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Visitation Trends (Arrivals)

[Thousands of Visitors]	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 ^r	2015 ¹	Change 2015/2008
Total Arrivals	1,201	1,206	1,201	1,091	1,131	1,156	1,339	1,490	288
Percentage Change (%)	-9	0	0	-9	4	2	16	11	24

Spending Trends (Exports)

[Millions of U.S. Dollars]	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Change 2015/2008
Total Travel and Tourism Exports ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Business/Personal	No Data Available								
Health/Border/Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Passenger Fare Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
% Change in Total Exports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Estimates of passenger fares, education and other business/personal travel spending will be available in October 2016.

Information Sources Used for Trip Planning

Information Sources Used (multiple responses)	2014 (Percent)	2015 (Percent)	Point Change ⁽³⁾
Airlines	52	56	3.5
Online Travel Agency	33	32	-1.2
Personal Recommendation	23	20	-2.9
Travel Agency Office	16	16	0.2
National/State/City Travel Office	6	7	0.7
Corporate Travel Dept.	8	5	-3.3
Tour Operator/Travel Club	3	4	0.2
Travel Guides	3	4	0.7
Other	5	2	-3.0

Main Purpose of Trip

Main Purpose of Trip	2014 (Percent)	2015 (Percent)	Point Change ⁽³⁾
Vacation/Holiday	45	50	4.9
Visit Friends/Relatives	32	29	-3.1
Business	10	10	-0.1
Convention/Conference/Trade Show	6	5	-1.0
Health Treatment	2	3	1.0
Education	3.3	2.4	-0.9
Religion/Pilgrimages	0.8	0.1	-0.7
Other	0.4	0.2	-0.2

All Purposes of Trip

Purpose of Trip (multiple responses)	2014 (Percent)	2015 (Percent)	Point Change ⁽³⁾
Vacation/Holiday	59	59	-0.3
Visit Friends/Relatives	55	47	-7.9
Business	13	12	-1.0
Convention/Conference/Trade Show	6	7	0.6
Health Treatment	3	4	1.2
Education	4	3	-1.1
Religion/Pilgrimages	1.5	0.7	-0.8
Other	0.7	0.6	-0.1
NET PURPOSES OF TRIP:			
Leisure & VFR	84	83	-1.0
Business & Convention	17	18	0.6

Activity Participation While in the United States

Activity Participation While in the U.S. (multiple responses)	2014 (Percent)	2015 (Percent)	Point Change ⁽³⁾
Shopping	91	88	-2.9
Sightseeing	49	49	0.2
Experience Fine Dining	34	40	5.7
Amusement/Theme Parks	19	23	4.4
Small Towns/Countryside	19	22	3.5
National Parks/Monuments	16	21	4.3
Historical Locations	12	17	5.6
Nightclubbing/Dancing	18	15	-3.6
Guided Tours	11	14	3.8
Art Gallery/Museum	14	14	0.5
Cultural / Ethnic Heritage Sites	7	12	5.0
Sporting Event	10	9	-1.2
Concert/Play/Musical	11	8	-3.0
Water Sports	2	5	3.1
Casinos/Gamble	7	4	-2.9
Environ./Eco. Excursions	0	4	3.6
Camping/Hiking	1	3	2.4
Golfing/Tennis	2	3	1.0
American Indian Communities	3	3	0.1
Hunting/Fishing	1.2	1.3	0.1
Snow Sports	0.4	0.9	0.5
Other	0.9	1.7	0.8



Transportation Used in the United States

Transportation Types Used in United States (multiple responses)	2014 (Percent)	2015 (Percent)	Point Change ⁽³⁾
Auto, Private or Company	49	50	0.8
Rented Auto	23	27	4.3
Taxicab/Limousine	21	22	0.5
City Subway/Tram/Bus	21	19	-2.2
Air Travel between U.S. Cities	22	16	-6.1
Bus between Cities	13	15	2.0
Railroad between Cities	8	7	-1.8
Ferry/River Taxi/Srt Scenic Cruise	3	6	2.7
Cruise Ship/River Boat 1+ Nights	2.2	2.5	0.3
Rented Bicycle/Motorcycle/Moped	0.8	2.3	1.5
Motor Home/Camper	0.5	1.2	0.7

Select Traveler Characteristics

Traveler Characteristics	2014	2015	Change ⁽³⁾
Advance Trip Decision Time (mean days)	47	45	-1.7
Advance Trip Decision Time (median days)	30	30	0.0
Prepaid Package	4	6	1.1
First International Trip to the U.S.	10	6	-3.5
Length of Stay in U.S. (mean nights)	11.1	11.7	0.6
Length of Stay in U.S. (median nights)	7	7	0.0
Number of States Visited (% 1 state)	89	88	-0.5
Average Number of States Visited	1.1	1.1	0.0
Hotel/Motel (% 1+ nights)	50	43	-7.0
Average # of Nights in Hotel/Motel	6.3	7.0	0.7
Travel Party Size (mean # of persons)	1.4	1.4	0.0
Gender: % Male (among adults)	50	42	-8.6
Household Income (mean average)	\$67,348	\$83,911	\$16,563
Household Income (median average)	\$42,000	\$42,850	\$850
Average Age: Female (among adults)	41	40	-1.4
Average Age: Male (among adults)	43	45	2.1

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

Visitation to U.S. Destinations/Regions ⁽³⁾ (Multiple Responses)	Market Share 2014 (Percent)	Volume 2014 ^r (000)	Market Share 2015 (Percent)	Volume 2015 ¹ (000)
Regions				
South Atlantic	**	**	58.66	874
Middle Atlantic	37.57	503	**	**
States				
Florida	**	**	52.55	783

(1) 2015 arrivals and percent change reflect a combination of additional records counted and market conditions.

(2) 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 for travel between the United States and foreign countries and between two foreign points).

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>

(3) Percentage-point and percentage changes are based on non-rounded data.

(4) 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.

(r) Estimate was revised.

(p) Estimate is preliminary and subject to revision.

Note: Estimate not shown due to sample size fewer than 400 for this year. This profile shows only a portion of the 37 travel attributes 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

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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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- 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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