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Americans Taking Average 2.4 Trips in 2014 Most will Travel within U.S., says USTiA Survey

Sixty-one percent of Americans say they will travel in 2014, taking an average of 2.4 vacation trips, according to a survey conducted for the US Travel Insurance Association. Of those traveling, nearly 70% said they will take one to two trips next year, with another 30% reporting three or more trips.

Not surprisingly, people with higher incomes are more likely to travel. Nearly three-quarters (73%) of those earning \$50,000 and over plan to take at least one vacation trip 100 miles or more away from home, while 46% of those earning under \$50,000 also plan to travel.

When it comes to educational level, 70% of respondents with college degrees said they will travel in 2014, compared to 56% for those without degrees. As for marital status, 70% of married respondents plan to take a trip in the next year, compared to 52% for unmarried individuals.

Most will Travel Domestically

Eighty-five percent of those traveling said they will vacation within the U.S. and Canada, with 15% planning to travel outside the continental U.S. Those vacationing within the U.S. and Canada were almost equally divided as to how far they will travel. Twenty-eight percent said they will travel between 100 – 500 miles away from home, 29% will be traveling between 500 – 1,000 miles away, and 28% vacationing 1,000 miles or more. Of households with children, 65% said they would travel 1,000 miles or less from home.

The poll of 1,000 randomly-selected participants was conducted online by Ipsos for USTiA, and is considered accurate to within +/- 3.5 percent. A vacation trip was defined as traveling 100 miles or more from home.

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At A Glance

- 73% of those earning \$50,000 plan to take at least one trip
- 46% of those earning under \$50,000 also plan to take at least one trip

