

Table 1223. Characteristics of Domestic Overnight Leisure Trips by U.S. Resident Households: 2000 to 2005

[In millions except as indicated (317.4 represents 317,400,000). Represents household trips to destinations 50 miles or more, one-way, away from home, and including one or more overnights. "Leisure" includes visiting friends/relatives, outdoor recreation, entertainment, and travel for other pleasure/personal reasons etc. Other pleasure/personal trips are trips such as for medical reasons, funerals, weddings, etc. Based on a monthly mail panel survey of 25,000 U.S. households. For details, see source]

Characteristic	Unit	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total overnight leisure trips	Millions. . .	317.4	300.8	312.0	318.1	322.5	349.3
Average nights per trip	Number . . .	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.4
Traveled primarily by auto, truck, RV, or rental car.	Percent . . .	80.1	80.1	81.4	81.4	81.3	81.7
Traveled primarily by air	Percent . . .	17.1	16.7	15.3	15.1	15.3	14.8
Stayed in a hotel/motel/B&B while on trip . .	Percent . . .	44.0	41.3	42.5	43.0	43.9	43.0
Household income:							
Less than \$50,000	Percent . . .	43.6	41.6	39.5	37.1	38.5	35.2
\$50,000 or more	Percent . . .	56.4	58.4	60.5	62.9	61.5	64.8

Source: Travel Industry Association of America, Washington, DC, *TravelScope*, annual (copyright). See also <<http://www.tia.org/index.html>>.