

Skier visits to Tahoe resorts exceed 5-year average

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The Sierra ski season is winding to a close the same way it started – with plentiful snow and plentiful business.

Up to 7.5 million skier visits are expected this season, more than the five-year average of 7.4 million, according to the California Ski Industry Association, which represents 28 ski resorts in California and Nevada.



Crowds enjoy the sun at Northstar's mid-mountain lodge.

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While that's short of the record 8.2 million visits of 2004-2005, it surpasses the 6.7 million visits last year and represents significant progress as the country struggles out of recession, Bob Roberts, association executive director, said.

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