

# Tourists Set Record for Spending in N.C.



(05/16/06 -- RALEIGH) - Tourism in North Carolina produced some record numbers in 2005.

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The state Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development says tourists spent slightly more than \$14 billion in North Carolina last year. That's up by 7 percent from 2004, and represents the biggest annual jump in five years.

Figures released today by the division show that the number of business and leisure trips in the state -- by both in-state and out-of-state travelers -- totaled \$64.5 million last year, up nearly three percent.

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