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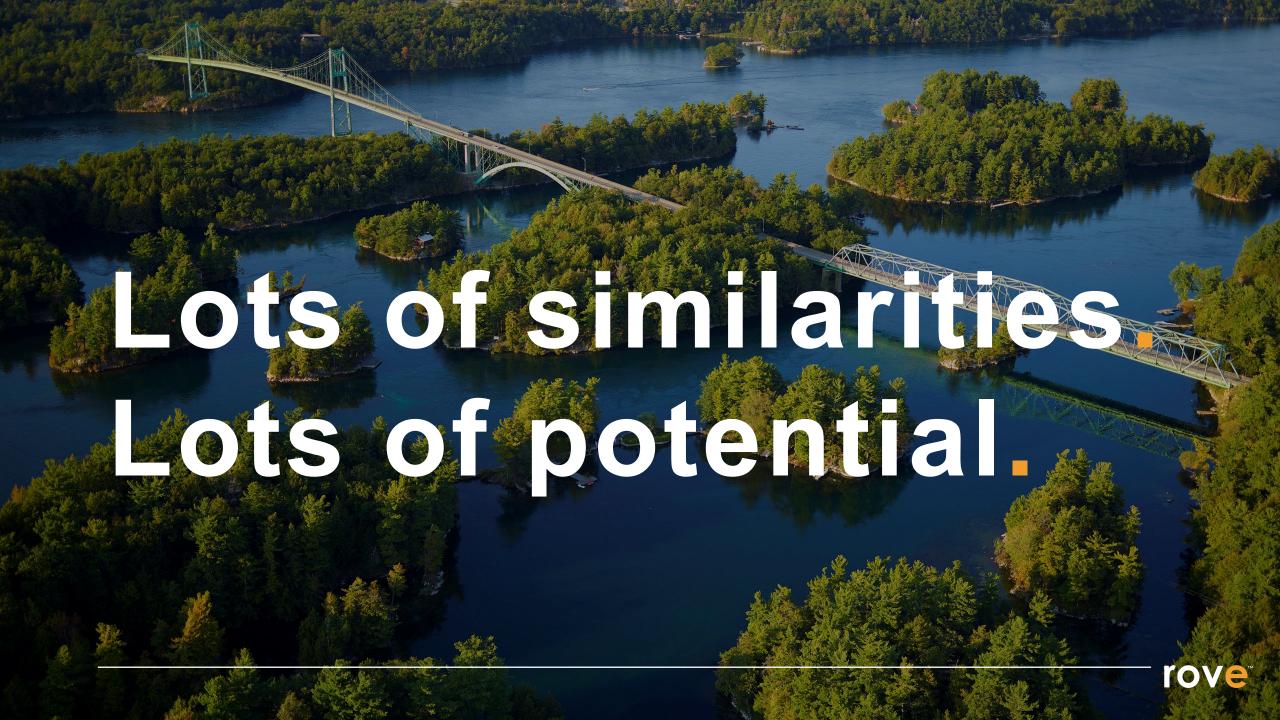








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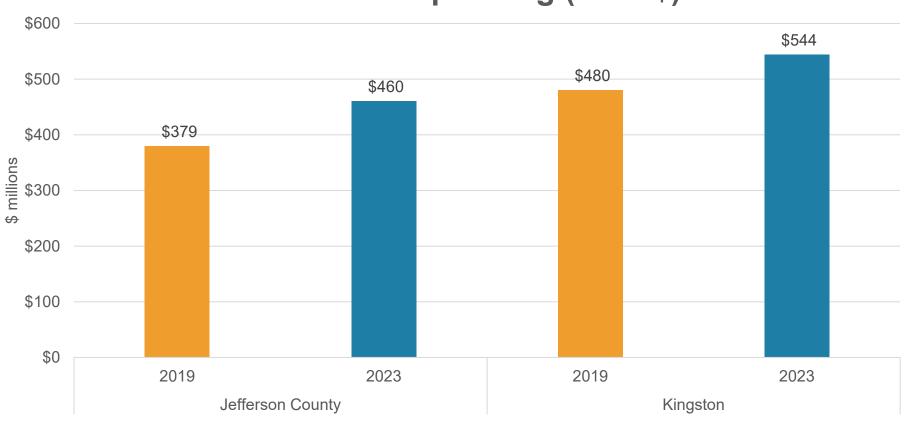


# The visitor economy has recovered to pre-pandemic levels



Both Kingston and Jefferson County visitor spending has returned to pre-pandemic levels.







## Similar community impact



Both visitor economies employ similar number of jobs and deliver similar tax revenues (based on spend)

# **Direct Jobs attributed to tourism** industry

**Jefferson County = 4,423** 

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**Tourism Kingston = 4,530** 

Total tax revenue from tourism related spending (CAN)

Jefferson County (8%) = \$55.9M

Tourism Kingston (13%) = \$105.3M

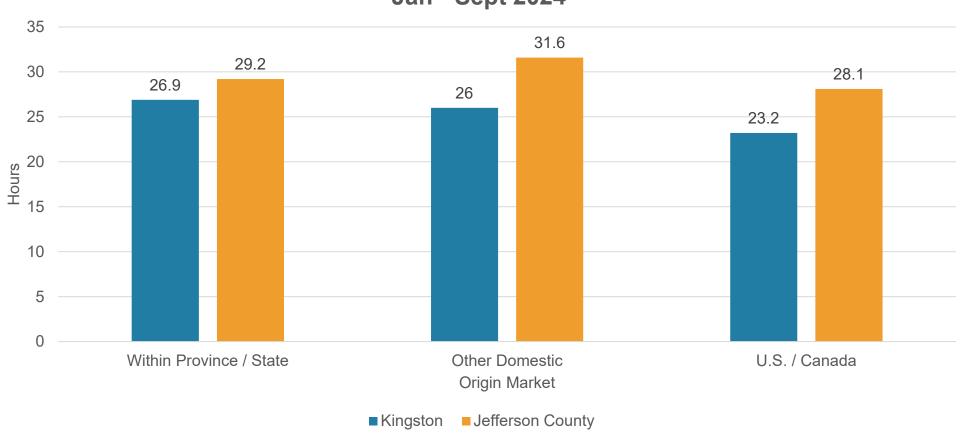


## Similar length of stay across region and origin markets



The average length of stay for both Kingston and Jefferson County is app. 1 night / 2 days.



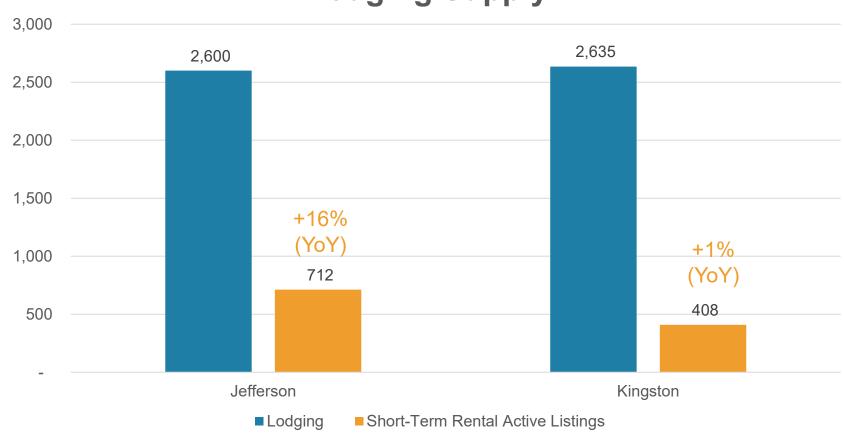




# Similar Lodging Supply





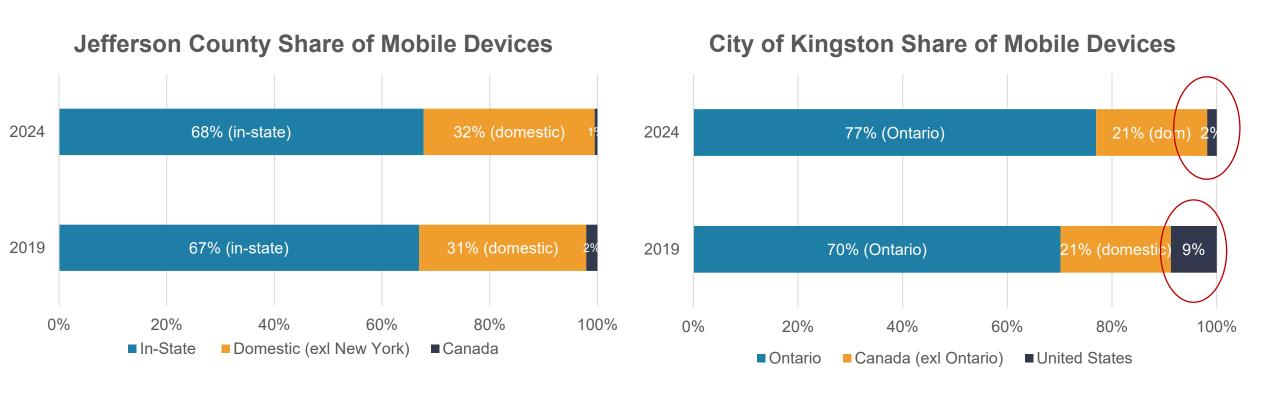




## Kingston share of U.S. visitation is declining



Despite favourable market conditions, Kingston is attracting proportionately fewer Americans.

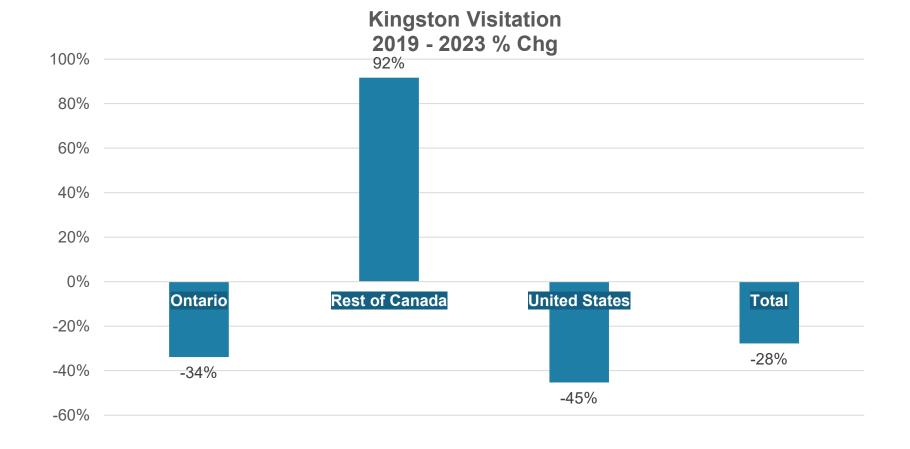




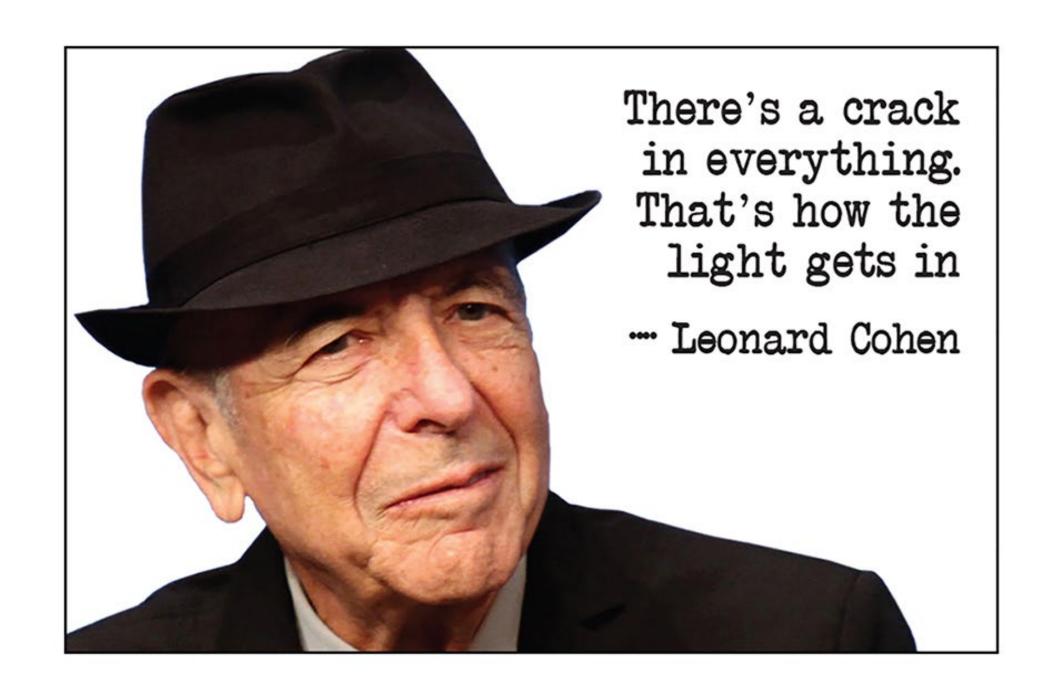
## Kingston gaining domestic visitors – losing international



**Total Visitation** 2019 – 2.6 Million 2023 – 1.9 Million



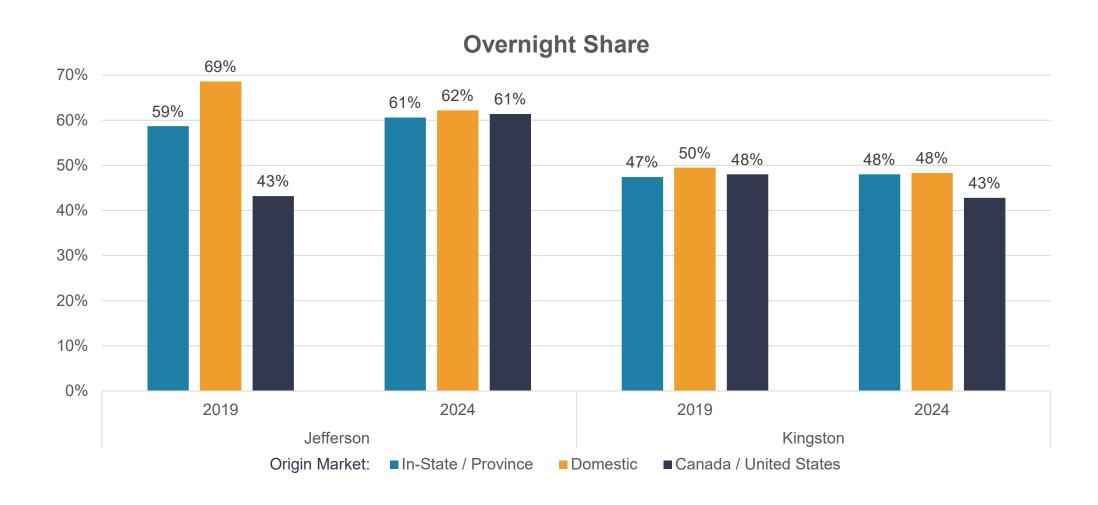




## Opportunity: We are an overnight destination



Approximately half of visitors to the region stay overnight.

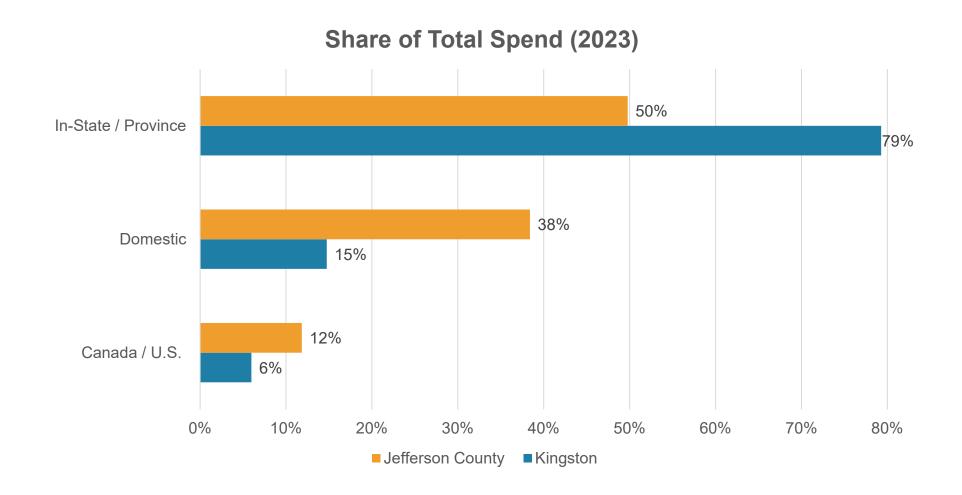




## And with longer stays, visitors spend more.



Only 6% of Kingston's visitor revenues comes from American visitors.



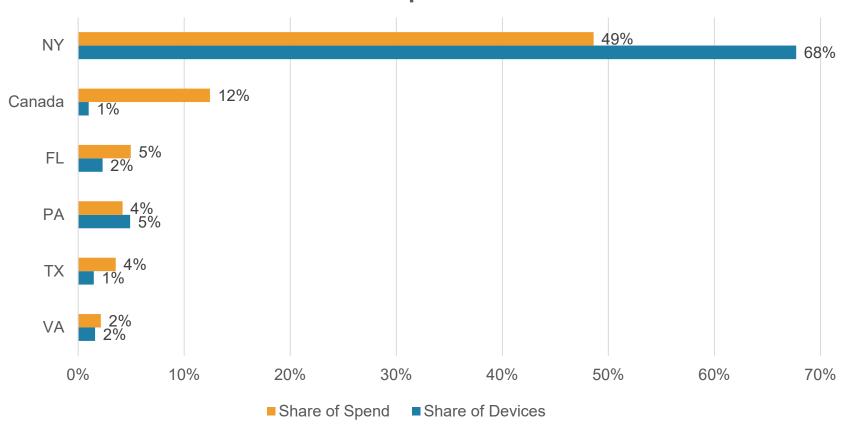


## Canada is good business for Jefferson County



12% of visitor spend in Jefferson is from CAN visitors, representing only 1% of total visitation.

## Jefferson County Visitation (mobile devices) vs Spend Jan - Sept 2024



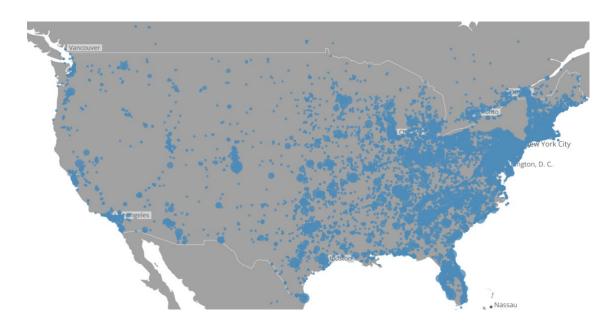


## **United States Target Opportunities**

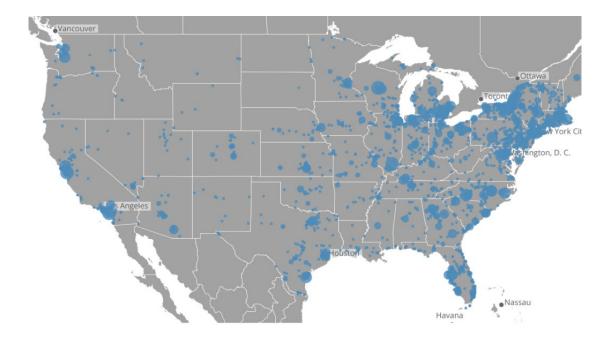
Visitors across the U.S. are visiting Jefferson County but NOT Kingston



### **Jefferson County – U.S. Out of State Visitors**



### **City of Kingston – United States Visitors**



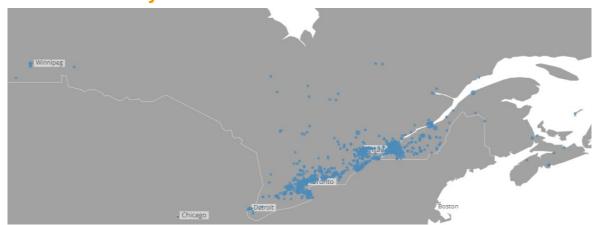


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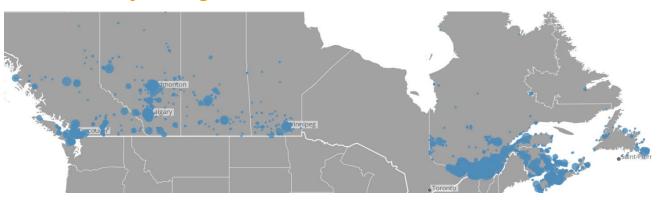


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## **Jefferson County – Canadian Visitors**



## **City of Kingston – Canadian Outside Ontario**

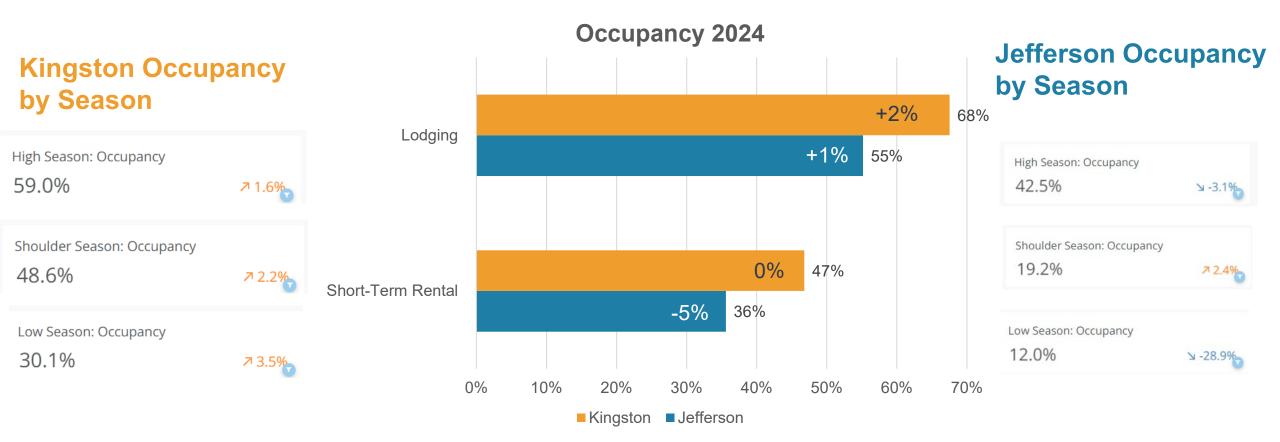




# Opportunity – Increase Visitors Across Seasons



City of Kingston Lodging Occupancy Outperforming Jefferson County





## Opportunities and Recommendations



- There is a significant opportunity to tap into the Jefferson County visitor base to grow visitation in Kingston.
  - Spending upside
  - Proximity
  - External tailwinds
- Communicate the currency value benefit for Americans crossing the border is the message getting through.
- Canadians like to spend across the border. Explore targeting Kingston source markets to encourage cross border visitation to Jefferson County and extend length of stay.
- Increase marketing collaboration and create shared cross border itineraries to encourage longer stays.
- Infrastructure to simplify visitor connection between Kingston and Jefferson County.
- Analyze and mitigate (post-pandemic) border-crossing hurdles.





