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The total number of visitors to Rottnest Island as indicated in the below table are calculated on the number of admission fees collected by commercial ferry operators on behalf of the Rottnest Island Authority (RIA), combined with an estimate of aircraft and boating visitors, and workers accessing the Island.

	Visitors by Commercial Ferry		Visitors by aircraft (estimate)	Visitors by boat (estimate)	Rottnest Island Authority and other Island workers (day trippers)	Total
	Day Visitors	Extended Stay Visitors				
2008	355,451		5,500	185,000	50,706	596,657
2009	342,276		5,500	185,000	55,134	587,910
2010	205,358	108,549	5,500	185,000	49,118	553,525
2011	203,945	106,910	5,500	185,000	49,144	550,499

- Admission fee schedules for Rottnest Island visitors were amended in 2009/10 to include two categories; day visitors and extended stay visitors. Prior to this, numbers for these categories were not recorded and therefore are not available.
- A 2009/10 survey of the boating community indicates there are approximately 185,000 visitors each year to Rottnest Island arriving by private boat. The number of individual visitors arriving by aircraft is not recorded but is estimated to be approximately 5,500 – 6,000 per year based on the number of aircraft landings. Private boat and aircraft visitors are also not able to be counted according to the day and extended stay categories.
- RIA staff and other Island workers who commute to the Island daily are included into the total number of visitors as they make a substantial contribution to the Island's economy.