

**2011 ANNUAL TRAVEL PROFILE**  
**Pittsburgh & Its Countryside Region**

# Research Methodology



The research for this report was conducted by Longwoods International.

The results consist of:

- *Estimates of the domestic volume of overnight travel on a nationwide level.*
- *Estimates of the volume of overnight and day travel to Pennsylvania and its tourism regions.*
- *Characteristics and profile of overnight and day trips to the state and the individual tourism regions.*

The results are based on results from the Travel USA® annual survey of US travelers. Each quarter, a random cross-section of approximately 1 million panel members is sent an e-mail invitation to participate in the survey, or over 5 million annually.

For the 2011 travel year, this yielded: 207,014 trips for analysis nationally – 138,771 overnight trips and 68,243 day trips.

# Research Methodology (cont'd)



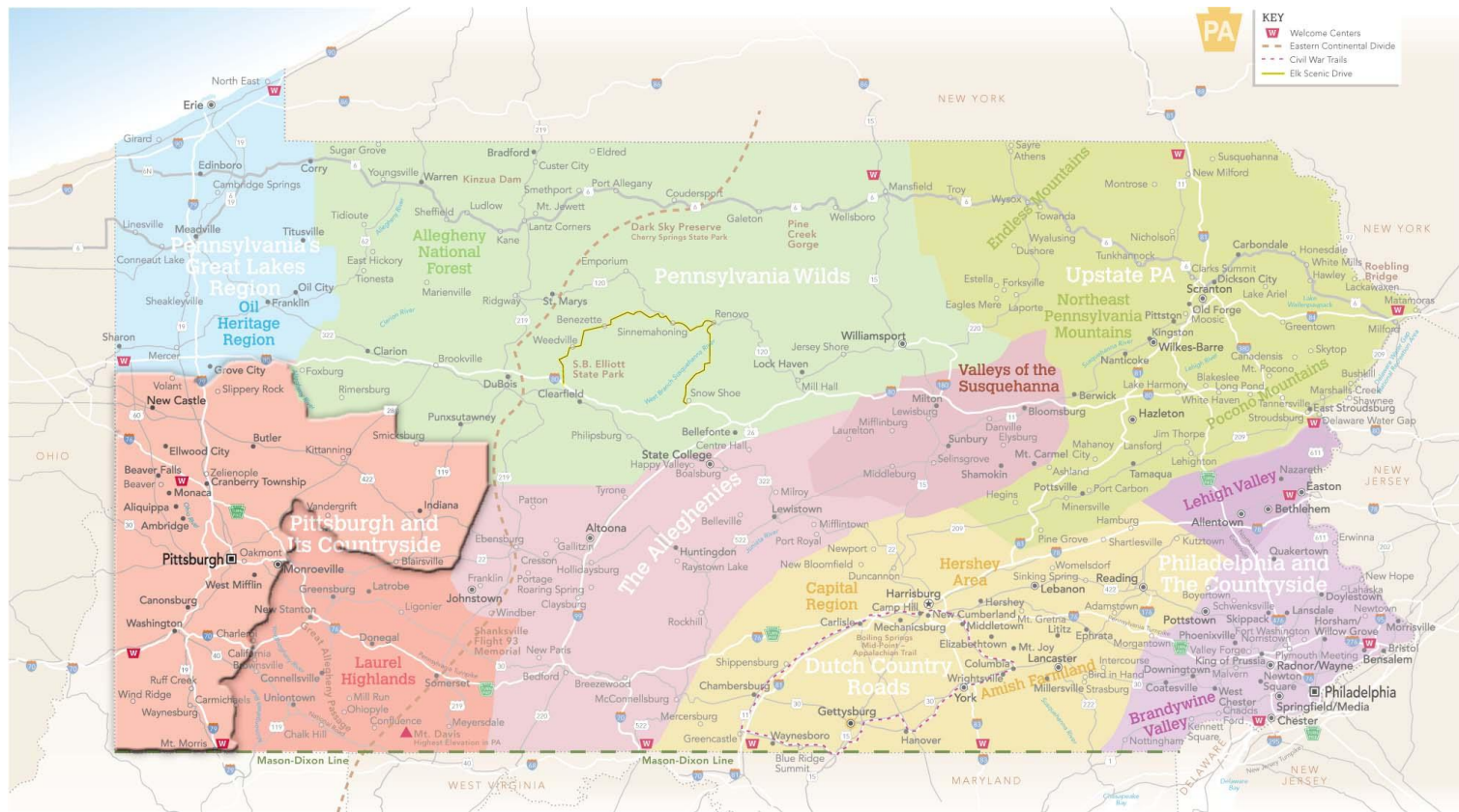
- ⦿ The **Travel USA**<sup>®</sup> program identified 5,790 survey respondents who visited Pennsylvania on an overnight trip and 4,530 on a day-trip in 2011.
- ⦿ A follow-up survey was sent to a representative sample of these visitors to augment the information from **Travel USA**<sup>®</sup>, providing more in-depth information on visitor spending and visitor activity, as well as strategic data on trip characteristics, planning and booking, and visitor impressions of Pennsylvania's tourism product.
- ⦿ There were 1,883 total responses for the overnight segment and 990 total responses for the day-trip segment from this return sample.
- ⦿ Estimates of Pennsylvania's overnight and day-trip volume were based on a number of sources, including **Travel USA**<sup>®</sup>, the customized return-to-sample research, and consultations with Tourism Economics.

# Research Methodology (cont'd)



- Estimates of Pennsylvania's overnight and day-trip travel volume are based on a number of sources including Travel USA®, the custom return-to-sample research discussed above, historic data from previous research conducted for the Pennsylvania Tourism Office, and consultations with Tourism Economics, the contractor responsible for Pennsylvania's annual economic impact of travel and tourism estimates.

# Pittsburgh & its Countryside Region Excluding Laurel Highlands Subregion

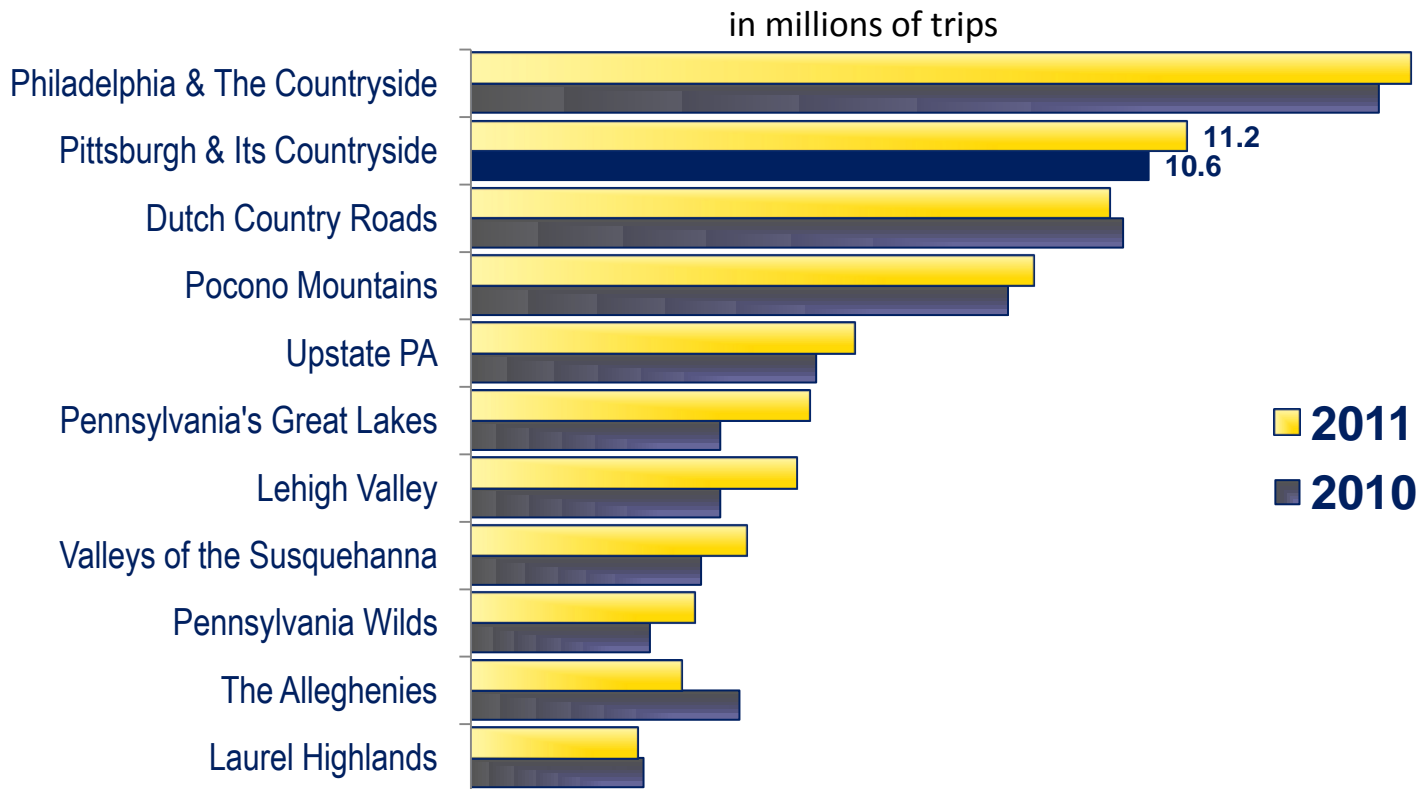


# **Pittsburgh & Its Countryside Region Visitor Volume**

# Regions Visited on Overnight Trips\*



Base: Total Overnight Trips

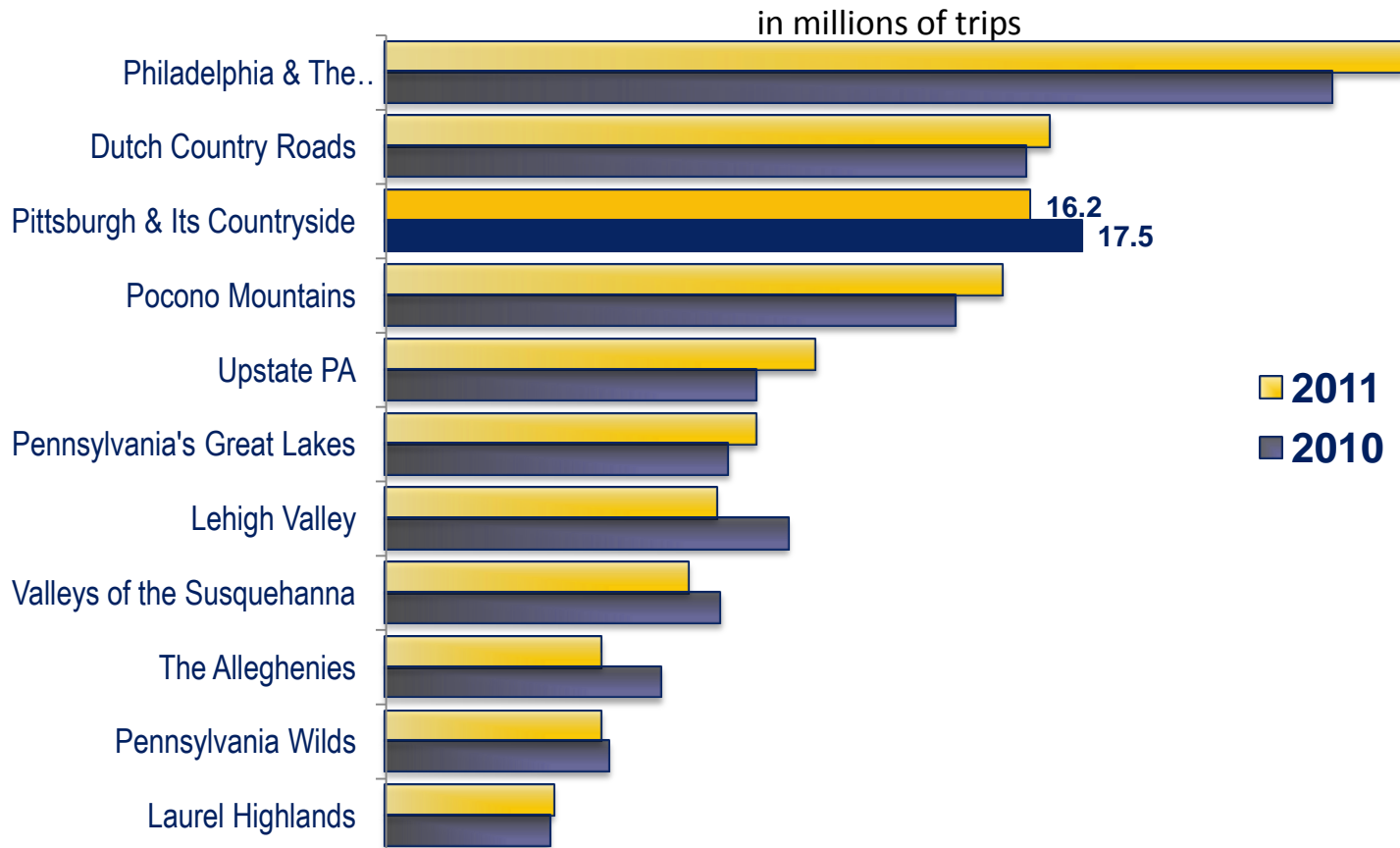


\*Spent time in region  
Sum of regions will exceed State total as a number of travelers visited more than one region.

# Regions Visited on Day Trips\*



Base: Total Overnight Trips



\*Spent time in region

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# **Pittsburgh & Its Countryside**

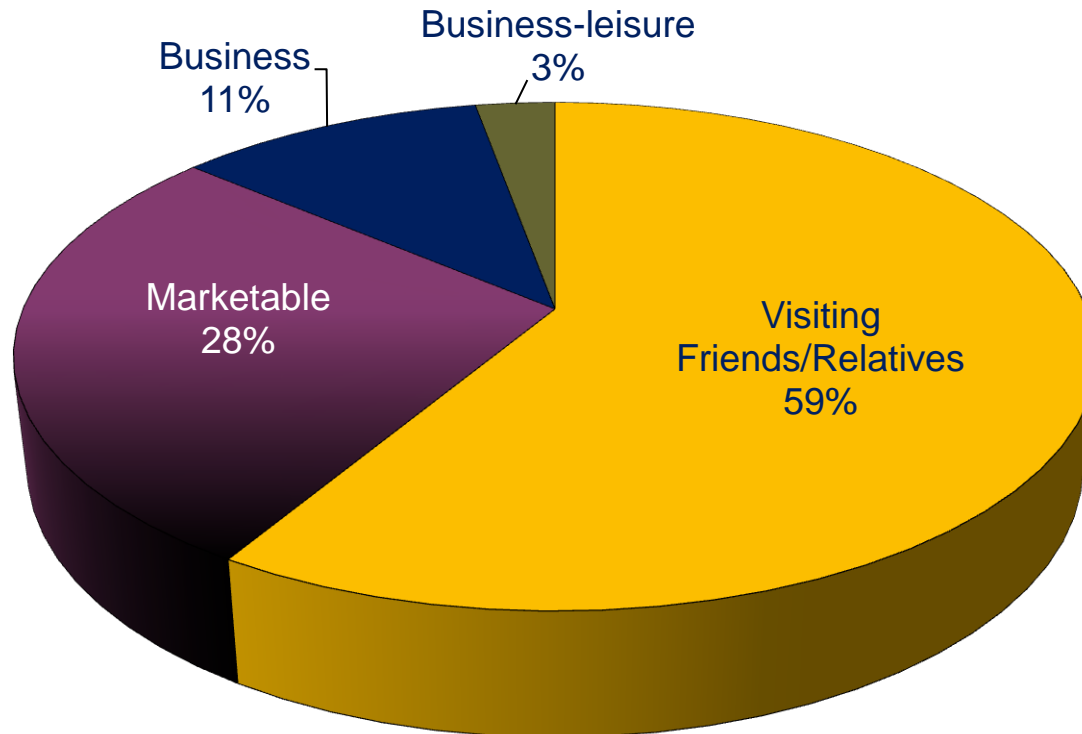
## **Main Reason for Trip**

# Main Reason for Overnight Trip



Base: Total Overnight Trips

*The Pittsburgh & Its Countryside region had the second highest proportion of overnight travelers among the eleven travel regions visiting the region to visit friends/relatives in 2011.*

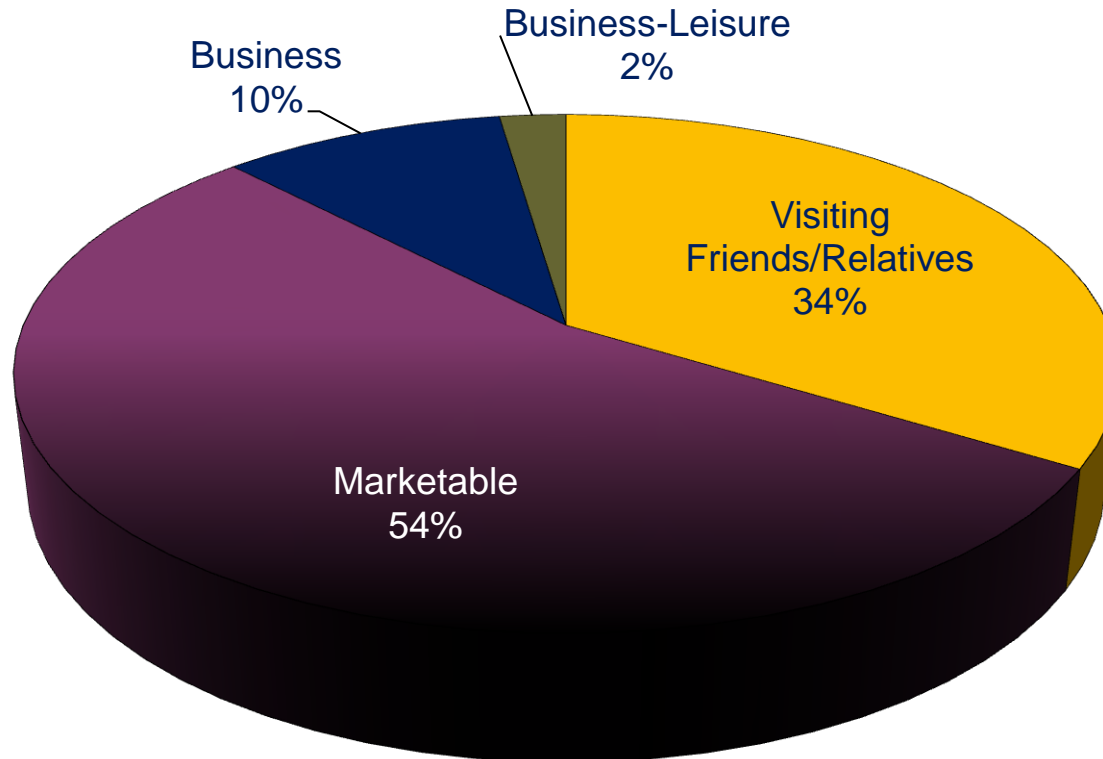


# Main Reason for Day-Trip



Base: Total Day Trips

*The Pittsburgh & Its Countryside region had the fifth highest proportion of day-travelers visiting the region for marketable (i.e., non-VFR leisure) purposes in 2011.*

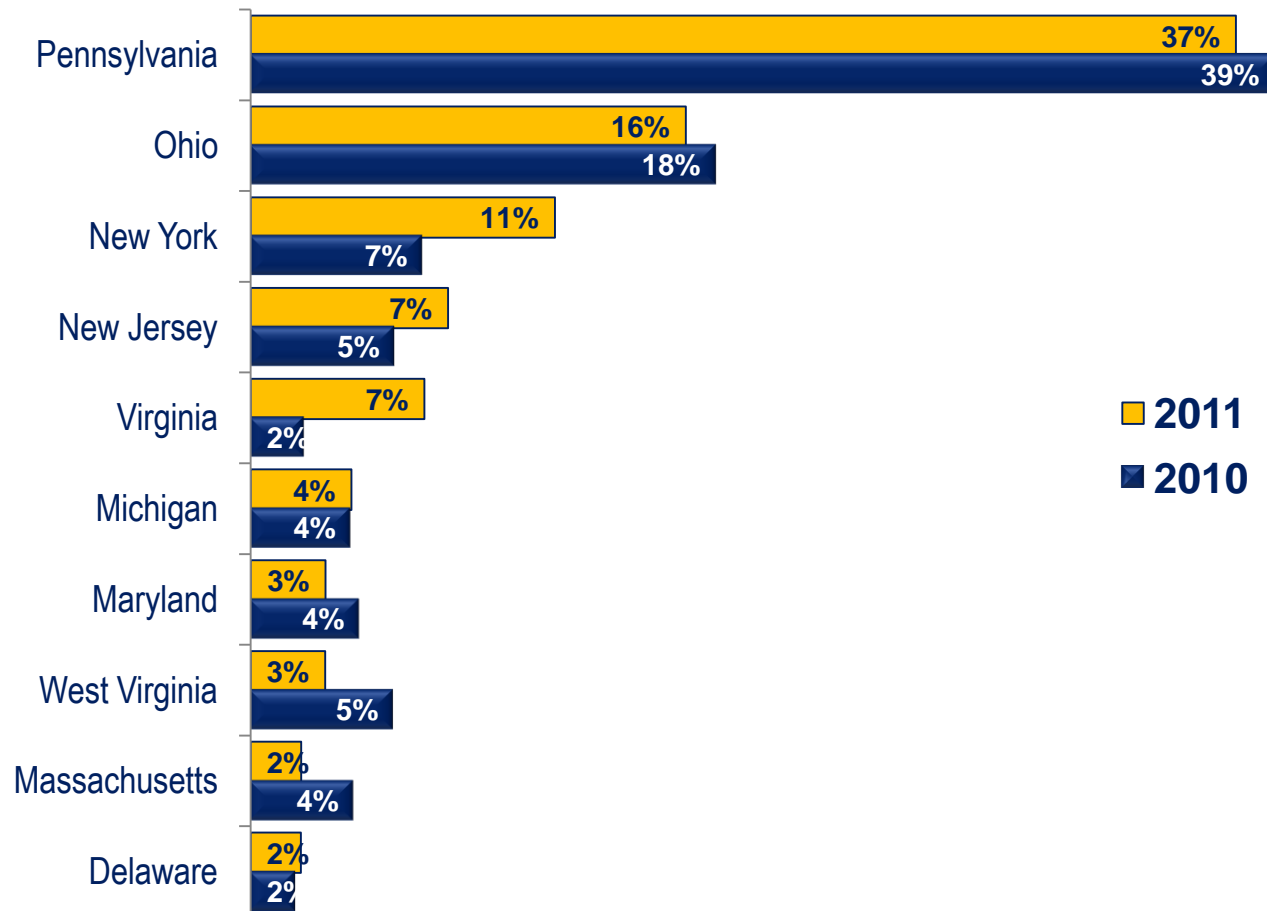


**Pittsburgh & Its Countryside Region  
Main Origin Markets – Marketable  
Overnight Leisure Trips**

# Main Origin States for Marketable Overnight Leisure Trips



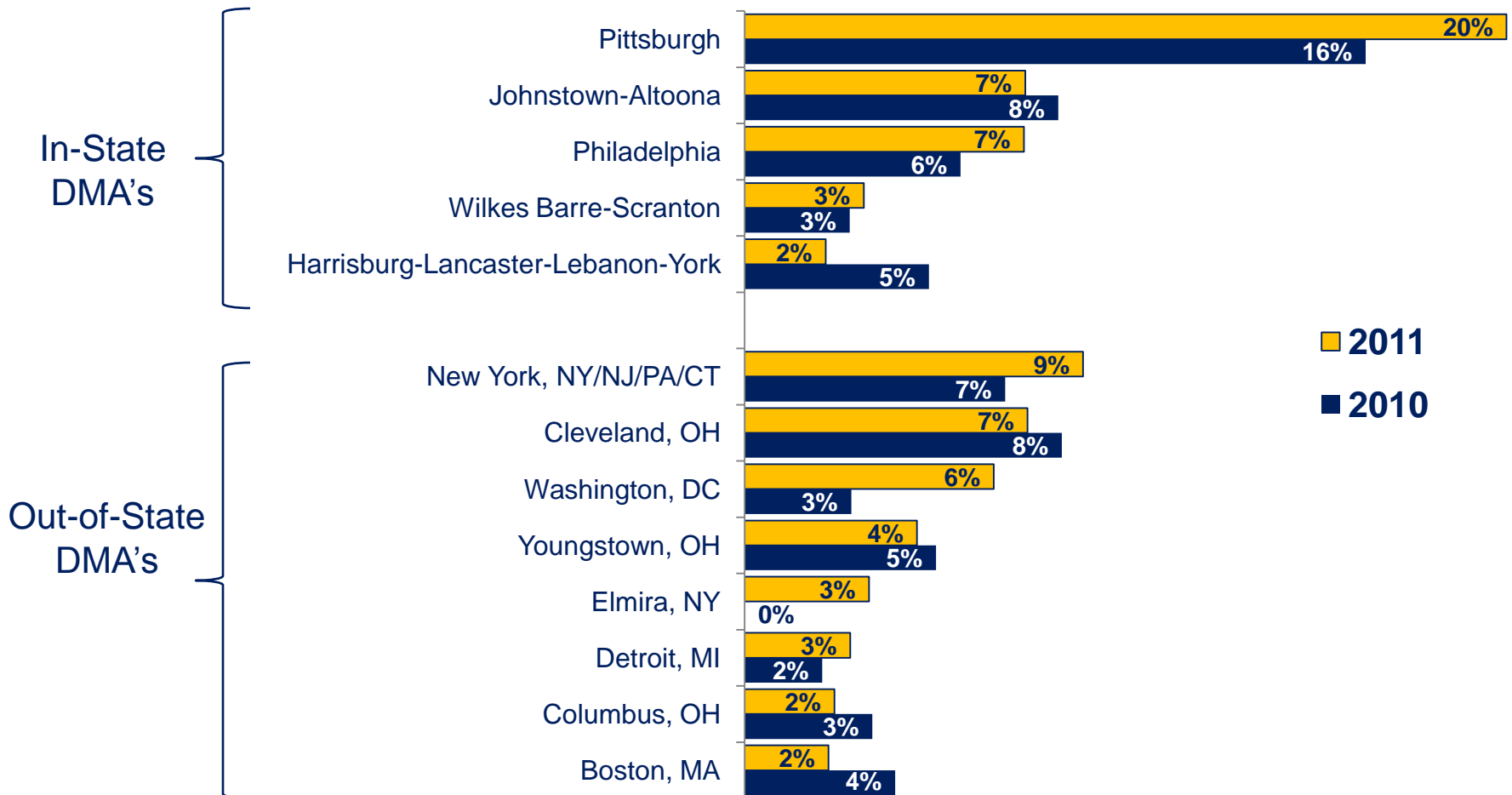
Base: Total Marketable Overnight Leisure Trips



# Main Urban Markets for Marketable Overnight Leisure Trips



Base: Total Marketable Overnight Leisure Trips

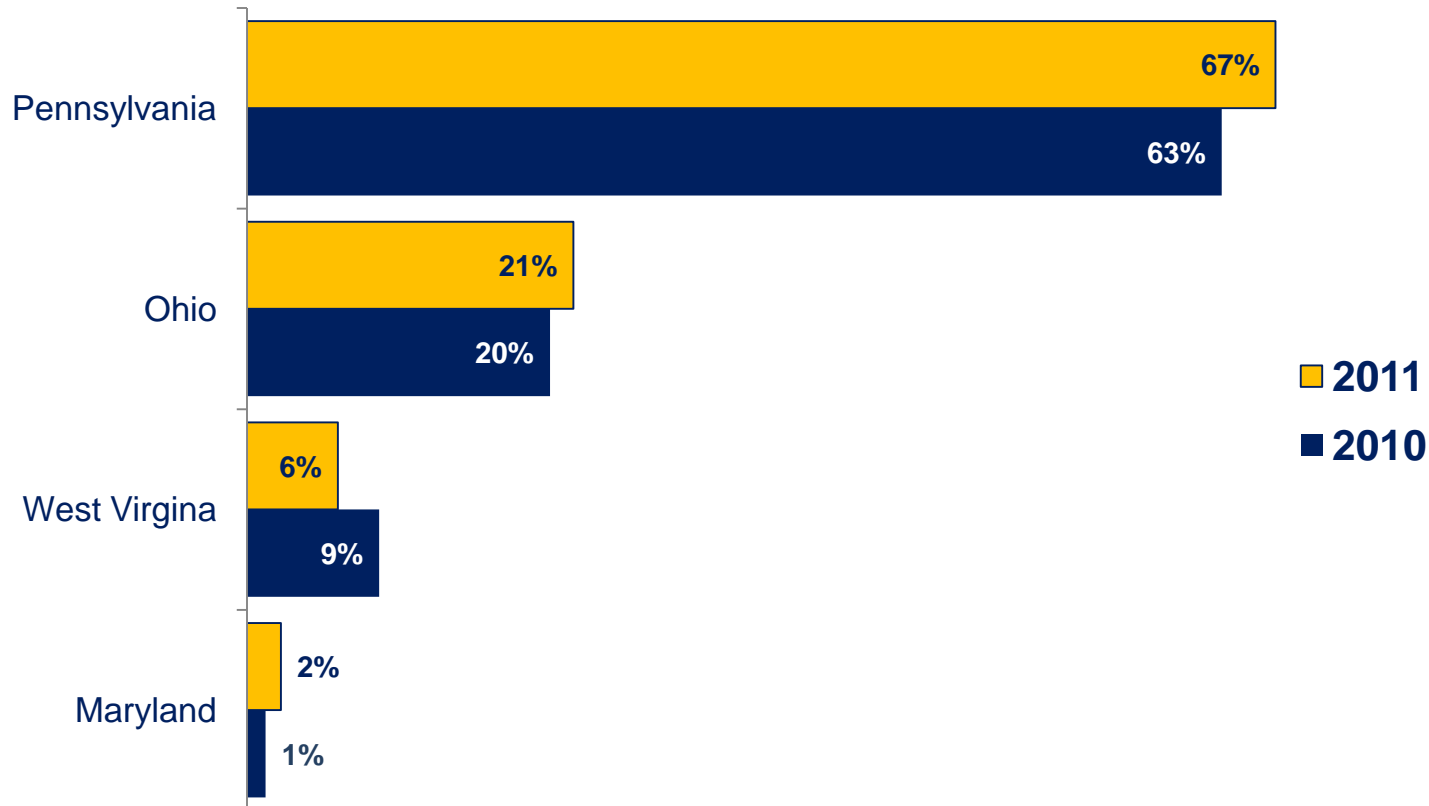


**Pittsburgh & Its Countryside Region  
Main Origin Markets – Marketable  
Leisure Day-Trips**

# Main Origin States for Marketable Leisure Day-Trips



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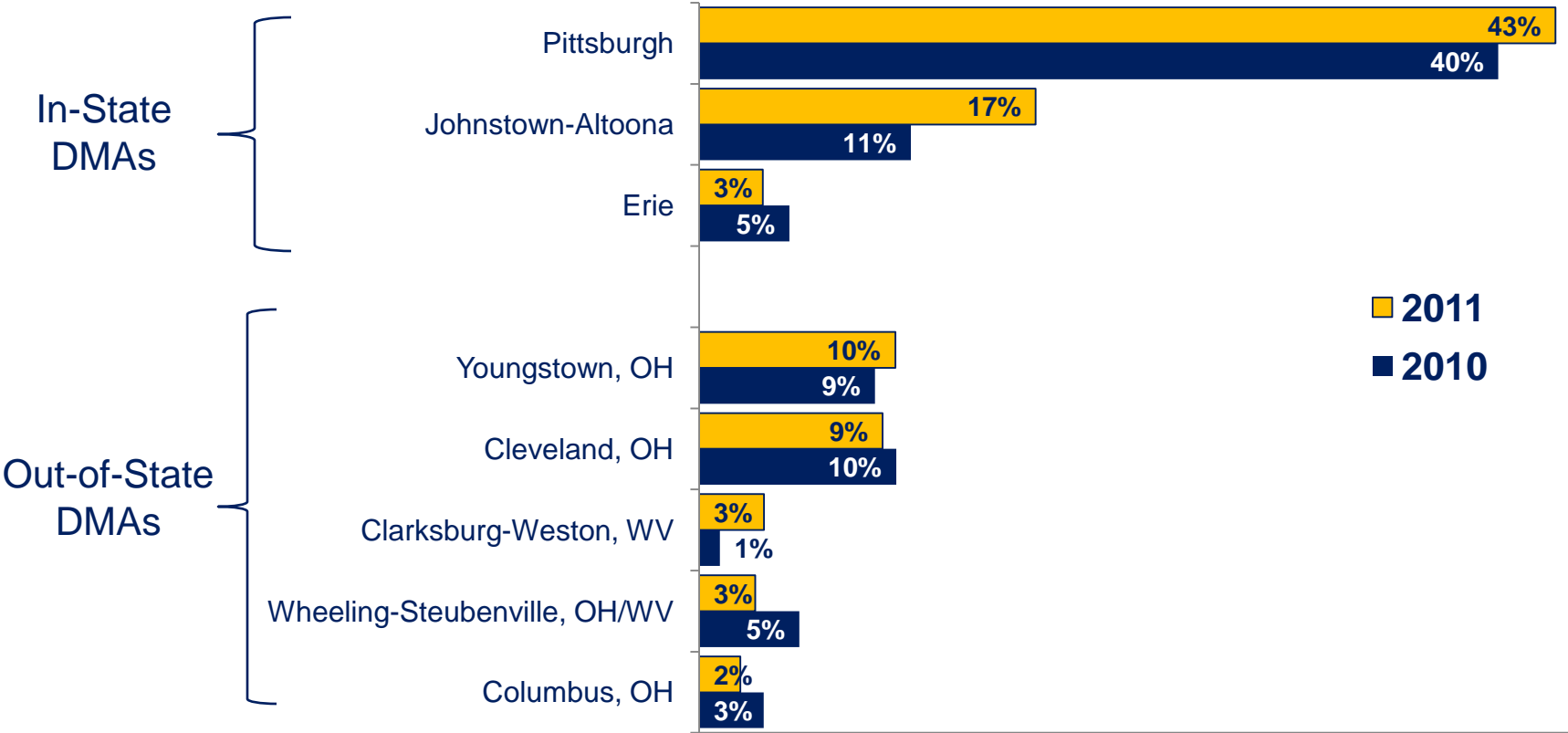




# Main Urban Markets for Day-Trips



Base: Total Marketable Day-Trips



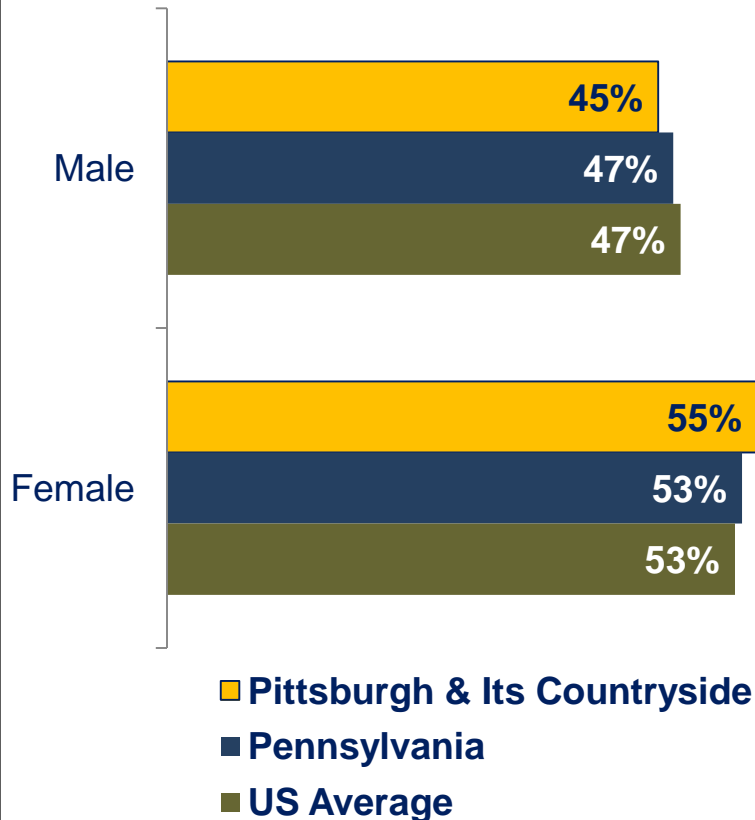
# **Pittsburgh & Its Countryside Region Traveler Profile**

# Gender



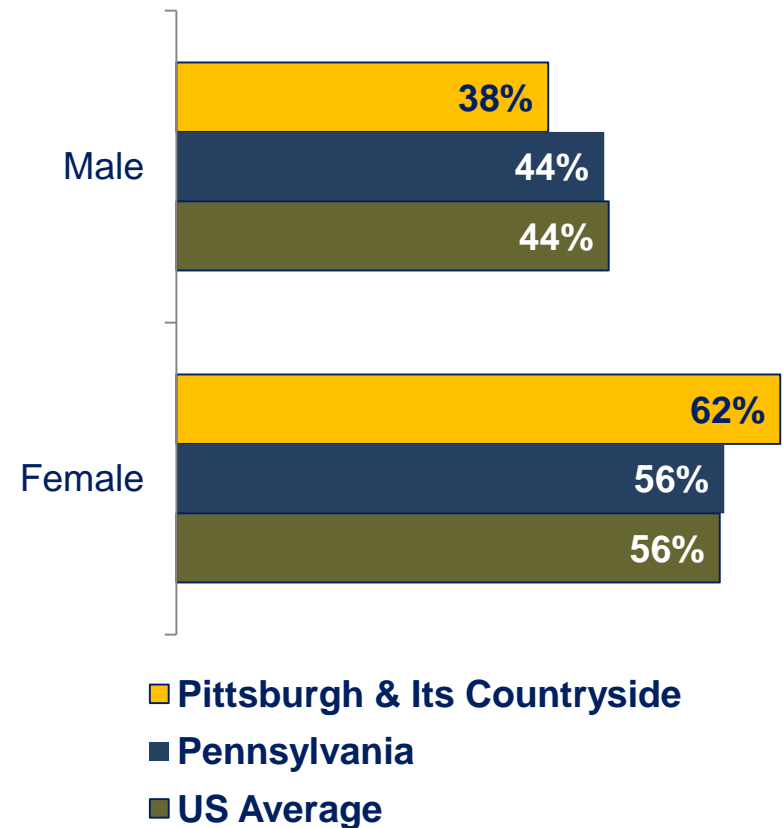
## OVERNIGHT

Base: Total Marketable Overnight Trips



## DAY-TRIPS

Base: Total Marketable Day-Trips

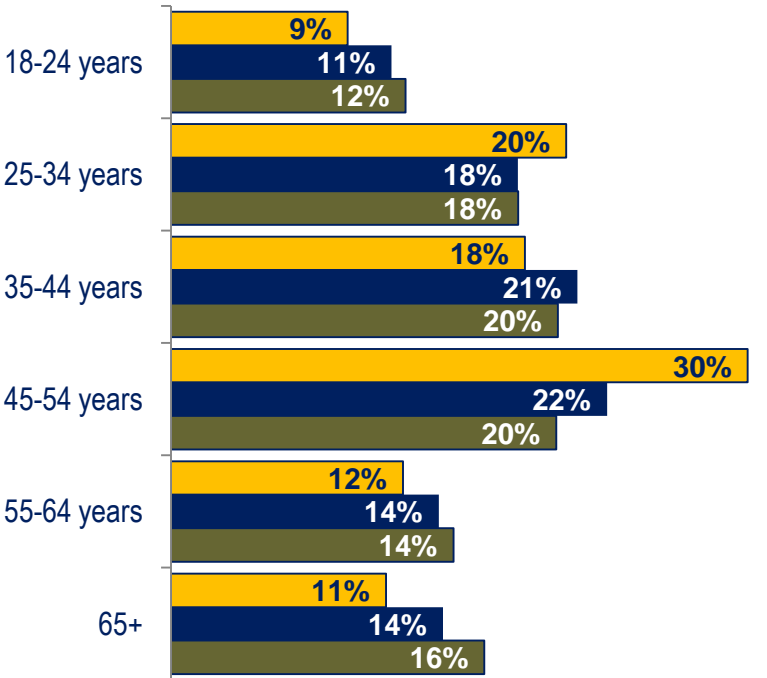


# Age



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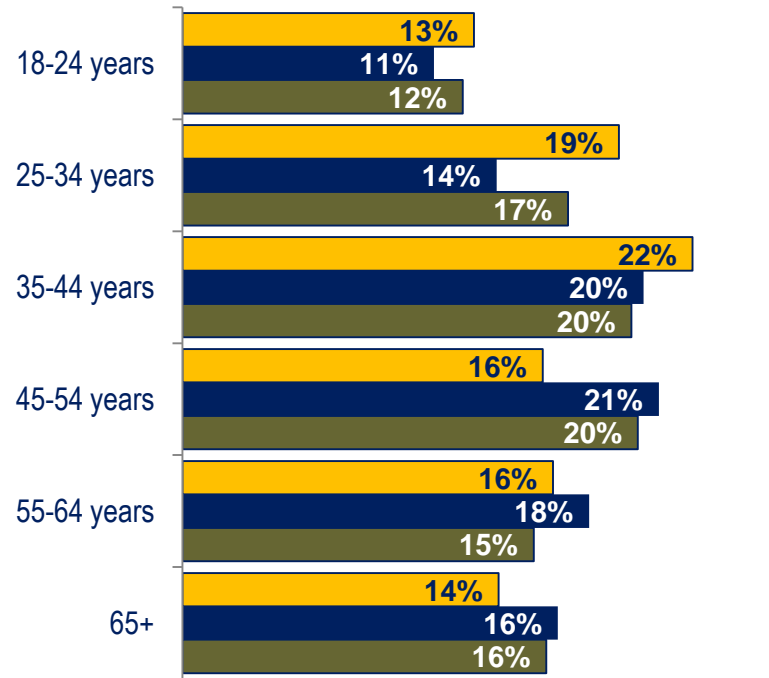


■ Pittsburgh Region
■ PA
■ US

Median Age:                      44.9                      44.9                      44.9

## DAY-TRIPS

Base: Total Marketable Day-Trips



■ Pittsburgh Region
■ PA
■ US

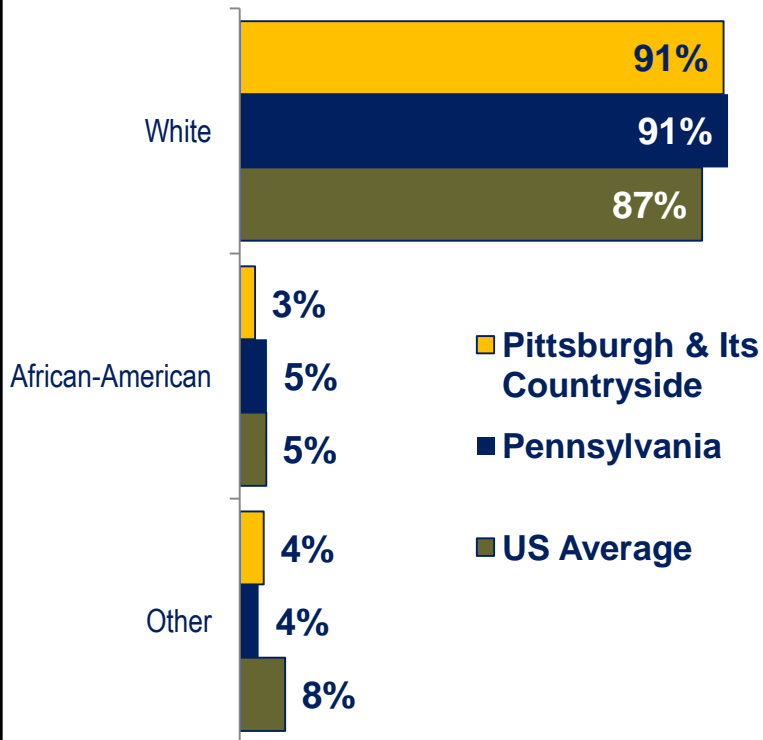
Median Age:                      43.7                      47.4                      45.6

# Race



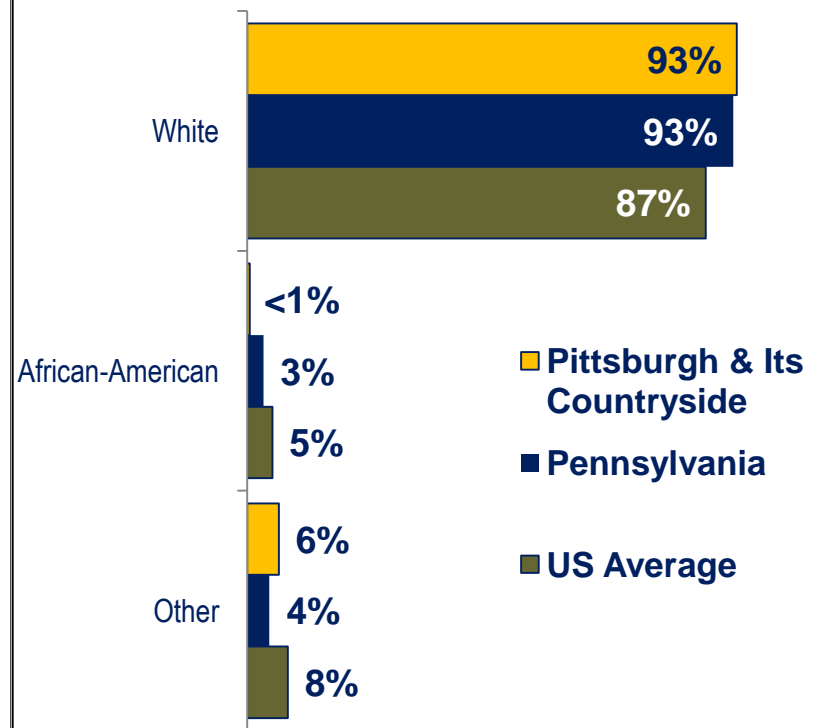
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## DAY-TRIPS

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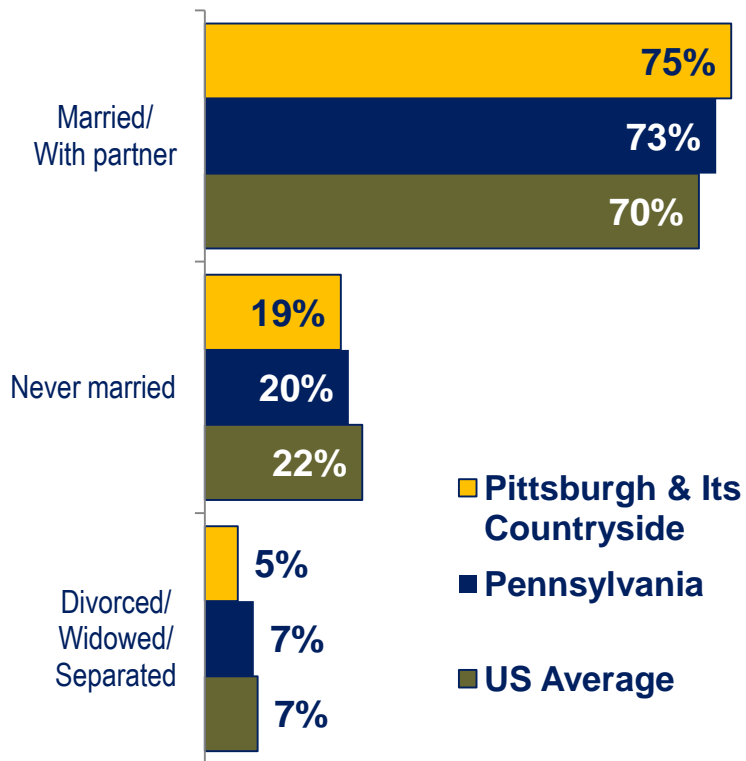


# Marital Status



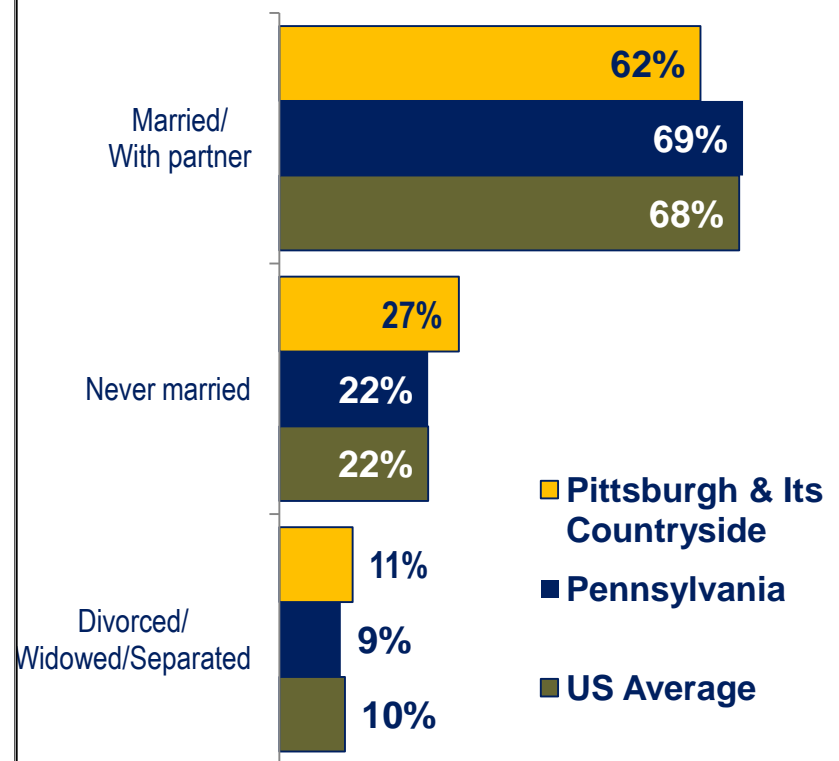
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## DAY-TRIPS

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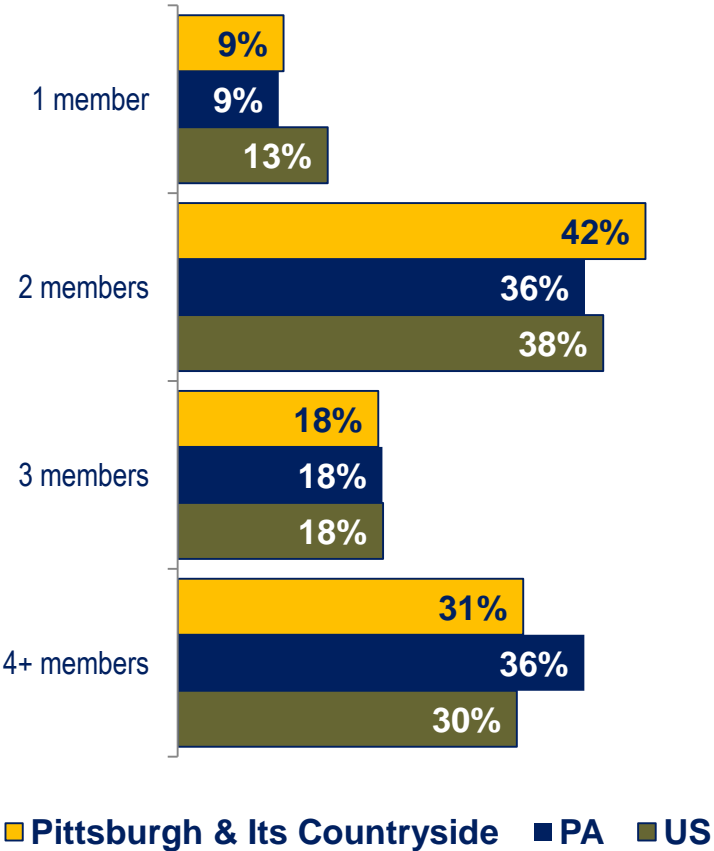


# Household Size



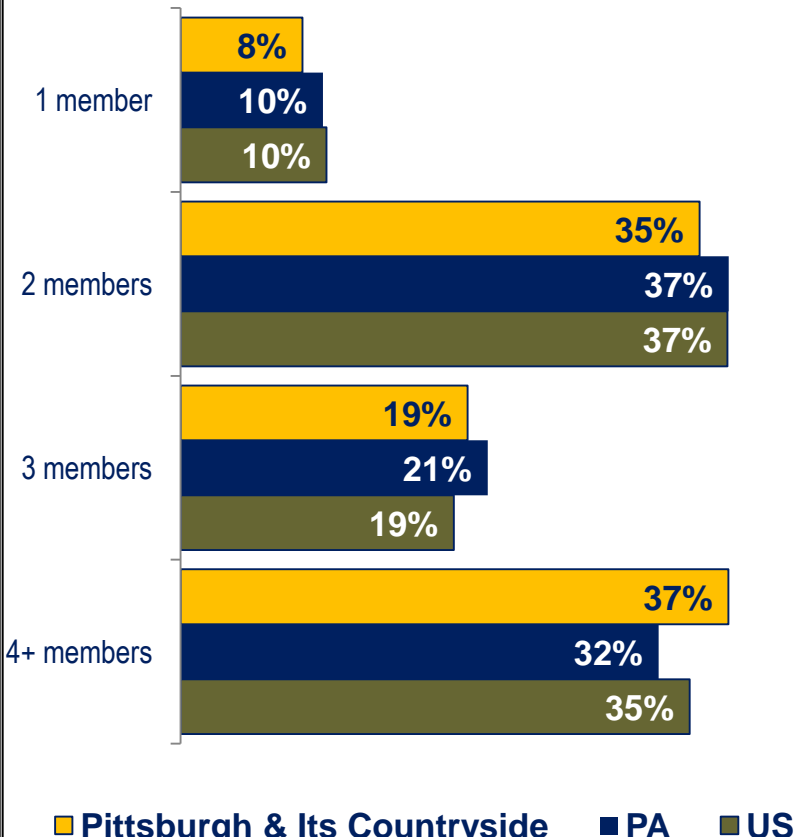
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Base: Total Marketable Overnight Trips



## DAY-TRIPS

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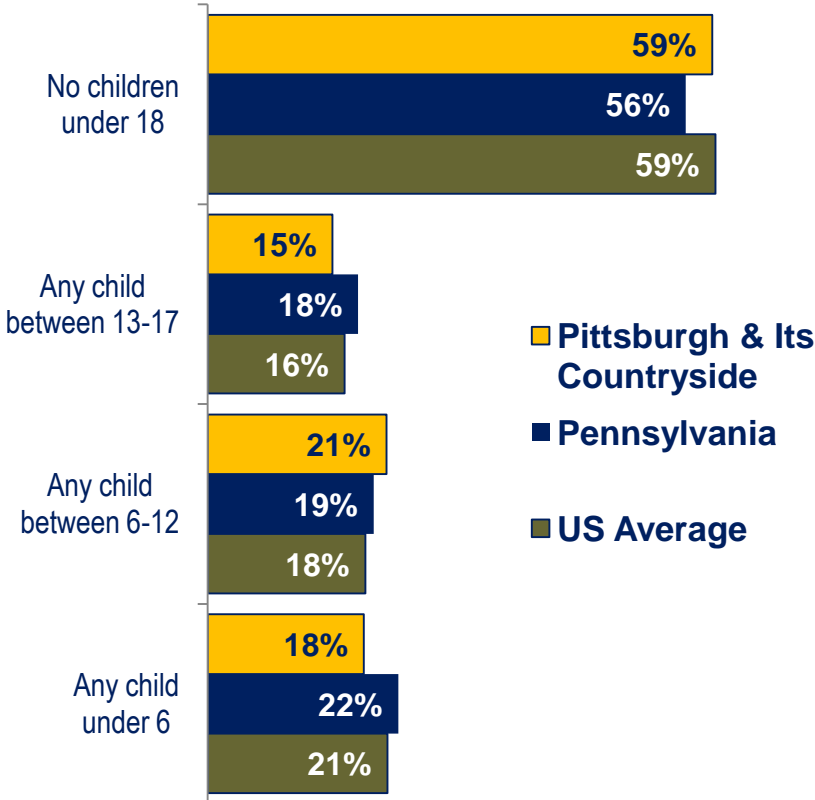


# Children in Household



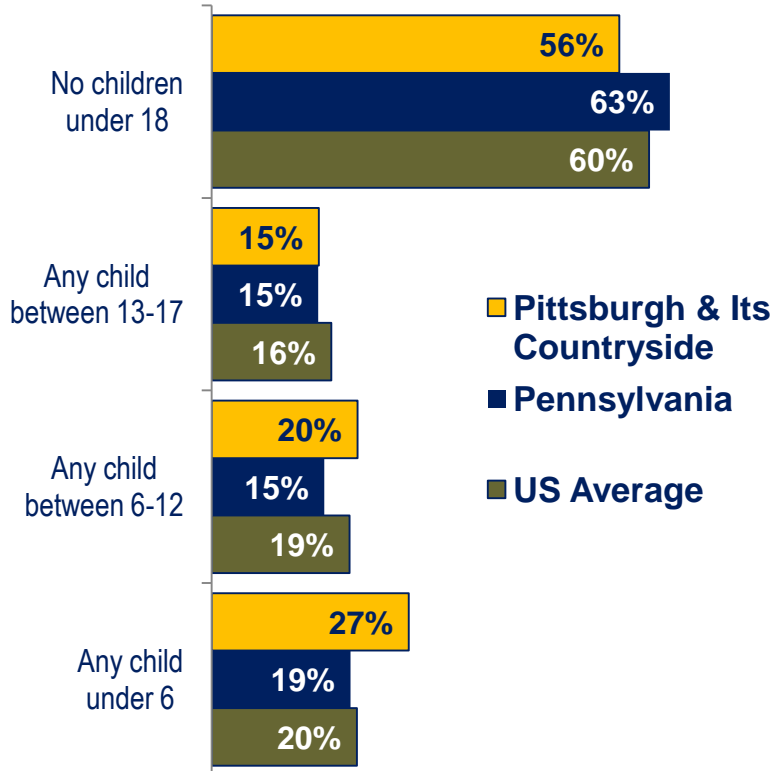
## OVERNIGHT

Base: Total Marketable Overnight Trips



## DAY-TRIPS

Base: Total Marketable Day-Trips



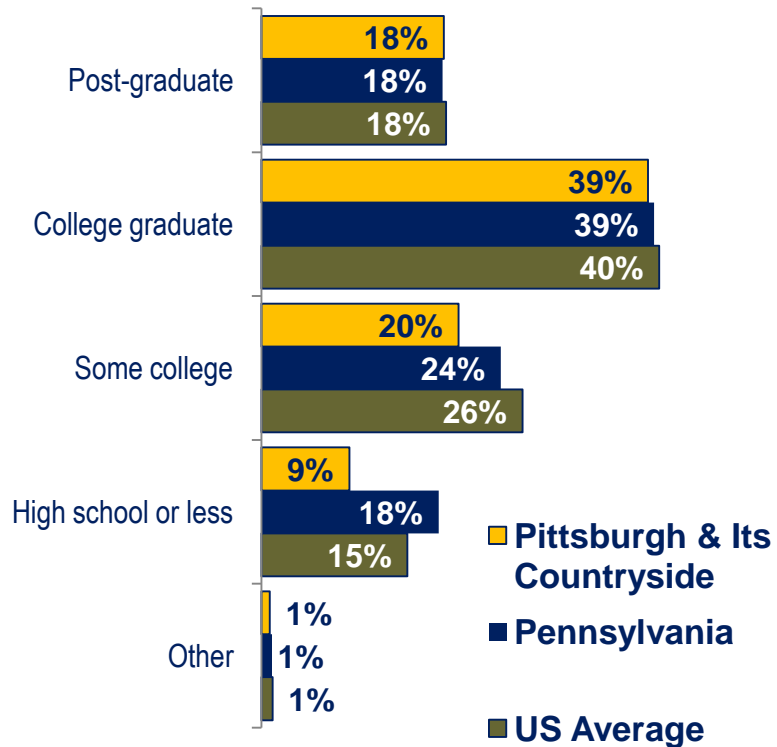


# Education



## OVERNIGHT

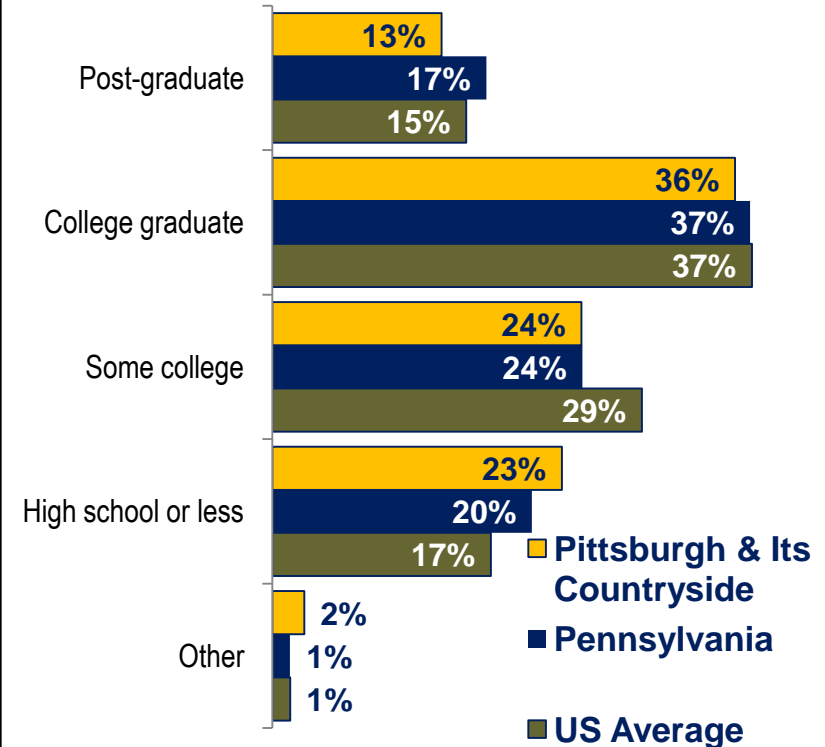
Base: Total Marketable Overnight Trips



College graduate includes both bachelor's and associate's degree holders.

## DAY-TRIPS

Base: Total Marketable Day-Trips



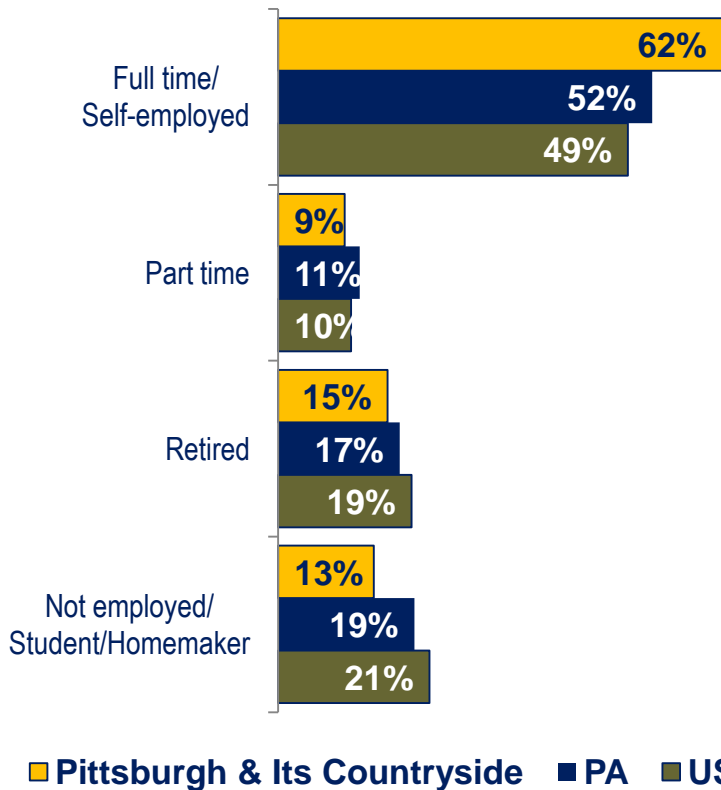
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# Employment



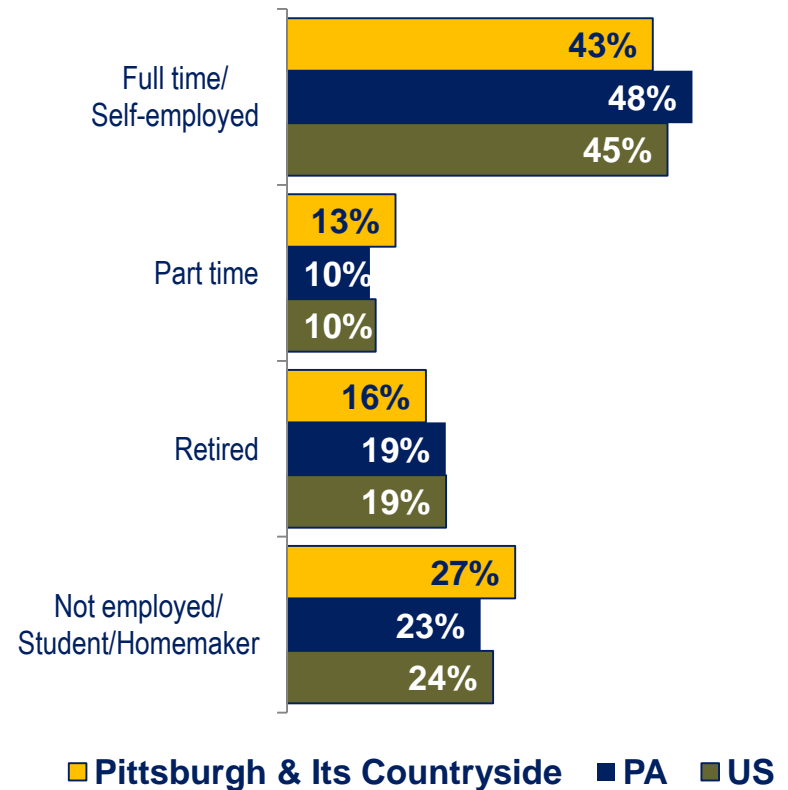
## OVERNIGHT

Base: Total Marketable Overnight Trips



## DAY-TRIPS

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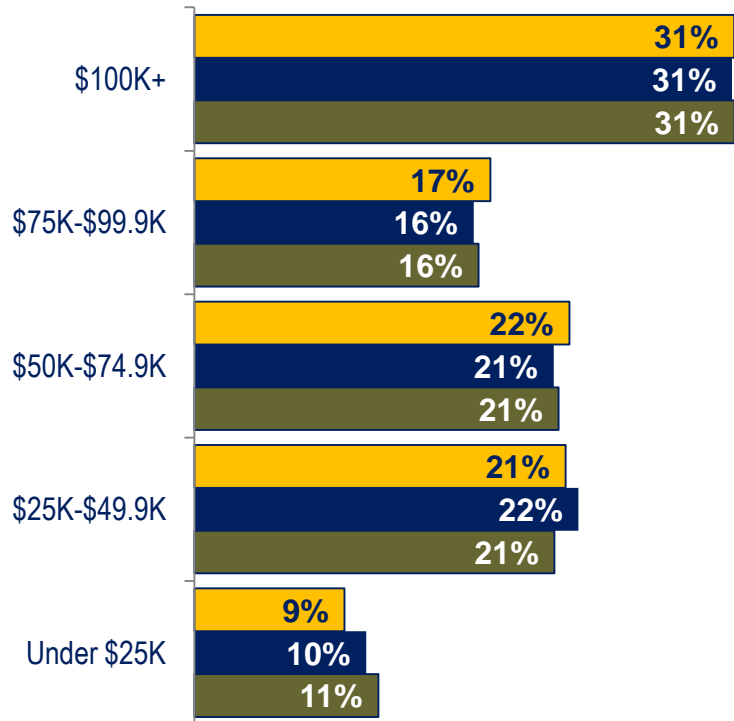


# Household Income



## OVERNIGHT

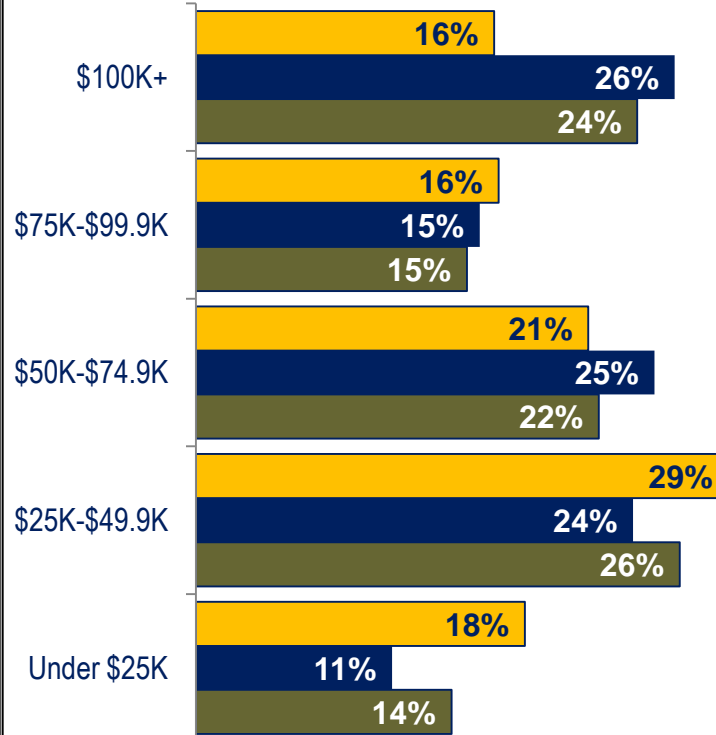
Base: Total Marketable Overnight Trips



■ Pittsburgh Region     ■ PA     ■ US  
 Median:     \$74,200             \$72,710     \$71,670

## DAY-TRIPS

Base: Total Marketable Day-Trips



■ Pittsburgh Region     ■ PA     ■ US  
 Median:     \$54,590             \$66,860     \$61,660

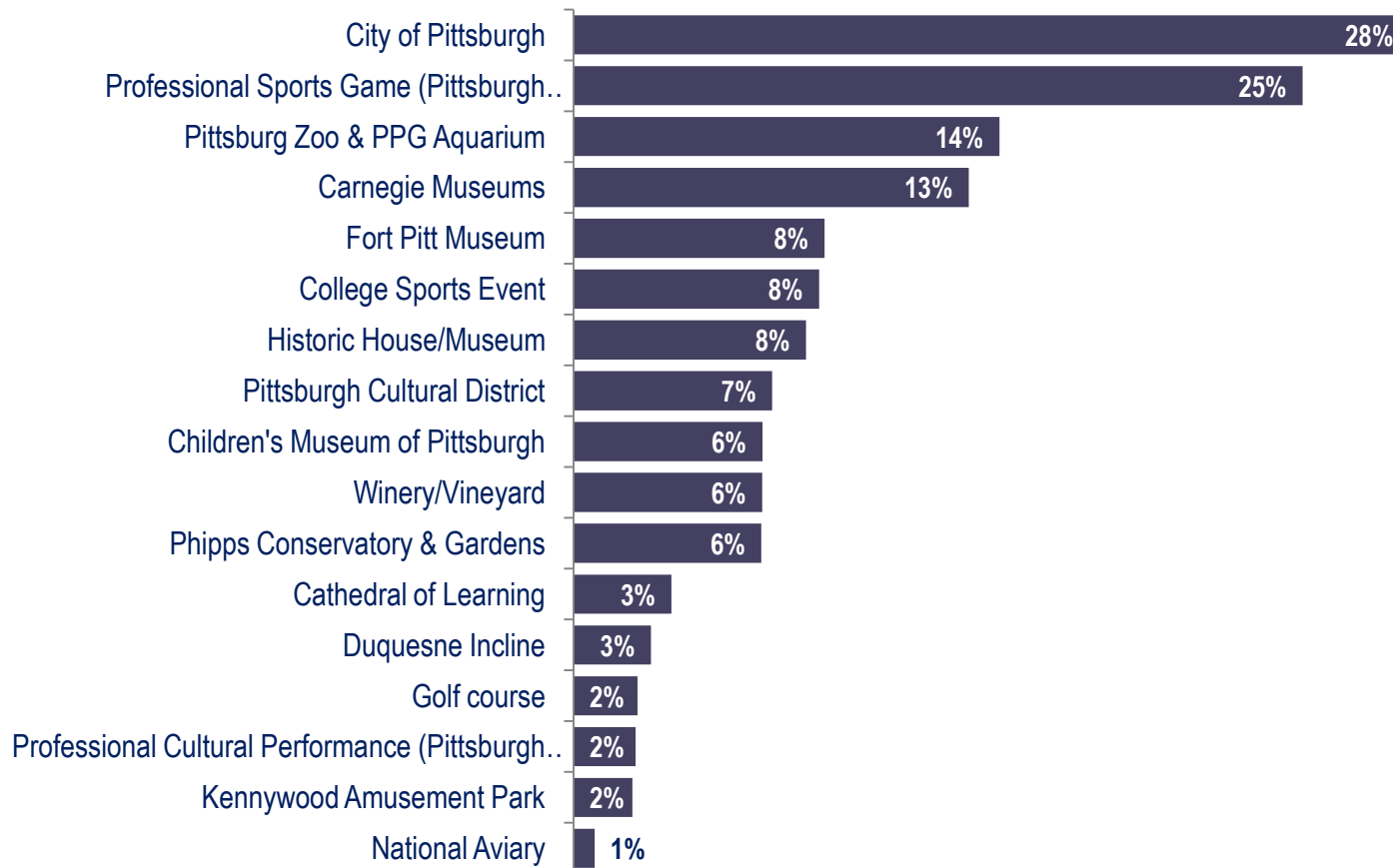
# **Pittsburgh & Its Countryside Region**

**Attractions Visited  
— Overnight Marketable Trips**

# Attractions/Events Visited Pittsburgh & Its Countryside Region\*



Base: Overnight Marketable Trips

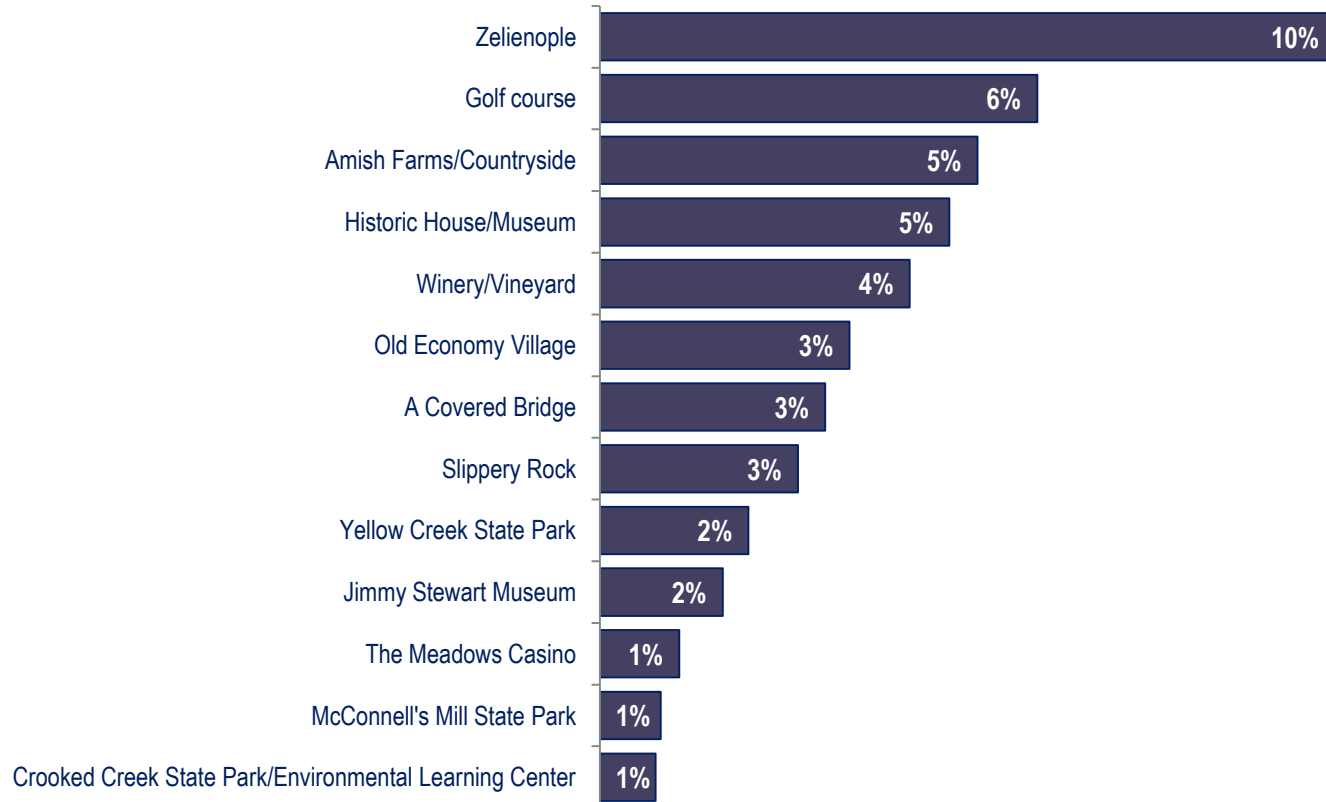


\*Pittsburgh/Allegheny County

# Attractions/Events Visited Pittsburgh & Its Countryside Region\*



Base: Overnight Marketable Trips



\*Remainder of region

# **Pittsburgh & Its Countryside Region**

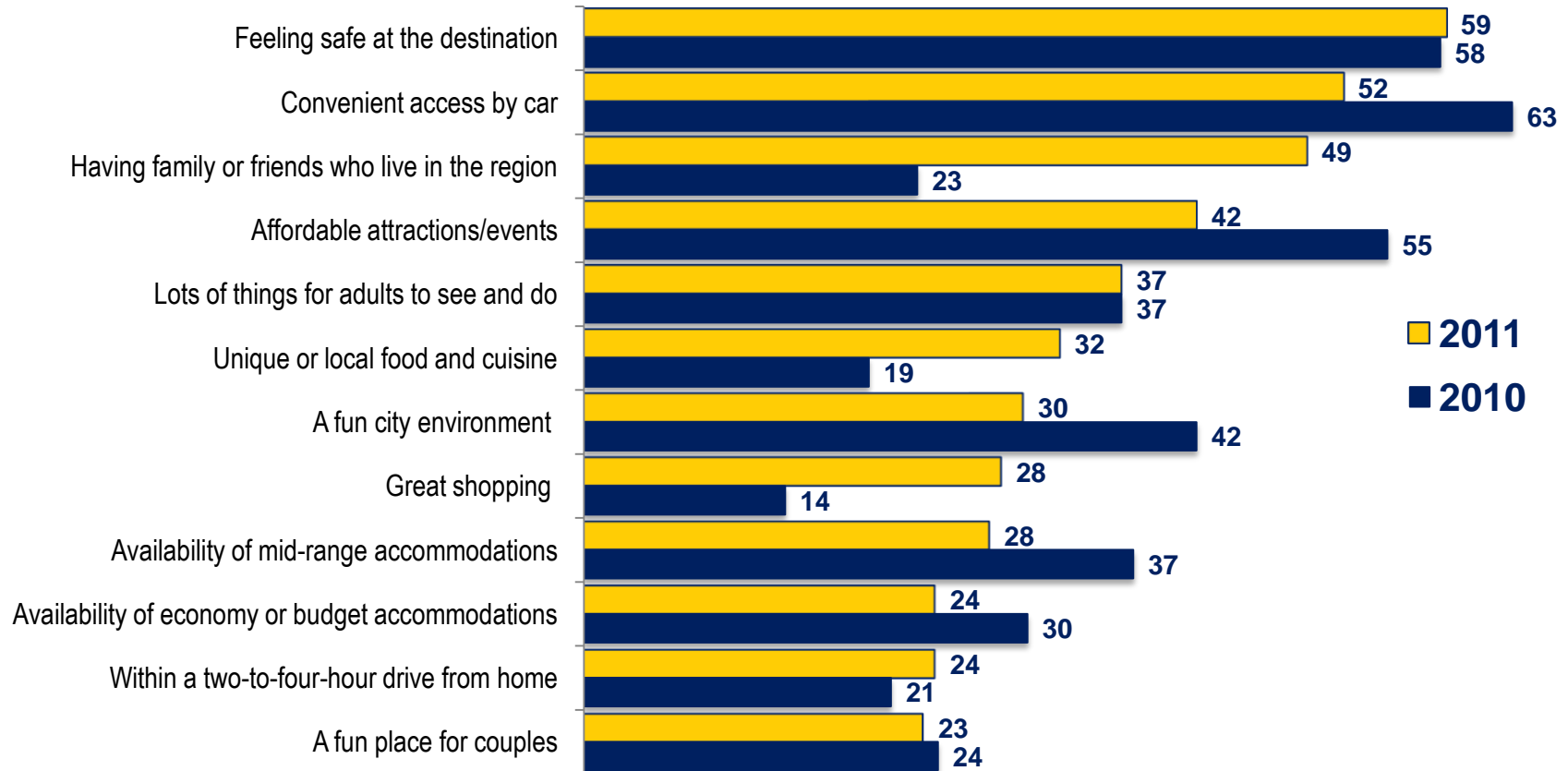
## **Importance of Factors In Choosing to Visit the Region**

# Importance of Factors In Choosing to Visit Pittsburgh & Its Countryside Region



Base: Total Overnight Trips

% Rating Factor As Very Important\*





# Importance of Factors In Choosing to Visit Pittsburgh & Its Countryside Region (cont'd)



Base: Overnight Marketable Trips

% Rating Factor As Very Important\*

