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National Travel and Tourism Office

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## Visitation Trends (Arrivals)

[Thousands of Visitors]	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2014/2007
Total Arrivals	1,317	1,201	1,206	1,201	1,091	1,131	1,156	1,339	22
Percentage Change (%)	10	-9	0	0	-9	4	2	16	2

## Spending Trends (Exports)

[Millions of U.S. Dollars]	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2014/2007
Total Travel and Tourism Exports <sup>1</sup>									
Travel (all purposes including education)									
Of which: Education Related	Data Unavailable								
Of which: Other Business/ Personal Travel									
Passenger Air Transportation									
Change (%) in Total Exports									

<sup>(1)</sup> 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>

## Information Sources Used for Trip Planning

Information Sources Used (multiple responses)	2013 (Percent)	2014 (Percent)	Point Change <sup>(2)</sup>
Airlines	45	52	7.3
Online Travel Agency	31	33	1.7
Personal Recommendation	16	23	7.5
Travel Agency Office	19	16	-3.4
Corporate Travel Dept.	9	8	-0.4
National/State/City Travel Office	7	6	-0.3
Tour Operator/Travel Club	2	3	1.8
Travel Guides	1	3	1.6
Other	8	5	-3.1

## Main Purpose of Trip

Main Purpose of Trip	2013 (Percent)	2014 (Percent)	Point Change <sup>(2)</sup>
Vacation/Holiday	27	45	18.0
Visit Friends/Relatives	38	32	-6.1
Business	11	10	-0.9
Convention/Conference/Trade Show	13	6	-6.8
Education	4	3	-1.1
Health Treatment	3	2	-0.4
Religion/Pilgrimages	0	0.8	0.5
Other	4	0	-3.2

## All Purposes of Trip

Purpose of Trip (multiple responses)	2013 (Percent)	2014 (Percent)	Point Change <sup>(2)</sup>
Vacation/Holiday	46	59	13.5
Visit Friends/Relatives	50	55	5.5
Business	14	13	-0.4
Convention/Conference/Trade Show	22	6	-15.6
Education	8	4	-3.9
Health Treatment	3	3	0.4
Religion/Pilgrimages	1	2	0.3
Other	7	0.7	-6.2
<b>NET PURPOSES OF TRIP:</b>			
Leisure & VFR	74	84	10.3
Business & Convention	29	17	-11.9

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## Activity Participation While in the United States

Activity Participation While in the U.S. (multiple responses)	2013 (Percent)	2014 (Percent)	Point Change <sup>(2)</sup>
Shopping	82	91	8.9
Sightseeing	43	49	5.7
Experience Fine Dining	41	34	-7.1
Small Towns/Countryside	15	19	3.4
Amusement/Theme Parks	25	19	-6.8
Nightclubbing/Dancing	18	18	0.4
National Parks/Monuments	33	16	-16.6
Art Gallery/Museum	27	14	-13.4
Historical Locations	19	12	-7.2
Guided Tours	13	11	-2.2
Concert/Play/Musical	12	11	-1.7
Sporting Event	10	10	-0.2
Casinos/Gamble	7	7	0.4
Cultural / Ethnic Heritage Sites	11	7	-3.9
American Indian Communities	2	3	1.2
Golfing/Tennis	1	2	1.0
Water Sports	4	2	-2.7
Hunting/Fishing	0.7	1	0.5
Camping/Hiking	1	0.8	-0.3
Snow Sports	0.8	0	-0.4
Environ./Eco. Excursions	2	0	-1.6
Other	3	0.9	-1.6



## Transportation Used in the United States

Transportation Types Used in United States (multiple responses)	2013 (Percent)	2014 (Percent)	Point Change <sup>(2)</sup>
Auto, Private or Company	57	49	-7.8
Rented Auto	15	23	8.3
Air Travel between U.S. Cities	27	22	-4.9
City Subway/Tram/Bus	22	21	-1.0
Taxicab/Limousine	29	21	-8.1
Bus between Cities	20	13	-7.6
Railroad between Cities	3	8	5.8
Ferry/River Taxi/Srt Scenic Cruise	3	3	0.1
Cruise Ship/River Boat 1+ Nights	2	2	0.0
Rented Bicycle/Motorcycle/Moped	0	0.8	0.4
Motor Home/Camper	0.7	0.5	-0.2

## Select Traveler Characteristics

Traveler Characteristics	2013	2014	Change <sup>(2)</sup>
Advance Trip Decision Time (mean days)	50	47	-3.2
Advance Trip Decision Time (median days)	30	30	0.0
Prepaid Package	6	4	-1.8
First International Trip to the U.S.	4	10	6.0
Length of Stay in U.S. (mean nights)	14.4	11.1	-3.3
Length of Stay in U.S. (median nights)	7	7	0.0
Number of States Visited (% 1 state)	89	89	-0.5
Average Number of States Visited	1.1	1.1	0.0
Hotel/Motel (% 1+ nights)	50	50	-0.2
Average # of Nights in Hotel/Motel	4.4	6.3	1.9
Travel Party Size (mean # of persons)	1.2	1.4	0.2
Gender: % Male (among adults)	46	50	4.9
Household Income (mean average)	\$69,479	\$67,348	-\$2,131
Household Income (median average)	\$41,055	\$42,000	\$945
Average Age: Female (among adults)	38	41	2.7
Average Age: Male (among adults)	46	43	-2.9



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

Visitation to U.S. Destinations/Regions (3)	Market Share 2013 (Percent)	Volume 2013 (000)	Market Share 2014 (Percent)	Volume 2014 (000)
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**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.
- (p) Estimate is preliminary and subject to revision.

Note: This profile shows only a portion of the 37 travel characteristics data reported on international arrivals to the United States. 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](http://travel.trade.gov/outreachpages/census_regions.html)

Interested in data for your destination? The NTTTO sells custom reports. To learn more, go to: <http://travel.trade.gov/research/programs/ifs/customized.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 the international traveler who visits the United States.

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# Interested in obtaining data for your organization?

One of the unique features of the Survey program is its 'data-mining' potential. The Survey research data, collected from the questionnaire, is maintained in a computer database. Therefore, customized reports, special tables and data files are available.

To learn more, go to: <http://travel.trade.gov/research/programs/ifs/index.html>

## For NTTO programs of interest visit:

<http://travel.trade.gov/research/index.html>

- 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
- Forecast of International Arrivals to the United States
- U.S. Travel and Tourism Exports, Imports and the Balance of Trade
- U.S. Travel and Tourism Satellite Accounts

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