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tourism also show substantial increases.

Therefore, tourism is one of the major economic sectors in Eddy County. However, it is highly seasonable due to the nature of visits at Carlsbad Caverns. Such visits fluctuated in 1976 from a high of 185,750 in July to a low of 25,160 in November. This variation illustrates the seasonality of the tourism industry in Eddy County. To support this tourist industry, the City of Carlsbad has a total of 18 motels and hotels with over 900 rooms. While additional facilities are found throughout the county, it is obvious that Carlsbad, due to its proximity to the Caverns, receives the major portion of the impact from this national park.