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Visitation Trends (Arrivals)

| [Thousands of Overseas Visitors] | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | Change 2013/2006 |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------|
| Total Arrivals | 21,668 | 23,892 | 25,341 | 23,756 | 26,363 | 27,883 | 29,761 | 32,038 | 10,370 |
| Percentage Change (%) | 0 | 10 | 6 | -6 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 48 |

Spending Trends (Exports)

| [Millions of U.S. Dollars] | 2006 ^r | 2007 ^r | 2008 ^r | 2009 ^r | 2010 ^r | 2011 ^r | 2012 ^r | 2013 ^r | Change 2013/2006 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Total Travel and Tourism Exports ¹ | \$95,375 | \$109,799 | \$127,400 | \$113,959 | \$130,076 | \$146,253 | \$156,830 | \$168,834 | \$73,459 |
| Travel (all purposes including education) | \$78,683 | \$90,136 | \$102,343 | \$93,132 | \$105,988 | \$117,062 | \$125,265 | \$135,396 | \$56,713 |
| Of which: Education Related | \$13,513 | \$14,760 | \$16,653 | \$18,341 | - | \$21,475 | \$23,479 | \$25,797 | \$12,284 |
| Of which: Other Business/ Personal Travel | \$61,845 | \$72,261 | \$82,417 | \$71,778 | \$84,123 | \$93,153 | \$99,267 | \$106,894 | \$45,049 |
| Passenger Air Transportation | \$16,692 | \$19,663 | \$25,057 | \$20,827 | \$24,088 | \$29,191 | \$31,565 | \$33,438 | \$16,746 |
| Change (%) in Total Exports | 2 | 15 | 16 | -11 | 14 | 12 | 7 | 8 | 77 |

⁽¹⁾ International standards now use a broader definition of travel than previously used, which includes education-related and health-related travel, as well as expenditures on goods and services by border, seasonal, and other short-term workers in the United States.

For more information, please visit: <http://travel.trade.gov/pdf/restructuring-travel.pdf>

^(r) Revised (December 2014).

Information Sources Used for Trip Planning

| Information Sources Used (multiple response: top 6 of 9) | 2012 (Percent) | 2013 (Percent) | Point Change (2) |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Airlines Directly | 43 | 43 | 0.5 |
| Online Travel Agency | 29 | 31 | 1.1 |
| Personal Recommendation | 24 | 24 | 0.2 |
| Travel Agency Office | 25 | 24 | -1.5 |
| Corporate Travel Dept. | 12 | 13 | 0.4 |
| Travel Guides | 13 | 12 | -0.4 |

Main Purpose of Trip

| Main Purpose of Trip (top 5 of 8) | 2012 (Percent) | 2013 (Percent) | Point Change (2) |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Vacation/Holiday | 57 | 57 | 0.2 |
| Visit Friends/Relatives | 17 | 17 | 0.5 |
| Business | 13 | 12 | -0.7 |
| Convention/Conference/Trade Show | 8 | 7 | -0.5 |
| Education | 4 | 5 | 0.2 |

All Purposes of Trip

| Purpose of Trip (multiple response--top 5 of 8) | 2012 (Percent) | 2013 (Percent) | Point Change (2) |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Vacation/Holiday | 67 | 67 | -0.4 |
| Visit Friends/Relatives | 29 | 29 | -0.2 |
| Business | 16 | 15 | -0.3 |
| Convention/Conference/Trade Show | 10 | 10 | -0.4 |
| Education | 7 | 7 | 0.0 |
| | | | |
| NET PURPOSES OF TRIP: | | | |
| Leisure & VFR | 80 | 79 | -0.4 |
| Business & Convention | 23 | 22 | -0.8 |

Transportation Used in the United States

| Transportation Types Used in United States (multiple response--top 8 of 11) | 2012 (Percent) | 2013 (Percent) | Point Change (2) |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Taxi/Cab/Limousine | 35 | 35 | 0.1 |
| Rented Auto | 32 | 33 | 0.9 |
| Airlines in U.S. | 33 | 33 | -0.7 |
| City Subway/Tram/Bus | 32 | 32 | 0.2 |
| Company or Private Auto | 32 | 31 | -0.5 |
| Bus between Cities | 18 | 18 | 0.4 |
| Ferry/River Taxi/Srt Scenic Cruise | 10 | 10 | 0.0 |
| Railroad between Cities | 7 | 7 | -0.2 |

Activity Participation While in the United States

| Activity Participation While in the U.S. (multiple response--top 10 of 22) | 2012 (Percent) | 2013 (Percent) | Point Change (2) |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Shopping | 88 | 88 | -0.1 |
| Sightseeing | 77 | 77 | 0.1 |
| Experience Fine Dining | 38 | 39 | 0.8 |
| National Parks/Monuments | 33 | 34 | 0.2 |
| Art Gallery/Museum | 28 | 28 | 0.0 |
| Amusement/Theme Parks | 27 | 28 | 0.9 |
| Historical Locations | 26 | 27 | 0.8 |
| Small Towns/Countryside | 27 | 27 | -0.2 |
| Guided Tours | 24 | 24 | -0.6 |
| Concert/Play/Musical | 18 | 18 | -0.7 |

Select Traveler Characteristics

| Traveler Characteristics | 2012 | 2013 | Change (2) |
|--|----------|----------|------------|
| Advance Trip Decision Time (mean days) | 91 | 94 | 3.6 |
| Advance Trip Decision Time (median days) | 60 | 60 | 0.0 |
| Prepaid Package | 19 | 18 | -0.9 |
| First International Trip to the U.S. | 23 | 24 | 0.5 |
| Length of Stay in U.S. (mean nights) | 17.0 | 17.5 | 0.5 |
| Length of Stay in U.S. (median nights) | 9 | 9 | 0.0 |
| Number of States Visited (% 1 state) | 71 | 72 | 1.7 |
| Average Number of States Visited | 1.5 | 1.4 | -0.1 |
| Hotel/Motel (% 1+ nights) | 79 | 78 | -0.3 |
| Average # of Nights in Hotel/Motel | 9.3 | 9.7 | 0.4 |
| Travel Party Size (mean # of persons) | 1.6 | 1.6 | 0.0 |
| Gender: % Male (among adults) | 55 | 56 | 0.1 |
| Household Income (mean average) | \$99,814 | \$94,820 | -\$4,994 |
| Household Income (median average) | \$72,346 | \$67,826 | -\$4,520 |
| Average Age: Female (among adults) | 39 | 39 | 0.0 |
| Average Age: Male (among adults) | 41 | 41 | -0.1 |

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

| Visitation to U.S. Destinations/Regions (3) | Market Share 2012 (Percent) | Volume 2012 (000) | Market Share 2013 (Percent) | Volume 2013 (000) |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Regions | | | | |
| Middle Atlantic | 34.4 | 10,238 | 33.9 | 10,861 |
| South Atlantic | 31.1 | 9,256 | 30.7 | 9,836 |
| Pacific | 21.6 | 6,428 | 21.5 | 6,888 |
| Pacific Islands | 14.2 | 4,226 | 14.5 | 4,646 |
| Mountain | 12.1 | 3,601 | 11.8 | 3,781 |
| East North Central | 7.1 | 2,113 | 6.7 | 2,147 |
| West South Central | 5.7 | 1,696 | 6.1 | 1,954 |
| New England | 5.5 | 1,637 | 5.4 | 1,730 |
| West North Central | 2.1 | 625 | 1.9 | 609 |
| East South Central | 1.5 | 446 | 1.4 | 449 |
| States | | | | |
| New York | 31.3 | 9,315 | 30.6 | 9,804 |
| Florida | 22.1 | 6,577 | 22.5 | 7,209 |
| California | 20.2 | 6,012 | 20.2 | 6,472 |
| Hawaiian Islands | 9.5 | 2,827 | 9.9 | 3,172 |
| Nevada | 9.3 | 2,768 | 9.1 | 2,915 |
| Texas | 4.5 | 1,339 | 4.9 | 1,570 |
| Guam | 4.7 | 1,399 | 4.6 | 1,474 |
| Illinois | 4.7 | 1,399 | 4.5 | 1,442 |
| Massachusetts | 4.5 | 1,339 | 4.3 | 1,378 |
| Pennsylvania | 3.2 | 952 | 3.1 | 993 |
| New Jersey | 2.9 | 863 | 2.9 | 929 |
| Arizona | 2.7 | 804 | 2.6 | 833 |
| Georgia | 2.5 | 744 | 2.2 | 705 |
| Washington | 1.5 | 446 | 1.6 | 513 |
| Utah | 1.6 | 476 | 1.5 | 481 |
| Colorado | 1.5 | 446 | 1.2 | 384 |
| North Carolina | 1.3 | 387 | 1.2 | 384 |
| Louisiana | 1.0 | 298 | 1.1 | 352 |
| Ohio | 1.2 | 357 | 1.1 | 352 |
| Virginia | 1.3 | 387 | 1.1 | 352 |
| Maryland | 1.0 | 298 | 1.0 | 320 |

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

| Visitation to U.S. Destinations/Regions (3) | Market Share 2012 (Percent) | Volume 2012 (000) | Market Share 2013 (Percent) | Volume 2013 (000) |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Cities | | | | |
| New York City | 30.6 | 9,107 | 29.9 | 9,579 |
| Miami | 11.7 | 3,482 | 12.5 | 4,005 |
| Los Angeles | 11.4 | 3,393 | 11.8 | 3,781 |
| Orlando | 10.7 | 3,184 | 11.6 | 3,716 |
| San Francisco | 9.4 | 2,798 | 9.5 | 3,044 |
| Las Vegas | 9.1 | 2,708 | 8.9 | 2,851 |
| Honolulu (Oahu) | 7.5 | 2,232 | 8.0 | 2,563 |
| DC Metro Area | 5.9 | 1,756 | 5.3 | 1,698 |
| Chicago | 4.6 | 1,369 | 4.3 | 1,378 |
| Boston | 4.2 | 1,250 | 4.0 | 1,282 |
| San Diego | 2.6 | 774 | 2.6 | 833 |
| Houston | 2.2 | 655 | 2.5 | 801 |
| Philadelphia | 2.0 | 595 | 2.1 | 673 |
| Atlanta | 2.2 | 655 | 1.8 | 577 |
| Flagstaff | 1.8 | 536 | 1.7 | 545 |
| Anaheim-Santa Ana | 1.6 | 476 | 1.5 | 481 |
| Seattle | 1.4 | 417 | 1.5 | 481 |
| Dallas-Plano-Irving | 1.4 | 417 | 1.4 | 449 |
| Tampa-St. Petersburg | 1.4 | 417 | 1.4 | 449 |
| San Jose | 1.4 | 417 | 1.3 | 416 |
| Ft. Lauderdale | 1.7 | 506 | ** | ** |
| Buffalo | 1.0 | 298 | ** | ** |

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- (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: This profile shows only a portion of the 37 travel characteristics data reported on international arrivals to the U.S. Additional information may be obtained for a fee. To learn more, please visit our website: <http://travel.trade.gov/research/index.html>

For a list of the states that comprise each census region, please visit: http://travel.trade.gov/outreachpages/census_regions.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-seven tables are then populated. This report, which was constructed using just a fraction of the data available, summarizes what we know about Overseas travelers who visit the United States.

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- Summary of International Travel to the United States (I-94)
- U.S. International Air Traveler Statistics (APIS, formerly I-92)
- Survey of International Air Travelers (SIAT)
- Canadian Statistics
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