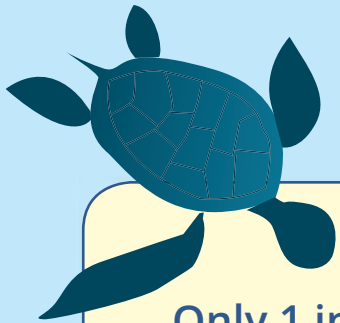


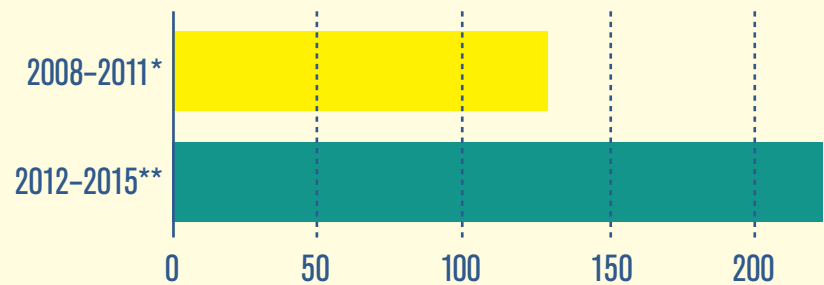
# Balance at the Beach

Sea turtles and tourism thriving at Cape Hatteras



Only 1 in 1,000 baby sea turtles survives to have hatchlings of its own.

Average annual number of sea turtle nests at Cape Hatteras National Seashore

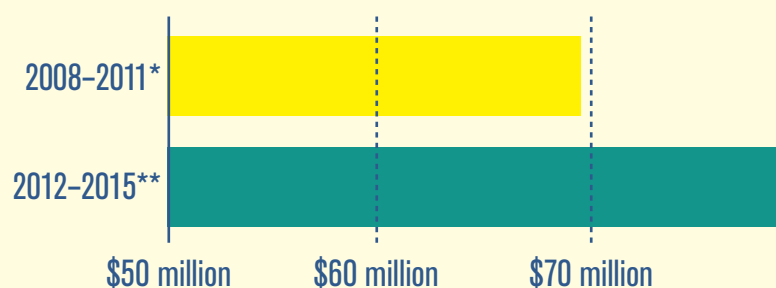


\*4-year average before beach driving rule

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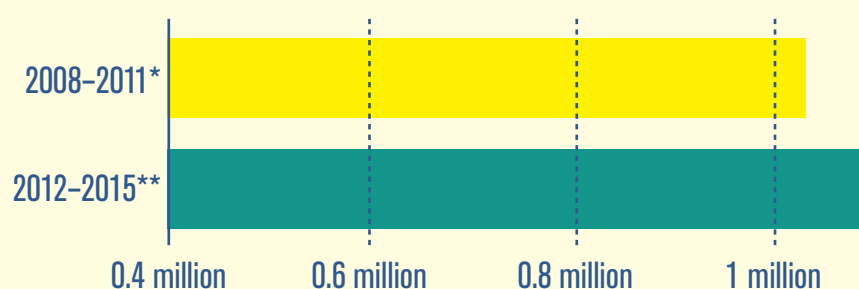
Female sea turtles return to the beach where they were born to nest. That means a sea turtle that lays her eggs at Cape Hatteras National Seashore hatched there herself.

Average Dollars Spent on Lodging on Hatteras Island  
JUNE THROUGH AUGUST COMBINED



Baby sea turtles orient themselves to the sea by the natural light of the ocean horizon, slope of the beach and the crests of breaking waves.

Average visitation at Cape Hatteras National Seashore  
JUNE THROUGH AUGUST COMBINED



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SOURCES: National Park Service and Outer Banks Visitors Bureau