

Table 1233. Characteristics of Domestic Overnight Leisure Trips by U.S. Resident Households: 1999 to 2004

[In millions except as indicated (331.1 represents 331,100,000). 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]

Overnight leisure trip characteristic	Unit	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total overnight leisure trips	Millions. . .	331.1	337.1	349.1	354.0	360.3	375.4
Average nights per trip	Number . . .	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1
Traveled primarily by auto, truck, RV, or rental car.	Percent . . .	74	74	74	75	74	73
Traveled primarily by air	Percent . . .	18	18	18	17	17	19
Stayed in a hotel/motel/B&B while on trip . .	Percent . . .	42	43	42	43	44	44
Household income:							
Less than \$50,000	Percent . . .	(NA)	48	44	45	43	42
\$50,000 or more	Percent . . .	(NA)	52	56	55	57	58

NA Not available.

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