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Visitation Trends (Arrivals)

[Thousands of Middle East Visitors]	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Change 2010/2003
Total Arrivals	447	502	527	553	620	681	666	736	288
Percentage Change (%)	-7	12	5	5	12	10	-2	10	65

Spending Trends (Exports)

[Millions of U.S. Dollars]	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 ^p	Change 2010/2003
Total Travel & Tourism Exports (1)	\$1,532	\$1,896	\$2,068	\$2,381	\$2,758	\$3,414	\$3,100	\$3,534	\$2,002
Travel Receipts	\$1,352	\$1,626	\$1,819	\$2,077	\$2,432	\$2,917	\$2,726	\$3,058	\$1,706
Passenger Fare Receipts	\$180	\$270	\$249	\$304	\$326	\$497	\$374	\$476	\$296
Change (%) in Total Exports	-6	24	9	15	16	24	-9	14	131

(p) Preliminary, subject to future revisions.

Information Sources Used for Trip Planning

Information Sources Used (multiple response: top 4 of 12)	2009 (Percent)	2010 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
Personal Computer	37	41	3.5
Travel Agency	43	40	-2.7
Airlines Directly	23	25	2.5
Friends/Relatives	17	17	-0.3

Main Purpose of Trip

Main Purpose of Trip (top 4 of 8)	2009 (Percent)	2010 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
Visit Friends/Relatives	37	33	-3.8
Leisure/Rec./Holidays	25	30	5.4
Business/Professional	23	21	-2.2
Study/Teaching	6	7	0.2

All Purposes of Trip

Purpose of Trip (multiple response--top 4 of 8)	2009 (Percent)	2010 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
Visit Friends/Relatives	51	52	1.5
Leisure/Rec./Holidays	43	49	5.9
Business/Professional	27	24	-3.0
Convention/Conference	10	9	-0.9
NET PURPOSES OF TRIP:			
Leisure & VFR	72	78	5.1
Business & Convention	33	31	-2.1

Transportation Used in the United States

Transportation Types Used in United States (multiple response--top 5 of 8)	2009 (Percent)	2010 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
Taxi/Cab/Limousine	47	44	-3.3
Airlines in U.S.	38	36	-2.8
Rented Auto	32	29	-2.3
City Subway/Tram/Bus	24	26	1.9
Company or Private Auto	18	22	3.9

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Activity Participation While in the United States

Activity Participation While in the U.S. (multiple response--top 10 of 25)	2009 (Percent)	2010 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
Shopping	90	92	2.1
Dining in Restaurants	84	85	1.2
Sightseeing in Cities	36	44	8.2
Visit Historical Places	36	38	2.3
Amusement/Theme Parks	34	34	0.5
Art Gallery/Museum	32	30	-2.1
Visit Small Towns	24	26	2.0
Concert/Play/Musical	24	24	0.5
Visit National Parks	21	23	1.9
Touring Countryside	18	20	1.8

Select Traveler Characteristics

Traveler Characteristics	2009	2010	Change (2)
Advance Trip Decision Time (mean days)	58	69	11.6 days
Advance Trip Decision Time (median days)	30	42	12.0 days
Prepaid Package	2%	4%	1.4 pts.
First International Trip to the U.S.	21%	23%	1.5 pts.
Length of Stay in U.S. (mean nights)	24.2	29.3	5.1 nights
Length of Stay in U.S. (median nights)	12	14	2 nights
Number of States Visited (% 1 state)	56%	51%	-4.7 pts.
Average Number of States Visited	1.8	1.8	0.0 states
Hotel/Motel (% 1+ nights)	66%	66%	0.0 pts.
Average # of Nights in Hotel/Motel	10.0	11.0	1.0 nights
Travel Party Size (mean # of persons)	1.4	1.4	0.0
Gender: % Male (among adults)	60%	65%	5.1 pts.
Household Income (mean average)	\$84,400	\$81,800	-\$2,600
Household Income (median average)	\$71,300	\$69,800	-\$1,500
Average Age: Female	39	39	-0.1 years
Average Age: Male	41	40	-1.1 years

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

Visitation to U.S. Destinations/Regions (3)	Market Share 2009 (Percent)	Volume 2009 (000)	Market Share 2010 (Percent)	Volume 2010 (000)
REGIONS				
Middle Atlantic	63.0	420	62.7	461
STATES				
New York	56.2	374	57.6	424
CITIES				
New York City-WP-Wayne	54.8	365	55.2	406

- (1) 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 incidental to a foreign visit) + passenger fare receipts (fares paid to U.S. air carriers and vessel operators for travel between the United States and foreign countries and between two foreign points).
- (2) Percentage-point and percentage changes are based on non-rounded data.
- (3) 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.

Note: This profile shows only a portion of the 35 travel characteristics data reported on international arrivals to the United States. Additional information may be obtained for a fee. To learn more, please visit: <http://tinet.ita.doc.gov/research/programs/ifs/index.html>.

For a list of the states that comprise each census region, please visit: http://tinet.ita.doc.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-five tables are then populated. This report, which was constructed using just a fraction of the data available, summarizes what we know about Middle Eastern travelers who visits the United States.

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