



Board Bulletin

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Tourism Spending Increases Again

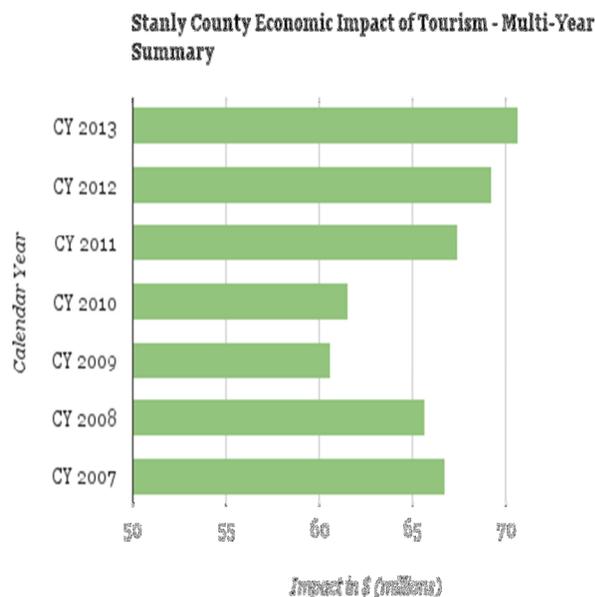
Tourism spending in Stanly County generated an estimated economic impact of \$70.68 million in 2013, according to statistics released late last week by the NC Dept. of Commerce. The report includes direct visitor spending estimates for all 100 North Carolina counties, as well as estimates for travel and tourism related employment and tax revenues.

The \$70.68 million economic impact represented a 2.1 percent increase over the previous year's data.

Stanly County ranked 49th in travel and tourism impact among North Carolina's 100 counties. The report suggests travel and tourism generated \$9.04 million in payroll for Stanly County in 2013. Further, approximately 460 jobs were directly or indirectly attributable to travel and tourism spending.

According to the report, local sales and occupancy tax revenues from travel and tourism activity amounted to \$2.05 million in 2013.

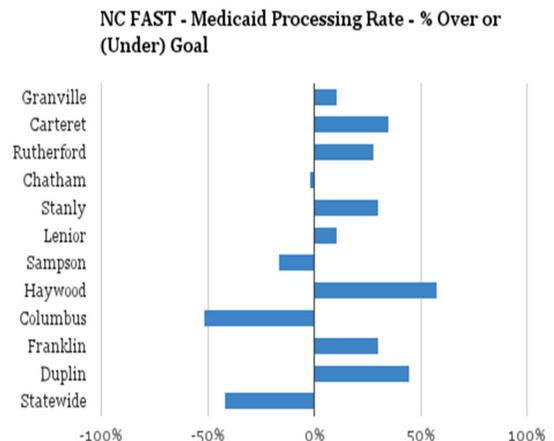
Below please find a chart illustrating the economic impact of travel and tourism in Stanly County over the past seven (7) years:



DSS Exceeding NC FAST Benchmarks

Stanly County Department of Social Services continues to demonstrate favorable results with respect to processing Medicaid applications in the new NC FAST system.

Issues with the NC FAST system have been well documented in many news accounts over the past 18 months. However, the system transition has improved, and Stanly County's average Medicaid processing rate since May 2014 has exceeded the State's goal by 30%. The average rate for all North Carolina counties during this same time period is 42% under goal.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

Stanly COG Meeting

Tuesday, August 26
6:30 PM
Nevins Center

Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 1
County Offices Closed

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 2
7:00 PM
Commons Meeting Room