

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

Rhode Island

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 69 percent of the households in Rhode Island took one or more long-distance trips to a destination 100 or more miles away. Rhode Island households travel less than the national average which is about 80 percent of all households.
- Travelers who live in Rhode Island took 2.4 million person-trips, an average of 3.4 trips and 3,512 miles per traveler. Visitors to Rhode Island took 2.1 million person-trips, an average of 5.2 trips and 3,412 miles per traveler.
- The number of trips per visitor to Rhode Island has grown 68 percent since 1977, and the number of miles per visitor has grown 46 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 Rhode Island take 3.0 car trips per traveler compared with 1.9 airplane trips per traveler, however more miles per traveler are by air (4,515 miles) than by car (1,886 miles).
- Travelers from Rhode Island who live in households with incomes less than \$25,000 travel less often than travelers in households with incomes greater than \$50,000, about 2.4 trips per traveler compared with 3.9 trips per traveler.
- The most popular destination states for travelers who live in Rhode Island are New York, New Hampshire and Maryland. Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts are the most popular origin states for travelers to Rhode Island.

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

| | Rhode Island | | | United States | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------|----------------|---------------|-------|----------------|
| | 1977 | 1995 | Percent change | 1977 | 1995 | Percent change |
| People who live in area | | | | | | |
| Percent traveling households | 62 | 69 | 11.5 | 72 | 80 | 10.8 |
| Trips per household | 2.1 | 3.2 | 52.4 | 4.1 | 5.5 | 34.1 |
| Trips per traveling household | 3.4 | 4.6 | 35.3 | 5.7 | 6.9 | 21.1 |
| Trips per capita | 1.2 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 4.0 | 66.7 |
| Trips per traveler | NA | 3.4 | NA | 4.0 | 4.8 | 19.0 |
| Miles per traveler | NA | 3,512 | NA | 2,836 | 3,943 | 39.0 |
| Miles per trip | NA | 1,035 | NA | 709 | 827 | 16.6 |
| People who visit area | | | | | | |
| Trips per traveler | 3.1 | 5.2 | 67.7 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 19.0 |
| Miles per traveler | 2,337 | 3,412 | 45.0 | 2,836 | 3,943 | 39.0 |
| Miles per trip | 766 | 654 | -14.6 | 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.

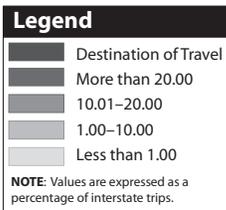


Table 2. Origin States of People Who Visit Rhode Island (In thousands)

| TRIPS WITHIN RHODE ISLAND | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| Alabama | 2 | Missouri | 3 |
| Alaska | — | Montana | — |
| Arizona | 1 | Nebraska | — |
| Arkansas | 4 | Nevada | 1 |
| California | 24 | New Hampshire | 143 |
| Colorado | 25 | New Jersey | 200 |
| Connecticut | 473 | New Mexico | — |
| Delaware | 8 | New York | 414 |
| District of Columbia | 4 | North Carolina | 12 |
| Florida | 23 | North Dakota | — |
| Georgia | 4 | Ohio | 52 |
| Hawaii | — | Oklahoma | 3 |
| Idaho | — | Oregon | 1 |
| Illinois | 13 | Pennsylvania | 33 |
| Indiana | 13 | South Carolina | 1 |
| Iowa | — | South Dakota | — |
| Kansas | 1 | Tennessee | 3 |
| Kentucky | 10 | Texas | 18 |
| Louisiana | 1 | Utah | — |
| Maine | 92 | Vermont | 51 |
| Maryland | 89 | Virginia | 68 |
| Massachusetts | 247 | Washington | 1 |
| Michigan | — | West Virginia | 2 |
| Minnesota | 5 | Wisconsin | 3 |
| Mississippi | 1 | Wyoming | — |

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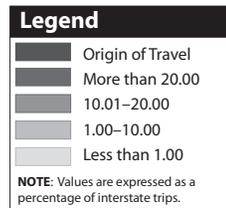


Table 3. Destination States of People Who Live in Rhode Island (In thousands)

| TRIPS WITHIN RHODE ISLAND | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| | | | |
| Alabama | 6 | Missouri | 12 |
| Alaska | 1 | Montana | 3 |
| Arizona | 13 | Nebraska | 2 |
| Arkansas | 2 | Nevada | 13 |
| California | 53 | New Hampshire | 345 |
| Colorado | 12 | New Jersey | 133 |
| Connecticut | 135 | New Mexico | 2 |
| Delaware | 6 | New York | 377 |
| District of Columbia | 40 | North Carolina | 25 |
| Florida | 165 | North Dakota | — |
| Georgia | 11 | Ohio | 36 |
| Hawaii | 8 | Oklahoma | 1 |
| Idaho | 1 | Oregon | 2 |
| Illinois | 25 | Pennsylvania | 109 |
| Indiana | 3 | South Carolina | 14 |
| Iowa | 2 | South Dakota | — |
| Kansas | 4 | Tennessee | 15 |
| Kentucky | 6 | Texas | 18 |
| Louisiana | 8 | Utah | 4 |
| Maine | 235 | Vermont | 159 |
| Maryland | 22 | Virginia | 55 |
| Massachusetts | 129 | Washington | 10 |
| Michigan | 13 | West Virginia | 4 |
| Minnesota | 9 | Wisconsin | 7 |
| Mississippi | 2 | Wyoming | 1 |

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

| | Person trips [†] | Number of travelers [†] | Trips per traveler | Miles [*] | Miles per traveler | Miles per trip |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN AREA | 2,402 | 706 | 3.4 | 2,433 | 3,512 | 1,035 |
| Means of transportation | | | | | | |
| Personal use vehicle | 1,718 | 564 | 3.0 | 1,063 | 1,886 | 619 |
| Commercial air | 537 | 282 | 1.9 | 1,275 | 4,515 | 2,372 |
| Intercity bus | 16 | 13 | 1.2 | 7 | 515 | 429 |
| Train | 61 | 31 | 2.0 | 35 | 1,140 | 570 |
| Other | 70 | 58 | 1.2 | 53 | 919 | 758 |
| Main purpose | | | | | | |
| Business | 509 | 140 | 3.6 | 632 | 4,507 | 1,241 |
| Visit friends or relatives | 770 | 365 | 2.1 | 770 | 2,109 | 999 |
| Leisure | 853 | 417 | 2.0 | 735 | 1,762 | 862 |
| Other | 271 | 149 | 1.8 | 296 | 1,992 | 1,092 |
| Income | | | | | | |
| Less than \$25,000 | 365 | 151 | 2.4 | 301 | 1,988 | 824 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 602 | 211 | 2.8 | 589 | 2,788 | 979 |
| \$50,000 or greater | 1,436 | 369 | 3.9 | 1,542 | 4,183 | 1,074 |
| Age | | | | | | |
| Less than 24 | 529 | 211 | 2.5 | 476 | 2,257 | 900 |
| 25 to 64 | 1,647 | 421 | 3.9 | 1,660 | 3,943 | 1,008 |
| 65 and over | 226 | 83 | 2.7 | 296 | 3,549 | 1,308 |
| Gender | | | | | | |
| Male | 1,346 | 368 | 3.7 | 1,344 | 3,647 | 998 |
| Female | 1,057 | 336 | 3.1 | 1,089 | 3,238 | 1,030 |
| PEOPLE WHO VISIT AREA | 2,052 | 395 | 5.2 | 1,339 | 3,412 | 654 |
| Means of transportation | | | | | | |
| Personal use vehicle | 1,761 | 297 | 5.9 | 744 | 2,501 | 422 |
| Commercial air | 245 | 83 | 2.0 | 568 | 6,886 | 2,324 |
| Intercity bus | 2 | 1 | 2.7 | 1 | 843 | 313 |
| Train | 20 | 6 | 3.5 | 9 | 1,646 | 470 |
| Other | 24 | 8 | 2.0 | 17 | 2,080 | 702 |
| Main purpose | | | | | | |
| Business | 329 | 76 | 4.3 | 303 | 3,961 | 919 |
| Visit friends or relatives | 676 | 120 | 5.7 | 451 | 3,779 | 668 |
| Leisure | 749 | 174 | 4.3 | 415 | 2,388 | 554 |
| Other | 298 | 53 | 5.7 | 170 | 3,236 | 572 |
| Income | | | | | | |
| Less than \$25,000 | 130 | 27 | 4.8 | 130 | 4,868 | 1,004 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 552 | 102 | 5.4 | 402 | 3,922 | 728 |
| \$50,000 or greater | 1,370 | 242 | 5.7 | 807 | 3,332 | 589 |
| Age | | | | | | |
| Less than 24 | 494 | 80 | 6.2 | 249 | 3,129 | 505 |
| 25 to 64 | 1,343 | 249 | 5.4 | 804 | 3,227 | 599 |
| 65 and over | 215 | 44 | 4.8 | 286 | 6,444 | 1,329 |
| Gender | | | | | | |
| Male | 1,118 | 198 | 5.7 | 691 | 3,496 | 618 |
| Female | 934 | 173 | 5.4 | 649 | 3,744 | 695 |

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