

FIGURE 5.—VOLUME AND CHARACTERISTICS OF TRAVEL: 1963

[Number in millions. Based on interviews with nationwide probability sample of about 6,000 households concerning trips that ended between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 1963. Subject to sampling error]

Item	Trips ¹		Travelers ²	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	257	100	487	100
Purpose of trip:				
Business.....	54	21	66	14
Visit friends and relatives.....	103	40	219	45
Other pleasure trips.....	55	21	123	25
Personal and family affairs.....	45	18	79	16
Transportation:				
Automobile.....	215	84	435	89
Bus.....	11	4	13	3
Air.....	14	5	17	4
Rail.....	8	3	10	2
Other.....	9	4	12	2
Size of party:				
1 person.....	141	55	141	29
2 persons.....	58	23	116	24
3 or 4 persons.....	42	16	145	30
5 or more.....	16	6	85	17
Distance:				
Under 100 miles.....	119	46	224	46
100 to 199 miles.....	73	28	141	29
200 to 499 miles.....	41	16	78	16
500 or more.....	19	8	34	7
Outside United States.....	5	2	10	2
Duration of trip:				
1-day trip.....	17	6	32	7
Overnight trips:				
1 night.....	78	31	157	32
2 nights.....	66	26	127	26
3 to 5 nights.....	49	19	87	18
6 to 9 nights.....	21	8	39	8
10 or more.....	26	10	45	9
Accommodations ³	(4)	(4)	2,022	100
Commercial lodgings.....	(4)	(4)	487	24
Friends and relatives.....	(4)	(4)	1,032	51
Own cottage.....	(4)	(4)	185	9
Other.....	(4)	(4)	319	16

¹ A trip involves 1 or more members of a household going out of town overnight or going to a place 100 miles or more on a 1-day trip. Comprises trips taken for all purposes, including attending school out of town.

² A traveler is a person on a trip and is counted each time he takes a trip.

³ Accommodations shown in traveler-night units, defined as the number of nights each person spent on the trip, exclusive of accommodations used by students while attending school out of town.

⁴ Not applicable.

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; 1963 Census of Transportation, vol. I, transportation Survey.

From Figures 4 and 5 one can readily determine that less than 22% of the trips taken were in the category of pleasure which *might* have been associated with some park or other such public recreational facility or service area. Further we note that 74% of the trips taken were under 200 miles and only 22% of the groups had more than two people.

There are our 10 largest cities and an indication of their population density per square mile.

	Population	Density per square mile ²
10 largest cities: ¹		
New York, N.Y.....	8,020,000	24,697
Chicago, Ill.....	3,460,000	15,836
Los Angeles, Calif.....	2,810,000	5,447
Philadelphia, Pa.....	2,040,000	15,743
Detroit, Mich.....	1,560,000	11,964
Houston, Tex.....	1,150,000	2,923
Baltimore, Md.....	915,000	11,993
Washington, D.C.....	815,000	12,442
Dallas, Tex.....	795,000	2,676
Cleveland, Ohio.....	790,000	10,789

¹ "Rand-McNally Commercial Atlas & Marketing Guide."

² "Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1967."