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Visitation Trends (Arrivals)

[Thousands of Colombian Visitors]	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Change 2011/2004
Total Arrivals	295	325	348	390	419	425	495	497	201
Percentage Change (%)	5	10	7	12	8	1	17	0	68

Spending Trends (Exports)

[Millions of U.S. Dollars]	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Change 2011/2004
Total Travel & Tourism Exports (1)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Travel Receipts	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Passenger Fare Receipts	Data Unavailable								
Change (%) in Total Exports	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Information Sources Used for Trip Planning

Information Sources Used (multiple response: top 4 of 12)	2010 (Percent)	2011 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
Personal Computer	**	41	-
Airlines Directly	**	27	-
Travel Agency	**	20	-
Friends/Relatives	**	19	-

Main Purpose of Trip

Main Purpose of Trip (top 4 of 8)	2010 (Percent)	2011 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
Leisure/Rec./Holidays	**	46	-
Visit Friends/Relatives	**	28	-
Business/Professional	**	14	-
Study/Teaching	**	6	-

All Purposes of Trip

Purpose of Trip (multiple response--top 4 of 8)	2010 (Percent)	2011 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
Leisure/Rec./Holidays	**	60	-
Visit Friends/Relatives	**	43	-
Business/Professional	**	18	-
Convention/Conference	**	9	-
NET PURPOSES OF TRIP:			
Leisure & VFR	**	82	-
Business & Convention	**	24	-

Transportation Used in the United States

Transportation Types Used in United States (multiple response--top 5 of 8)	2010 (Percent)	2011 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
Rented Auto	**	36	-
Company or Private Auto	**	36	-
Taxi/Cab/Limousine	**	26	-
Airlines in U.S.	**	25	-
City Subway/Tram/Bus	**	14	-

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Activity Participation While in the United States

Activity Participation While in the U.S. (multiple response--top 10 of 25)	2010 (Percent)	2011 (Percent)	Point Change (2)
Shopping	**	84	-
Dining in Restaurants	**	75	-
Amusement/Theme Parks	**	39	-
Visit Historical Places	**	35	-
Visit Small Towns	**	32	-
Sightseeing in Cities	**	27	-
Water Sports/Sunbathing	**	15	-
Concert/Play/Musical	**	14	-
Art Gallery/Museum	**	13	-
Nightclubs/Dancing	**	12	-

Select Traveler Characteristics

Traveler Characteristics	2010	2011	Change (2)
Advance Trip Decision Time (mean days)	**	64	-
Advance Trip Decision Time (median days)	**	30	-
Prepaid Package	**	10%	-
First International Trip to the U.S.	**	12%	-
Length of Stay in U.S. (mean nights)	**	19.4	-
Length of Stay in U.S. (median nights)	**	10	-
Number of States Visited (% 1 state)	**	67%	-
Average Number of States Visited	**	1.5	-
Hotel/Motel (% 1+ nights)	**	64%	-
Average # of Nights in Hotel/Motel	**	7.5	-
Travel Party Size (mean # of persons)	**	1.5	-
Gender: % Male (among adults)	**	52%	-
Household Income (mean average)	**	\$69,000	-
Household Income (median average)	**	\$45,900	-
Average Age: Female	**	43	-
Average Age: Male	**	42	-

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

Visitation to U.S. Destinations/Regions (3)	Market Share 2010 (Percent)	Volume 2010 (000)	Market Share 2011 (Percent)	Volume 2011 (000)
No destinations meet the minimum sample requirement.				

- (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.

(n/a) Estimate not available.

(**) Estimate not shown due to sample size fewer than 400 for this year.

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 (or “In-Flight” survey) 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 the Colombian traveler who visits the United States.

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- U.S. International Air Traveler Statistics (I-92)
- Canadian Statistics
- Survey of International Air Travelers (SIAT)
- Forecast of International Arrivals to the United States
- U.S. Travel and Tourism Exports, Imports and the Balance of Trade
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