

# Cumbria STEAM Tourism Economic Impacts 2019 Year in Review



# The Visitor Economy of Cumbria

This is a summary of the annual tourism economic impact research undertaken for Cumbria Tourism for the calendar year 2019, with comparisons to 2018 (1 year trend) and 2014 (5 year trend). Outputs in this report have been generated using STEAM, the tourism specific economic impact model, owned and operated by Global Tourism Solutions (UK) Ltd.

47.86 million 6.69 million visits were made by **Tourism Visits** visitors **staying in Cumbria** as part of a holiday or short break, to Cumbria in 2019 generating 22.76 million nights in local accommodation On average, 41.18 million tourism visits made Visitors to visitors staying in by **Day Visitors** to the county in 2019 63.94 million Visitor Cumbria Cumbria spend support 38k Days and Nights generated 2019 3.4 nights in the full time by the county's Visitors in 2019 county and spend In total, staying £544 million equivalent **Day Visits** visitors generate a on local generated iobs total economic accommodation £1.64 billion A total of **£3.13 billion** was **impact** of for the local Together, the county's **Shopping** £1.5 billion for local generated within the local economy of and Food and Drink sectors businesses and economy through visitor and Cumbria in 2019 generated £1.14 billion of communities tourism business expenditure economic benefit in 2019 Trends Visitor Numbers +1.8% **Economic Impact +4.2% Total Visitor Days & Nights +1.9%** 2018-2019

2019

#### **Visitor Types**

**Staying Visitors** encompass all tourists staying overnight for at least one night in one of the following types of accommodation:

- Serviced Accommodation including Hotels, Guest Houses, B&Bs, Inns
- **Non-Serviced Accommodation** including Self-Catering properties such as Houses, Cottages, Chalets and Flats, as well as Camping and Caravanning, Hostels and University / College accommodation
- Staying with Friends and Relatives (SFR) unpaid overnight accommodation with local residents

**Day Visitors** visiting the area on a non-routine and non-regular leisure day trip from a home or holiday base

Staying Visitors **14.0%** of Visits

Day Visitors

86.0% of Visits

Total
Visitor
Numbers
47.86m

#### **Visitor Numbers**

There were an estimated 47.86m tourism visits to Cumbria in 2019, 1.8% higher than in 2018. Since 2014 the county has seen the total number of visits by rise by 15.2%.

In, 2019, Cumbria saw 6.69m staying visits – those visits made by guests in paid accommodation or stays with friends and relatives in local homes. Staying visitors accounted for 14.0% of all visitors to Cumbria in 2019. There has been strong growth in staying visits since 2014, with stays up by 12.1% during that time and up 1% between 2018 and 2019. Visitors staying in paid accommodation account for the majority of overnight stays, with serviced accommodation being the dominant sector (3.28m visits), followed by non-serviced accommodation (2.59m visits). Even with a relatively small population, stays with friends and relatives are important to the county

however, accounting for an estimated 820,000 visits. Between 2018 and 2019, the non-serviced sector saw the highest levels of growth in visits (+1.7%), followed by serviced accommodation (0.6%). In total, it is estimated that there were 65,000 more overnight visits in 2019 compared to 2018.

Day visitors accounted for 86.0% of all visits made to the county in 2019. Cumbria is an immensely popular destination for day visits and, as such, the day visitor market is an essential economic driver locally. Day visits grew by 1.9% compared to 2018.

**Key Figures: Visitor Numbers: 2019** 

| Visitor Numbers    |   | Serviced | Non-<br>Serviced | SFR   | Staying<br>Visitors | Day Visitors | All Visitors |
|--------------------|---|----------|------------------|-------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2019 (Millions)    | M | 3.276    | 2.589            | 0.820 | 6.685               | 41.177       | 47.862       |
| 2018 (Millions)    | М | 3.257    | 2.544            | 0.818 | 6.620               | 40.409       | 47.029       |
| Change 18/19 (%)   | % | +0.6     | +1.7             | +0.2  | +1.0                | +1.9         | +1.8         |
| Share of Total (%) | % | 6.8      | 5.4              | 1.7   | 14.0                | 86.0         | 100.0        |

Total
Visitor
Days
63.94m

## **Visitor Days**

The county's visitors spent an estimated 63.94m days in the county during 2019; 1.9% higher than in 2018 and 16% higher than in 2014. This comprises the volume of day visits and the total number of days and nights spent by staying visitors. On average, staying visits to Cumbria generate 3.4 days in the county.

Between 2018 and 2019, day visits increased by 1.9%. There were an estimated 41.18m tourism day visits to the county area during 2019 and these accounted for 64.4% of all visitor days.

Staying visitors to Cumbria accounted for the remaining visitor days (35.6%) and these overnight visits to the county generated 22.76m visitor days in 2019. Staying visitor days increased by 1.8% between 2018 and 2019, with the strongest performance in the serviced accommodation sector (+2.1%), followed closely by the non-serviced sector (+1.9%). Overall, staying visitors spent an estimated 410 thousand extra nights in the county in 2019 compared to 2018. On average, staying visits were longer in 2019 than in 2018.

**Key Figures: Visitor Days: 2019** 

| Visitor Days       |   | Serviced | Non-<br>Serviced | SFR   | Staying<br>Visitors | Day Visitors | All Visitors |
|--------------------|---|----------|------------------|-------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2019 (Millions)    | M | 6.047    | 14.682           | 2.031 | 22.759              | 41.177       | 63.937       |
| 2018 (Millions)    | M | 5.924    | 14.404           | 2.026 | 22.353              | 40.409       | 62.763       |
| Change 18/19 (%)   | % | +2.1     | +1.9             | +0.3  | +1.8                | +1.9         | +1.9         |
| Share of Total (%) | % | 9.5      | 23.0             | 3.2   | 35.6                | 64.4         | 100.0        |

| Average Length of Stay for Different Visitor Types: 2019 |                 |                           |                                |                     |                               |  |  |  |  |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Day<br>Visitors  | All<br>Visitors | Serviced<br>Accommodation | Staying with Friends/Relatives | Staying<br>Visitors | Non-Serviced<br>Accommodation |  |  |  |  |
| 1.0  | 1.3             | 1.8                       | 2.5                            | 3.4                 | 5.7                           |  |  |  |  |
|  |                 |                           |                                |                     |                               |  |  |  |  |

Total
Economic
Impact
£3.13bn

## **Economic Impact**

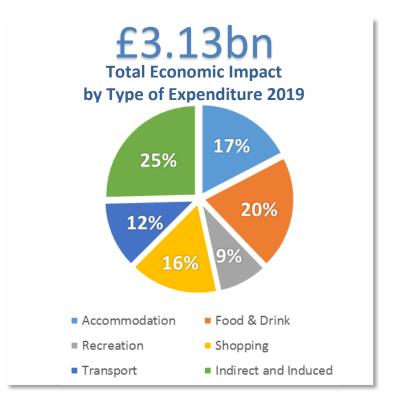
The value of tourism activity in Cumbria was estimated to be £3.13bn in 2019. Since 2014, the value of tourism activity within the county has risen from £2.44bn (+£690m). Between 2018 and 2019, the total value of tourism activity in Cumbria grew by 4.2%.

The total economic impact comprises the expenditure of visitors on goods and services, totalling £2.335bn, and the *indirect* and *induced* economic effects of local businesses and residents spending tourism

revenues locally, accounting for a further £795m.

In 2019, the three largest areas of expenditure for visitors were Accommodation costs (£544m), Food and Drink (£640m) and Shopping (£498m). Together, these categories of spend account for over 70% of total direct expenditure by visitors. The accommodation sector saw growth in revenue of 3.9% between 2018 and 2019, pushing the direct value of that sector up by £21m.

In 2019, the county's day visitor market accounted for 52.2% of the value of tourism activity (£1.635bn), and had increased by 4.2% between 2018 and 2019. In 2019, the staying visitor market had grown by £60m (+4.2%) and generated £273m more economic benefit for the local economy compared to 2014.



Accommodation: Payments for overnight stays in accommodation, such as room rates, pitch fees and hire charges for non-serviced accommodation

**Recreation:** Covering expenditure on a wide range of leisure activities such as museum, event, concert / theatre and attractions attendance as well as sports participation and spectating.

Transport: Expenditure within the destination on travel, including fuel and public transport tickets

Food and Drink: Spend on eating and drinking at restaurants, cafes and other venues, takeaway food, snacks and groceries

Shopping: What visitors spend on items including clothing / jewellery, household items, music / films / games, gifts and smaller items, books and maps, plants and garden items

**Indirect:** The expenditure by local tourism businesses within the local supply chain

#### **Key Figures: Economic Impact: 2019**

| Economic Impact    |     | Serviced | Non-<br>Serviced | SFR   | Staying<br>Visitors | Day Visitors | All Visitors |
|--------------------|-----|----------|------------------|-------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2019 (£ Billions)  | £Bn | 0.664    | 0.767            | 0.064 | 1.495               | 1.635        | 3.130        |
| 2018 (£ Billions)  | £Bn | 0.645    | 0.727            | 0.062 | 1.435               | 1.569        | 3.004        |
| Change 18/19 (%)   | %   | +2.9     | +5.5             | +2.7  | +4.2                | +4.2         | +4.2         |
| Share of Total (%) | %   | 21.2     | 24.5             | 2.0   | 47.8                | 52.2         | 100.0        |

#### **Average Economic Impact Generated by Each Type of Visitor: 2019**

| Economic Impact           | Serviced | Non-<br>Serviced | SFR    | Staying<br>Visitors | Day Visitors | All Visitors |
|---------------------------|----------|------------------|--------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Economic Impact per Day   | £109.82  | £52.25           | £31.50 | £65.69              | £39.70       | £48.95       |
| Economic Impact per Visit | £202.69  | £296.36          | £78.02 | £223.66             | £39.70       | £65.39       |

#### **Seasonal Distribution of Key Visitor Metrics: 2019**



# Total FTEs Supported 38,129

# **Employment Supported by Tourism**

The expenditure and activity of visitors to Cumbria supported a total of 38,129 Full-Time Equivalent jobs (FTEs); 1% higher than in 2018 and 12.4% higher than in 2014.

Total employment includes the jobs generated by the expenditure of visitors on goods and services, totalling 30,138 FTEs, and the *indirect* and *induced* employment supported through local businesses and residents spending tourism revenues locally, accounting for a further 7,992 FTEs.

The Accommodation sector is believed to be the largest direct employer (9,432 FTEs), with the Food and Drink sector also contributing significantly to local employment levels (8,304 FTEs).

#### **Employment Supported by Tourism: Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) by Type: 2019**

| Employment Supported by  Direct Visitor Employment |               |              |            |          |           |                     |         | Total  |
|--|---------------|--------------|------------|----------|-----------|---------------------|---------|--------|
| Sector 2019  | Accommodation | Food & Drink | Recreation | Shopping | Transport | <b>Total Direct</b> | Induced | Total  |
| Totals   | 9,432         | 8,304        | 4,320      | 5,889    | 2,193     | 30,138              | 7,992   | 38,129 |

# **Distribution of Visitor Numbers and Total Economic Impact by Authority Area: 2019**

| Economic Impact £3.13bn  Visitor Numbers  47.86m  Lake District National Park  Eden  Lake District National Park  Eden  South Lakeland  F130.93m  3.66m  South Lakeland  F1372.42m  19.01m  E131.22m  3.05m | Allerdale Borough Council | Barrow Borough Council | Carlisle City Council | Copeland Borough Council | Eden District Council | South Lakeland District Council | Cumbria  | Lake District National Park |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Visitor Numbers (Millions)  | 8.0                       | 3.1                    | 9.0                   | 3.7                      | 5.1                   | 19.0                            | 47.9     | 19.9                        |
| % of Cumbria Total  | 16.7%                     | 6.4%                   | 18.9%                 | 7.7%                     | 10.7%                 | 39.7%                           | 100.0%   | 41.5%                       |
| Total Economic Impact (£ Millions)  | £491.3                    | £131.2                 | £560.6                | £190.9                   | £390.7                | £1,372.4                        | £3,137.1 | £1,552.8                    |
| % of Cumbria Total  | 15.7%                     | 4.2%                   | 17.9%                 | 6.1%                     | 12.5%                 | 43.7%                           | 100.0%   | 49.5%                       |

Note: All figures rounded to 1 decimal place.

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# STEAM Comparative Headlines: 2018 and 2019 – 1 Year Trend



# STEAM Comparative Headlines: 2014 and 2019 – 5 Year Trend

