

## STATE HIGHLIGHTS

# Washington

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 90 percent of the households in Washington took one or more long-distance trips to a destination 100 or more miles away. Washington households travel more than the national average which is about 80 percent of all households.
- Travelers who live in Washington took 26.1 million person-trips, an average of 4.4 trips and 4,455 miles per traveler. Visitors to Washington took 21.6 million person-trips, an average of 4.7 trips and 4,168 miles per traveler.
- The number of trips per visitor to Washington has decreased 10 percent since 1977, but the number of miles per visitor has grown 13 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 Washington take 3.8 car trips per traveler compared with 2.2 airplane trips per traveler, however more miles per traveler are by air (5,455 miles) than by car (2,011 miles).
- Travelers from Washington who live in households with incomes less than \$25,000 travel less often than travelers in households with incomes greater than \$50,000, about 3.7 trips per traveler compared with 4.9 trips per traveler.
- The most popular destination states for travelers who live in Washington are Oregon, California and Idaho. Oregon, California and Idaho also are the most popular origin states for travelers to Washington.

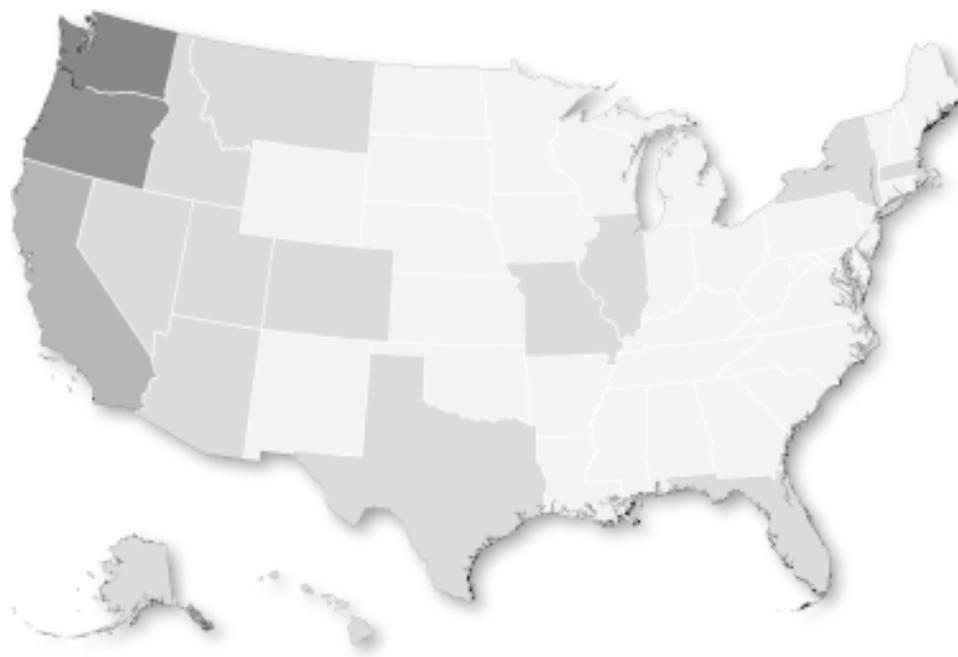
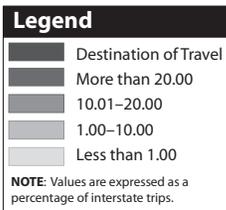
**Table 1. Travel Characteristics for Washington and the United States: 1977 and 1995**

	Washington			United States		
	1977	1995	Percent change	1977	1995	Percent change
<b>People who live in area</b>						
Percent traveling households	80	88	12.4	72	80	10.8
Trips per household	4.7	5.7	21.3	4.1	5.5	34.1
Trips per traveling household	5.9	6.4	8.5	5.7	6.9	21.1
Trips per capita	3.8	3.9	2.6	2.4	4.0	66.7
Trips per traveler	NA	4.4	NA	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	NA	4,455	NA	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	NA	1,005	NA	709	827	16.6
<b>People who visit area</b>						
Trips per traveler	5.2	4.7	-9.6	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	3,705	4,168	12.5	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	713	886	24.3	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.

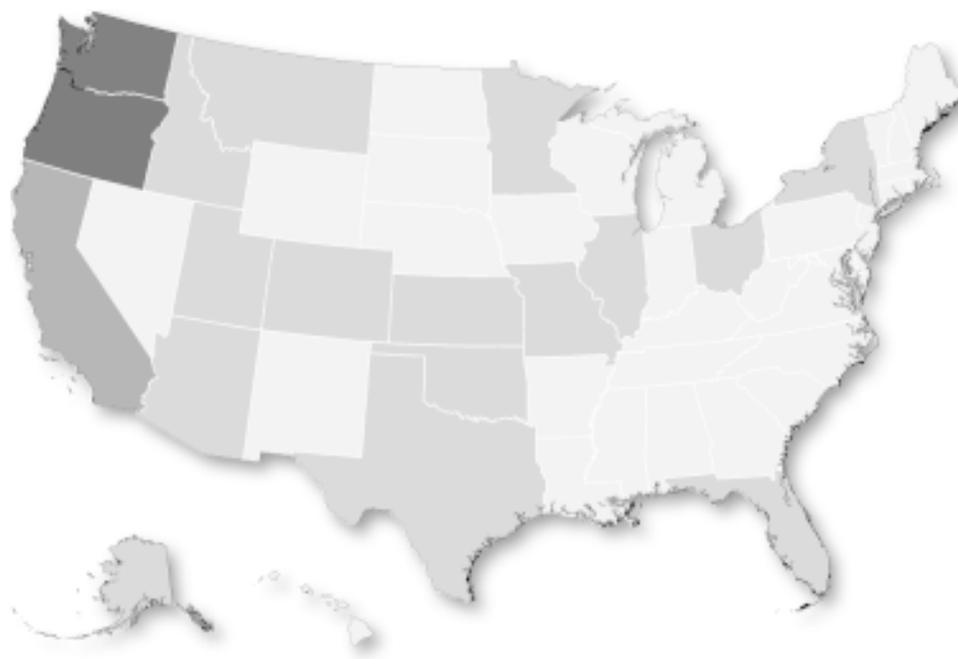




**Table 2. Origin States of People Who Visit Washington (In thousands)**

TRIPS WITHIN WASHINGTON		13,744	
Alabama	11	Missouri	81
Alaska	113	Montana	365
Arizona	188	Nebraska	33
Arkansas	17	Nevada	55
California	1,102	New Hampshire	11
Colorado	129	New Jersey	59
Connecticut	25	New Mexico	35
Delaware	4	New York	98
District of Columbia	13	North Carolina	30
Florida	95	North Dakota	18
Georgia	38	Ohio	111
Hawaii	56	Oklahoma	93
Idaho	755	Oregon	2,996
Illinois	193	Pennsylvania	52
Indiana	48	Rhode Island	10
Iowa	51	South Carolina	18
Kansas	85	South Dakota	19
Kentucky	15	Tennessee	64
Louisiana	29	Texas	148
Maine	11	Utah	144
Maryland	55	Vermont	6
Massachusetts	70	Virginia	35
Michigan	73	West Virginia	2
Minnesota	92	Wisconsin	30
Mississippi	16	Wyoming	26

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**Legend**

- Origin of Travel
- More than 20.00
- 10.01-20.00
- 1.00-10.00
- Less than 1.00

**NOTE:** Values are expressed as a percentage of interstate trips.

**Table 3. Destination States of People Who Live in Washington (In thousands)**

TRIPS WITHIN WASHINGTON		13,744	
Alabama	43	Missouri	107
Alaska	114	Montana	402
Arizona	163	Nebraska	20
Arkansas	12	Nevada	742
California	1,719	New Hampshire	5
Colorado	164	New Jersey	68
Connecticut	34	New Mexico	40
Delaware	1	New York	132
District of Columbia	83	North Carolina	41
Florida	175	North Dakota	42
Georgia	81	Ohio	35
Hawaii	261	Oklahoma	40
Idaho	815	Oregon	3,924
Illinois	130	Pennsylvania	55
Indiana	22	Rhode Island	1
Iowa	68	South Carolina	24
Kansas	16	South Dakota	46
Kentucky	14	Tennessee	14
Louisiana	47	Texas	221
Maine	7	Utah	144
Maryland	40	Vermont	—
Massachusetts	124	Virginia	32
Michigan	63	West Virginia	5
Minnesota	76	Wisconsin	48
Mississippi	22	Wyoming	74

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

	Person trips <sup>†</sup>	Number of travelers <sup>†</sup>	Trips per traveler	Miles <sup>‡</sup>	Miles per traveler	Miles per trip
<b>PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN AREA</b>	<b>26,116</b>	<b>5,936</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>25,655</b>	<b>4,455</b>	<b>1,005</b>
<b>Means of transportation</b>						
Personal use vehicle	19,537	5,113	3.8	10,281	2,011	526
Commercial air	6,022	2,696	2.2	14,707	5,455	2,442
Intercity bus	47	34	1.4	43	1,258	908
Train	104	93	1.1	122	1,311	1,176
Other	406	335	1.2	503	1,500	1,237
<b>Main purpose</b>						
Business	5,345	1,599	3.3	5,805	3,631	1,086
Visit friends or relatives	7,697	3,303	2.3	8,338	2,524	1,083
Leisure	9,616	3,833	2.5	8,352	2,179	869
Other	3,458	1,654	2.1	3,161	1,911	914
<b>Income</b>						
Less than \$25,000	3,757	1,013	3.7	3,436	3,392	915
\$25,000 to \$49,999	8,781	2,240	3.9	8,140	3,634	927
\$50,000 or greater	13,578	2,768	4.9	14,079	5,086	1,037
<b>Age</b>						
Less than 24	6,562	2,031	3.2	5,195	2,558	792
25 to 64	16,975	3,440	4.9	17,686	5,141	1,042
65 and over	2,579	540	4.8	2,774	5,135	1,075
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	14,085	3,020	4.7	14,421	4,775	1,024
Female	12,032	2,862	4.2	11,234	3,925	934
<b>PEOPLE WHO VISIT AREA</b>	<b>21,565</b>	<b>4,588</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>19,012</b>	<b>4,168</b>	<b>886</b>
<b>Means of transportation</b>						
Personal use vehicle	17,210	3,131	5.5	8,911	2,846	518
Commercial air	3,923	1,300	3.0	9,732	7,486	2,480
Intercity bus	61	24	2.5	43	1,784	712
Train	71	30	2.4	76	2,551	1,073
Other	299	103	2.9	250	2,428	836
<b>Main purpose</b>						
Business	4,768	1,036	4.6	5,381	5,195	1,129
Visit friends or relatives	6,431	1,745	3.7	6,240	3,576	970
Leisure	7,011	1,774	3.0	4,676	2,636	667
Other	3,354	881	3.8	2,716	3,081	810
<b>Income</b>						
Less than \$25,000	3,464	709	4.9	2,483	3,500	717
\$25,000 to \$49,999	7,529	1,581	4.8	6,305	3,988	837
\$50,000 or greater	10,571	2,174	4.9	10,224	4,702	967
<b>Age</b>						
Less than 24	5,689	1,249	4.6	3,700	2,962	650
25 to 64	13,612	2,748	4.0	13,284	4,833	976
65 and over	2,264	468	4.8	2,029	4,336	896
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	11,468	2,342	4.9	10,845	4,631	946
Female	10,097	2,100	4.8	8,167	3,889	809

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