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Visitation Trends (Arrivals)

[Thousands of Visitors]	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Change 2012/2005
Total Arrivals	527	553	620	681	666	736	811	925	398
Percentage Change (%)	5	5	12	10	-2	10	10	14	75

Spending Trends (Exports)

[Millions of U.S. Dollars]	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Change 2012/2005
Total Travel & Tourism Exports (1)	\$2,069	\$2,381	\$2,758	\$3,414	\$3,100	\$3,477	\$4,159	\$4,664	\$2,595
Travel Receipts	\$1,819	\$2,077	\$2,432	\$2,917	\$2,726	\$3,017	\$3,620	\$4,088	\$2,269
Passenger Fare Receipts	\$250	\$304	\$326	\$497	\$374	\$460	\$539	\$576	\$326
Change (%) in Total Exports	9	15	16	24	-9	12	20	12	125

Information Sources Used for Trip Planning

	Information Sources Used	2011 (Percent)	2012 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
	Airlines (Directly)	25	52	26.5
	Corporate Travel Dept.	4	16	12.1
	Travel Guide(s)	4	9	5.2
2012	Personal Recommendation (Friends/Rel)		25	
2011	Friends/Relatives	17		
2012	National/State/City Travel Office		12	
2011	Nat'l Govt. Tourist Ofc.	2		
2011	State/City Travel Ofc.	3		
2012	Tour Operator/Travel Club		7	
2011	Tour Company	2		
2012	Online Travel Agency (OTA)		33	
2012	Travel Agency Office		29	
2011	Travel Agency	34		
2012	Other		9	
2011	TV/Radio	1		
2011	Personal Computer	38		
2011	In-flight Info. Systems	2		
2011	Newspapers/Magazines	2		

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Main Purpose of Trip

	Main Purpose of Trip	2011 (Percent)	2012 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
	Convention/Conference/Trade Show	7	14	7.6
	Visit Friends/Relatives	32	25	-7.4
	Health Treatment	1	1	0.2
	Religion/Pilgrimages	0.1	0.3	0.2
2012	Business		18	
2011	Business/Professional	23		
2012	Vacation/Holiday		30	
2011	Leisure/Rec./Holidays/Sightseeing	28		
2012	Education		11	
2011	Study/Teaching	8		
	Other	1	1	0.0

All Purposes of Trip

	Purpose of Trip	2011 (Percent)	2012 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
	Convention/Conference/Trade Show	9	17	7.5
	Visit Friends/Relatives	47	42	-4.9
	Health Treatment	2	2	0.5
	Religion/Pilgrimages	0.4	1	0.3
2012	Business		21	
2011	Business/Professional	27		
2012	Vacation/Holiday		46	
2011	Leisure/Rec./Holidays/Sightseeing	44		
2012	Education		13	
2011	Study/Teaching	10		
	Other	2	2	-0.2
	NET PURPOSES OF TRIP:			
	Leisure & VFR	73	66	-7.8
	Business & Convention	34	36	1.5

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Transportation Used in the United States

	Transportation Types Used in United States	2011 (Percent)	2012 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
	Airlines in U.S.	39	48	9.0
	Bus between Cities	8	16	7.9
	City Subway/Tram/Bus	27	33	6.5
	Company or Private Auto	22	37	15.2
	Railroad between Cities	11	7	-3.7
	Motor Home/Camper	2	2	0.7
	Rented Auto	29	27	-2.2
	Taxi/Cab/Limousine	47	30	-16.5
2012	Cruise Ship/River Boat 1+ Nights		2	
2012	Ferry/River Taxi/Short Scenic Cruise		9	
2012	Rented Bicycle/Motorcycle/Moped		3	

Select Traveler Characteristics

Traveler Characteristics	2011	2012	Change (2)
Advance Trip Decision Time (mean days)	58	52	-5.5
Advance Trip Decision Time (median days)	30	30	0.0
Prepaid Package	2	7	5.0
First International Trip to the U.S.	23	20	-3.3
Length of Stay in U.S. (mean nights)	26.7	23.9	-2.8
Length of Stay in U.S. (median nights)	13	11	-2.0
Number of States Visited (% 1 state)	59	63	3.8
Average Number of States Visited	1.7	1.5	-0.2
Hotel/Motel (% 1+ nights)	67	63	-4.2
Average # of Nights in Hotel/Motel	9.6	11.2	1.6
Travel Party Size (mean # of persons)	1.3	1.3	0.0
Gender: % Male (among adults)	63	65	1.7
Household Income (mean average)	\$84,300	\$78,544	-\$5,756
Household Income (median average)	\$67,100	\$50,000	-\$17,100
Average Age: Female	40	37	-2.7
Average Age: Male	39	37	-1.9

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Activity Participation While in the United States

	Activity Participation While in the U.S.	2011 (Percent)	2012 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
	Amusement/Theme Parks	30	34	4.4
	Art Gallery/Museum	25	35	10.1
	Sporting Event	6	14	7.8
	Camping/Hiking	6	9	3.4
	Casino/Gambling	13	9	-4.0
	Concert/Play/Musical	21	23	1.3
	Environ./Eco. Excursions	2	2	-0.2
	Golfing/Tennis	2	2	0.7
	Guided Tours	9	21	11.6
	Hunting/Fishing	1	2	1.1
	Nightclubs/Dancing	18	17	-0.8
	Shopping	93	91	-1.9
	Visit American Indian Communities	2	4	1.9
2012	Cultural / Ethnic Heritage Sites		13	
2011	Cultural Heritage Sites	14		
2011	Ethnic Heritage Sites	4		
2012	Experience Fine Dining		37	
2011	Dining in Restaurants	85		
2012	Sightseeing		71	
2011	Sightseeing in Cities	34		
2012	Snow Sports		3	
2011	Snow Skiing	2		
2012	Small Towns/Countryside		35	
2011	Visit Small Towns/Villages	25		
2011	Touring Countryside	19		
2012	National Parks/Monuments		37	
2011	Visit National Parks	19		
2012	Water Sports		7	
2011	Water Sports/Sunbathing	10		
2012	Visit Historical Locations		23	
2011	Visit Historical Places	36		
2012	Other		1	
2011	Cruises	7		
2011	Ranch Vacations	1		

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U.S. Destinations Visited (States, Cities, and Regions)

Visitation to U.S. Destinations/Regions (3)	Market Share 2011 (Percent)	Volume 2011 (000)	Market Share 2012 (Percent)	Volume 2012 (000)
REGIONS				
Middle Atlantic	60.3	489	55.2	511
STATES				
New York	53.5	434	51.0	472
CITY				
New York City	52.2	423	49.3	456

(1) Total Travel & Tourism Exports = travel receipts (purchase of travel and tourism-related goods and services, to include food, lodging, recreation, gifts, entertainment, local transportation in the country of travel, and other items incident to a foreign visit) + passenger fare receipts (fares paid to U.S. air carriers and vessel operators for travel between the United States and foreign countries and between two foreign points).

(2) Percentage-point and percentage changes are based on non-rounded data.

(3) Only census region, state, and city destinations having a sample size of 400 or more are displayed. Due to quarterly data weighting by country and port of entry, some unreported destinations may have a higher proportion of total than those reported.

(**) Estimate not shown due to sample size fewer than 400 for this year.

Note: Estimate not shown due to sample size fewer than 400 for this year. This profile shows only a portion of the 35 travel characteristics data in 2011 and the 37 items reported on international arrivals to the U.S. Additional information may be obtained for a fee. To learn more, please visit our website: <http://tinet.ita.doc.gov/research/programs/ifs/index.html>

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Survey of International Air Travelers

The Survey of International Air Travelers provides a level of detail and insight into the traveler characteristics and travel patterns of international visitors to and from the United States not found elsewhere. Responses are weighted with data from the Department of Homeland Security and the following thirty-five tables are then populated. This report, which was constructed using just a fraction of the data available, summarizes what we know about the Middle East traveler who visits the United States.

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