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## Visitation Trends (Arrivals)

[Thousands of Caribbean Visitors]	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Change 2009/2002
Total Arrivals	1,053	998	1,095	1,135	1,198	1,317	1,201	1,206	153
Percentage Change (%)	-12	-5	10	4	6	10	-9	0	15

## Spending Trends (Exports)

[Millions of U.S. Dollars]	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Change 2009/2002
Total Travel & Tourism Exports (1)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Travel Receipts	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Passenger Fare Receipts	Data Unavailable								
Change (%) in Total Exports	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

## Information Sources Used for Trip Planning

Information Sources Used (multiple response: top 4 of 12)	2008 (Percent)	2009 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
Travel Agency	47	37	-9.9
Airlines Directly	23	28	5.1
Personal Computer	24	28	4.7
Friends/Relatives	17	18	1.2

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## Main Purpose of Trip

Main Purpose of Trip (top 4 of 8)	2008 (Percent)	2009 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
Visit Friends/Relatives	37	35	-2.3
Leisure/Rec./Holidays	24	28	4.5
Business/Professional	21	26	5.1
Convention/Conference	11	6	-4.6

## All Purposes of Trip

Purpose of Trip (multiple response--top 4 of 8)	2008 (Percent)	2009 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
Visit Friends/Relatives	51	51	0.0
Leisure/Rec./Holidays	45	47	1.9
Business/Professional	26	27	1.2
Convention/Conference	13	6	-6.9
NET PURPOSES OF TRIP:			
Leisure & VFR	73	74	1.3
Business & Convention	36	33	-3.1

## Transportation Used in the United States

Transportation Types Used in United States (multiple response--top 5 of 8)	2008 (Percent)	2009 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
Company or Private Auto	44	35	-8.8
Rented Auto	23	28	5.5
Taxi/Cab/Limousine	31	26	-4.6
Airlines in U.S.	21	22	0.6
City Subway/Tram/Bus	10	12	2.6

## Activity Participation While in the United States

Activity Participation While in the U.S. (multiple response--top 10 of 25)	2008 (Percent)	2009 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
Shopping	87	89	1.3
Dining in Restaurants	65	62	-3.3
Visit Historical Places	24	22	-1.8
Sightseeing in Cities	17	18	0.9
Amusement/Theme Parks	17	14	-3.1
Nightclubs/Dancing	18	14	-3.9
Visit Small Towns	20	11	-9.0
Touring Countryside	12	9	-3.1
Concert/Play/Musical	14	8	-6.0
Visit National Parks	8	8	-0.4
Cultural Heritage Sites	12	8	-4.2

## Select Traveler Characteristics

Traveler Characteristics	2008	2009	Change (2)
Advance Trip Decision Time (mean days)	56	41	-14.7 days
Advance Trip Decision Time (median days)	30	28	-2.0 days
Prepaid Package	8%	4%	-3.9 pts.
First International Trip to the U.S.	7%	4%	-2.8 pts.
Length of Stay in U.S. (mean nights)	11.4	11.5	0.1 nights
Length of Stay in U.S. (median nights)	6	7	1 nights
Number of States Visited (% 1 state)	81%	77%	-3.3 pts.
Average Number of States Visited	1.3	1.3	0.0 states
Hotel/Motel (% 1+ nights)	51%	58%	7.1 pts.
Average # of Nights in Hotel/Motel	5.4	4.9	-0.5 nights
Travel Party Size (mean # of persons)	1.4	1.3	-0.1
Gender: % Male (among adults)	51%	42%	-8.8 pts.
Household Income (mean average)	\$87,600	\$79,400	-\$8,200
Household Income (median average)	\$69,800	\$59,800	-\$10,000
Average Age: Female	42	42	-0.4 years
Average Age: Male	43	42	-1.5 years

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

Visitation to U.S. Destinations/Regions (3)	Market Share 2008 (Percent)	Volume 2008 (000)	Market Share 2009 (Percent)	Volume 2009 (000)
<b>REGIONS</b>				
Middle Atlantic	42.1	506	46.5	561
<b>STATES</b>				
New York	40.0	480	41.8	504
<b>CITIES</b>				
New York City	37.8	454	39.4	475

- (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 incidental 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.
- (n/a) Estimate not available.

Note: This profile shows only a portion of the 35 travel characteristics data reported on international arrivals to the United States. Additional information may be obtained for a fee. To learn more, please visit: <http://tinnet.ita.doc.gov/research/programs/ifs/index.html>.

For a list of the states that comprise each census region, please visit: [http://tinnet.ita.doc.gov/outreachpages/census\\_regions.html](http://tinnet.ita.doc.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-five tables are then populated. This report, which was constructed using just a fraction of the data available, summarizes what we know about the Caribbean traveler who visits the United States.

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- Forecast of International Arrivals to the United States
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