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## Largest industry in Florida \$60.9 billion in visitor spending in Florida in 2009 Returns \$3.65 billion into the Florida state economy as general revenue through the basic retail sales tax Florida is the #1 destination among domestic vacation travelers in the U.S. and is the #2 international travel destination market in the U.S., trailing only New York

- 80.9 million out-of-state visitors in 2009
   Q1 and Q2 (Jan-Jun) of 2010 estimates a 2.5% increase from the same time in 2009
- Approximately 17 million residents took in-state trips in 2009

2009 State Visitation & Impact

- In-state pleasure travel among Floridians fell 1.8% in 2009
   O1 of 2010 estimates in pleasure travel among Floridians is up by 5% as compared to same time in 2009.
- 968,400 Floridians directly employed by tourism in Florida (the core job sectors)
   Every 85 visitors to the Sunshine State support 1 Florida job

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