189,325.49	
November	\$117,640.33	\$115,576.40	\$144,240.73	\$127,342.88	\$129,268.34	\$213,445.79	\$285,094.57	\$307,778.37	\$285,381.98	
October	\$80,775.31	\$94,100.41	\$90,329.60	\$106,838.84	\$130,912.47	\$191,265.61	\$236,495.92	\$235,450.13	\$229,745.47	
September	\$122,331.68	\$135,649.23	\$148,701.72	\$152,650.37	\$133,172.02	\$228,972.44	\$296,676.95	\$301,922.72	\$289,116.07	
August	\$163,948.85	\$180,394.59	\$181,280.78	\$191,736.34	\$166,057.35	\$233,507.83	\$402,414.91	\$410,949.64	\$376,418.22	
July	\$105,354.28	\$119,861.04	\$119,152.80	\$135,881.68	\$122,421.68	\$187,832.18	\$306,871.17	\$302,567.11	\$285,430.89	

FY 19-20 FY 20-21

FY 21-22

FY 22-23

FY 23-24

FY 18-19

FY 15-16

Month

FY 16-17

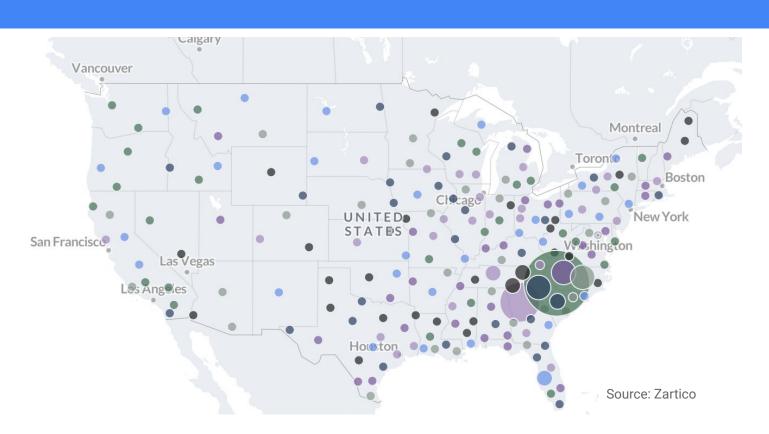
FY 17-18

Where are Visitors Coming From?

Visitor Market Area	% Visitors ▼	% Visitor Spend	Avg. Visitor Spend
Charlotte NC	18.2%	15.6%	\$160
Atlanta GA	14.4%	11.1%	\$98
Greenville-Spartanburg-Asheville-Anderson	9.1%	3.8%	\$95
Greensboro-High Point-Winston Salem NC	7.3%	4.8%	\$172
Raleigh-Durham (Fayetteville) NC	6.5%	9.4%	\$254
Knoxville TN	3.0%	0.6%	\$93
Columbia SC	3.0%	1.5%	\$86
Tampa-St. Petersburg (Sarasota) FL	2.2%	6.0%	\$202
Chattanooga TN	2.0%	0.9%	\$77
Nashville TN	2.0%	1.3%	\$160

Source: Zartico

Visitors in 2024 - YTD



Thank you!