

FHWA NHTS

## TRAVEL PROFILE: UNITED STATES

## 2017 National Household Travel Survey

General Information

| Demographics | 2001 | 2009 | 2017 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total population | $281,421,906$ | $307,006,556$ | $325,719,178$ |
| Total households | $105,480,101$ | $113,616,229$ | $120,062,818$ |
| Total workers | $128,279,228$ | $138,591,804$ | $152,802,672$ |
| Median age (years) | 35.3 | 36.8 | 38.1 |
| Median $\mathrm{HH}^{\star}$ income | $\$ 41,994$ | $\$ 50,221$ | $\$ 60,336$ |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census, and American Community Survey.
*Household

Safety-Related Data

| Safety-Related Travel | 2001 | 2017 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| \% walk trips after 6 pm | 24 | 21 |
| \% households with motorbikes | 4 | 5 |
| \% persons who biked last week | 7 | 12 |
| \% persons who walked last week | 65 | 73 |

Source: NHTS 2001 and 2017.

## Fatalities By Age



Source: NHTSA, FARS, 2000 and 2017

| Daily Travel Indicators | 2001 | 2009 | 2017 |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Daily trips per person: | 4.09 | 3.79 | 3.37 |
| Work/work-related | 0.77 | 0.71 | 0.64 |
| Shopping | 0.88 | 0.79 | 0.62 |
| Social | 1.06 | 1.00 | 0.93 |
| Family/personal | 0.91 | 0.82 | 0.68 |
| Other purposes | 0.47 | 0.47 | 0.50 |
| Source: NHTS 2001, 2009, and 2017. |  |  |  |

## Household Vehicle Fleet

| Vehicle Ownership | 2000 | 2017 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total number of vehicles | $221,475,173$ | $272,480,899$ |
| Vehicles per person | 0.79 | 0.84 |
| Vehicles per HH | 2.10 | 2.27 |
| Vehicles per worker | 1.73 | 1.78 |
| Average vehicle occupancy | 1.63 | 1.67 |

Source: Federal Highway Administration, Highway Statistics, State Motor Vehicle Registrations (Table MV-1) 2000 and 2017; Average vehicle occupancy per NHTS 2001 and 2017.

## HH Vehicle Distribution




Travel Characteristics

| General Travel <br> Characteristics <br> (in millions) | 2001 | 2009 | 2017 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total VMT (miles) | $2,274,769$ | $2,245,111$ | $2,321,675$ |
| Total PMT (miles) | $3,783,979$ | $3,732,791$ | $3,970,287$ |
| Total vehicle trips | 233,030 | 233,849 | 220,430 |
| Total person trips | 384,485 | 392,023 | 371,152 |

*Population is per 2000 Decennial Census, all other metrics from NHTS 2001, 2009, and 2017.

Annual Vehicle Miles, 2017
Annual Vehicle Miles (in millions)


Source: NHTS 2017.

| Medical Trips by Age | Urban | Rural | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $<16$ | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| $16-29$ | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| $30-54$ | $32 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| $55-64$ | $19 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| $65-74$ | $19 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| $75+$ | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Source | NHTs 2017 |  |  |

Source: NHTS 2017 (Urban/Rural designation reflects home location).

Weekday Trips by Time


[^0]Travel Trips by Purpose Weekday Weekend Total

| Home-based work | $17 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Home-based shop | $17 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Home-based social | $10 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Home-based other | $24 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| Non-home-based | $32 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $32 \%$ |

Source: NHTS 2017.
Means of Transportation, 2017
Percent of Trips
 Source: NHTS 2017 and ACS 2017

Average Trip Distance (Miles) by Purpose (2017) Weekday Weekend All Trips

| Work/work-related | 13 | 15 | 14 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Shopping | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Social/recreation | 10 | 13 | 11 |
| Family/personal business | 7 | 10 | 8 |
| Other purposes | 17 | 25 | 19 |
| All trips (all purposes) | 11 | 13 | 12 |

Source: NHTS 2017.
Trip Length (minutes) for Work and Non-Work Trips Type of Trip



[^0]:    Source: NHTS 2017.

