

Antelope Island State Park

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ECONOMIC TOOLKIT INFO

- In 2009, 273,510 individuals visited Antelope Island State Park. 2009 Davis County population was approximately 307,656 according to Governor's Office of Planning and Budget population estimates. So, in 2009, the county, the park, and its staff hosted a number of individuals that is just slightly less than the county's current population.
- Survey research from 2008 suggests that most Antelope Island visitors live outside of Davis County (56%), and travel more than 25 miles to reach the park.
- It also appears that many Antelope Island visitors reside outside of Utah, and are visiting Antelope Island along with other area destinations (30% of survey respondents listed Antelope Island as their primary destination).
- On average, out of area survey respondents (those traveling more than 25 miles to reach the park) spent about \$210 per group within Davis County as part of their visit, while local residents spent about \$32 per group.
- Based on this survey information, division planners estimate the 273,510 visitors to Antelope Island in 2009 generated approximately \$3.7 million in local wages, earnings, rents, and tax revenues within Davis County. While these impacts are relatively small compared to Davis County's overall economic activity, survey information appears to show that Antelope Island draws a number of out-of-area and out-of-state visitors willing to spend relatively large amounts of trip-related expenditures in Davis County as part of their visit to the area.
- In 2009, the county received \$56,530 in sales and use taxes and \$1,876 in transient room taxes from park operations.
- In 2008, 18,369 off highway vehicles and 3,863 snowmobiles were registered within Davis County. These resulted in revenues to the county (in the form of fees in-lieu of property taxes) of about \$505,148 for OHVs and \$106,232 for snowmobiles for a total of \$611,380 in 2008.
- The Division's Boating Program collects data and information on boating-related activities and opportunities in each county. In 2009, Davis County had 3 major boat dealers and 2 boat liveryes (providing boat rentals). Also in 2009, the Division's Boating Program authorized (or listed as current) 7 Captain/Guide licenses and boat crew permits within the county.
- Antelope Island State Park provides opportunities for private businesses. In 2009, the park contracted with one private business providing guided horseback riding tours. The concession fulfills a critical niche at the park in providing visitors with needed services. It also provides the county and local residents with revenue, income, and employment opportunities.
- Antelope Island State Park provides a number of essential, community-oriented services and frequently partnerships with the county in providing or sharing resources (PROVIDE EXAMPLES – back up for local law enforcement agencies, education programs to schools, wildland fire support, community event staff support, search and rescue availability, etc.)