

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

South Carolina

Long-distance trips account for a significant amount of travel and include a large share of American households. This travel has economic, social and environmental consequences.

- During 1995, about 77 percent of the households in South Carolina took one or more long-distance trips to a destination 100 or more miles away. South Carolina households travel less than the national average which is about 80 percent of all households.
- Travelers who live in South Carolina took 15.4 million person-trips, an average of 4.8 trips and 2,878 miles per traveler. Visitors to South Carolina took 19.3 million person-trips, an average of 4.0 trips and 3,022 miles per traveler.
- The number of trips per visitor to South Carolina has grown 5 percent since 1977, and the number of miles per visitor has grown 35 percent. On average in the United States, the number of trips per traveler has grown 20 percent and the number of miles has increased 39 percent since 1977.
- People who live in South Carolina take 4.5 car trips per traveler compared with 2.1 airplane trips per traveler, however more miles per traveler are by air (3,804 miles) than by car (2,238 miles).
- Travelers from South Carolina who live in households with incomes less than \$25,000 travel less often than travelers in households with incomes greater than \$50,000, about 2.8 trips per traveler compared with 5.3 trips per traveler.
- The most popular destination states for travelers who live in South Carolina are North Carolina, Georgia and Florida. North Carolina, Georgia and Pennsylvania are the most popular origin states for travelers to South Carolina.

Table 1. Travel Characteristics for South Carolina and the United States: 1977 and 1995

	South Carolina			United States		
	1977	1995	Percent change	1977	1995	Percent change
People who live in area						
Percent traveling households	68	77	12.9	72	80	10.8
Trips per household	5.3	5.3	0.0	4.1	5.5	34.1
Trips per traveling household	7.7	6.9	-10.4	5.7	6.9	21.1
Trips per capita	2.8	4.2	50.0	2.4	4.0	66.7
Trips per traveler	NA	4.8	NA	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	NA	2,878	NA	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	NA	602	NA	709	827	16.6
People who visit area						
Trips per traveler	3.8	4.0	5.3	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	2,243	3,022	34.7	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	585	751	28.4	709	827	16.6

Note: Data are estimates based on a sample and subject to error; 1995 data are preliminary.

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 1995 American Travel Survey unpublished tables; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1977 National Travel Survey, TC77-N-2.

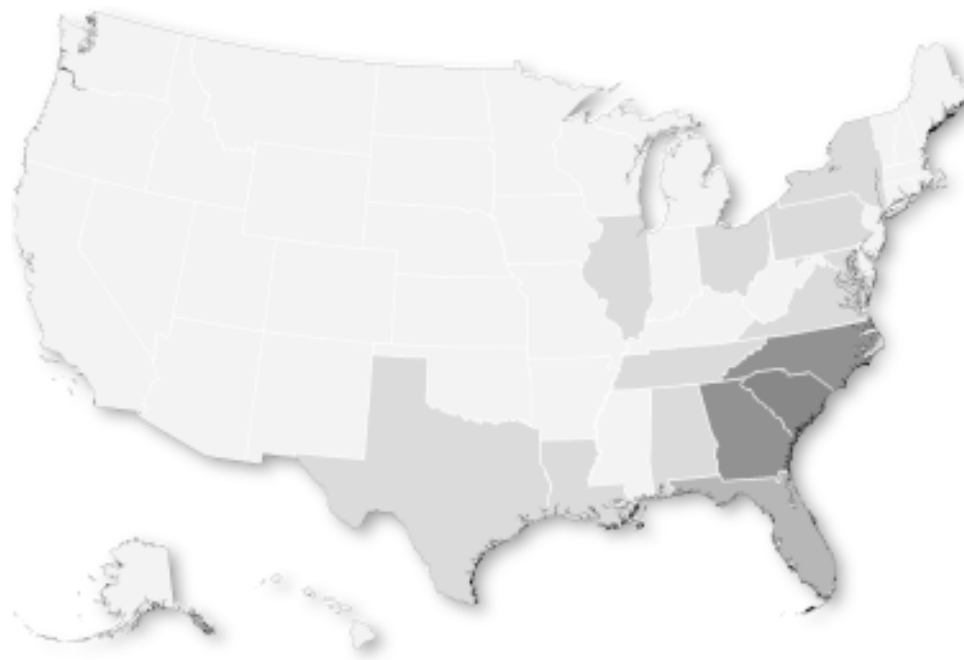
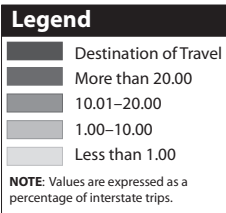


Table 2. Origin States of People Who Visit South Carolina (In thousands)

TRIPS WITHIN SOUTH CAROLINA		6,033	
Alabama	203	Missouri	153
Alaska	1	Montana	2
Arizona	17	Nebraska	14
Arkansas	19	Nevada	4
California	71	New Hampshire	28
Colorado	20	New Jersey	494
Connecticut	117	New Mexico	9
Delaware	31	New York	659
District of Columbia	57	North Carolina	3,862
Florida	467	North Dakota	1
Georgia	1,900	Ohio	781
Hawaii	4	Oklahoma	25
Idaho	5	Oregon	6
Illinois	201	Pennsylvania	809
Indiana	157	Rhode Island	14
Iowa	32	South Dakota	3
Kansas	11	Tennessee	692
Kentucky	207	Texas	119
Louisiana	47	Utah	10
Maine	40	Vermont	10
Maryland	516	Virginia	778
Massachusetts	116	Washington	24
Michigan	250	West Virginia	225
Minnesota	18	Wisconsin	34
Mississippi	30	Wyoming	1

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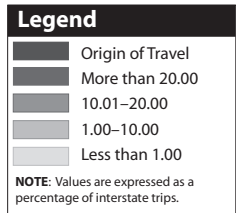
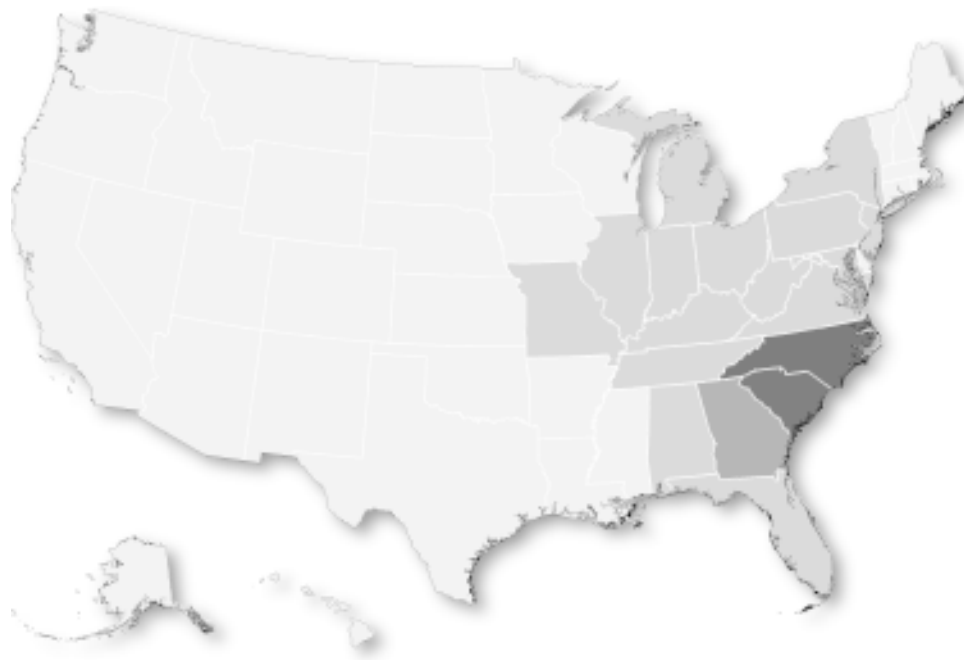


Table 3. Destination States of People Who Live in South Carolina (In thousands)

TRIPS WITHIN SOUTH CAROLINA		6,033	
Alabama	209	Missouri	25
Alaska	—	Montana	6
Arizona	13	Nebraska	4
Arkansas	10	Nevada	15
California	52	New Hampshire	15
Colorado	39	New Jersey	77
Connecticut	47	New Mexico	7
Delaware	9	New York	234
District of Columbia	122	North Carolina	2,805
Florida	952	North Dakota	2
Georgia	2,134	Ohio	110
Hawaii	21	Oklahoma	16
Idaho	3	Oregon	17
Illinois	109	Pennsylvania	102
Indiana	79	Rhode Island	1
Iowa	7	South Dakota	—
Kansas	2	Tennessee	515
Kentucky	46	Texas	169
Louisiana	173	Utah	24
Maine	14	Vermont	3
Maryland	193	Virginia	336
Massachusetts	26	Washington	18
Michigan	79	West Virginia	74
Minnesota	30	Wisconsin	25
Mississippi	44	Wyoming	11

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Table 4. Travel Rates by Trip and Traveler Characteristics for South Carolina: 1995

	Person trips [†]	Number of travelers [†]	Trips per traveler	Miles [*]	Miles per traveler	Miles per trip
PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN AREA	15,386	3,205	4.8	9,518	2,878	602
Means of transportation						
Personal use vehicle	13,631	3,048	4.5	6,821	2,238	500
Commercial air	1,288	625	2.1	2,378	3,804	1,846
Intercity bus	15	12	1.2	10	813	651
Train	20	20	1.0	21	1,066	1,066
Other	432	316	1.4	288	911	666
Main purpose						
Business	3,631	868	4.2	2,306	2,656	635
Visit friends or relatives	4,829	1,696	2.8	3,093	1,824	640
Leisure	4,590	1,845	2.5	2,819	1,528	614
Other	2,335	1,091	2.1	1,300	1,191	557
Income						
Less than \$25,000	2,057	737	2.8	1,121	1,520	545
\$25,000 to \$49,999	7,471	1,449	5.2	4,341	2,996	581
\$50,000 or greater	5,858	1,116	5.2	4,056	3,635	692
Age						
Less than 24	3,334	1,009	3.3	1,999	1,982	600
25 to 64	10,483	1,923	5.5	6,612	3,438	631
65 and over	1,569	323	4.9	907	2,809	578
Gender						
Male	8,089	1,494	5.4	5,123	3,429	633
Female	7,297	1,722	4.2	4,395	2,553	602
PEOPLE WHO VISIT AREA	19,329	4,832	4.0	14,508	3,022	751
Means of transportation						
Personal use vehicle	17,334	4,063	4.3	11,522	2,836	665
Commercial air	1,433	537	2.7	2,375	4,423	1,657
Intercity bus	11	5	2.1	36	6,806	3,243
Train	38	15	2.5	51	3,452	1,358
Other	513	212	2.4	524	2,467	1,022
Main purpose						
Business	3,803	807	4.7	2,911	3,608	765
Visit friends or relatives	5,057	1,228	4.1	3,726	3,035	737
Leisure	8,273	2,743	3.0	6,447	2,350	779
Other	2,195	608	3.6	1,424	2,342	649
Income						
Less than \$25,000	2,470	672	3.7	1,599	2,380	647
\$25,000 to \$49,999	8,192	1,884	4.3	5,504	2,922	672
\$50,000 or greater	8,667	2,198	3.9	7,405	3,368	854
Age						
Less than 24	4,823	1,404	3.4	3,642	2,595	755
25 to 64	12,815	2,988	4.3	9,733	3,257	759
65 and over	1,690	394	4.3	1,133	2,872	670
Gender						
Male	10,377	2,392	4.3	7,752	3,241	747
Female	8,951	2,338	3.8	6,756	2,890	755

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