

# Monthly Research Update

January 2025



# **Executive Summary**

#### **Kalispell Tourism Trends**

- Glacier Park International Airport kicked off 2025 with an impressive 19.7% gain in the number of total passengers in January compared to one year prior, with 65,098 travelers for the month. This is the highest count of passengers of any January in recent years.
- Kalispell hotel Occupancy in January was flat compared to same month last year, though room night Demand fell by 3.5% Year-over-Year. However, with Supply still suppressed by 3.6%, hotel Occupancy averaged 35.4%, a slight 0.1% YoY net gain.
  - Average Daily Rate remains the bright spot in hotel performance and was up 2.1% YoY in January, at \$100. The modest gain was not enough to overcome the lower Demand though, as hotel Revenue contracted by 1.5% YoY at \$1.8 million.
- Short-term rentals had decreased Demand in January, falling by 17.9% YoY while available Supply reduced by 17.1% from one year ago. As a result, Occupancy netted out with a modest 0.9% dip YoY and averaged 27.9% for the month.
  - Total Available Listings were down by 10% from last January with the largest decline coming from 2-bedroom listings (-35% YoY), though 3-bedroom and 4+ bedroom listings increased from last year.
  - With more larger properties available this year, ADR increased 19% YoY to \$212, nearly \$50 higher than last January but not enough to reach the \$227 ADR of January 2023.



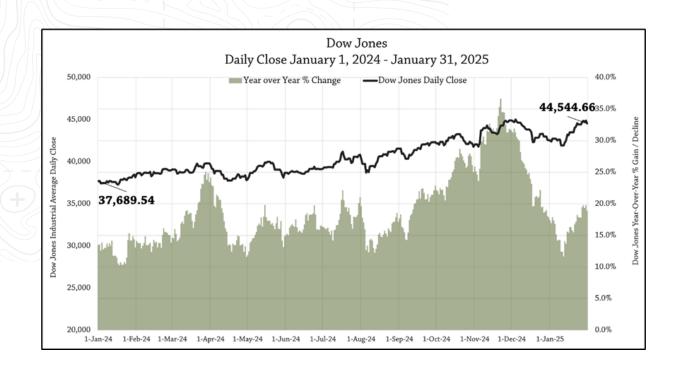
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# U.S. Market Review



#### The Dow Jones Industrial Average

- "The DJIA increased sharply in January, adding 4.7%, or 2,000.44 points, to finish the month at 44,544.66 points. This sharp increase follows the significant -5.3% decline in December and positions the index back above the 44,000-point mark, a threshold first reached in November."
- "Markets grew despite a lot of potential downward force, with the Federal Reserve hinting that interest rates may not come down at all this year, looming policy uncertainty from the new administration, and a major hit to US artificial intelligence dominance with the emergence of DeepSeek."
- "For the most part, investors remained positive in January, with post-inauguration rallies as Wall Street eyed the upside of eased regulations under the new administration, opportunities for Al and crypto, as well as moderately positive job data."

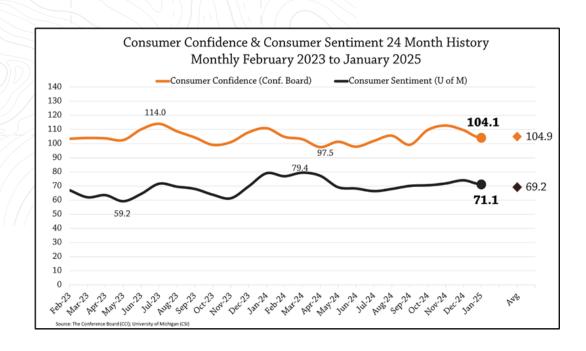




# The Consumer Confidence Index & Consumer Sentiment Index

- "The CCI and CSI both declined in January, with the CCI falling sharply, while the CSI ticked down slightly. The CCI dropped 5.4 points or 4.1% in January to finish the month at 104.1 points, down -6.1% from last January."
- "Consumers' assessment of current conditions took a big step back in January, with worries about prices, the labor market, and wages leading the drop. And the concerns aren't just short-term; their assessment of future conditions also stepped back last month, again driven by concerns about prices, wages, job availability, and general business conditions."
- "The CCI and CSI have both remained within a narrow band for much of the past two years, and stagnant confidence can keep consumer markets, including the travel market, from growing. Some of this stagnation may be evident in weakening booking patterns and rate strength in mountain communities. We'll be watching confidence and sentiment closely for any signs of negative impact from trade policies, specifically tariffs."

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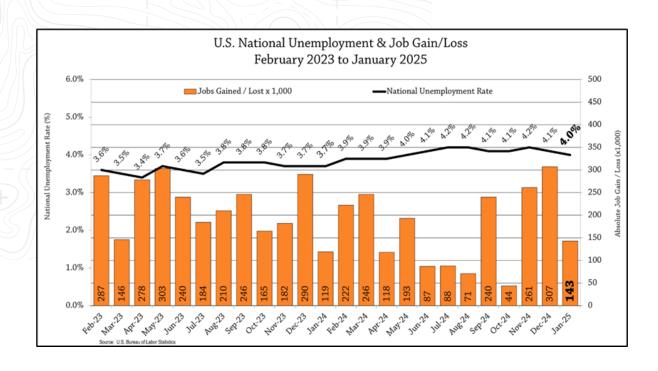




#### The National Unemployment Rate

- "Employers added a moderate 143,000 jobs during the month, and the Unemployment Rate ticked down slightly from 4.1 to 4.0 percent during the month."
- "However, job numbers for both November and December were adjusted upward significantly, with a combined 568,000 jobs created in those months, 100,000 more than originally reported."
- "Wages also increased in January, up 0.5% from December, and up 4.1% YoY, well ahead of the 3.0% inflation rate. Healthcare and retail trade saw the biggest gains in jobs. Meanwhile, jobs in the Leisure & Hospitality sector were widely mixed."
- "Despite the strong adjustments to Nov and Dec job creation, the moderate job gains in January may be cause for concern. Job creation and wages will play a major role in determining the economic path forward in 2025, as any impact of trade policy around tariffs trickles down to the employment market."

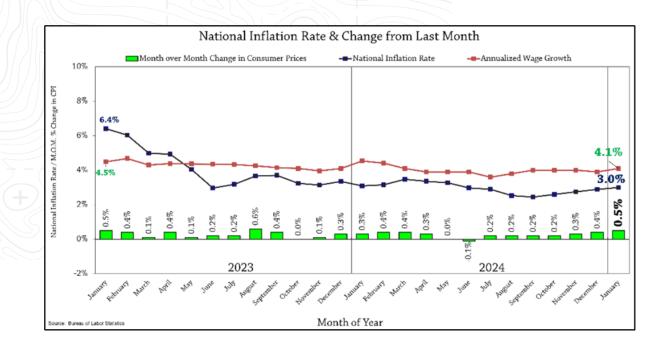
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#### The National Inflation Rate

- "Inflation increased in January from 2.9 to 3.0
   percent while prices increased 0.5 percent from
   December to January. This is the largest month-over month increase in prices since August 2023 and was
   considerably higher than economists predicted."
- "Easing housing cots, which began to show up in the latter half of 2024, failed to materialize in January, adding to consumer pressures."
- "Specific to the hospitality sector, the price of eating out was up 0.2%, and traveling to and from destinations got more expensive, with airfares up 1.2% from last month and all types of gasoline up 1.8%."
- "After several months of easing price sensitivity at mountain resorts, there is evidence that it's returning, and this month's CPI report supports the perceived pressure on consumers."





#### **Short Term Rentals**

- "January 2025 saw the U.S. short-term rental (STR) market off to a strong start. Last year, the market saw a severe cold spell across much of the Northern U.S., freezing out many trips that might have otherwise taken place. But this deep freeze didn't translate into winter vacation numbers. Many popular ski resorts from Colorado to California retained a markedly low snowpack, discouraging skiers during the height of the season."
- "This year, on the other hand, snow was plentiful in the central U.S., reaching as far South as New Orleans. Mountain resorts took advantage, increasing demand in this location type on a year-over-year (YOY) basis by 6.4%. More dramatically, rates at these resorts soared, increasing 11.6% YOY, helping to raise January's ADR for the U.S. as a whole by 5.3% a January slightly above December for the first time since AirDNA has been keeping records."
- "Other performance metrics are also positive. All location types accelerated their demand growth compared to December. Rate was somewhat mixed, but all locations saw increased ADR compared to last year. 2025 also saw the first January increase to occupancy YOY since 2021, setting the stage for another year of increasing occupancy, enhanced pricing power, and improving unit-level performance."



#### **Short Term Rentals (continued)**

- "U.S. travelers are showing strong interest in STRs, with demand surging to 7.2% in January, up from 2.8% in December. While part of this increase can be attributed to a weak performance last January when demand and bookings saw a slight year-over-year decline the growth signals a clear rebound. Last year's cold snap and low snowfall temporarily dampened ski market performance, but this month's gains suggest those setbacks were short-lived."
- "High booking levels also point to a promising travel year ahead. While actual travel peaks in spring and summer, the January–March period typically sees the highest booking activity, as vacationers start planning and securing accommodations for the months ahead. This January, bookings reached approximately 151% of nights stayed, meaning that out of more than 20 million nights booked, 6.8 million are for future stays and have yet to be reflected in demand figures."
- "This surge in booking activity has set a new record. January 2025 now holds the highest monthly booking total ever recorded by AirDNA."
- "A significant portion of January's bookings appear to be for spring and summer travel, as a
  breakdown by location type shows that coastal resorts (despite being largely inhospitable in January
  outside of Hawaii) claimed the largest share of bookings. Despite already operating from a high base,
  coastal bookings saw the second-highest growth among all location types, trailing only small city and
  rural destinations."



#### **Short Term Rentals (continued)**

- "The combination of rising demand and slowing supply growth led to the first annual increase in occupancy since 2021. January also marked the first year-over-year occupancy gain for the month since 2021, reaching 43.5%, up from 42.4% in January 2024."
- "While still well below the 47.6% occupancy rate seen in 2019, this increase signals a shift, reversing the trend of steep off-season occupancy declines in recent years."
- "While rising shelter and long-term rental costs fueled inflation in 2022 and 2023, short-term rental
  prices followed a different trajectory, slowing and even declining for much of 2023."

#### **Key U.S. Short Term Rental Performance Metrics for January 2025**

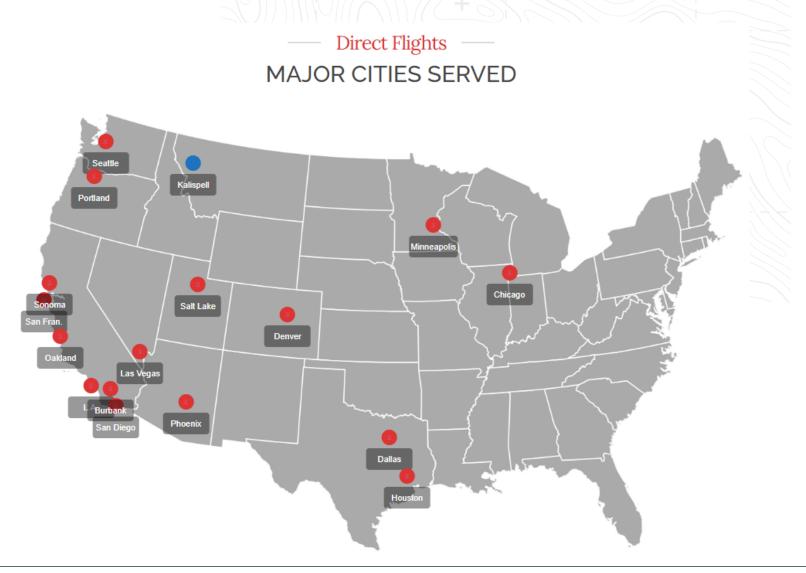
- Total available listings were 1.61 million, up 4.3% YOY
- Total demand (nights) rose 7.2% YOY
- Occupancy was 2.7% higher YOY at 43.5%
- Average Daily Rates (ADR) increased 5.3% YOY to \$313.61
- Revenue per Available Rental (RevPAR) increased 8.1% year-over-year (YOY) to \$136.39



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# Glacier Park International Airport Data

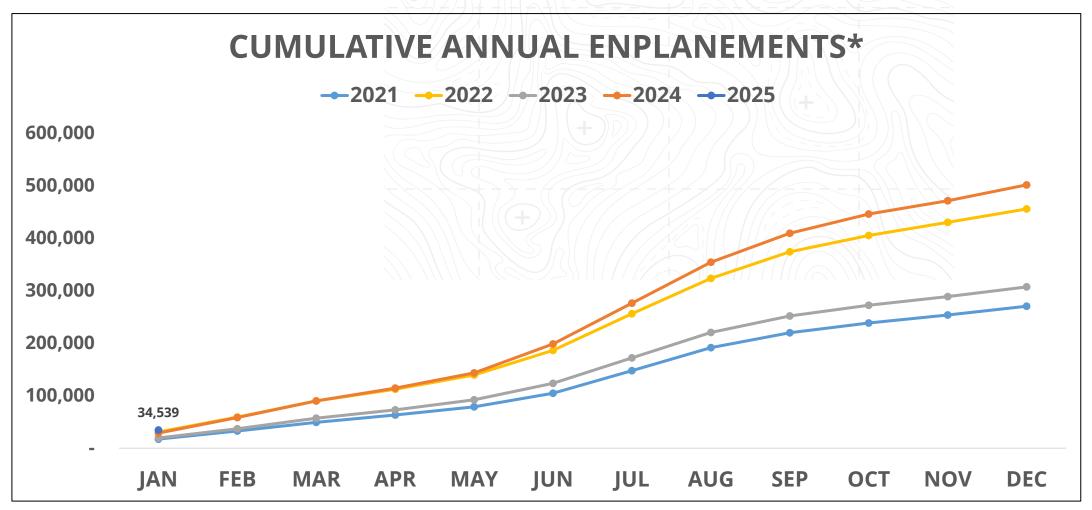






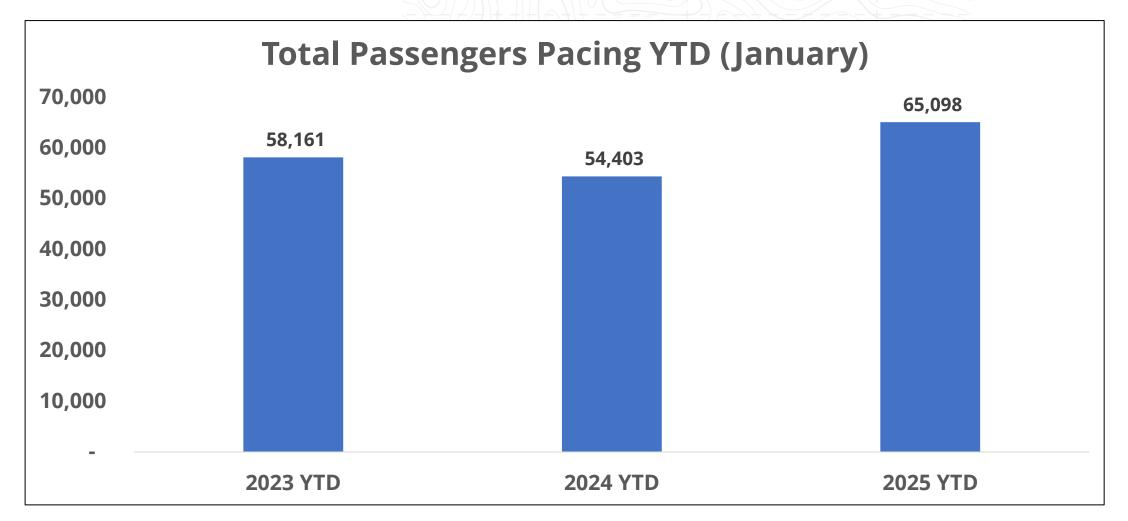
Total Passengers					
<u>Month</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	% Change 2025 vs. 2024	<u>2023</u>	% Change 2025 vs. 2023
January	65,098	54,403	19.7%	58,161	11.9%
February		59,344		56,277	
March		63,846		59,460	
April		48,426		45,073	
May		62,723		54,694	
June		117,040		96,564	
July		157,024		138,012	
August		154,420		129,078	
September		105,577		96,891	
October		69,651		59,071	
November		50,472		48,460	
December		66,061		54,257	
Year-to-Date	65,098	54,403	19.7%	58,161	11.9%
Total		1,008,987		895,998	



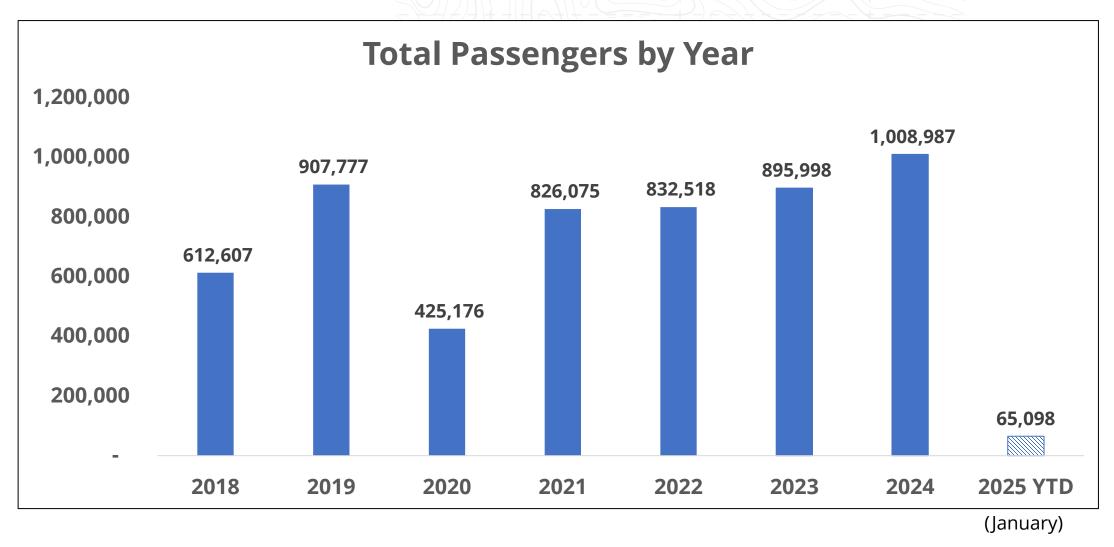


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# STR Hotel Data

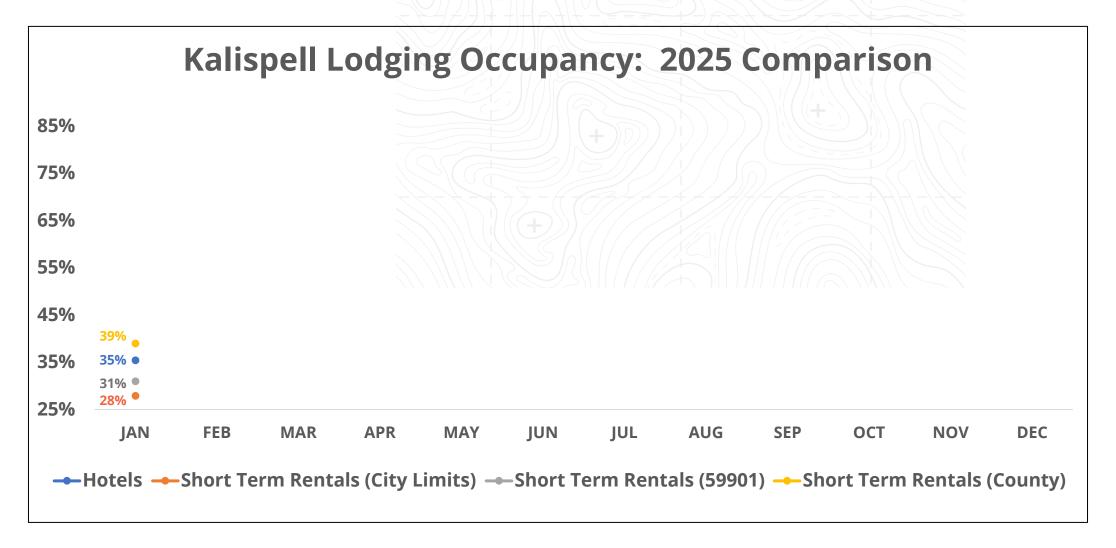


#### **STR Hotel Data - Definitions**

- Average Daily Rate (ADR) A measure of the average rate paid for rooms sold, calculated by dividing room revenue by rooms sold.
  - ADR = Room Revenue / Rooms Sold
- Demand The number of rooms sold in a specified time period (excludes complementary rooms).
- Occupancy Percentage of available rooms sold during a specific time period. Occupancy is
  calculated by dividing the number of rooms sold by rooms available.
  - Occupancy = Rooms Sold / Rooms Available
- Revenue Total room revenue generated from the guestroom rentals or sales.
- **Revenue Per Available Room (RevPAR)** Total room revenue divided by the total number of available rooms.
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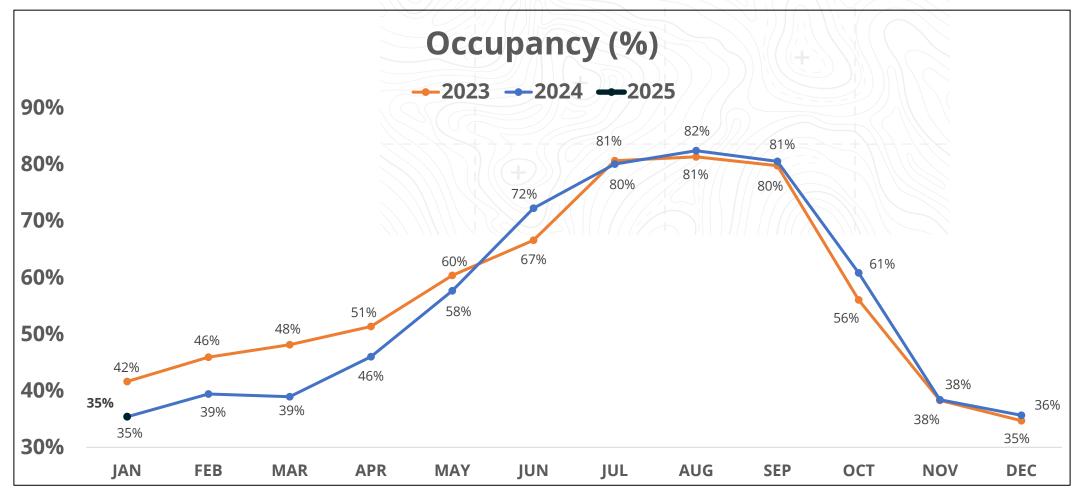
# Kalispell 2025 Lodging Comparison





# **Hotel Occupancy by Month**

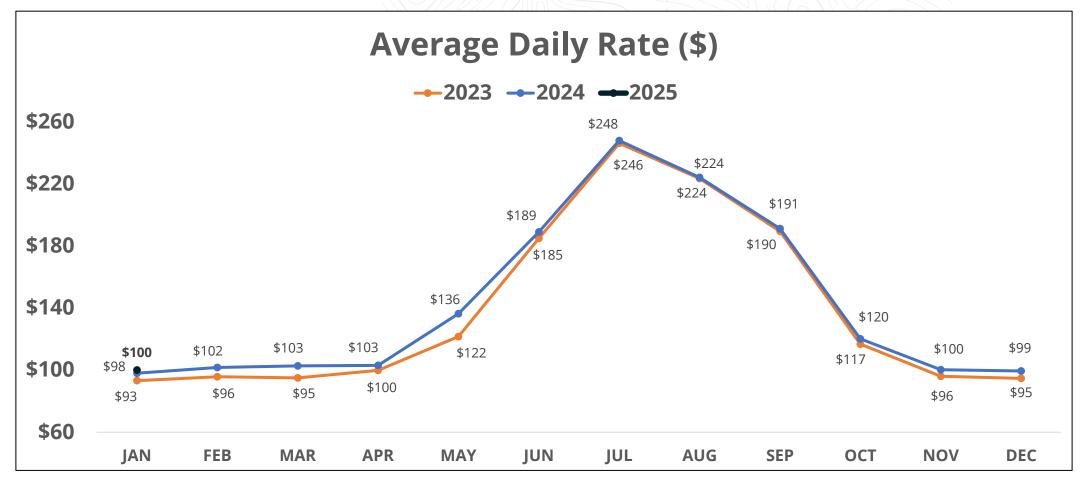
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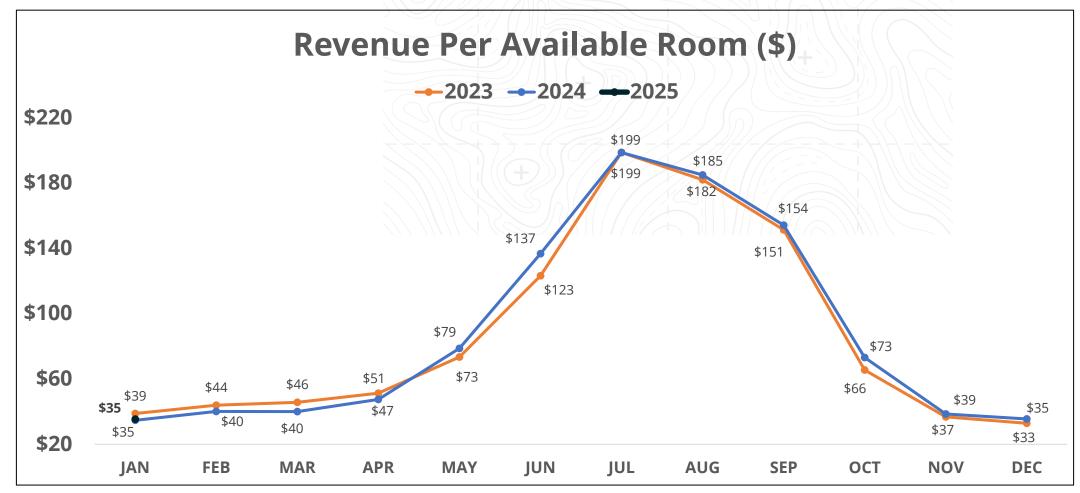


DISCOVER KALISPELL MONTANA 2022 ADR = \$142 2023 ADR = \$153 2024 ADR = \$159



# Hotel Revenue Per Available Room by Month

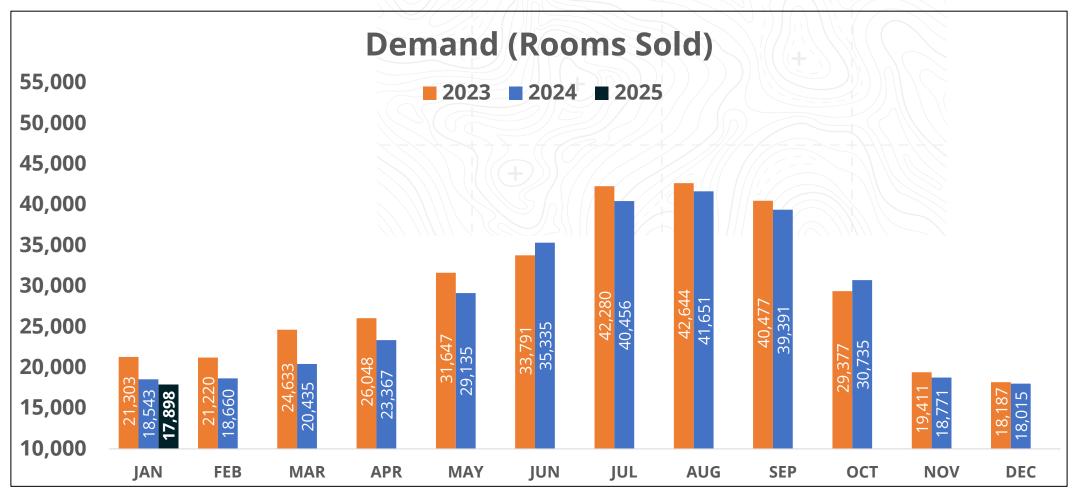
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# Hotel Demand (Rooms Sold) by Month

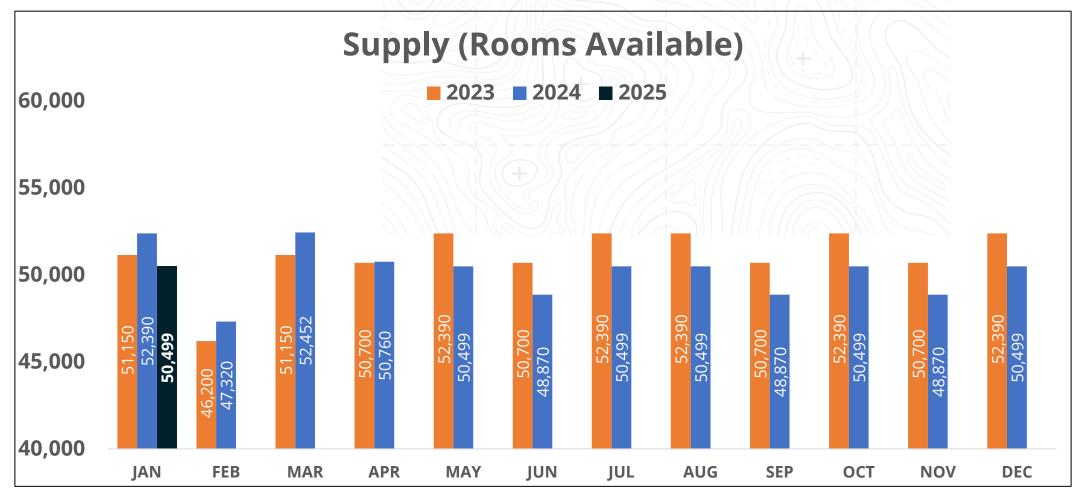
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## **Hotel Supply by Month**

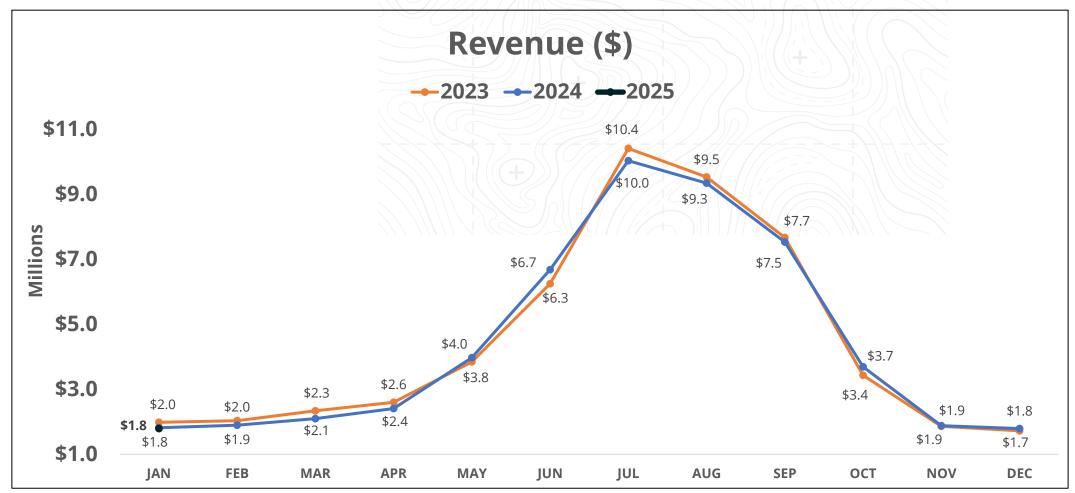
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# **Hotel Revenue by Month**

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DISCOVER KALISPELL MONTANA

**2022 Revenue = \$52.7M** 

2023 Revenue = \$53.7M

**2024 Revenue = \$53.2M** 

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# AirDNA Short Term Rental Data (Airbnb & Vrbo listings)



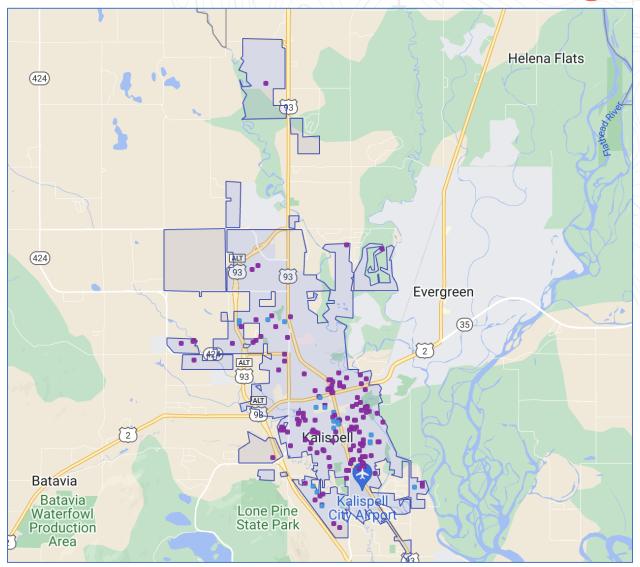
#### **AirDNA Short Term Rentals - Definitions**

#### Note: AirDNA Data is comprised exclusively of Airbnb and Vrbo listing data.

- Available Listings Total number of listings whose calendars had at least one day classified as
  available or reserved during the reporting period.
- Average Daily Rate Average daily rate (ADR) of booked nights in USD (ADR = Total Revenue / Booked Nights).
- Demand (Nights) Total number of Booked Nights during the reporting period.
- **Occupancy Rate** Occupancy Rate = Total Booked Days / (Total Booked Days + Total Available Days). Calculation only includes vacation rentals with at least one Booked Night.
- **Revenue (USD)** Total revenue (in US dollars) earned during the reporting period. Includes the advertised price from the time of booking, as well as cleaning fees.
- **RevPAR** Revenue Per Available Rental = ADR \* Occupancy Rate



# AirDNA Short Term Rentals - Geographical Boundary \*

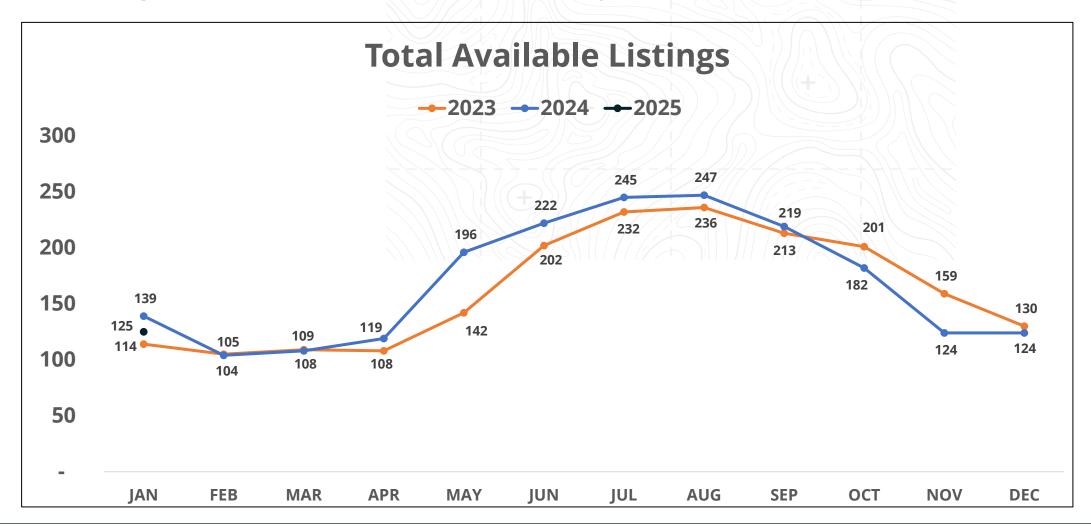


\*Kalispell City Limits



# **AirDNA Short Term Rentals - Available Listings**

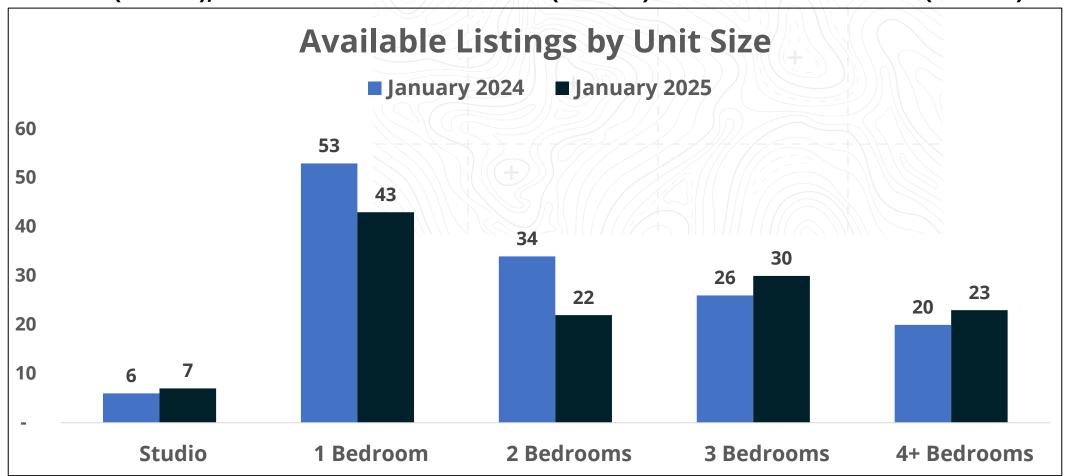
#### Kalispell Short Term Rental Available Listings decreased 10.1% Year-Over-Year





#### **AirDNA Short Term Rentals - Unit Size**

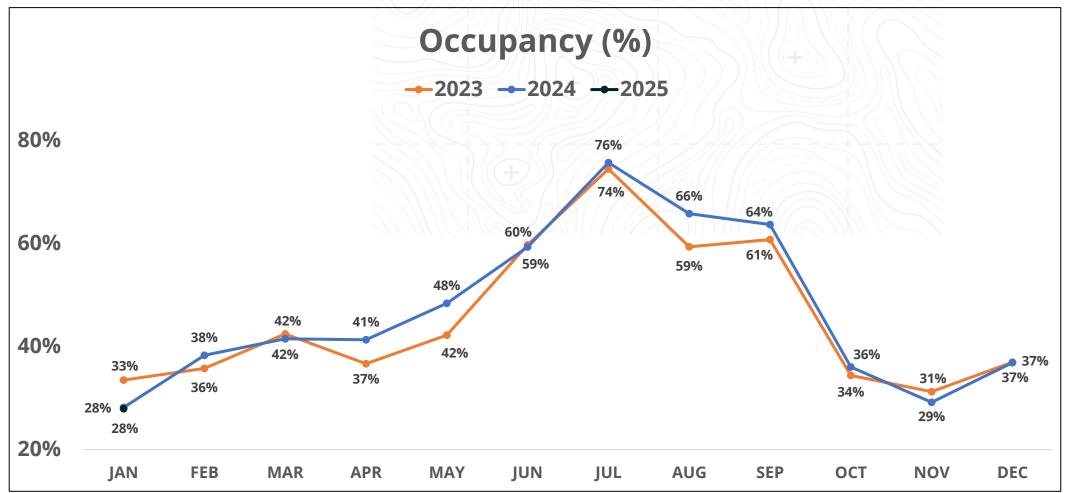
Total Available Listings fell 10.1%, with declines in 1 Bedroom (-18.9%) and 2 Bedroom units (-35.3%), but increases in 3 Bedroom (+15.4%) and 4+ Bedroom units (+15.0%)





# **AirDNA Short Term Rentals - Occupancy**

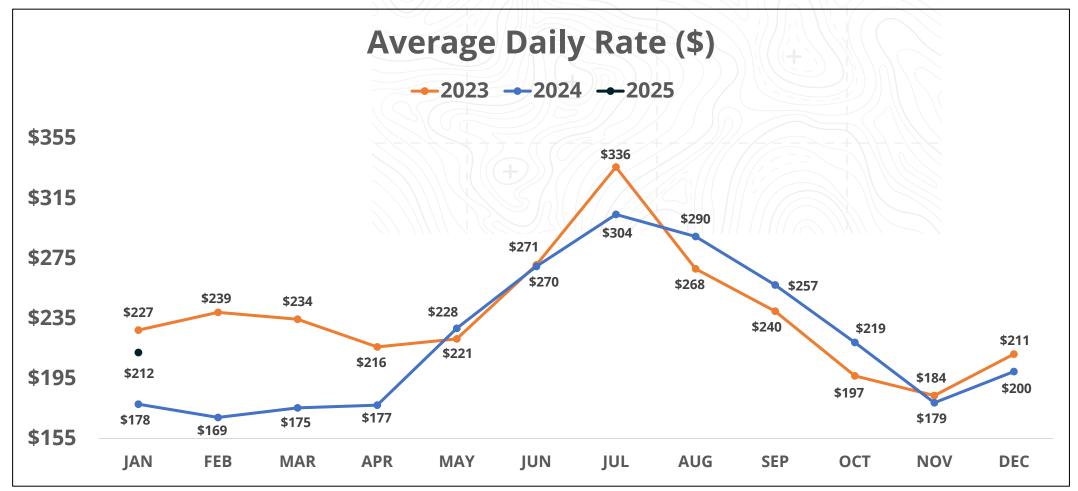
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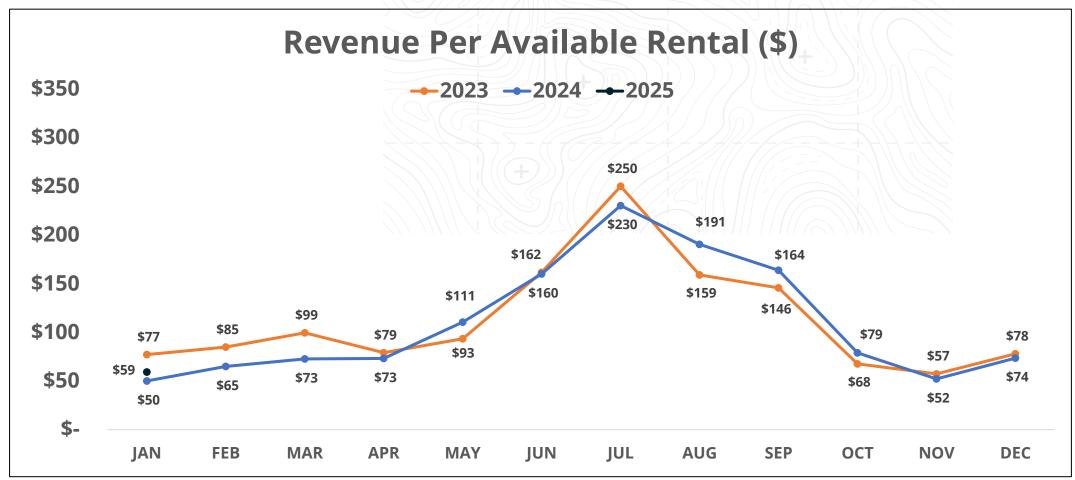
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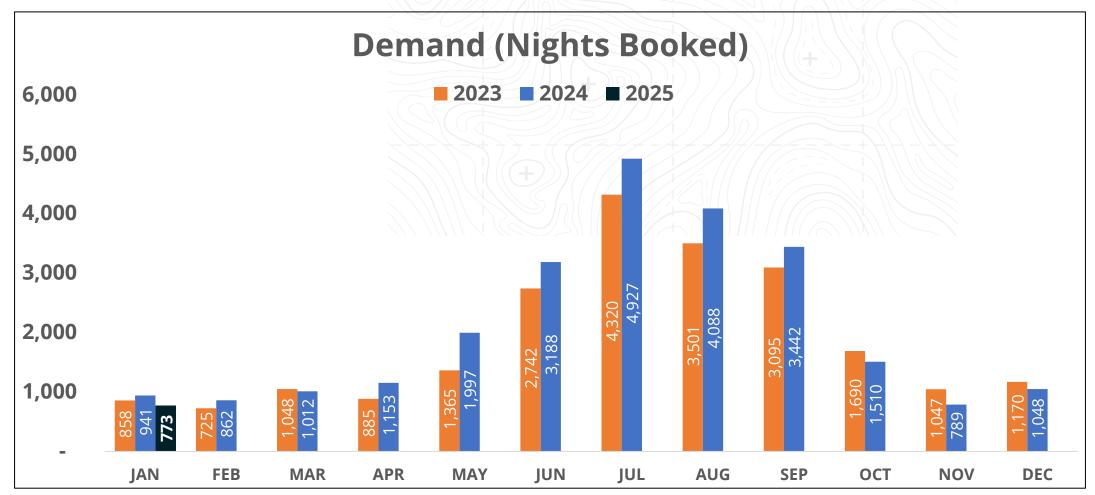
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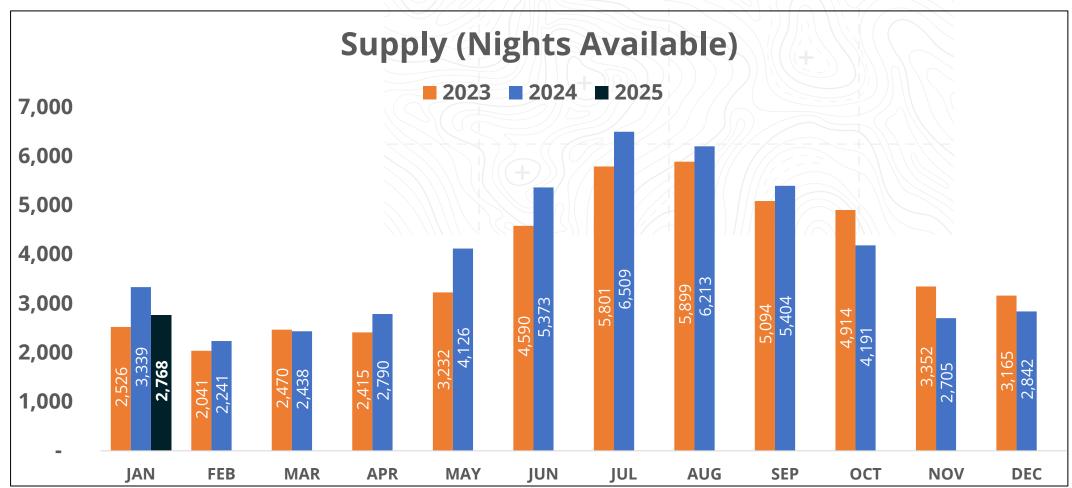
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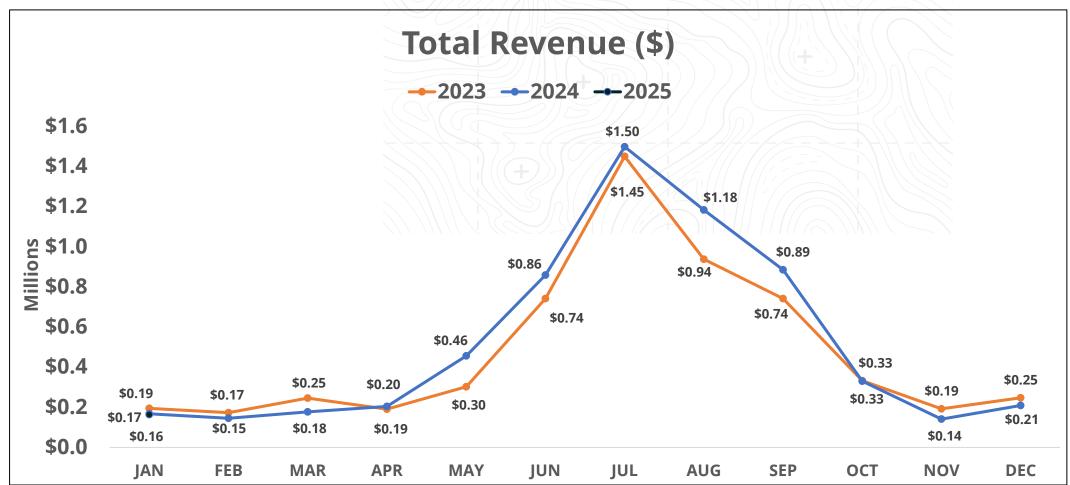
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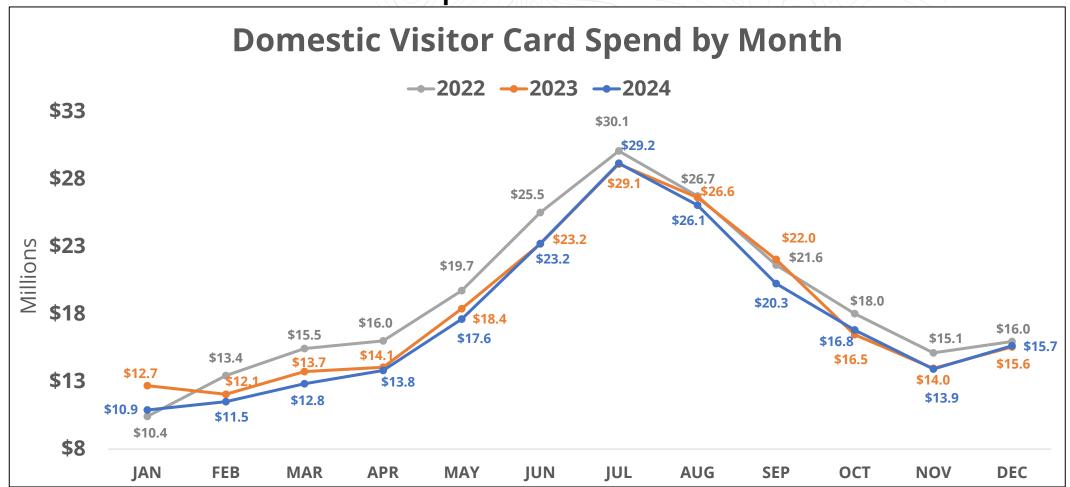
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# Visa Destination Insights



## **Visa - Domestic Visitor Spending**

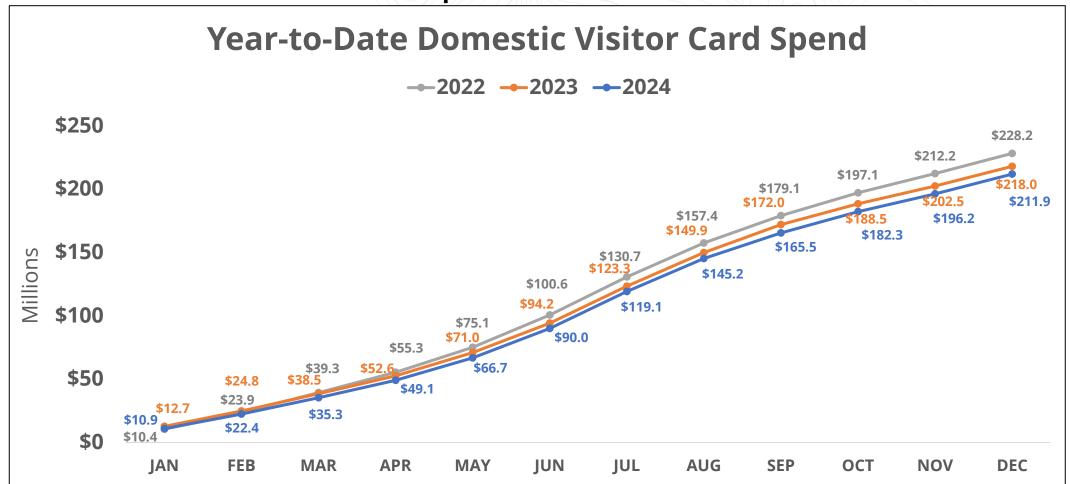
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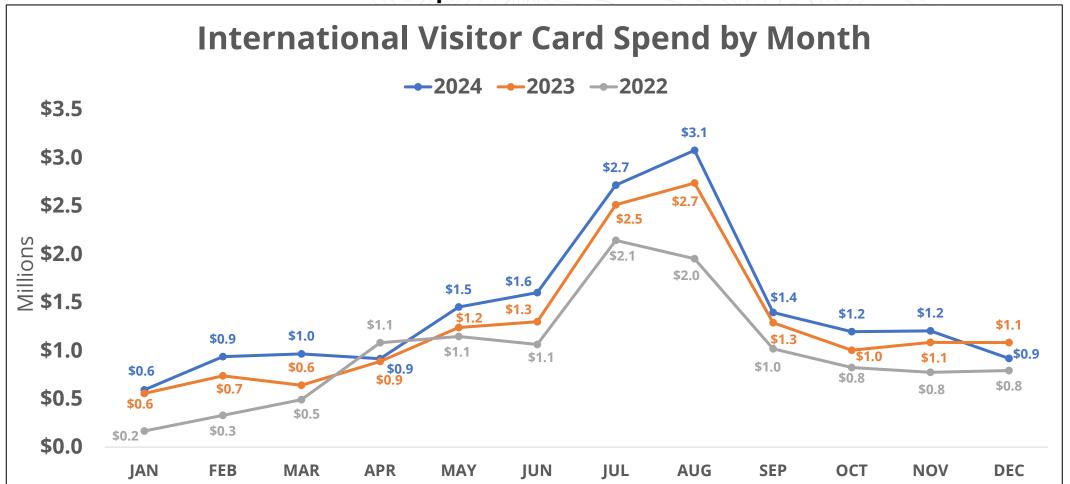
## Visa - Domestic Visitor Origin (January - December 2024)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Origin Market</u>	<u> Spend (\$)</u>	YoY % Change	Card Count	YoY % Change
1	Missoula, MT	\$8,180,584	+4%	42,944	+13%
2	Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	\$4,623,169	-8%	21,420	+1%
3	Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler, AZ	\$3,497,484	+13%	11,643	+11%
4	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	\$3,352,725	+0%	13,516	+14%
5	Bozeman, MT	\$2,947,373	-3%	14,651	-3%
6	Helena, MT	\$2,195,756	-3%	12,180	-1%
7	Great Falls, MT	\$2,139,518	-2%	11,348	-6%
8	Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	\$2,114,132	-13%	11,044	-8%
9	Spokane-Spokane Valley, WA	\$1,892,873	-6%	11,771	-1%
10	Billings, MT	\$1,864,754	-5%	8,453	-4%
11	San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA	\$1,807,530	-6%	6,219	+2%
12	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	\$1,636,385	+8%	7,092	+12%
13	Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	\$1,560,906	-4%	8,412	+4%
14	Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV	\$1,446,870	+11%	4,704	-2%
15	Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	\$1,419,379	+15%	5,319	+21%



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1	Canada	\$15,796,830	+12%	53,108	+16%
2	Germany	\$144,430	+8%	991	+37%
3	Australia	\$136,118	+22%	764	+19%
4	United Kingdom	\$121,328	+44%	631	+22%
5	France	\$59,568	+15%	390	+33%
6	Mexico	\$53,070	+44%	185	+23%
7	Switzerland	\$49,232	+47%	216	+27%
8	New Zealand	\$41,544	+13%	262	+58%
9	Ireland	\$39,725	+78%	110	-18%
10	China Mainland	\$39,572	+33%	202	+42%



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# Consumer Sentiment Data

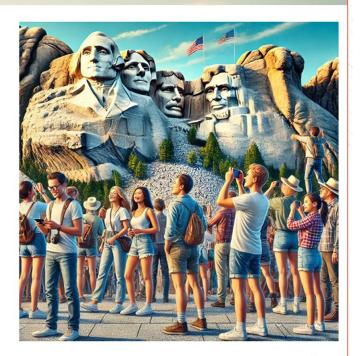


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#### **American Travel Sentiment Wave 93 Highlights**

#### **Key Findings:**

- > 88% of American travelers have plans to travel within the next six months, which marks a 5-percentage point decrease from the same period last year (93%, Feb 2024).
- American travelers view domestic travel as an opportunity to explore a rich cultural landscape, with strong agreement on the country's diverse histories, cultural foods, music, traditions (61%), and arts (50%). There is a clear positive perception of the U.S. as a destination for cultural exploration.
- ➤ When choosing a cultural travel destination domestically, American travelers prioritize historical landmarks (62%) and traditional cuisine (52%) the most. The importance of historical landmarks increases significantly for domestic travel (84%). However, when traveling internationally, the top priority shifts to experiencing other cultures (67%).
- European countries, overall (43%), are the top preference for American travelers seeking international destinations. However, Japan, Mexico, and Canada top the list of individual countries.
- Fun time (20%) and rest & relaxation (20%) were the top motivators for leisure travel, indicating that travelers prioritize enjoyment and unwinding.

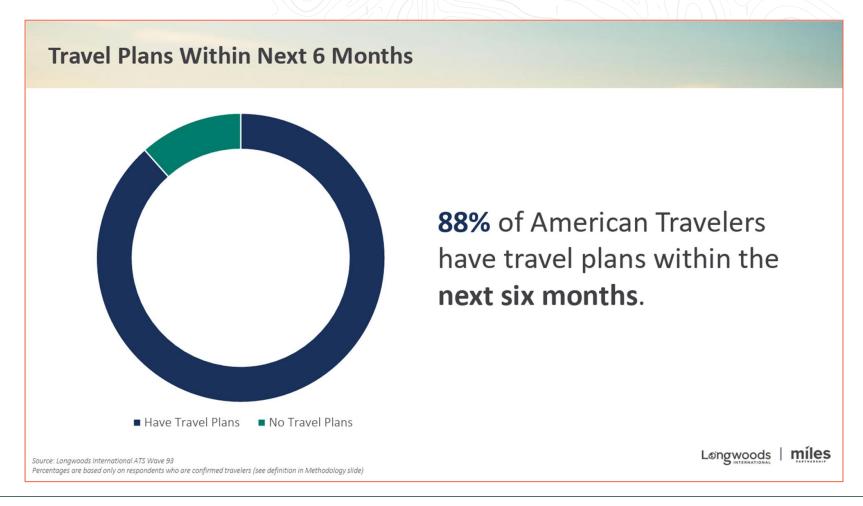


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#### Perceptions of Cultural Richness in U.S. Domestic Travel Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about your perceptions of domestic travel within the United States: Disagree Neutral A diverse range of cultural food and music to experience American travelers view domestic travel as an opportunity to explore a rich A good place to explore different 57% cultural traditions cultural landscape, with strong agreement on the country's diverse histories, cultural foods, music, traditions A culturally diverse place to visit 57% (61%), and arts (50%). There is a clear positive perception of the U.S. as a destination for cultural exploration. A good place to engage in the local art scene A good place to explore/honor/experience Native/Hispanic/Latinx/African American History, etc Disagree includes all respondents that have responded with either Disagree or Strongly Disagree in the survey Longwoods | miles Agree includes all respondents that have responded with either Agree or Strongly Agree in the survey Source: Longwoods International ATS Wave 93



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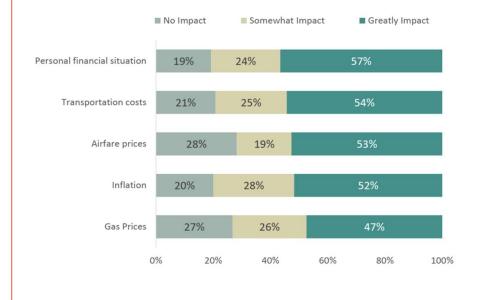




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#### **Increased Concern for Respondent's Personal Financial Situations**

#### **Concerns Impacting Your Travel Decisions in the Next Six Months**



- The data reveals more respondents are greatly impacted by financial concerns than those that report a lesser impact. (This is up 3% from January 2025)
- More than 50% indicate that their personal financial situation, transportation costs, inflation, and airfare prices will significantly influence their travel decisions.
- A notable portion—27% for gas prices and 28% for airfare prices—report no impact, suggesting some respondents are less sensitive to these factors.

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Percentages are based only on respondents who are confirmed travelers and intend on traveling in the next six months

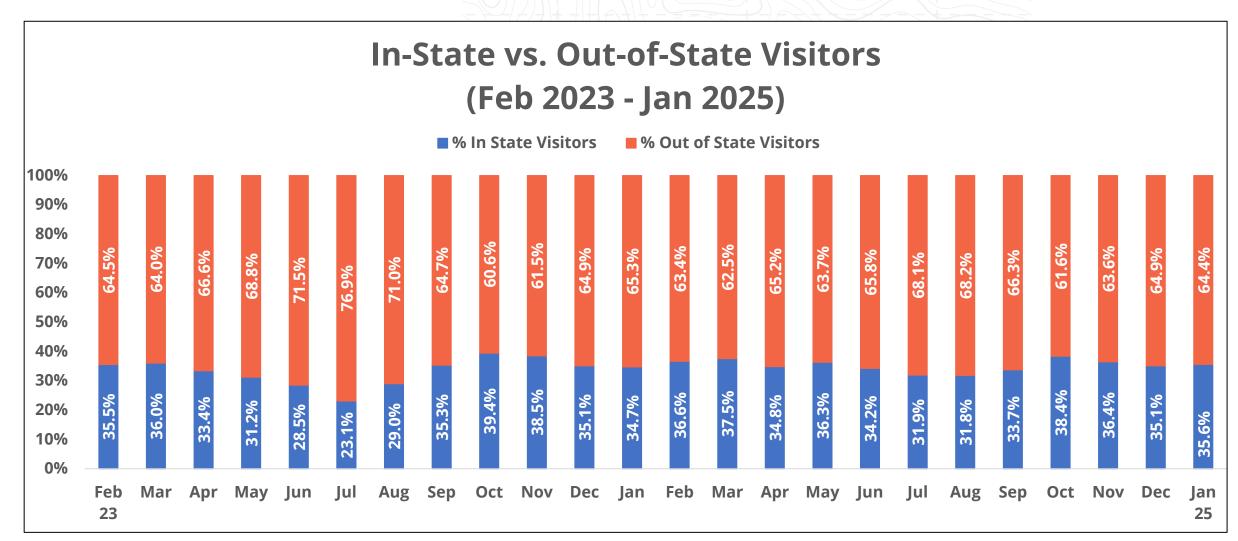
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## Zartico Geolocation Data





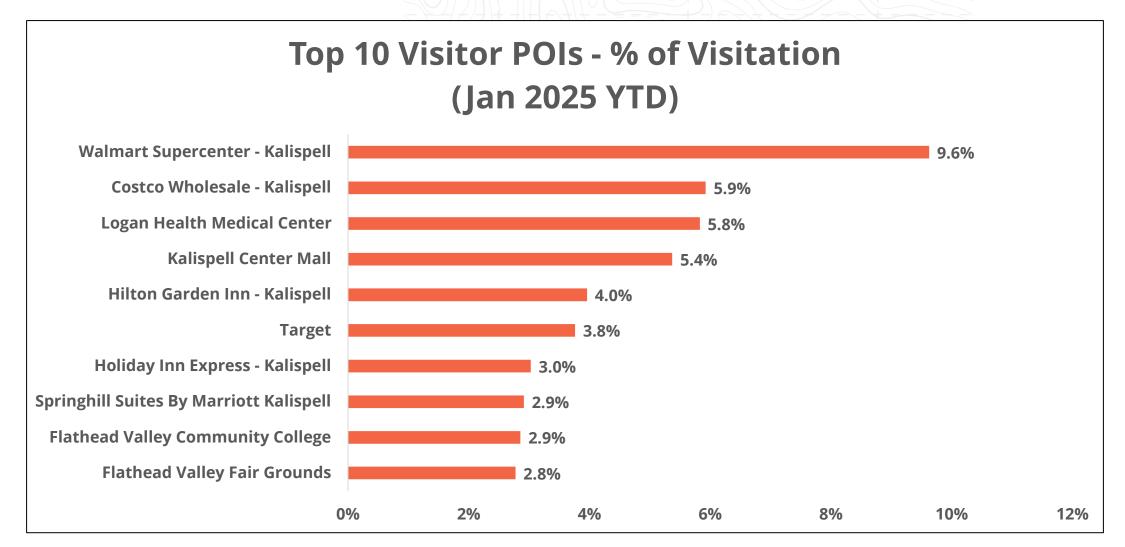








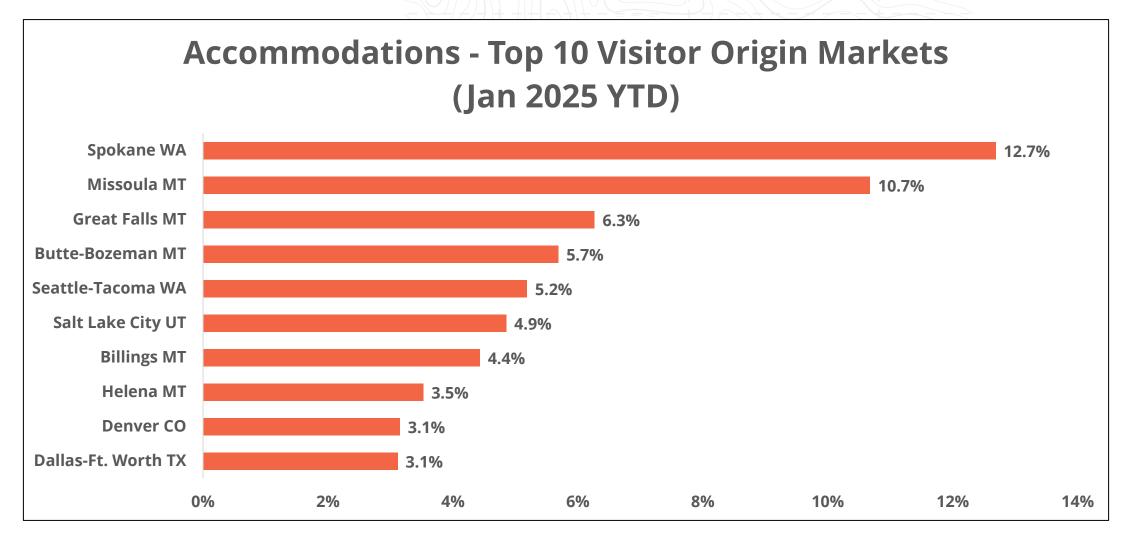














## Thank You!

