

Some Sample Reports on Turbines and Tourism

Some locations are heavily dependent on tourism dollars and employment. Let's use North Carolina's *Crystal Coast* (Carteret County) as an example.

Most states list tourism related economics. In this case, the [North Carolina Department of Commerce](#)* says the 2016 figures for Carteret County are:

\$352± million in Tourism related revenue

3450± jobs in Tourism related businesses

\$37± million in state and local tax revenues from travel to Carteret County. (This represents a \$523 tax saving to each county resident.)

Almost all studies done by independent experts conclude that there will be Tourism business lost when industrial wind energy is introduced into a tourist area. Some play it down by saying that these losses are not "significant."

The most detailed study to date, funded by the [Scottish Government](#) (a wind proponent) concluded that the annual losses would be from 2% to 6%. A decrease of 4% in the *Crystal Coast* tourism business would amount to:

\$14± million in Tourism related revenue lost annually, plus

138± Tourism jobs lost annually

It seems that most people would consider those losses to be significant. And this is just one economic burden to the community (see [WiseEnergy.org](#)) — but this just by itself, would result in any locally proposed wind project being a NET LOSS. In other areas, the significance of the impact will vary.

[Here](#) is a collection of **200±** articles & reports on the effects on Tourism from industrial wind energy being nearby. Below is a sample of these studies:

- 1- [Wind Turbines and Tourism in Scotland](#) (2017)
- 2- ["80% would Not Come Back"](#) when turbines visible (2016: NCSU)
- 3- [The Impact of Wind Turbines on Tourism Demand](#) (2015)
- 4- [Offshore Wind in Southern Europe – Tourist Preference and Acceptance](#)
- 5- [66% say turbines make Scotland a less appealing place to visit](#) (2014)
- 6- ["Tourism Effect of Wind Turbines in Prince Edward County"](#) (2012)
- 7- [The impact of wind turbines on tourism – a literature review](#) (2012)
- 8- [The Effect of Wind Power Installations on Coastal Tourism](#) (2010)
- 9- [Do wind farms affect tourism?](#) (2009: Quebec Government)
- 10- [The Dorenell Wind Farm: Tourism Impacts & Implications](#) (2010)
- 11- [Investigation in the Potential Impact of Wind Farms on Tourism in Wales](#) (2003: Wales Tourist Board)
- 12- [Wind Turbines and Rural Tourism](#) (2003: VisitScotland)

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