Polk County, TN
2006 Tourism Economic Fact Sheet

Yearly 2006 tourist activity in the county
- Generated $20.62 million in direct tourist spending
- Produced $5.17 million in worker income & paychecks
- Created $1.88 million in local county tax revenues
- Created $1.14 million in State tax revenue
- Generated 210 jobs  
  Source: [1]

Tourism impacts on 2006 county education funding
Funding for county school systems and education comes from four revenue sources: local-county, state, federal & bonds.
- Tourism activity in the county generated $1.88 million in local tax revenues, which is enough tax revenue to contribute 46.4% of the local county portion of the school system’s education budget. Source: [1], [2], [3]

Daily 2006 tourists activity in the county
On an average day in the county, tourists spent $56,493
broken down into the following areas:

Tourists spent:
- $18,076 daily in restaurants, drinking places and grocery stores
- $16,269 daily on transportation (air, car/truck, bus, taxi, gas, car rentals)
- $9,659 daily on hotels & lodging (includes motels, campgrounds, vacation homes/condos, bed & breakfast)
- $6,383 daily on retail trade (gifts, clothes, souvenirs, incidental retail)
- $6,101 daily on entertainment & recreation (parks, museums, historical sites, amusements, performing arts/shows, golf, fishing, water sports, spectator sports, theme parks)  
  Source: [1], [2]

2006 Tourism tax impacts on county households
As a result of taxes generated by tourist activity in the county:
- Each household pays $386 less in local and state taxes
- Each household pays $240 less in local county taxes
- Each household pays $145 less in State taxes
  Source: [2], [4]

Also on an average day in 2006, tourist spending in the county
- Created $5,152 daily in local county tax revenues
- Created $3,123 daily in State tax revenues
- Generated $14,169 daily in worker paychecks  
  Source: [1], [2]

Sources
[2] Tourism Institute, University of Tennessee - Knoxville; Dr. Steve Morse; Web: www.utk.edu/tourism

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