

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

South Dakota

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 91 percent of the households in South Dakota took one or more long-distance trips to a destination 100 or more miles away. South Dakota households travel more than the national average which is about 80 percent of all households.
- Travelers who live in South Dakota took 4.9 million person-trips, an average of 5.9 trips and 3,704 miles per traveler. Visitors to South Dakota took 5.6 million person-trips, an average of 6.3 trips and 4,761 miles per traveler.
- The number of trips per visitor to South Dakota has grown 70 percent since 1977, and the number of miles per visitor has grown 109 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 South Dakota take 5.7 car trips per traveler compared with 1.8 airplane trips per traveler, however more miles per traveler are by air (3,715 miles) than by car (3,016 miles).
- Travelers from South Dakota who live in households with incomes less than \$25,000 travel less often than travelers in households with incomes greater than \$50,000, about 5.6 trips per traveler compared with 7.3 trips per traveler.
- The most popular destination states for travelers who live in South Dakota are Minnesota, North Dakota and Iowa. Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa are the most popular origin states for travelers to South Dakota.

Table 1. Travel Characteristics for South Dakota and the United States: 1977 and 1995

	South Dakota			United States		
	1977	1995	Percent change	1977	1995	Percent change
People who live in area						
Percent traveling households	81	91	11.0	72	80	10.8
Trips per household	NA	7.7	NA	4.1	5.5	34.1
Trips per traveling household	NA	8.5	NA	5.7	6.9	21.1
Trips per capita	NA	5.3	NA	2.4	4.0	66.7
Trips per traveler	NA	5.9	NA	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	NA	3,704	NA	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	NA	623	NA	709	827	16.6
People who visit area						
Trips per traveler	3.7	6.3	70.3	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	2,281	4,761	108.7	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	609	750	23.2	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.



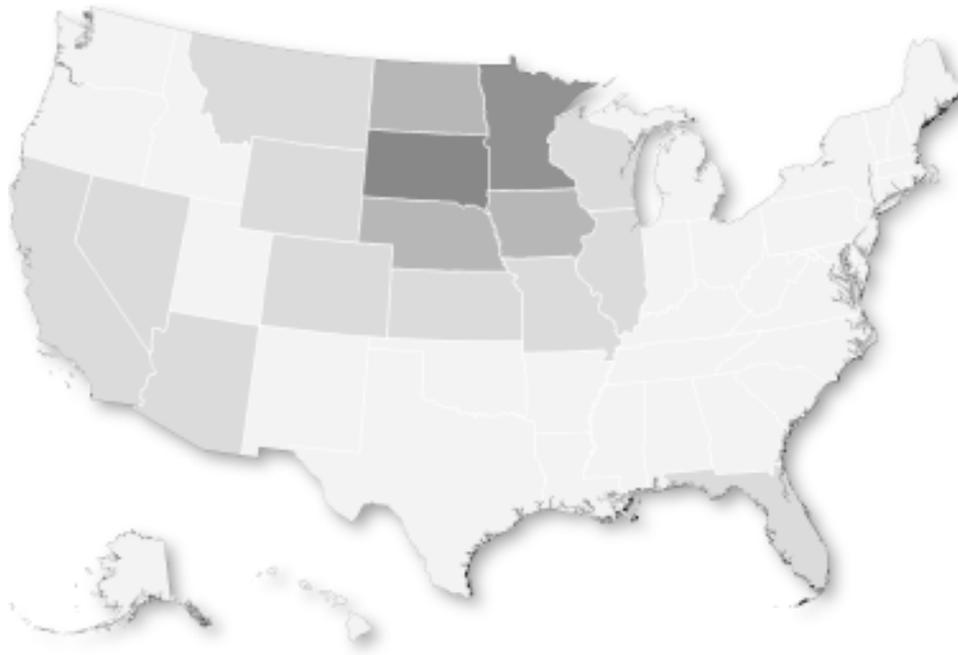
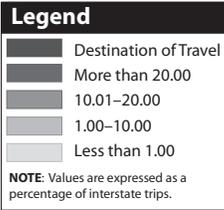


Table 2. Origin States of People Who Visit South Dakota (In thousands)

TRIPS WITHIN SOUTH DAKOTA		7,205	
Alabama	4	Missouri	62
Alaska	2	Montana	47
Arizona	21	Nebraska	430
Arkansas	9	Nevada	6
California	122	New Hampshire	2
Colorado	135	New Jersey	10
Connecticut	4	New Mexico	6
Delaware	1	New York	—
District of Columbia	1	North Carolina	7
Florida	—	North Dakota	185
Georgia	6	Ohio	4
Hawaii	—	Oklahoma	23
Idaho	15	Oregon	8
Illinois	192	Pennsylvania	—
Indiana	18	Rhode Island	—
Iowa	320	South Carolina	—
Kansas	37	Tennessee	9
Kentucky	8	Texas	137
Louisiana	1	Utah	16
Maine	—	Vermont	—
Maryland	—	Virginia	12
Massachusetts	3	Washington	46
Michigan	16	West Virginia	1
Minnesota	644	Wisconsin	92
Mississippi	—	Wyoming	223

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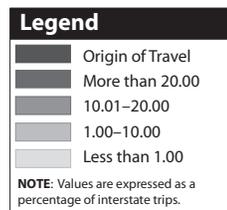
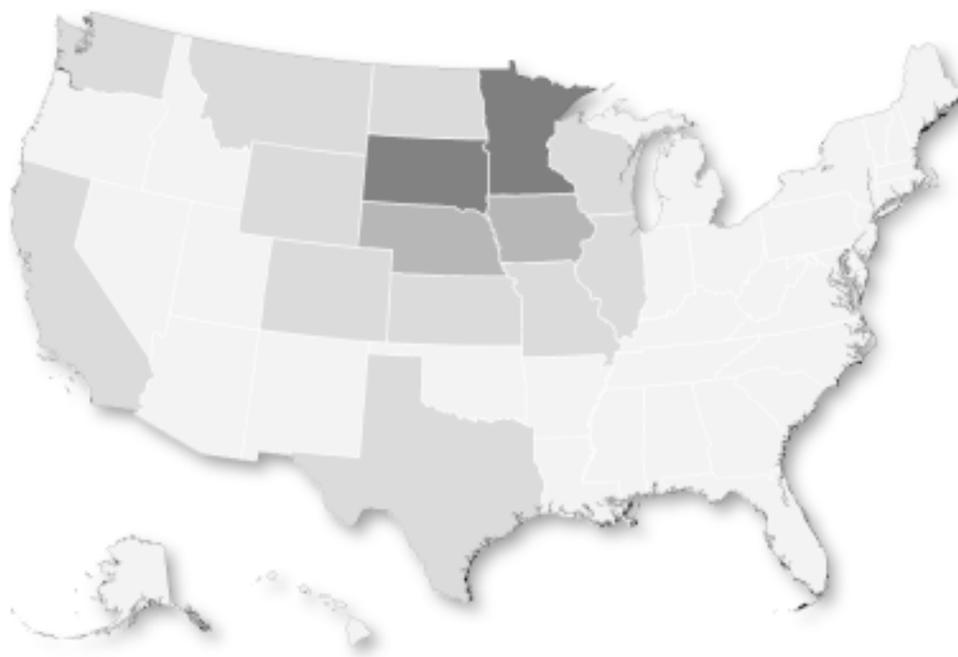


Table 3. Destination States of People Who Live in South Dakota (In thousands)

TRIPS WITHIN SOUTH DAKOTA		2,733	
Alabama	8	Missouri	28
Alaska	2	Montana	53
Arizona	36	Nebraska	274
Arkansas	3	Nevada	34
California	36	New Hampshire	1
Colorado	115	New Jersey	2
Connecticut	1	New Mexico	7
Delaware	—	New York	7
District of Columbia	12	North Carolina	5
Florida	25	North Dakota	290
Georgia	3	Ohio	7
Hawaii	4	Oklahoma	4
Idaho	4	Oregon	8
Illinois	46	Pennsylvania	5
Indiana	12	Rhode Island	—
Iowa	231	South Carolina	3
Kansas	34	Tennessee	10
Kentucky	3	Texas	18
Louisiana	4	Utah	7
Maine	2	Vermont	—
Maryland	2	Virginia	5
Massachusetts	2	Washington	19
Michigan	14	West Virginia	1
Minnesota	561	Wisconsin	35
Mississippi	1	Wyoming	158

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Table 4. Travel Rates by Trip and Traveler Characteristics for South Dakota: 1995

	Person trips [†]	Number of travelers [†]	Trips per traveler	Miles [‡]	Miles per traveler	Miles per trip
PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN AREA	4,909	832	5.9	3,084	3,704	623
Means of transportation						
Personal use vehicle	4,528	798	5.7	2,407	3,016	532
Commercial air	281	155	1.8	575	3,715	2,051
Intercity bus	6	4	1.5	5	1,268	872
Train	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	94	54	1.7	93	1,714	990
Main purpose						
Business	977	241	4.1	729	3,024	746
Visit friends or relatives	1,841	582	3.2	1,095	1,883	595
Leisure	1,236	442	2.8	775	1,753	627
Other	854	316	2.7	486	1,539	568
Income						
Less than \$25,000	1,688	303	5.6	882	2,913	523
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2,162	397	5.4	1,378	3,472	637
\$50,000 or greater	1,059	144	7.3	824	5,707	778
Age						
Less than 24	1,494	329	4.5	860	2,615	576
25 to 64	2,864	423	6.8	1,860	4,396	649
65 and over	551	94	5.8	364	3,862	661
Gender						
Male	2,509	401	6.3	1,671	4,166	666
Female	2,400	425	5.6	1,413	3,325	589
PEOPLE WHO VISIT AREA	5,618	892	6.3	4,208	4,761	750
Means of transportation						
Personal use vehicle	5,129	752	6.8	3,418	4,542	666
Commercial air	372	108	3.4	712	6,587	1,916
Intercity bus	7	1	8.0	4	4,557	507
Train	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	110	30	3.6	74	2,448	675
Main purpose						
Business	1,023	145	7.1	677	4,671	661
Visit friends or relatives	2,031	364	5.6	1,452	3,995	715
Leisure	1,706	405	4.2	1,382	3,411	810
Other	858	177	4.8	697	3,931	812
Income						
Less than \$25,000	1,816	227	7.0	1,105	4,861	609
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2,132	337	6.3	1,563	4,632	733
\$50,000 or greater	1,671	258	6.5	1,540	5,968	922
Age						
Less than 24	1,626	284	5.7	1,033	3,635	635
25 to 64	3,495	490	7.1	2,812	5,737	805
65 and over	497	64	7.7	363	5,658	731
Gender						
Male	2,898	420	6.9	2,194	5,226	757
Female	2,720	409	6.7	2,014	4,928	740

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