



2015-2018 - Wave 4/6

(INCLUDES 2014-2016 – WAVE 1/6, WAVE 2/6, AND WAVE 3/6) (MAR 2017)

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The purpose of this study is to measure and evaluate the effectiveness of the marketing efforts conducted by marketing concerns under contract with the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

This study, conducted since 2003, provides insight into the overall intention to travel to Hawai'i, brand valuation, and measurement of specific, separate attributes for Hawai'i's major marketing areas of U.S. West, U.S. East, Canada and Japan.

The major goals of this study are to understand:

- Consideration of Hawai'i as a destination
- Importance of key attributes
- Preference for Hawai'i
- Preference for Hawai'i by behavioral segments
- Opinions of Hawai'i vs. Competitive destinations for each major marketing area:
  - Eastern U.S. (Florida, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, California, Mexico, Caribbean, Las Vegas and Europe)
  - Western U.S. (Alaska, Costa Rica, Australia, Mexico, Caribbean, Las Vegas and Europe)
  - Canada (Florida, Arizona, Australia, California, Mexico, Caribbean, Las Vegas and Europe)
  - Japan (Australia, China, Guam/Saipan, Korea, Europe, Taiwan, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong)

In addition, the study tracks data on the topics as well:

- Intention to/or actual visits to Hawai'i
- Hawai'i travel patterns and visitor profiles (Accommodations, Length of Stay, Frequency, Satisfaction)
- Indication of reasons for not intending/considering Hawai'i



Online surveys of approximately 15 minutes in length conducted between October 15, 2015 and November 2, 2015, between March 24, 2016 and March 30, 2016 and between December 20, 2016 and December 28, 2016. Each survey was presented in the language of the surveyed country or was localized, if necessary, for countries where English is the primary language.

Qualified respondents from each major marketing area were required to meet specific requirements for inclusion in this study:

- Eastern U.S.
  - Live in the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas,
     Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Tennessee, Mississippi,
     Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Alabama, Ohio, West Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Pennsylvania,
     Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine,
     Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Washington, D.C.
  - Have taken a Leisure trip by air of 500 miles or more in the past 12 months
  - Household income of USD \$75,000 or more
  - 18 years of age or older
- Western U.S.
  - Live in the states of Alaska, California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho,
     Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming
  - Have taken a Leisure trip by air of 500 miles or more in the past 12 months
  - Household income of USD \$75,000 or more
  - 18 years of age or older



#### Canada

- Live in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan
- Have taken a Leisure trip by air of 500 miles or more in the past 12 months
- Household income of CDN \$75,000 or more
- 18 years of age or older

#### Japan

- Live in Japan
- Have taken and international Leisure trip in the past 24 months
- Household income of ¥2,000,000
- 18 years of age or older

Respondents who indicated they intend to travel to Hawai'i within then next 24 months will be re-contacted in March 2018 and November 2018 to determine if a trip was actually made. Actual re-contacts may be lower than reported here due to attrition in the panel.

#### Respondents are as follows:

Marketing Area	Wave 2 (MAR 2016) Completes	Wave 3 (NOV 2016) Completes	Wave 4 (MAR 2017) Completes	Wave 2 Re- contact in MAR 2018	Wave 3 Re- contact in NOV 2018	Wave 4 re- contact in MAR 2018
Eastern U.S.	602	602	600	152	193	153
Western U.S.	600	601	600	321	322	129
Canada	601	601	604	268	245	194
Japan	600	600	600	244	248	186



For some analyses respondents are segmented depending on how they responded to questions regarding the importance of certain destination characteristics they consider when making travel decisions. Following are the definitions for each segment. Respondents must have provided a rating of 4 or 5 for at least one characteristic in each segment.

Segments were revised with Wave 1 in November 2015, thus no prior wave data is presented.

Explore/ Learn	Relax/ Re-energize	Culture/ Authenticity	Activity/Nature	Foodie	Togetherness	Indulge
I can explore and do new things	It's a great chance to rest and relax	To gain knowledge of history	To seek adventure	To indulge my passion for food and fine cuisine	To spend more quality time with my spouse/family	I can be more extravagant when I travel
To be the first among my friends to do something	I feel alive and energetic when I travel	To experience other cultures	To do activities I can only do on vacation		To spend more time with my friends	I can splurge on myself when I travel
To learn new things	To engage in my hobbies	To see for myself, the authentic things I have read or heard about	To be outdoors and experience nature		To celebrate or mark a special occasion	



Inclusion in each segment is based on the responses for each attribute within the segment, thus a respondent may respond to more than one characteristic across multiple segments. Therefore, while the response is counted only once, the respondent may be counted multiple times. Sample sizes for each segment are shown in the table below.

		Eastern U.S.	Western U.S.	Canada	Japan
	MAR 2017	503	490	497	495
Explore/Learn	NOV 2016	514	519	471	478
	MAR 2016	486	498	488	466
	MAR 2017	518	511	538	519
Relax/Re-energize	NOV 2016	541	541	513	505
	MAR 2016	535	513	542	509
	MAR 2017	487	493	487	497
Culture/Authenticity	NOV 2016	491	524	481	495
	MAR 2016	470	490	482	473



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		Eastern U.S.	Western U.S.	Canada	Japan
	MAR 2017	740	472	477	415
Activity/Nature	NOV 2016	502	518	460	421
	MAR 2016	488	459	475	419
	MAR 2017	274	226	256	420
Foodie	NOV 2016	328	335	236	422
	MAR 2016	242	274	237	414
	MAR 2017			502	471
Togetherness	NOV 2016	524	527	479	459
	MAR 2016	498	486	488	454
	MAR 2017	260	246	262	398
Indulge	NOV 2016	333	355	226	410
	MAR 2016	246	247	252	389



#### **RESULTS PRESENTATION**

Data will be presented in five major sections. The first section includes a Summary of the current Wave (MAR 2017), comparing relevant data from each of the four market areas. This will be followed by detailed data for each market area – Eastern U.S., Western U.S., Canada and Japan showing each of the past 5 waves (NOV 2014, MAR 2015, NOV 2015, MAR 2016, and NOV 2016) separately, except for Destination Attributes as they apply to Hawai'i specifically. For these charts, data is presented for all waves back to Q2 of 2009. The exact wording of the survey question used to compile each chart is included at the bottom of each chart within the individual market area sections.

Excluding the Summary section, charts in each set of the market sections appear in the identical order. Since the Summary section includes only data that can be compared across all markets, some charts have been excluded; the progression, however is maintained. Charts in each market section appear in the following order:

- Demographics Age
- Demographics Median Age
- Demographics Income
- Demographics Median Income
- Demographics Sexual Orientation
- Demographics Long Distance Overnight Trips in Past 12 Months (Past 24 Months for Japan)
- Demographics Median Number of Long Distance Overnight Trips in Past 12 Months (Past 24 Months for Japan)
- Destination Consideration for Next Leisure Vacation
- Reasons for Taking a Leisure Vacation
- Attributes Important in Choosing a Destination
- Attributes Important in Choosing a Destination (Importance vs. Applies to Hawai'i)
- Attributes Important in Choosing a Destination Segment Comparisons



#### **RESULTS PRESENTATION**

- Destination Attributes Competitive Comparisons (competitive destinations vary by market)
- Destination Attributes Applies to Hawai'I
- Impression of Hawai'i
- Impression of Hawai'i by Segment
- Hawai'i Visitation by Segment
- Hawai'i Planned Visitation by Segment
- Visitation Competitive Destinations
- Planned Visitation Competitive Destinations
- Planned Visitation to Islands of Hawai'i
- Planned Accommodations
- Planned Accommodation Location
- · Reasons for Not Visiting Hawai'i
- Lifetime Visits to Hawai'i
- Reasons for Returning to Hawai'i
- Reasons for Returning to Hawai'i Segment Comparisons
- Year Last Visited Hawai'i
- Month Last Visited Hawai'i
- Islands' Share of Nights in Hawai'i
- Number of Nights in Hawai'i
- Average Spending in Hawai'i
- Travel Party Size
- Travel Party Composition
- Hawai'i Excellent Rating
- Likelihood of Returning to Hawai'i



# MARCH 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- The age distribution changed slightly with Eastern and Western travelers, at 48, getting a little older compared to the fall wave (45 and 44, respectively). Canadian travelers are right behind them dropping 3 years to 47 years of age, while Japanese travelers remained fairly consistent at 44 years.
- Travelers to Hawai'i from all markets tend to be more affluent as their average annual household incomes exceed the national averages in each of their respective countries. In Japan, incomes for travelers declined. The incomes of Eastern U.S. and Canadian travelers remained unchanged, while the incomes of travelers from the Western part of the U.S. increased slightly.
- The percentage of LGBT travelers remains low, but has risen among Western and Eastern U.S. travelers. In the current wave LGBT travelers are more likely to come from the United States.
- Travelers in this study claim to have taken at least 2 long distance overnight trips in the past 12 months, but those from the Western U.S. have taken the most with an average of 3.02, followed by the Eastern U.S. at 2.59 trips. The number of trips taken decreased across all geographies, except for the Western U.S.
- Hawai'i is in the most considered leisure destination among Western U.S. and Japanese travelers, an increase from number two for both geographies. and is tied for number two among Western U.S. and Japanese travelers. Among Eastern U.S. travelers Hawai'i has moved down from number five to number six in consideration behind Florida, California, Las Vegas, and Mexico. Hawai'i also decreased among Canadian travelers from number one to number four, behind California, Mexico, and European destinations.
- The top reasons U.S. residents travel continues to be to explore and do new things and to spend more quality time with their spouses or families. Both Canadian and Japanese travelers consider travel as a chance to rest and relax. Canadians also like to explore and do new things, while Japanese travelers like to include in fine cuisine.



## **MARCH 2017 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Among the 20 attributes (22 for the Japan market) important in choosing a leisure destination, Hawai'i meets or exceeds expectations among all visitors as providing a sense of relaxation, and having unique scenery among all except for Japan.
   Among the Western U.S. and Canadian visitors, Hawai'i is seen as being romantic and a good place for family and children.
   Hawai'i also meets or exceeds expectations as offering experiences with native people and their cultures, among Japanese visitors, and as being safe and secure and a great place to get away from it all among Canadian visitors.
- While there is variance among the markets, most have the consistent impression that Hawai'i is able to deliver high levels of recreational activities (including water sports, zip lining, snorkeling, hiking, biking, etc.), relaxation and romance, and State or National parks and beaches. Shopping also continues to be rated highly among the Japanese market.
- Around 20% of visitors from the Western U.S. and Japanese origins have visited Hawai'i in the past 12 months with an additional 13% to 23% visiting in the past 24-36 months. Only 11% of Eastern U.S. visitors have visited in the past 12 months, a decrease from the last wave, with an additional 16% visiting the past 24-36 months. The percentage of Canadian visitors who have visited in the past 12 months remained the same at 14%, while those visiting in the past 24-36 months have decreased from 19% to 16%.
- Visitors from the Eastern U.S. are most likely to visit Hawai'i in the Spring or Winter, while those from the Western U.S. and Japan prefer Summer. Canadians overwhelmingly prefer to visit Hawai'i in the Winter, followed by Spring.
- More than one-third of visitors from the Western U.S plan to visit Hawai'i in the next 12 months with an additional 19% planning to visit in the next 13-24 months. About 36% of Japanese, 24% of Canadian and 15% of Eastern U.S. travelers plan to visit in the next 12 months. The primary reason Eastern U.S. visitors seem to be lagging behind the other markets is the cost of airfare as well as the time a trip to Hawai'i from the Eastern U.S. requires. The number of Canadians planning to travel in the next 12 months has dropped off primarily because of the prices of vacation packages and hotels and the Japanese feel that Hawai'i is too congested.
- Among those who are planning to visit the State, Maui is on the top of the list, except for Japanese visitors who overwhelmingly plan to visit O'ahu. This is likely due to their high opinions of the shopping in Hawai'i.



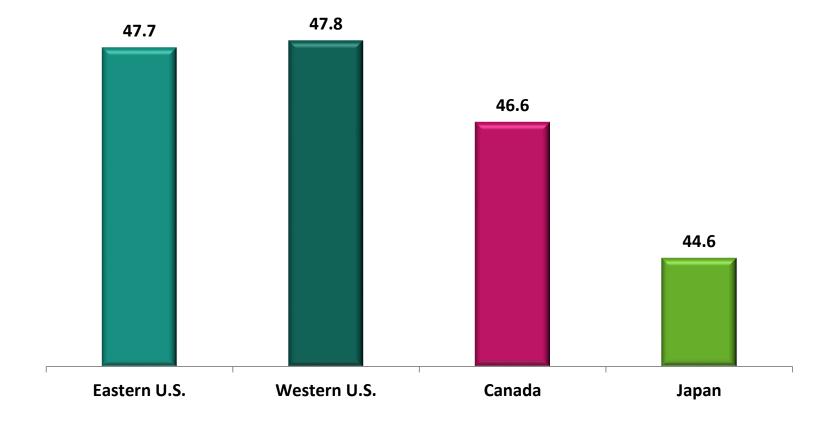
#### **NOVEMBER 2016 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Visitors from all markets primarily plan to stay in a hotel. It is not surprising that the majority of all traveler groups plan to stay at a resort location. All groups are venturing out with more of them reporting planned accommodations in non-resort localities.
- As might be expected, at five visits, travelers from the Western U.S. have made the most lifetime visits to Hawai'i, followed by Canadian and Japanese visitors at almost four lifetime visits. Visitors from the Eastern U.S. have only made just under three visits to Hawai'i in their lifetimes.
- Visitors from all four markets keep returning to Hawai'i because of its stunning natural beauty, the great weather and great beaches. They also feel it is safe place to visit, especially those from Canada.
- The majority of travel parties from each origin are couples followed by families.
- At about \$5,044, visitors from Canada spent the most on their last trip to Hawai'I, likely due to an increase in party size. Spending among Japanese travelers has decreased despite a slight increase in length of stay. This is likely due a decrease in party size. Despite a decrease in length of stay, average spending has increased among travelers from the Eastern U.S. Spending by Western U.S. travelers has decreased as has length of stay and party size.
- Visitors from all four markets rate their last visit to Hawai'i higher than 6 on an excellence scale of 8 and between 16% and 32% say they are very likely to return in the next 24 months. About two thirds of Western U.S. and Japanese visitors say they are somewhat or very likely to return to Hawai'i in the next 24 months.



# MARCH 2017 SUMMARY - ALL MARKETS





#### **DEMOGRAPHICS – AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

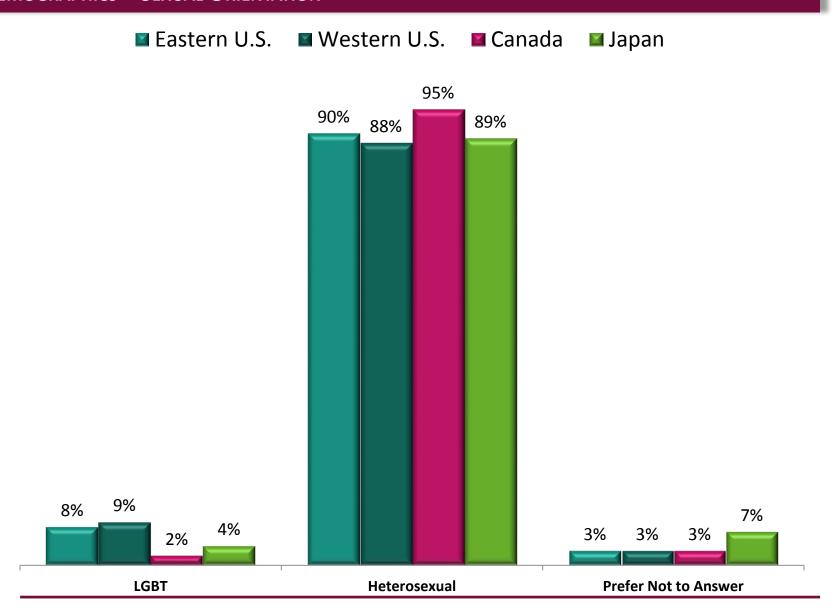
Respondents were asked to provide Annual Household Income in the currency of their country. Following are the Average Household Incomes of respondents from each region or country.

•	Eastern U.S.	(U.S. Dollars)	\$142,000
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Travelers to Hawai'i tend to be more affluent as their Average Annual Household Incomes exceed the national averages in each of their countries.

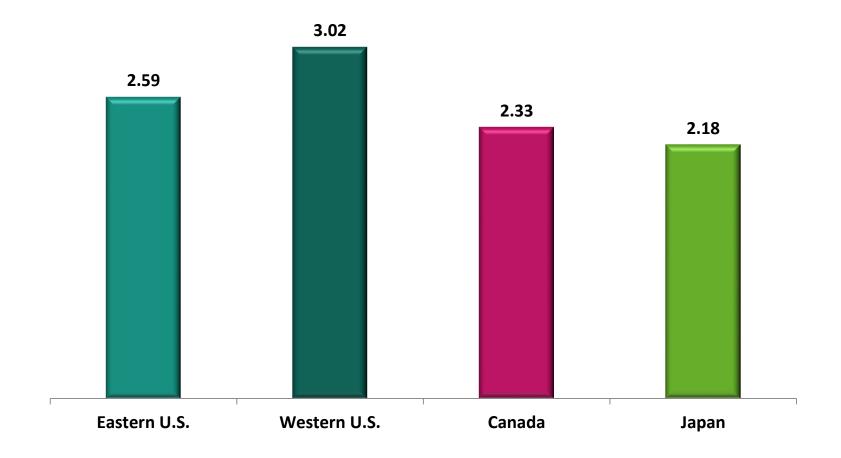


## **DEMOGRAPHICS — SEXUAL ORIENTATION**





# DEMOGRAPHICS - AVERAGE NUMBER OF LONG DISTANCE OVERNIGHT TRIPS IN PAST 12 MONTHS



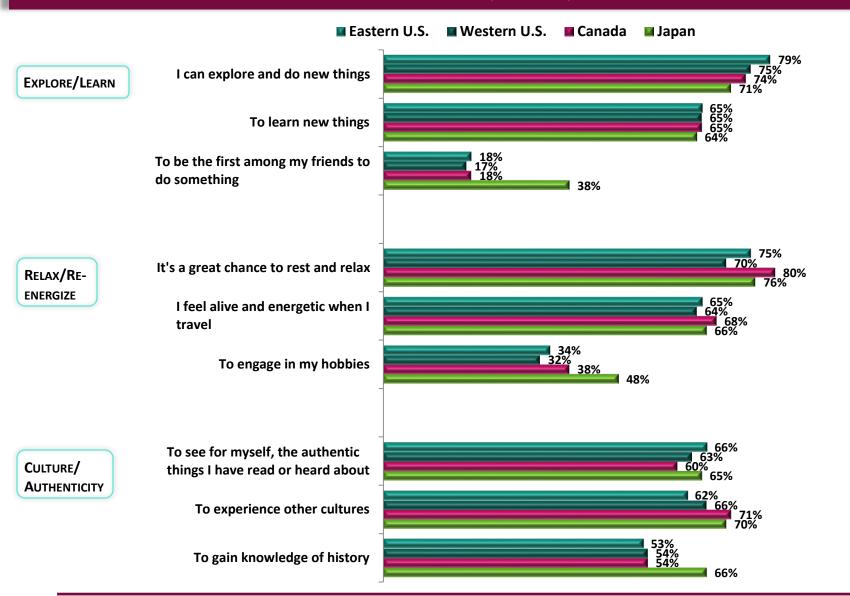


# **DESTINATION CONSIDERATION FOR NEXT LEISURE VACATION**

Eastern U.S.	Western U.S.	Canada	Japan
1. Florida (37%)	1. Hawai'i (46%)	1. California (37%)	1. Hawai'i (31%)
2. California (35%)	2. Alaska (31%)	2. Mexico (34%)	2. Europe (28%)
3. Caribbean (34%)	3. Las Vegas (30%)	3. Europe (33%)	3. Australia (27%)
4. Las Vegas (23%)	4. Caribbean (30%)	4. Hawai'i (32%)	4. Taiwan (26%)
5. Mexico (19%)	5. Mexico (23%)	5. Las Vegas (26%)	5. Singapore (19%)
6. Hawai'i (17%)	6. U.K. (23%)	6. Caribbean (27\6%)	6. Guam/Saipan (17%)
7. Other Europe (16%)	7. Other Europe (23%)	7. Florida (20%)	7. Thailand (17%)
8. U.K. (15%)	8. Italy (21%)	8. Australia (14%)	8. Hong Kong (11%)
9. Italy (14%)	9. France (19%)	9. Arizona (13%)	9. China (11%)
10. Costa Rica (11%)	10. Australia (16%)	10. Other (27%)	10. Korea (10%)
11. Puerto Rico (11%)	11. Germany (15%)	No Trip Considered (3%)	11. Other (11%)
12. Germany (10%)	12. Costa Rica (13%)		No Trip Considered (7%)
13. Cuba (9%)	13. Switzerland (11%)		
14. Switzerland (7%)	14. Other (20%)		
15. Other (20%)	No Trip Considered (5%)		
No Trip Considered (4%)			

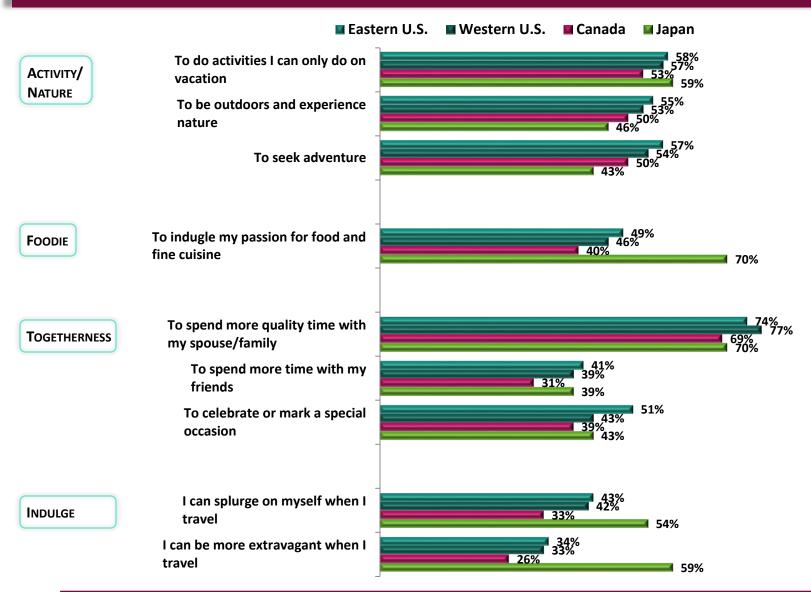


#### REASONS FOR TAKING A LEISURE VACATION ANYWHERE (% TOP 2 BOX)





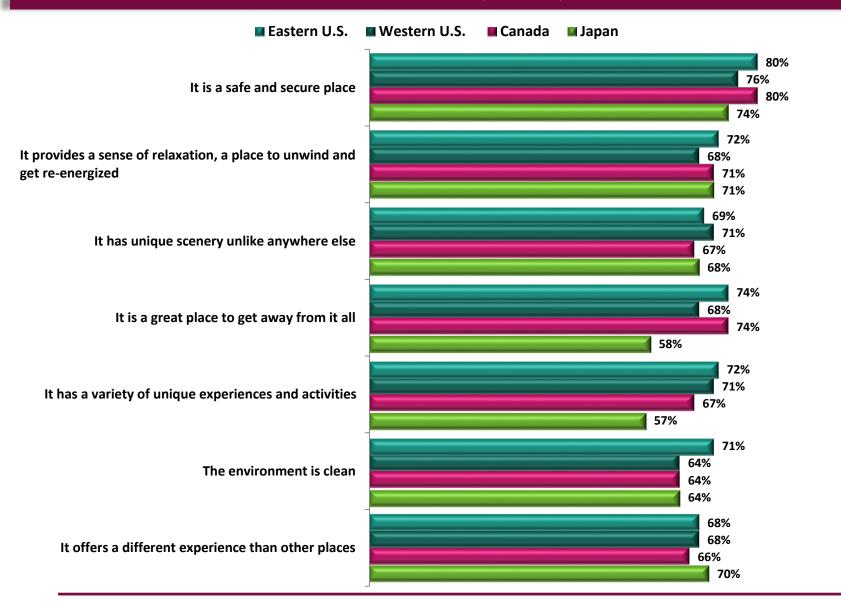
## REASONS FOR TAKING A LEISURE VACATION ANYWHERE (CONT.) (% TOP 2 BOX)



Q4a: Why do you take vacations? Using the scale below, please indicate how important each of the following reasons is to you for taking a vacation. (1=Not at all Important, 5=Extremely Important)

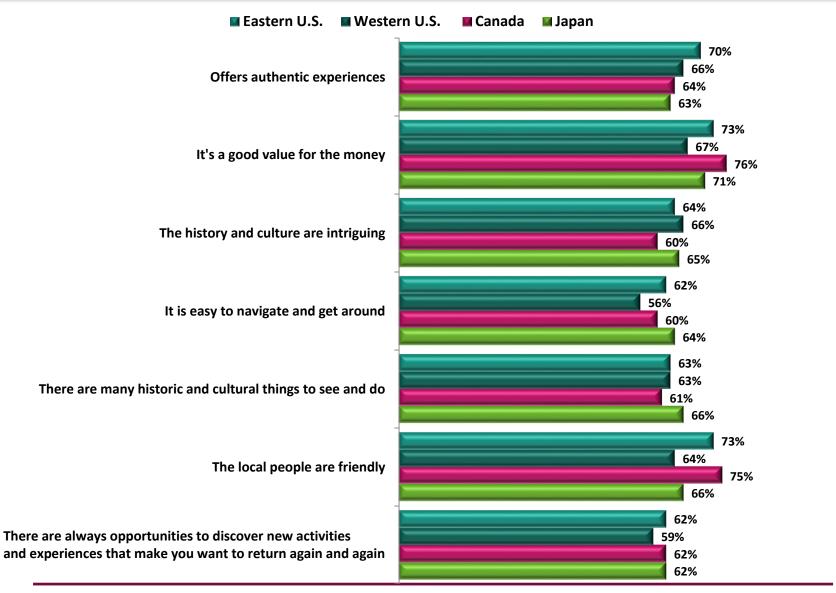


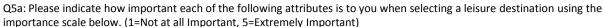
#### **ATTRIBUTES IMPORTANT IN CHOOSING A DESTINATION (% TOP 2 BOX)**



Q5a: Please indicate how important each of the following attributes is to you when selecting a leisure destination using the importance scale below. (1=Not at all Important, 5=Extremely Important)

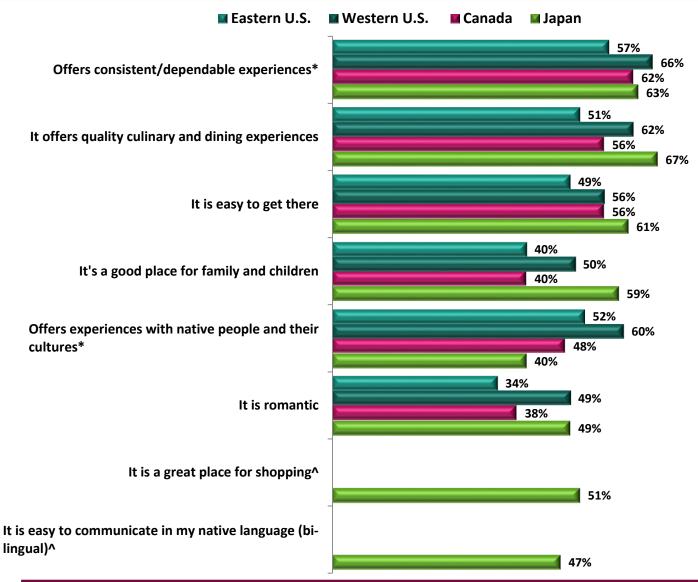
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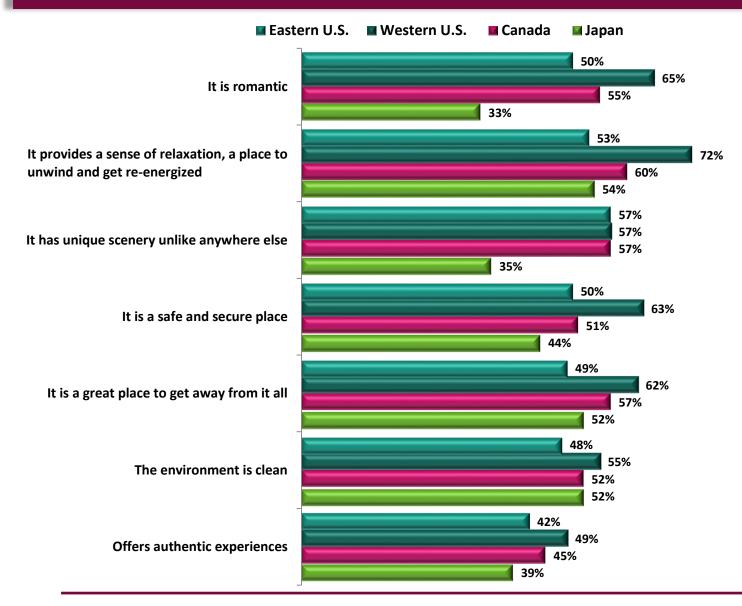


Q5a: Please indicate how important each of the following attributes is to you when selecting a leisure destination using the importance scale below. (1=Not at all Important, 5=Extremely Important)

^Asked of Japan Only \* Added in NOV 2015



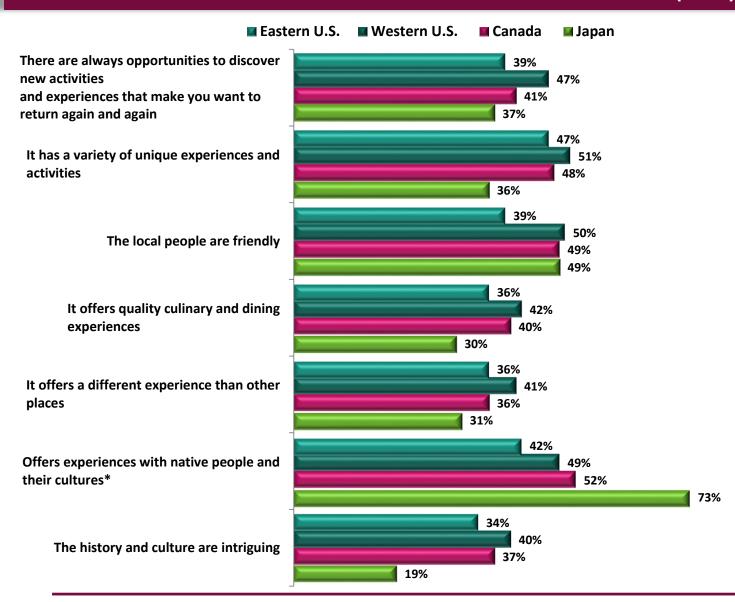
# HAWAI'I PERFORMANCE ON ATTRIBUTES IMPORTANT IN CHOOSING A DESTINATION (% TOP 2 BOX)



Q6a: For each attribute, please select the destination(s) to which it applies.



#### HAWAI'I PERFORMANCE ON ATTRIBUTES IMPORTANT IN CHOOSING A DESTINATION (CONT.) (% TOP 2 BOX)

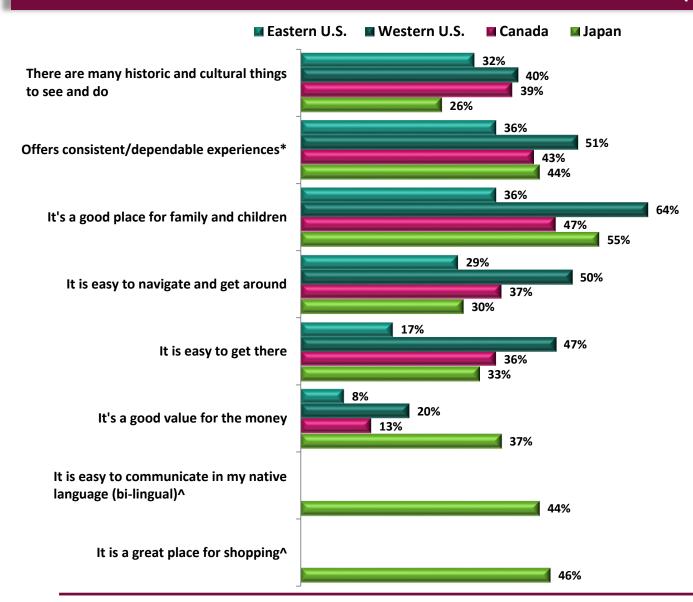


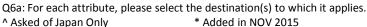
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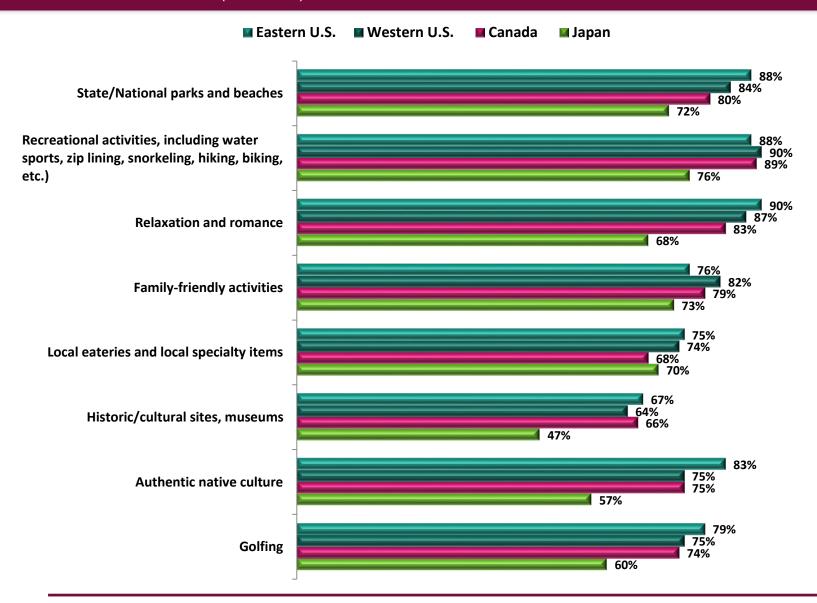
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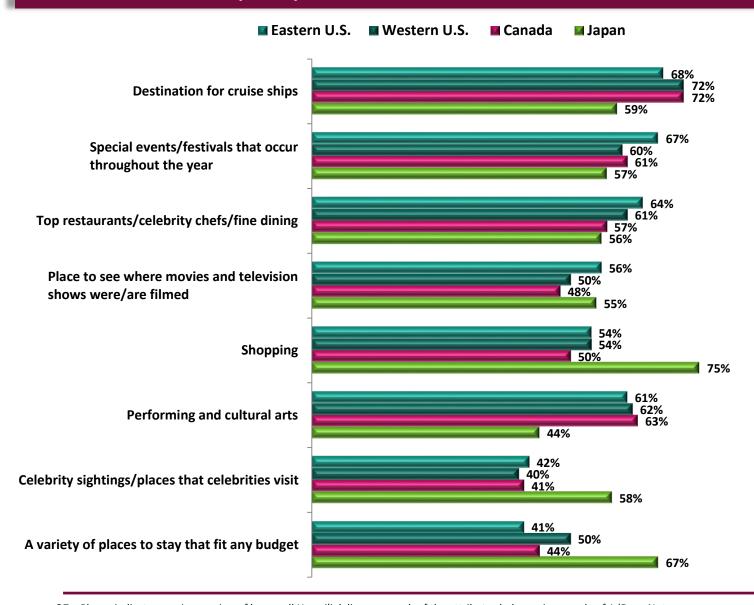
#### **IMPRESSION OF HAWAI'I** (% TOP 2 BOX)

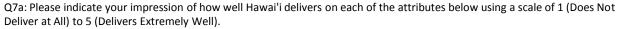


Q7a: Please indicate your impression of how well Hawai'i delivers on each of the attributes below using a scale of 1 (Does Not Deliver at All) to 5 (Delivers Extremely Well).



## IMPRESSION OF HAWAI'I (CONT.) (% TOP 2 BOX)

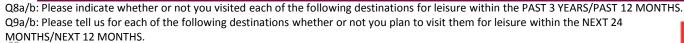






# Hawai'i Visitation Frequency Visited Past 12 Months Visited Past 13-36 Plan to Visit Next 12 Months Plan to Visit Next 13-24 Months Plan to Visit Next 24 Months Visited Past 36 Months 19% 18% 11% 36% 34% 24% 21% 15%

Eastern U.S. Western U.S.



Japan

Canada

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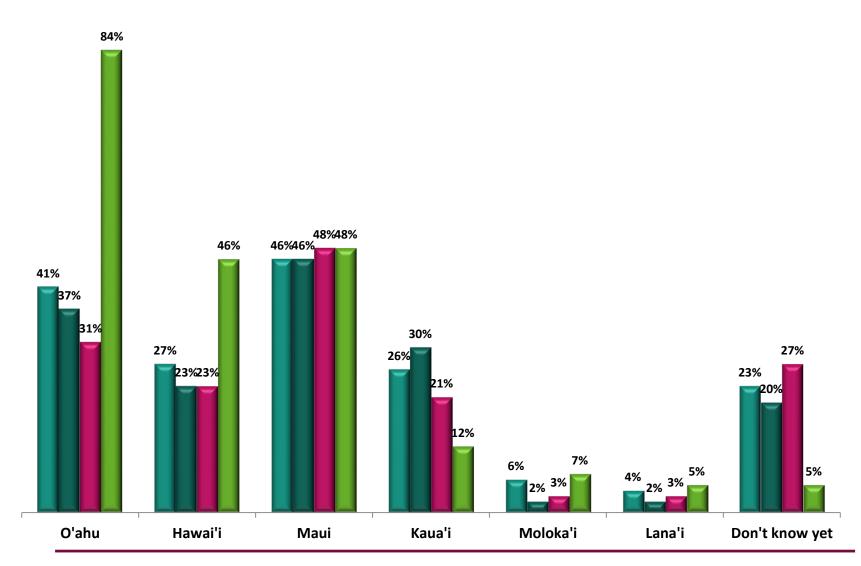


Japan

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# PLANNED VISITATION TO ISLANDS OF HAWAI'I (AMONG THOSE PLANNING TO VISIT IN NEXT 24 MONTHS)

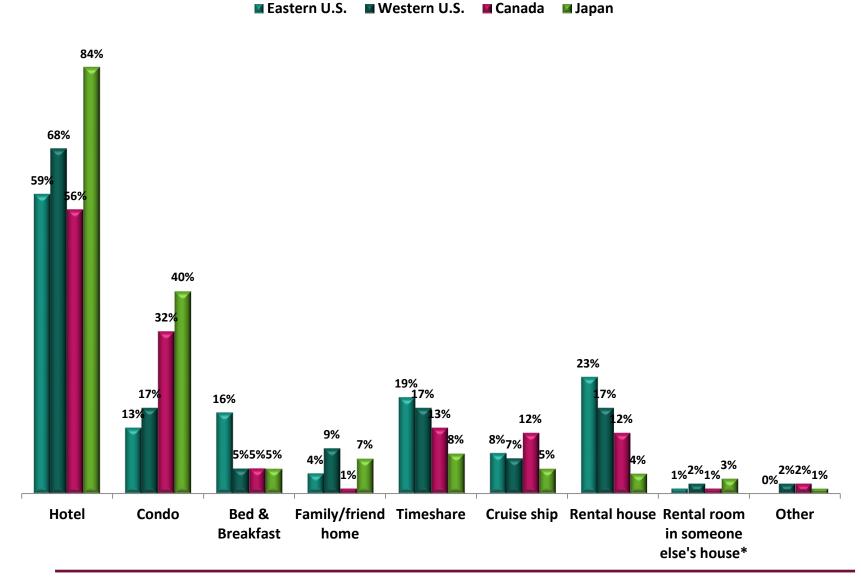




Q9c: You indicated that you are planning to visit Hawai'i in the next 24 months. Which islands do you plan to visit?



## PLANNED ACCOMMODATIONS (AMONG THOSE PLANNING TO VISIT HAWAI'I IN NEXT 24 MONTHS)

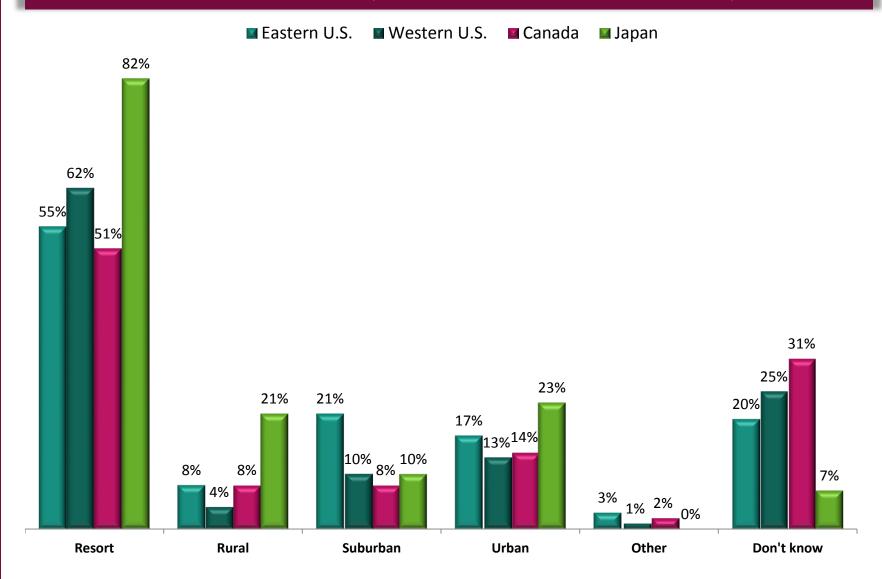


Q9d: You indicated that you are planning to visit Hawai'i in the next 24 months. What type of accommodation(s) do you plan to stay?

\*Asked starting in MAR 2015

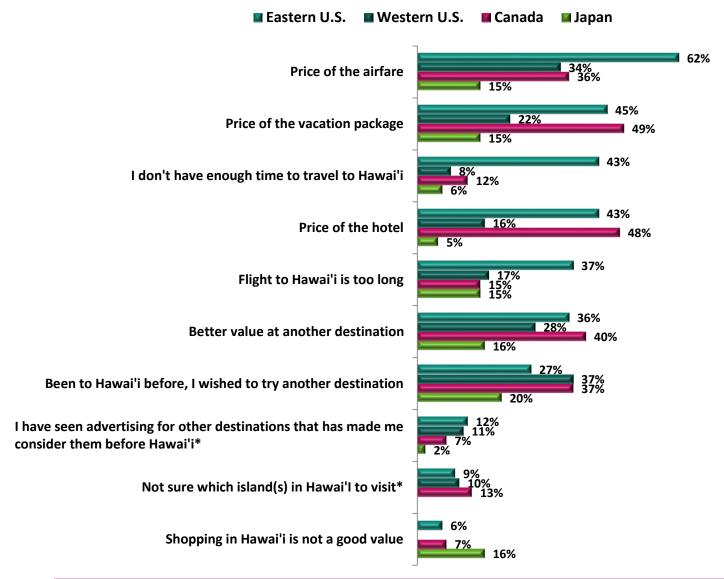
\*Commodation (s) do you plan to stay?

#### PLANNED ACCOMMODATION LOCATION (AMONG THOSE PLANNING TO VISIT HAWAI'I IN NEXT 24 MONTHS)



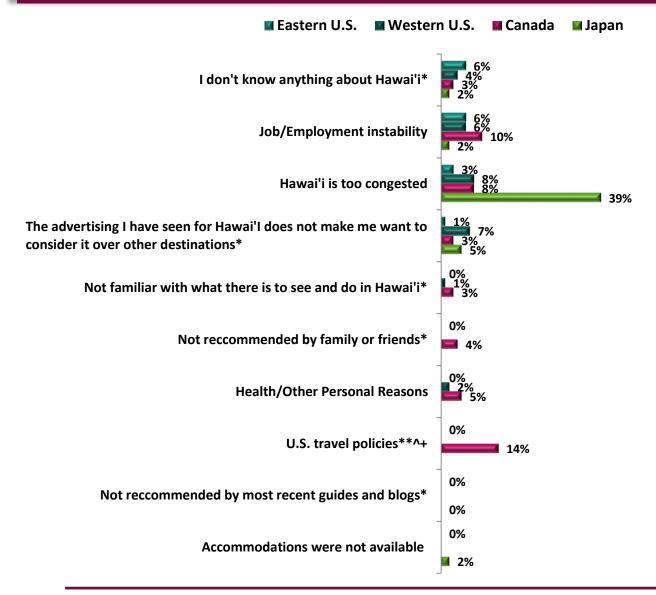


#### REASONS FOR NOT VISITING HAWAI'I (AMONG THOSE CONSIDERING, BUT NOT PLANNING TO VISIT)



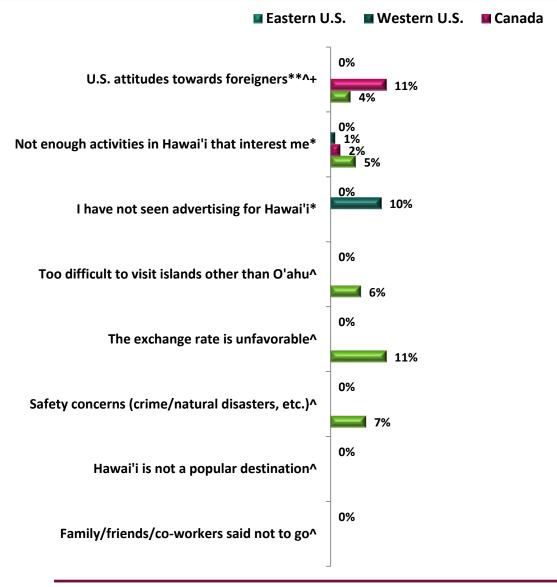
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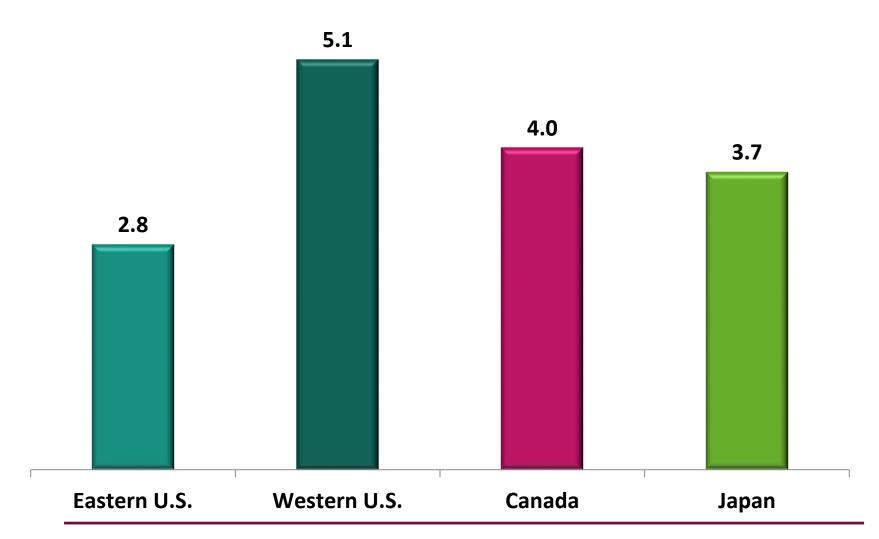


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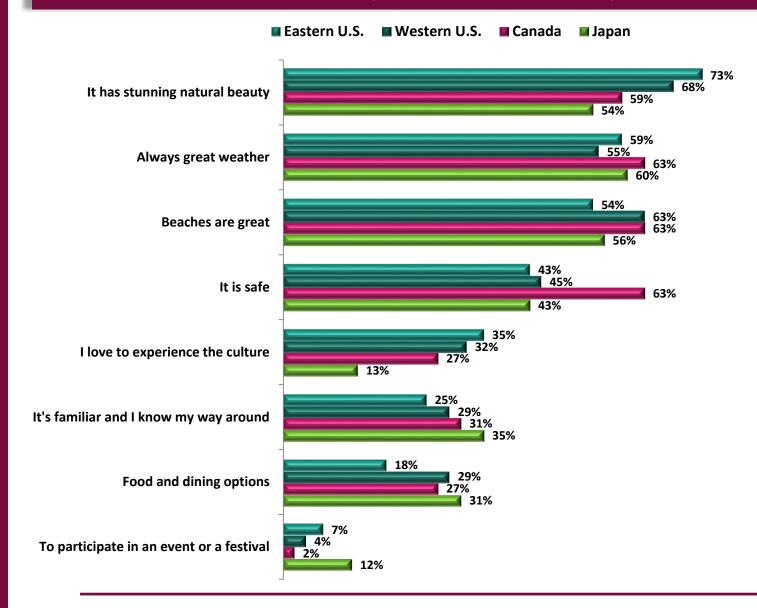


## AVERAGE LIFETIME VISITS TO HAWAI'I (AMONG THOSE VISITING 1+ TIMES)



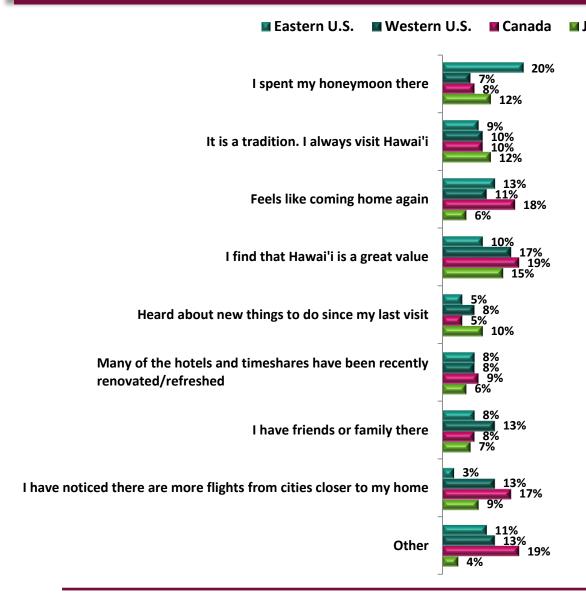


#### REASONS FOR RETURNING TO HAWAI'I (AMONG THOSE VISITING HAWAI'I 2+ TIMES)





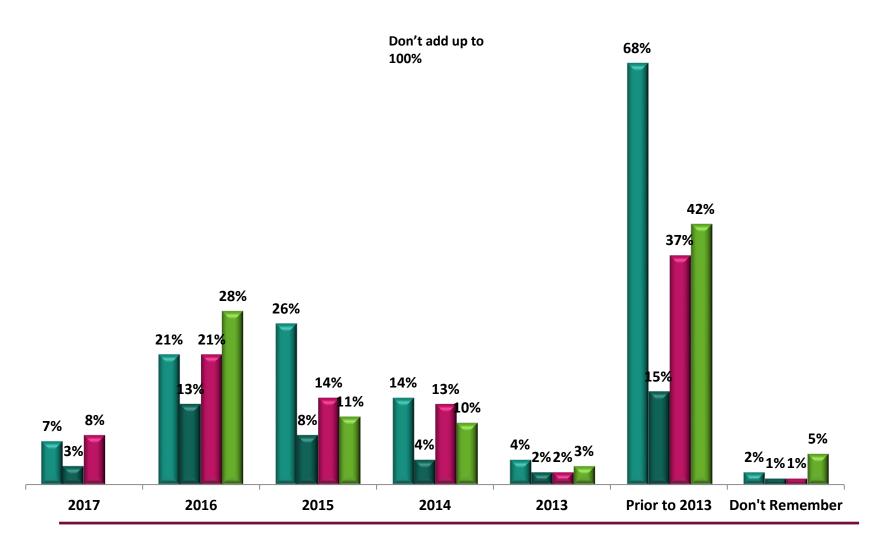
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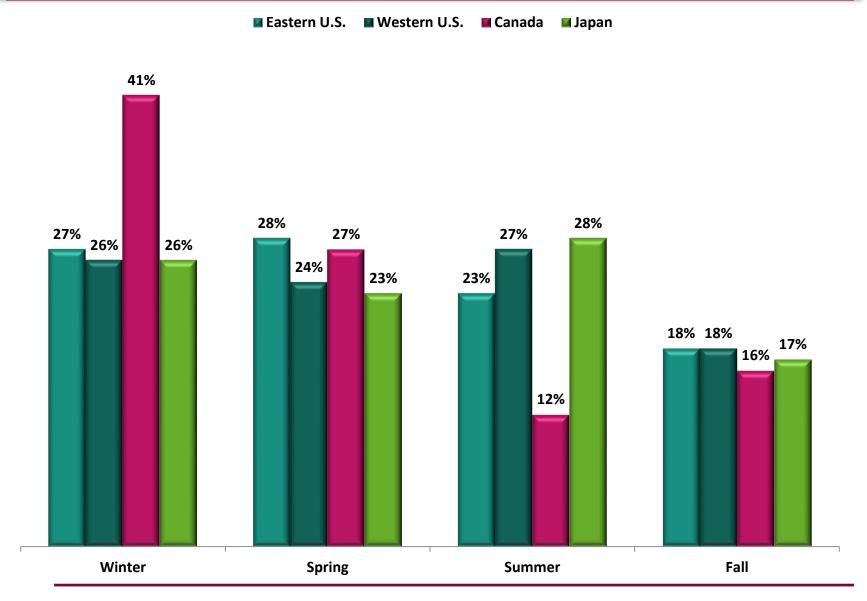
# YEAR LAST VISITED HAWAI'I





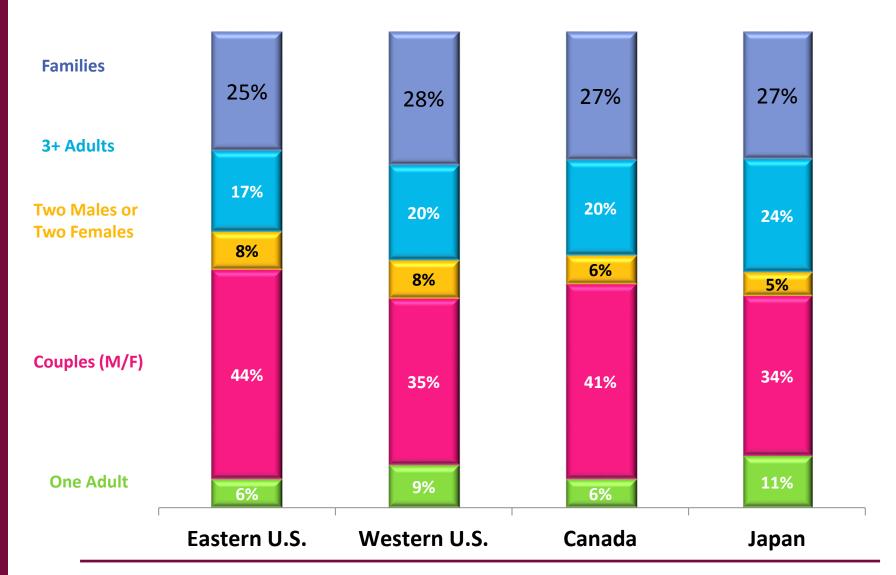


## SEASON LAST VISITED HAWAI'I





## **TRAVEL PARTY COMPOSITION (SHARE)**





#### LIKELIHOOD OF RETURNING TO HAWAI'I IN NEXT 24 MONTHS (%; MEAN)

