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Visitation Trends (Arrivals)

[Thousands of Visitors]	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Change 2012/2005
Total Arrivals	257	271	296	342	356	391	477	477	220
Percentage Change (%)	6	5	10	15	4	10	22	0	86

Spending Trends (Exports)

[Millions of U.S. Dollars]	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Change 2012/2005
Total Travel & Tourism Exports (1)	\$933	\$1,001	\$1,095	\$1,364	\$1,362	\$1,430	\$1,863	\$1,876	\$943
Travel Receipts	\$686	\$771	\$893	\$1,083	\$1,042	\$1,065	\$1,351	\$1,358	\$672
Passenger Fare Receipts	\$247	\$230	\$202	\$281	\$320	\$365	\$512	\$518	\$271
Change (%) in Total Exports	3	7	9	25	-0	5	30	1	101

Information Sources Used for Trip Planning

	Information Sources Used	2011 (Percent)	2012 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
	Airlines (Directly)	29	43	14.1
	Corporate Travel Dept.	6	11	5.5
	Travel Guide(s)	14	13	-0.8
2012	Personal Recommendation (Friends/Rel)		25	
2011	Friends/Relatives	17		
2012	National/State/City Travel Office		7	
2011	Nat'l Govt. Tourist Ofc.	1		
2011	State/City Travel Ofc.	13		
2012	Tour Operator/Travel Club		6	
2011	Tour Company	2		
2012	Online Travel Agency (OTA)		37	
2012	Travel Agency Office		25	
2011	Travel Agency	30		
2012	Other		5	
2011	TV/Radio	1		
2011	Personal Computer	48		
2011	In-flight Info. Systems	1		
2011	Newspapers/Magazines	4		

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Main Purpose of Trip

	Main Purpose of Trip	2011 (Percent)	2012 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
	Convention/Conference/Trade Show	4	6	1.6
	Visit Friends/Relatives	17	11	-6.5
	Health Treatment	0	1	0.6
	Religion/Pilgrimages	1	1	-0.1
2012	Business		10	
2011	Business/Professional	11		
2012	Vacation/Holiday		66	
2011	Leisure/Rec./Holidays/Sightseeing	62		
2012	Education		5	
2011	Study/Teaching	4		
	Other	1	1	0.3

All Purposes of Trip

	Purpose of Trip	2011 (Percent)	2012 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
	Convention/Conference/Trade Show	6	6	0.8
	Visit Friends/Relatives	34	28	-5.5
	Health Treatment	1	1	0.3
	Religion/Pilgrimages	1	1	-0.2
2012	Business		13	
2011	Business/Professional	15		
2012	Vacation/Holiday		76	
2011	Leisure/Rec./Holidays/Sightseeing	78		
2012	Education		8	
2011	Study/Teaching	7		
	Other	1	2	0.5
	NET PURPOSES OF TRIP:			
	Leisure & VFR	90	83	-7.5
	Business & Convention	17	18	0.8

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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.	24	28	4.0
	Bus between Cities	10	14	3.8
	City Subway/Tram/Bus	30	34	4.1
	Company or Private Auto	20	29	9.4
	Railroad between Cities	32	11	-20.7
	Motor Home/Camper	2	4	1.7
	Rented Auto	31	48	17.3
	Taxi/Cab/Limousine	37	41	3.6
2012	Cruise Ship/River Boat 1+ Nights		4	
2012	Ferry/River Taxi/Short Scenic Cruise		13	
2012	Rented Bicycle/Motorcycle/Moped		4	

Select Traveler Characteristics

Traveler Characteristics	2011	2012	Change (2)
Advance Trip Decision Time (mean days)	126	127	1.1
Advance Trip Decision Time (median days)	90	90	0.0
Prepaid Package	12	13	0.8
First International Trip to the U.S.	26	19	-7.3
Length of Stay in U.S. (mean nights)	17.5	19.1	1.6
Length of Stay in U.S. (median nights)	10	11	1.0
Number of States Visited (% 1 state)	57	60	3.4
Average Number of States Visited	1.8	1.7	-0.1
Hotel/Motel (% 1+ nights)	79	81	1.7
Average # of Nights in Hotel/Motel	8.6	11.0	2.4
Travel Party Size (mean # of persons)	1.5	1.6	0.1
Gender: % Male (among adults)	54	53	-1.0
Household Income (mean average)	\$132,600	\$168,498	\$35,898
Household Income (median average)	\$130,200	\$140,000	\$9,800
Average Age: Female	37	40	3.1
Average Age: Male	42	41	-1.5

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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	33	28	-5.0
	Art Gallery/Museum	26	32	6.1
	Sporting Event	11	15	4.5
	Camping/Hiking	11	9	-2.0
	Casino/Gambling	14	12	-2.3
	Concert/Play/Musical	24	18	-5.7
	Environ./Eco. Excursions	3	4	1.1
	Golfing/Tennis	6	10	3.9
	Guided Tours	20	21	0.9
	Hunting/Fishing	1	1	0.3
	Nightclubs/Dancing	18	17	-0.8
	Shopping	85	89	3.3
	Visit American Indian Communities	5	10	4.7
2012	Cultural / Ethnic Heritage Sites		17	
2011	Cultural Heritage Sites	37		
2011	Ethnic Heritage Sites	3		
2012	Experience Fine Dining		55	
2011	Dining in Restaurants	87		
2012	Sightseeing		77	
2011	Sightseeing in Cities	43		
2012	Snow Sports		0.4	
2011	Snow Skiing	1		
2012	Small Towns/Countryside		42	
2011	Visit Small Towns/Villages	32		
2011	Touring Countryside	30		
2012	National Parks/Monuments		45	
2011	Visit National Parks	31		
2012	Water Sports		16	
2011	Water Sports/Sunbathing	24		
2012	Visit Historical Locations		34	
2011	Visit Historical Places	43		
2012	Other		3	
2011	Cruises	5		
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 Switzerland traveler who visits the United States.

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- Forecast of International Arrivals to the United States
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