

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

Alabama

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 72 percent of the households in Alabama took one or more long-distance trips to a destination 100 or more miles away. Alabama households travel less than the national average which is about 80 percent of all households.
- Travelers who live in Alabama took 17.5 million person-trips, an average of 5.0 trips and 2,917 miles per traveler. Visitors to Alabama took 16.8 million person-trips, an average of 5.3 trips and 3,285 miles per traveler.
- The number of trips per visitor to Alabama has grown 29 percent since 1977, and the number of miles per visitor has grown 36 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 Alabama take 4.7 car trips per traveler compared with 2.0 airplane trips per traveler, however more miles per traveler are flown by air (4,080 miles) than by car (2,346 miles).
- Travelers from Alabama who live in households with incomes less than \$25,000 travel less often than travelers in households with incomes greater than \$50,000, about 3.6 trips per traveler compared with 6.2 trips per traveler.
- The most popular destination states for travelers who live in Alabama are Georgia, Florida and Tennessee. Georgia, Florida and Tennessee also are the most popular origin states for travelers to Alabama.

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

	Alabama			United States		
	1977	1995	Percent change	1977	1995	Percent change
People who live in area						
Percent traveling households	64	72	12.8	72	80	10.8
Trips per household	3.8	5.3	39.5	4.1	5.5	34.1
Trips per traveling household	5.9	7.3	23.7	5.7	6.9	21.1
Trips per capita	2.3	4.1	78.3	2.4	4.0	66.7
Trips per traveler	NA	5.0	NA	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	NA	2,917	NA	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	NA	589	NA	709	827	16.6
People who visit area						
Trips per traveler	4.1	5.3	29.3	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	2,424	3,285	35.5	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	585	624	6.7	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Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 1995 American Travel Survey unpublished tables; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1977 National Travel Survey, TC77-N-2.

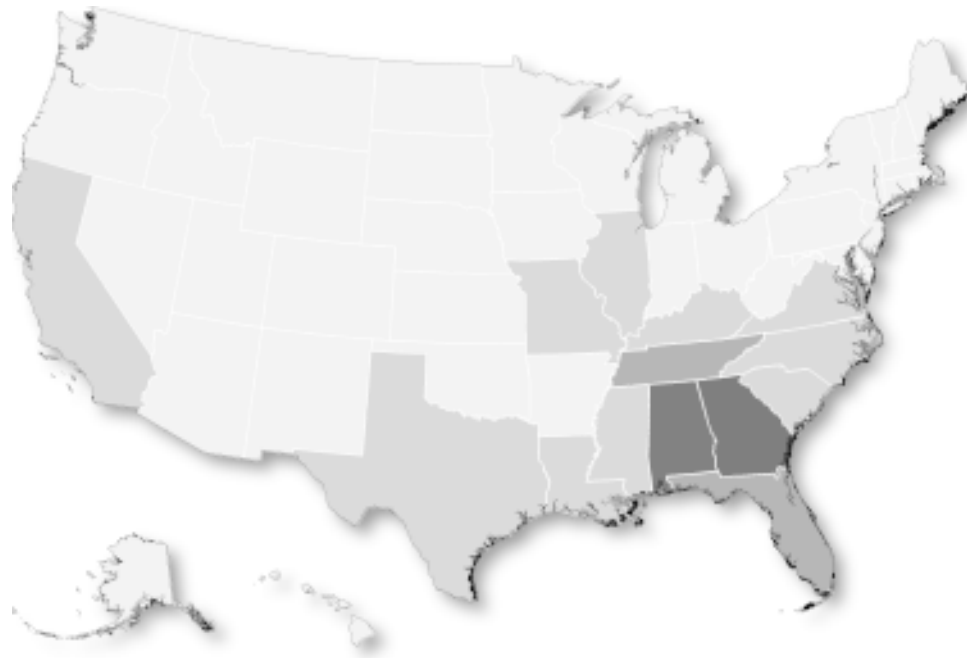
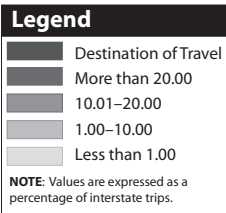


Table 2. Origin States of People Who Visit Alabama (In thousands)

TRIPS WITHIN ALABAMA		7,205	
Alaska	6	Montana	1
Arizona	29	Nebraska	26
Arkansas	122	Nevada	1
California	97	New Hampshire	3
Colorado	43	New Jersey	24
Connecticut	7	New Mexico	9
Delaware	11	New York	114
District of Columbia	12	North Carolina	138
Florida	1,514	North Dakota	2
Georgia	2,477	Ohio	258
Hawaii	9	Oklahoma	132
Idaho	2	Oregon	2
Illinois	130	Pennsylvania	43
Indiana	195	Rhode Island	6
Iowa	3	South Carolina	209
Kansas	17	South Dakota	8
Kentucky	211	Tennessee	1,183
Louisiana	668	Texas	251
Maine	3	Utah	8
Maryland	112	Vermont	2
Massachusetts	16	Virginia	130
Michigan	146	Washington	43
Minnesota	34	West Virginia	12
Mississippi	960	Wisconsin	40
Missouri	120	Wyoming	2

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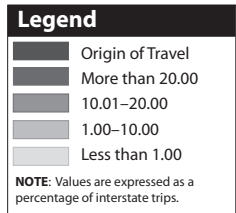
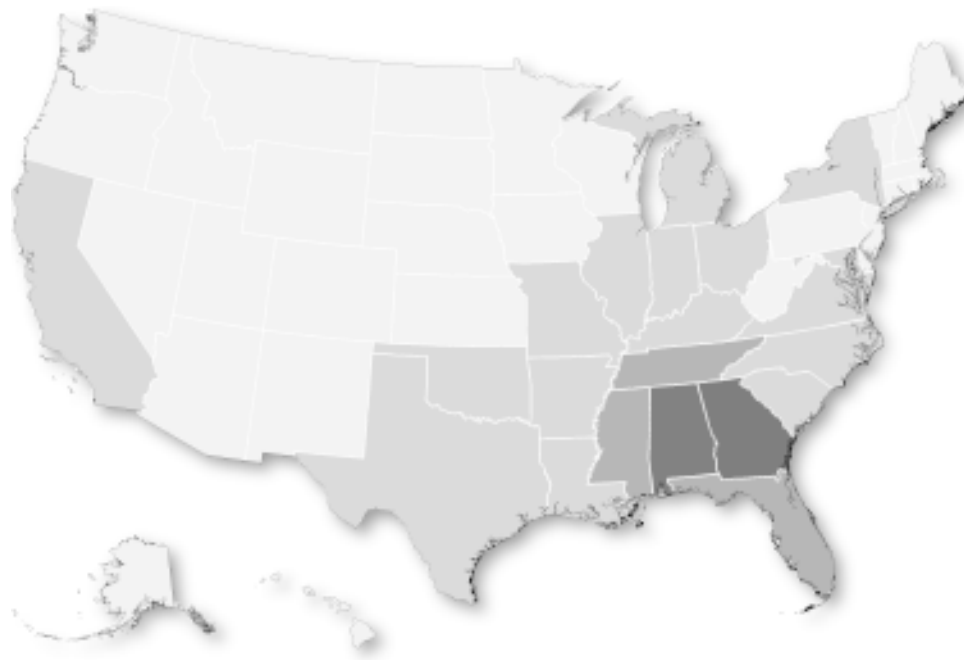


Table 3. Destination States of People Who Live in Alabama (In thousands)

TRIPS WITHIN ALABAMA		7,205	
Alaska	9	Montana	10
Arizona	27	Nebraska	3
Arkansas	55	Nevada	25
California	152	New Hampshire	2
Colorado	50	New Jersey	40
Connecticut	—	New Mexico	—
Delaware	6	New York	37
District of Columbia	97	North Carolina	284
Florida	1,934	North Dakota	2
Georgia	2,539	Ohio	96
Hawaii	3	Oklahoma	20
Idaho	2	Oregon	1
Illinois	128	Pennsylvania	50
Indiana	76	Rhode Island	2
Iowa	35	South Carolina	203
Kansas	17	South Dakota	4
Kentucky	107	Tennessee	1,831
Louisiana	50	Texas	231
Maine	3	Utah	26
Maryland	32	Vermont	—
Massachusetts	69	Virginia	166
Michigan	56	Washington	11
Minnesota	18	West Virginia	37
Mississippi	985	Wisconsin	4
Missouri	197	Wyoming	2

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

	Person trips [†]	Number of travelers [†]	Trips per traveler	Miles [*]	Miles per traveler	Miles per trip
PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN AREA	17,536	3,507	5.0	10,342	2,917	589
Means of transportation						
Personal use vehicle	16,143	3,434	4.7	8,057	2,346	499
Commercial air	981	479	2.1	1,953	4,080	1,991
Intercity bus	12	12	1.0	11	925	925
Train	8	8	1.0	20	2,545	2,545
Other	392	271	1.4	301	1,114	768
Main purpose						
Business	4,030	841	4.8	2,879	3,424	714
Visit friends or relatives	5,128	1,660	3.1	2,864	1,726	559
Leisure	5,326	2,246	2.4	3,179	1,415	597
Other	3,051	1,192	2.6	1,420	1,192	466
Income						
Less than \$25,000	3,055	851	3.6	1,642	1,930	538
\$25,000 to \$49,999	7,320	1,626	4.5	4,216	2,593	576
\$50,000 or greater	7,161	1,152	6.2	4,484	3,894	626
Age						
Less than 24	4,601	1,283	3.6	2,359	1,839	513
25 to 64	11,501	2,039	5.6	7,146	3,505	621
65 and over	1,434	290	4.9	837	2,883	584
Gender						
Male	9,304	1,785	5.2	5,859	3,282	630
Female	8,232	1,745	4.7	4,483	2,570	545
PEOPLE WHO VISIT AREA	16,797	3,169	5.3	10,477	3,285	624
Means of transportation						
Personal use vehicle	15,305	2,611	5.9	7,778	2,979	508
Commercial air	1,103	401	2.8	2,293	5,723	2,079
Intercity bus	66	29	2.2	84	2,869	1,286
Train	8	4	2.0	10	2,541	1,243
Other	315	124	2.5	308	2,484	979
Main purpose						
Business	3,136	502	6.3	2,030	4,048	647
Visit friends or relatives	6,429	1,289	4.0	4,122	3,197	641
Leisure	3,723	1,093	3.4	2,325	2,127	625
Other	3,509	718	4.9	1,997	2,780	569
Income						
Less than \$25,000	3,249	563	5.8	1,664	2,957	512
\$25,000 to \$49,999	6,572	1,210	5.4	4,364	3,606	664
\$50,000 or greater	6,976	1,261	5.5	4,446	3,527	637
Age						
Less than 24	4,579	890	5.1	2,634	2,959	575
25 to 64	10,919	1,907	5.7	7,038	3,691	645
65 and over	1,299	244	5.3	802	3,280	617
Gender						
Male	8,658	1,537	5.6	5,500	3,579	635
Female	8,138	1,485	5.5	4,973	3,350	611

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