

Trail User Economic Impact Comparison Chart, Pennsylvania



Trail, County, Date of Survey	No. of Surveys	User Origin	Average \$ Spent on Soft Goods	Estimate of Total User Visits Annually	Estimate of Annual Soft Goods	Estimate of Total User Spending	Resource
Oil Heritage Region Trail System, Venango, 2006	261	73% local 27% non-local	\$3.71 local/\$32.93 non-local	160,792	NA	\$4,308,229	<i>Trail Utilization Study: Analysis of the Trail Systems Within the Oil Heritage Region; Allegheny Valley Trails Association, 2006.</i>
Pine Creek Rail Trail, Tioga & Lycoming, 2006	1,049	31% local 69% non-local	\$30.30	138,227	\$3,601,919	\$4,813,118	<i>Pine Creek Rail Trail 2006 User Survey and Economic Analysis; Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.*</i>
Perkiomen Trail, Montgomery, 2007	694	76% local 24% non-local	\$11.09	397,814	\$2,338,231	\$4,906,255 (no lodging)	<i>Perkiomen Trail 2008 User Survey and Economic Analysis; Rails to Trails Conservancy.*</i>
Ghost Town Trail, Indiana & Cambria, 2008	441	65% local 35% non-local	\$13.62	75,600	\$741,364	\$2,366,092	<i>Ghost Town Trail 2009 User Survey and Economic Analysis; Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.*</i>
Schuylkill River Trail, Philadelphia & Montgomery, 2008	1,223	80% local 20% non-local	\$9.07	800,000	\$3,628,000	\$7,313,026	<i>Schuylkill River Trail 2009 User Survey and Economic Analysis; Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.*</i>
Lackawanna River Heritage Trail, Lackawanna, 2009	500	82.2% local 17.8% non-local	\$8.87	128,000	NA	\$28,251,862 (total economic impact)	<i>Lackawanna River Heritage Trail 2009 Trail User Survey and Economic Impact Analysis; The Lackawanna Heritage Valley National and State Heritage Area, Arora and Associates, P.C., Campbell Thomas & Co., Urban Partners, Rail Trail Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania.</i>
Armstrong Trail, Armstrong, 2010	296	89% local 11% non-local	\$8.35	80,638	\$740,250	\$897,442	<i>Armstrong Trail 2010 User Survey and Economic Impact Analysis; Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.*</i>
Lebanon Valley Rail-Trail & Conewago Recreation Trail, Lebanon & Lancaster, 2011	563	85% local 15% non-local	\$12.57	125,244	\$875,320	\$1,326,117	<i>Lebanon Valley Rail-Trail and Conewago Recreation Trail 2011 User Survey and Economic Impact Analysis; Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.*</i>

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Great Allegheny Passage, Allegheny, Westmoreland, Fayette & Somerset, 2012 Update	1,272	72% local 28% non-local	\$17.00 day users/\$114.00 overnight users	800,000	NA	\$50,000,000 (projected)	2008 Trail Town Economic Impact Study (Phase II: Trail User Survey), Progress Fund and Laurel Highlands Visitor Bureau; 2008. 2012 Progress Fund Update. Study updated by the Center for Regional Progress, College of Business, Frostburg State University.
Heritage Rail Trail County Park, York, 2012	336	68% local 32% non-local	\$13.28	281,145	\$2,320,680	\$4,488,474	Heritage Rail Trail County Park 2012 User Survey and Economic Impact Analysis; York County Parks.
D&L Trail, Luzerne, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton & Bucks, 2012	862	65% local 35% non-local	\$33.49 (7% bike rentals)	282,796	\$6,970,537	\$19,075,921	D&L Trail 2012 User Survey and Economic Impact Analysis; Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.*
Erie to Pittsburgh Trail, Armstrong, Clarion, Venango & Erie, 2013	455	70% local 30% non-local	\$21.16	158,507	\$2,631,876	\$7,479,348	Erie to Pittsburgh Trail (Between Titusville and Parker, PA) 2013 User Survey and Economic Impact Analysis; Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.*
Three Rivers Heritage Trail, Allegheny, 2014	525	91% local 8% non-local	\$16.53	622,873	\$5,866,660	\$8,286,026	Three Rivers Heritage Trail 2014 User Survey and Economic Impact Analysis; Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.
Totals	8,477	--	--	4,051,636	\$29,714,837	\$115,260,048 (excludes Lackawanna River Heritage Trail)	Generated from the numbers displayed.

*Indicates the complete report is available at [Rails-To-Trail Conservancy, Toolbox](#)

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