Key Results of the Kailua Resident and Visitor Surveys

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Introduction

• Surveys of the residents of, and visitors to, Kailua and Waimanalo were conducted during the second half of 2019
• The resident surveys were conducted to document residents’ attitudes, and identify ways to alleviate their concerns, about tourism in these communities
• Visitors to these communities were surveyed concurrently with the resident surveys so visitor volumes and expenditures could be estimated and provide context for the results on resident sentiments about tourism
Kailua Resident Survey Methods

• Residents were surveyed online using the Qualtrics survey research platform.
• A random, systematic sample was drawn from a list of the email addresses of 9,502 adult residents of Kailua purchased from Infogroup.com.
• The response rate was 20.9% after nine email reminders and one postcard reminder.
• The study population was deliberately oversampled; respondents in over-represented demographic categories were then randomly deleted until the achieved sample was within four percentage points of the study population in terms of sex, age, race, and household income, as determined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.
• After this process the achieved resident sample consisted of 574 respondents.
Respondents’ attitudes about tourism in Kailua were measured by presenting them with a list of statements on this subject (e.g., “Tourism has increased the cost of living”) and providing response options in the form of a five-point scale that ranged from “Strongly Disagree” to “Strongly Agree”.

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Results of Kailua Resident Survey
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n = 574
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I support new tourism development in Kailua/Lanikai.

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Kailua residents’ responses to the attitude statement, “Tourism has brought more benefits than problems”

- Tourism has both positive and negative economic, sociocultural, and environmental impacts in any destination, necessitating measurement of the perceived net impacts of tourism on the destination.
- Such perceptions were measured by asking residents to indicate the extent to which they agreed or disagreed with the statement, “Tourism has brought more benefits than problems.”
Which of the following best describes how you feel about the presence of tourists in Kailua?

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<th>I’m happy with the presence of tourists. I welcome them.</th>
<th>I’m indifferent to the presence of tourists. They don’t concern me.</th>
<th>I’m worried about the presence of tourists. They are beginning to concern me.</th>
<th>I’m irritated by the presence of tourists. They are a problem for me.</th>
<th>I’m outraged by the presence of tourists. They are a big problem for me!</th>
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<td>19.2%</td>
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Mean: 2.90
Standard Deviation: 1.19
Mode: 3
Minimum: 1
Maximum: 5
n: 442