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Visitation Trends (Arrivals)

[Thousands of Visitors]	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Change 2012/2005
Total Arrivals	325	348	390	419	425	495	497	602	277
Percentage Change (%)	10	7	12	8	1	17	0	21	85

Spending Trends (Exports)

[Millions of U.S. Dollars]	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Change 2012/2005
Total Travel & Tourism Exports (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passenger Fare Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change (%) in Total Exports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Information Sources Used for Trip Planning

	Information Sources Used	2011 (Percent)	2012 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
	Airlines (Directly)	27	44	17.2
	Corporate Travel Dept.	4	9	5.4
	Travel Guide(s)	1	7	5.7
2012	Personal Recommendation (Friends/Rel)		27	
2011	Friends/Relatives	19		
2012	National/State/City Travel Office		28	
2011	Nat'l Govt. Tourist Ofc.	1		
2011	State/City Travel Ofc.	2		
2012	Tour Operator/Travel Club		9	
2011	Tour Company	4		
2012	Online Travel Agency (OTA)		33	
2012	Travel Agency Office		13	
2011	Travel Agency	20		
2012	Other		5	
2011	TV/Radio	0.1		
2011	Personal Computer	41		
2011	In-flight Info. Systems	5		
2011	Newspapers/Magazines	0.2		

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Main Purpose of Trip

	Main Purpose of Trip	2011 (Percent)	2012 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
	Convention/Conference/Trade Show	5	10	5.7
	Visit Friends/Relatives	28	24	-4.5
	Health Treatment	0.1	0.2	0.1
	Religion/Pilgrimages	0.1	0	-0.1
2012	Business		9	
2011	Business/Professional	14		
2012	Vacation/Holiday		53	
2011	Leisure/Rec./Holidays/Sightseeing	46		
2012	Education		4	
2011	Study/Teaching	6		
	Other	1	1	0.3

All Purposes of Trip

	Purpose of Trip	2011 (Percent)	2012 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
	Convention/Conference/Trade Show	9	10	1.5
	Visit Friends/Relatives	43	45	2.0
	Health Treatment	0.1	0.2	0.1
	Religion/Pilgrimages	1	0	-1.1
2012	Business		12	
2011	Business/Professional	18		
2012	Vacation/Holiday		68	
2011	Leisure/Rec./Holidays/Sightseeing	60		
2012	Education		4	
2011	Study/Teaching	7		
	Other	1	2	1.0
	NET PURPOSES OF TRIP:			
	Leisure & VFR	82	85	2.5
	Business & Convention	24	18	-6.1

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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.	25	25	-0.4
	Bus between Cities	9	22	13.4
	City Subway/Tram/Bus	14	14	0.3
	Company or Private Auto	36	44	7.5
	Railroad between Cities	7	9	1.7
	Motor Home/Camper	0.4	0.2	-0.2
	Rented Auto	36	27	-9.8
	Taxi/Cab/Limousine	26	18	-7.5
2012	Cruise Ship/River Boat 1+ Nights		5	
2012	Ferry/River Taxi/Short Scenic Cruise		8	
2012	Rented Bicycle/Motorcycle/Moped		1	

Select Traveler Characteristics

Traveler Characteristics	2011	2012	Change (2)
Advance Trip Decision Time (mean days)	64	55	-9.5
Advance Trip Decision Time (median days)	30	30	0.0
Prepaid Package	10	12	1.4
First International Trip to the U.S.	12	19	7.0
Length of Stay in U.S. (mean nights)	19.4	15.4	-4.0
Length of Stay in U.S. (median nights)	10	9	-1.0
Number of States Visited (% 1 state)	67	82	14.9
Average Number of States Visited	1.5	1.2	-0.3
Hotel/Motel (% 1+ nights)	64	61	-3.0
Average # of Nights in Hotel/Motel	7.5	7.1	-0.4
Travel Party Size (mean # of persons)	1.5	1.4	-0.1
Gender: % Male (among adults)	52	47	-5.0
Household Income (mean average)	\$69,000	\$68,982	-\$18
Household Income (median average)	\$45,900	\$55,751	\$9,851
Average Age: Female	43	36	-7.0
Average Age: Male	42	42	-0.1

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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	39	31	-8.0
	Art Gallery/Museum	13	18	4.8
	Sporting Event	4	7	3.7
	Camping/Hiking	1	1	0.0
	Casino/Gambling	4	5	1.5
	Concert/Play/Musical	14	14	0.4
	Environ./Eco. Excursions	2	1	-0.9
	Golfing/Tennis	2	4	2.2
	Guided Tours	11	14	3.7
	Hunting/Fishing	0.3	2	2.0
	Nightclubs/Dancing	12	15	2.5
	Shopping	84	93	8.9
	Visit American Indian Communities	1	2	1.3
2012	Cultural / Ethnic Heritage Sites		8	
2011	Cultural Heritage Sites	10		
2011	Ethnic Heritage Sites	4		
2012	Experience Fine Dining		37	
2011	Dining in Restaurants	75		
2012	Sightseeing		72	
2011	Sightseeing in Cities	27		
2012	Snow Sports		2	
2011	Snow Skiing	1		
2012	Small Towns/Countryside		16	
2011	Visit Small Towns/Villages	32		
2011	Touring Countryside	10		
2012	National Parks/Monuments		19	
2011	Visit National Parks	9		
2012	Water Sports		6	
2011	Water Sports/Sunbathing	15		
2012	Visit Historical Locations		14	
2011	Visit Historical Places	35		
2012	Other		2	
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)
No destinations meet the minimum sample requirement.				

- (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.

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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 Colombia traveler who visits the United States.

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