



Oregon 2009
Regional Visitor Research
Mount Hood-Columbia River Gorge

Introduction



- ◉ Longwoods International began tracking American travelers in 1985, and has conducted large-scale syndicated visitor research quarterly since 1990.
- ◉ It is currently the largest ongoing study ever conducted of American travelers, providing our clients with more reliable data and greater ability to hone in on key market segments of interest.
- ◉ This report provides:
 - ◉ *Estimates of 2009 overnight visitor volume and travel expenditures for Oregon as well as for the Mt. Hood/Columbia River Gorge Region in particular*
 - ◉ *Strategic intelligence about the Mt. Hood/Columbia River Gorge Region's overnight travel market including:*
 - ◉ *key sources of business*
 - ◉ *visitor profiling*
 - ◉ *trip characteristics*

Methodology

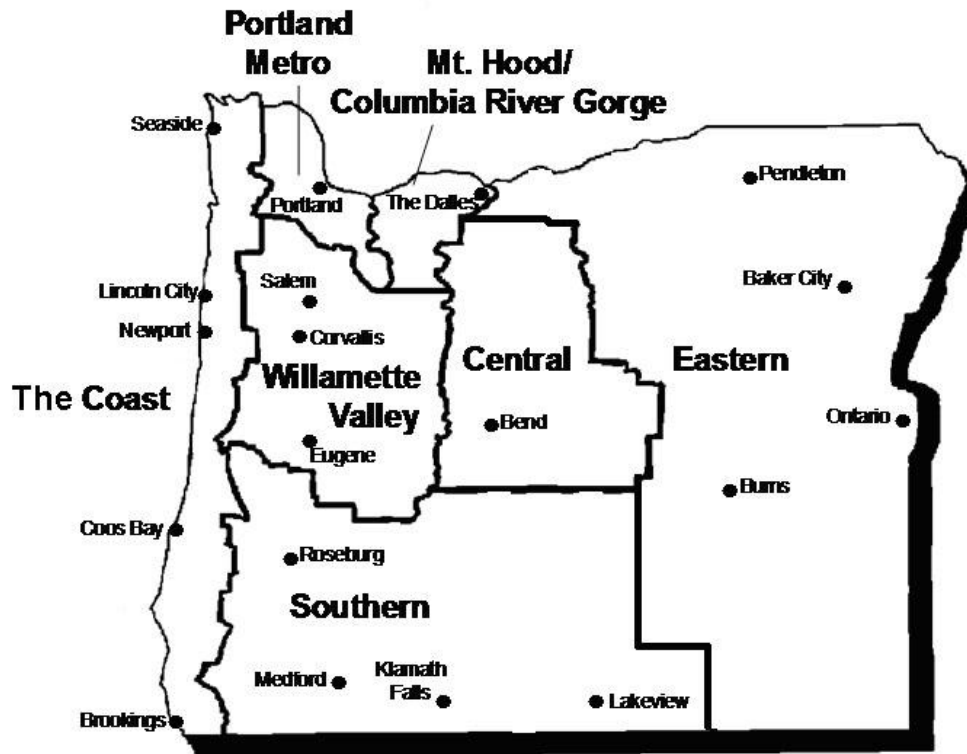


- For each of the 2008 and 2009 travel years, a representative sample of visitors to the Mt. Hood/Columbia River Gorge was identified through Travel USA®.
- Respondents who visited Oregon were asked to identify which of the state's 7 tourism regions they spent time in with the aid of a visual map.
- Of the survey sample of 4,682 overnight trips taken to Oregon in 2008 and 2009:
 - *366 included a visit to the Mt. Hood/Columbia River Gorge*
 - *Of those, 158 were **marketable trips**.*

Map



OREGON REGIONS



Analytical Note



- The results in this report are based on 2 time frames:
 - Market size and structure estimates for the Mt. Hood/Columbia River Gorge Region are reported for the most current travel year (2009), as are all Oregon state norms.
 - To maximize statistical reliability, other Mt. Hood/Columbia River Gorge data (trip characteristics and visitor profiles) are based on two years' combined sample from the 2008 and 2009 studies.

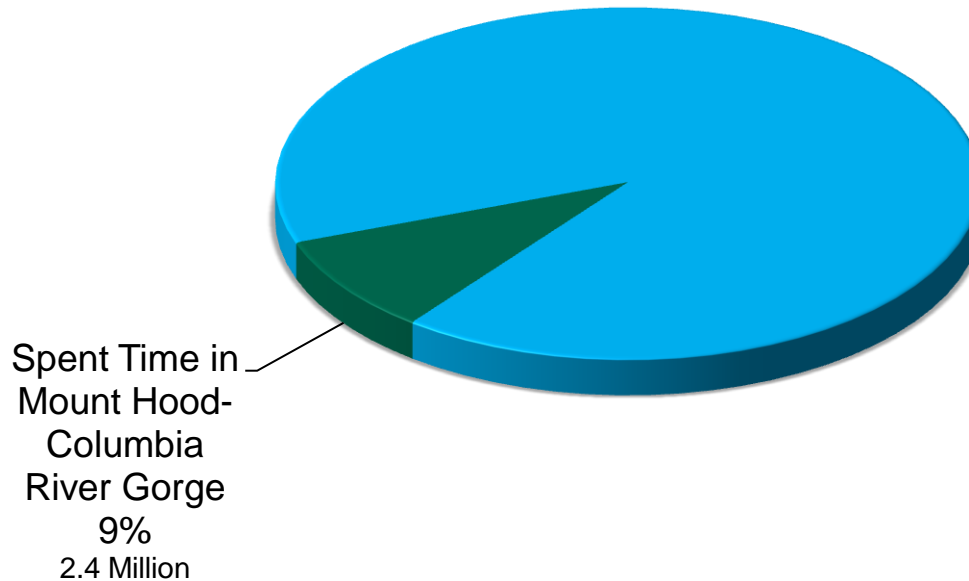


Travel Market Size & Structure — 2009

Size of Mount Hood-Columbia River Gorge's Overnight Travel Market



Total Overnight Trips to Oregon* = 27.5 Million

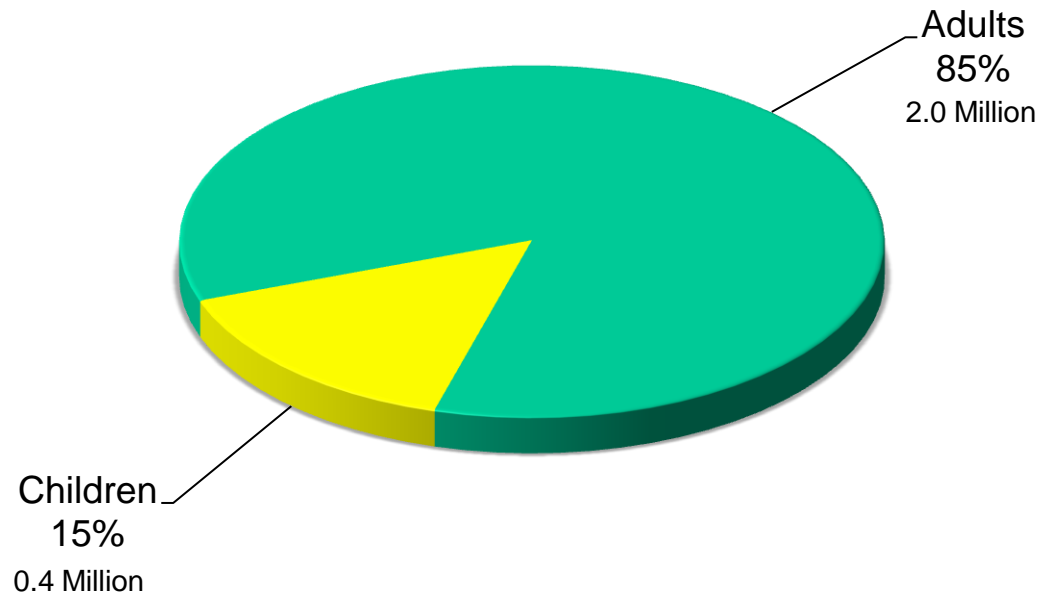


* Includes adults and children

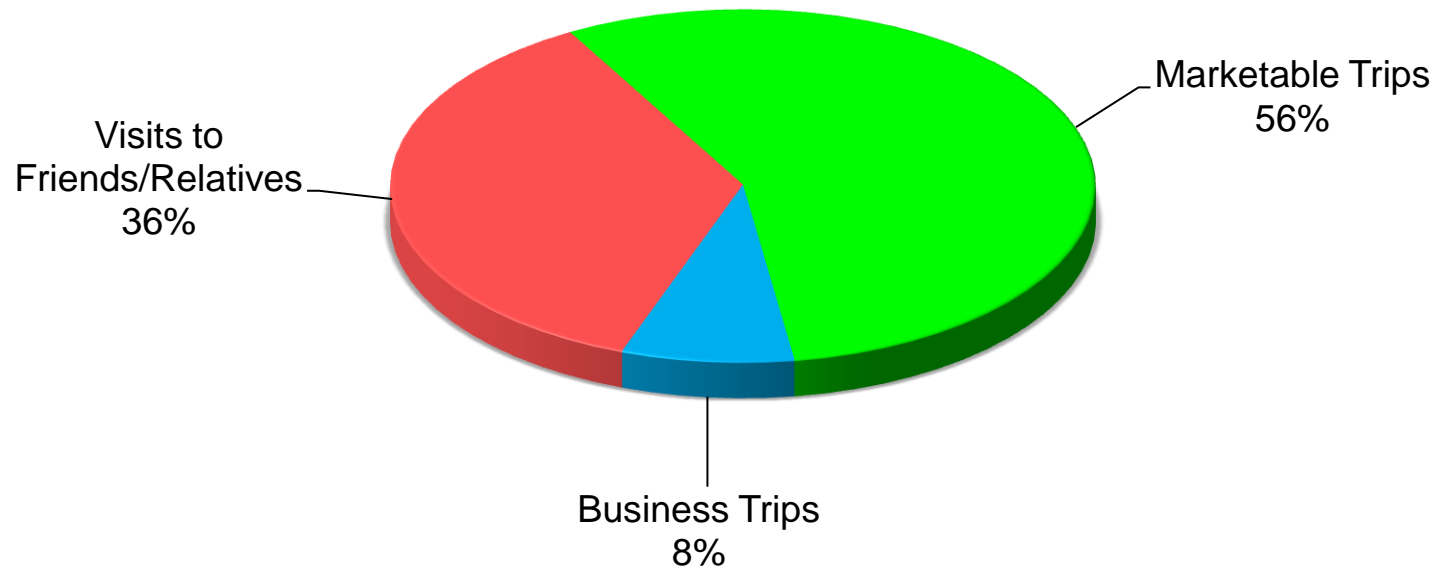
Mount Hood-Columbia River Gorge's Overnight Travel Market – Adults vs. Children



**Overnight Trips to Mt. Hood-Columbia River Gorge
= 2.4 Million**



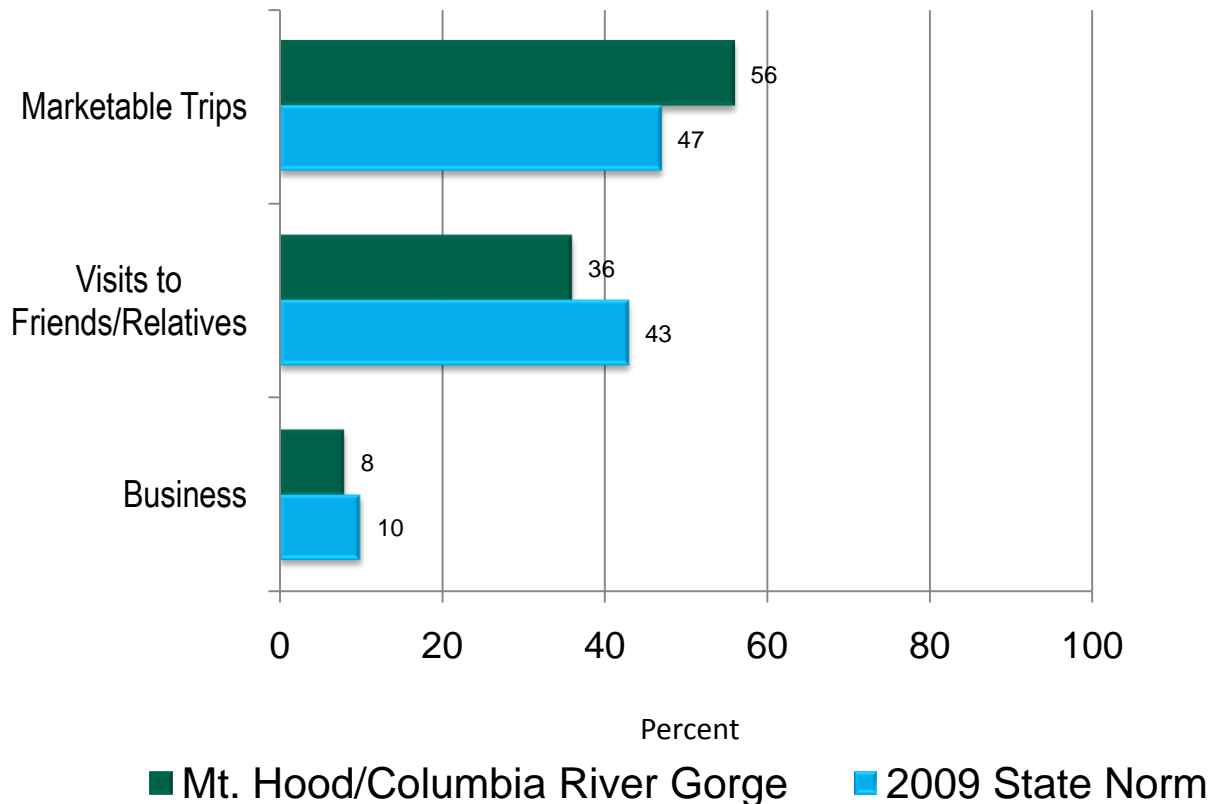
Mt. Hood-Columbia River Gorge's Overnight Travel Market by Trip Purpose



Purpose of Trip – Mt. Hood/Columbia Gorge vs. Oregon State



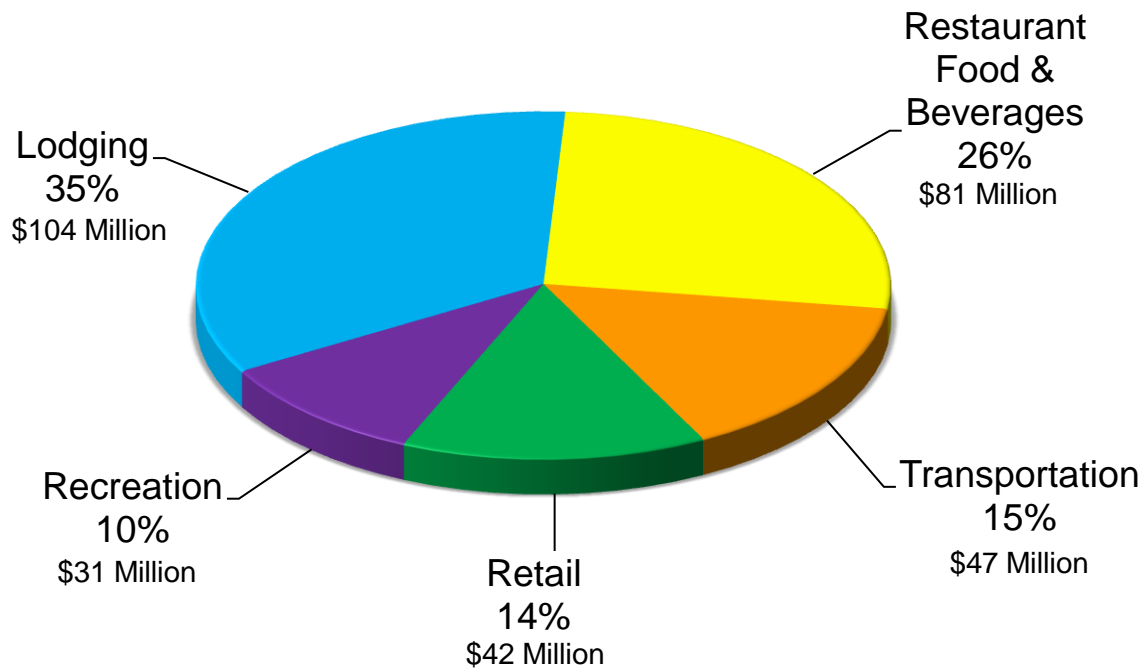
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2009 Overnight Spending – by Sector



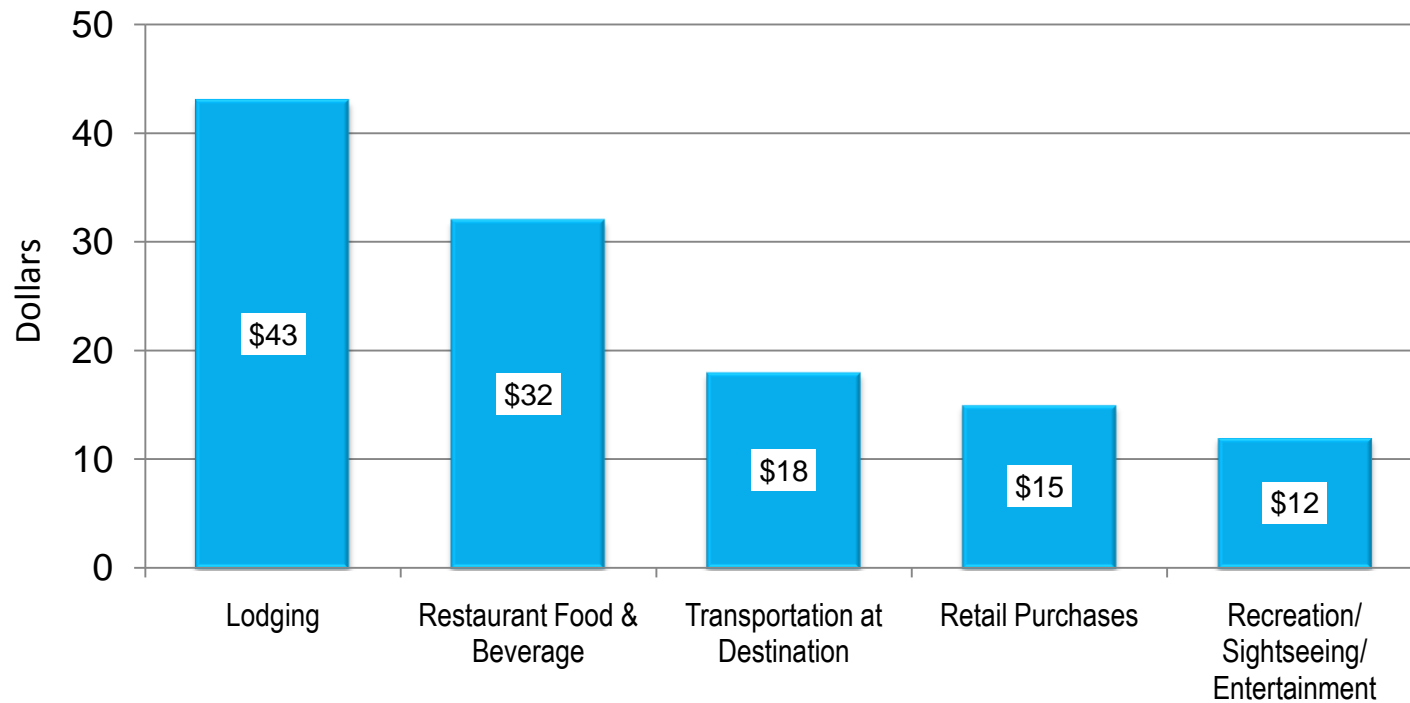
Mt. Hood/Columbia River Gorge Spending in 2009 = \$305 Million



Average Per Person Expenditures on Overnight Trips — By Sector



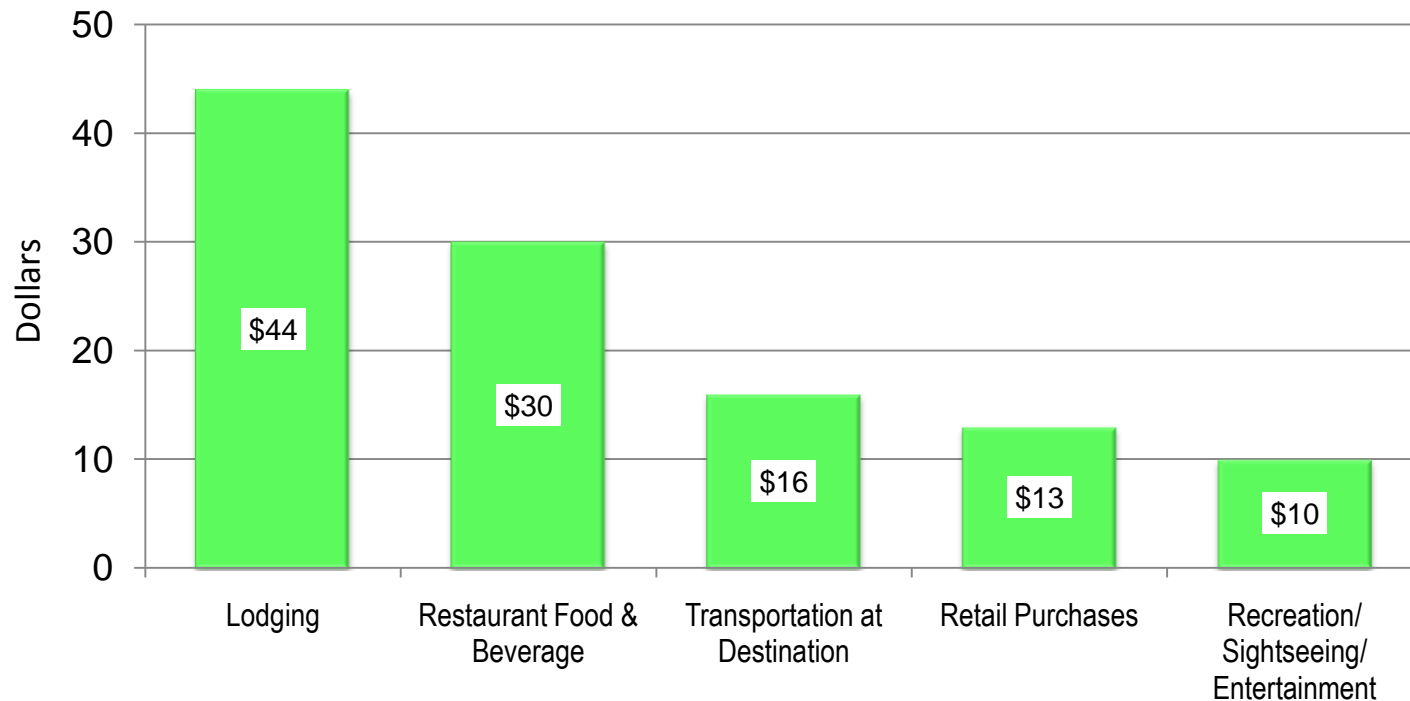
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Average Per Person Expenditures on Overnight Marketable Trips — By Sector



Base: 2009 Overnight Trips



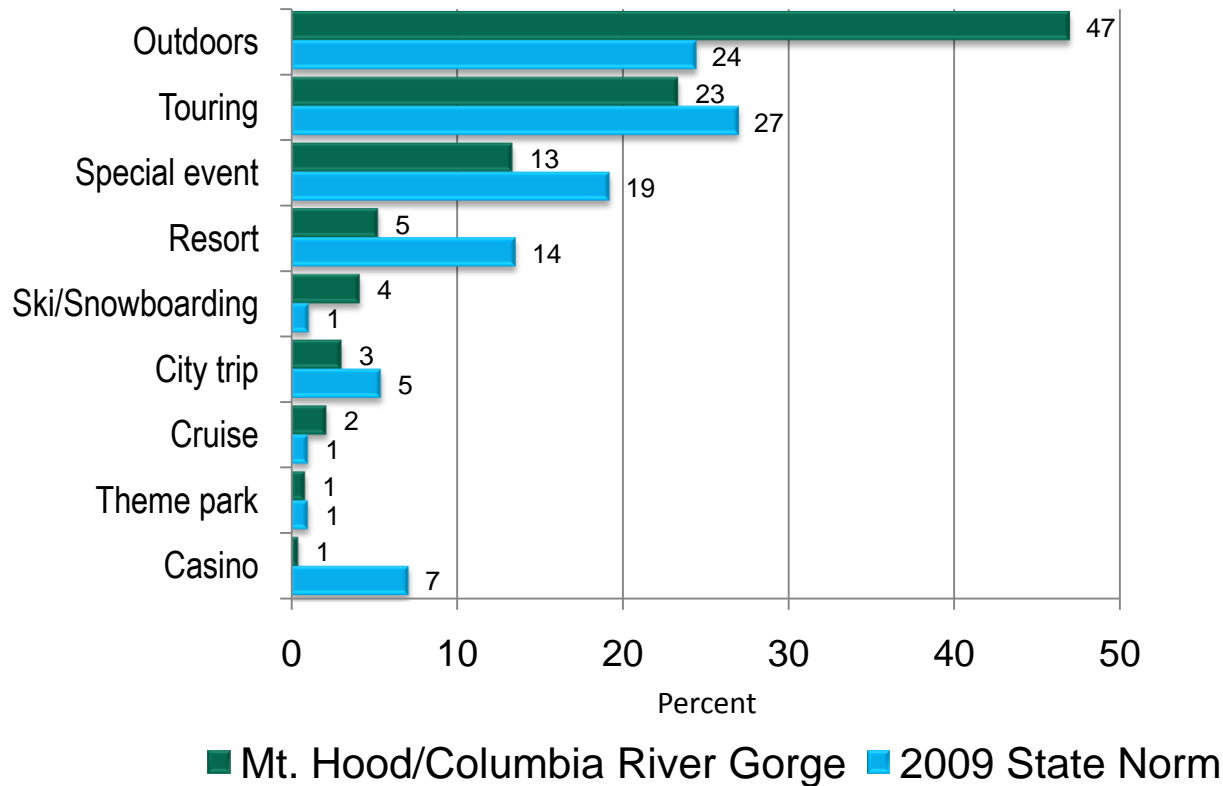


Marketable Trip Characteristics and Visitor Profile — 2008/2009

Main Purpose of Marketable Trip — Oregon vs. National Norm



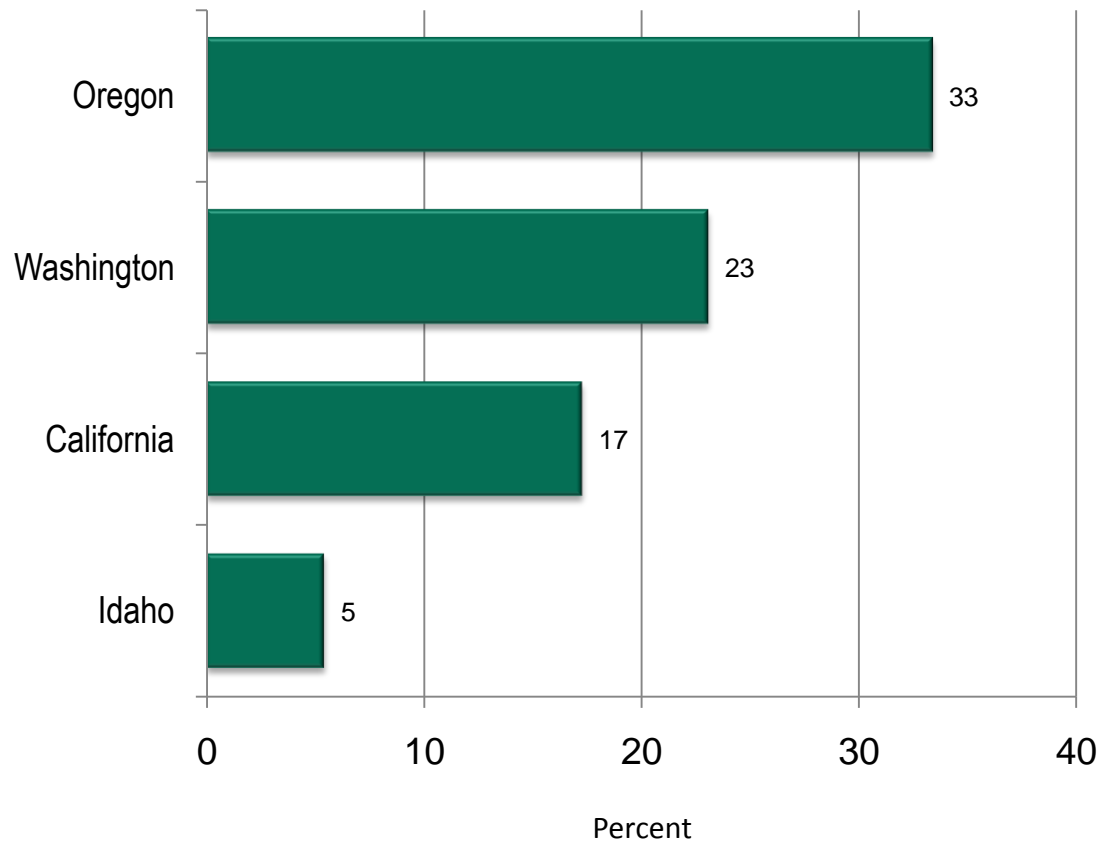
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State Origin Of Overnight Trip



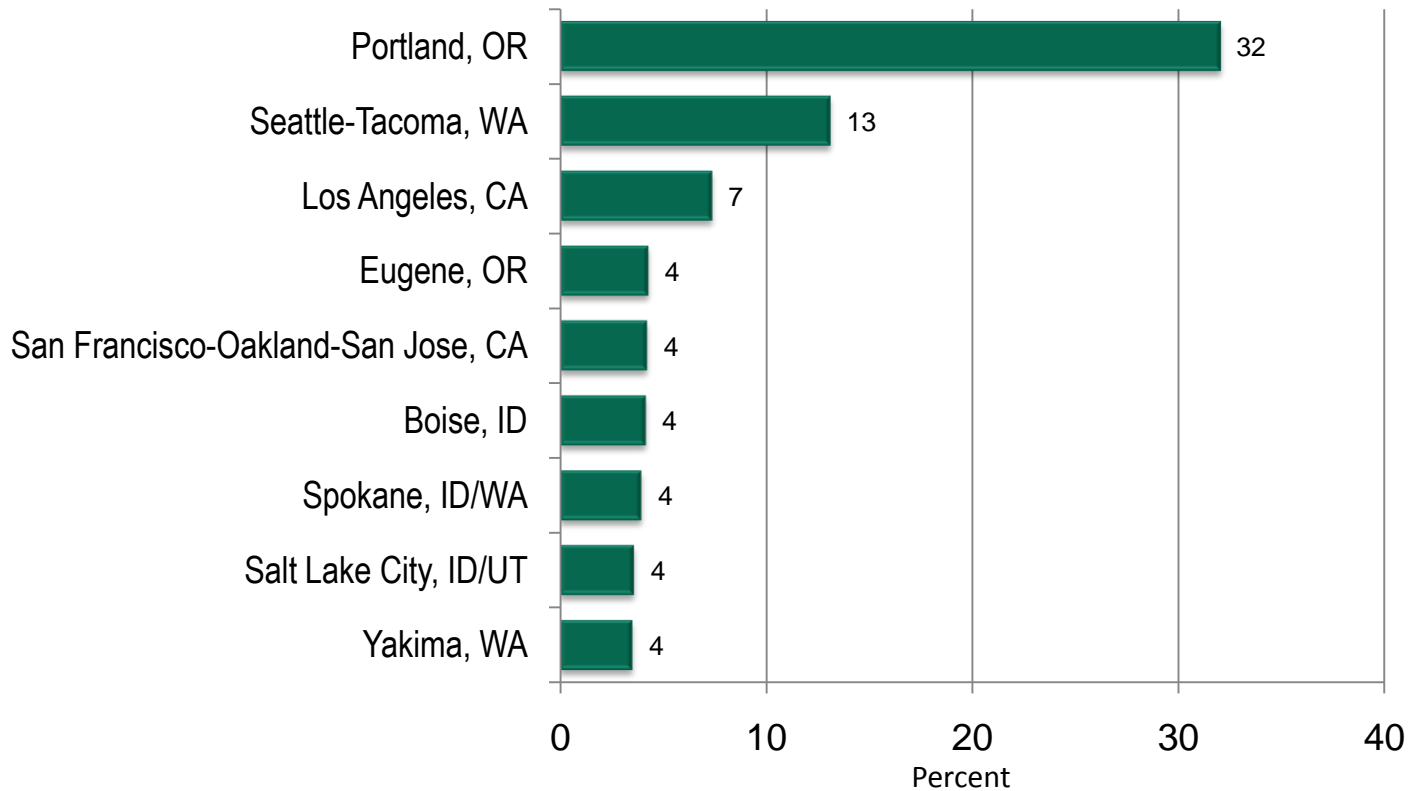
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DMA Origin Of Overnight Trip



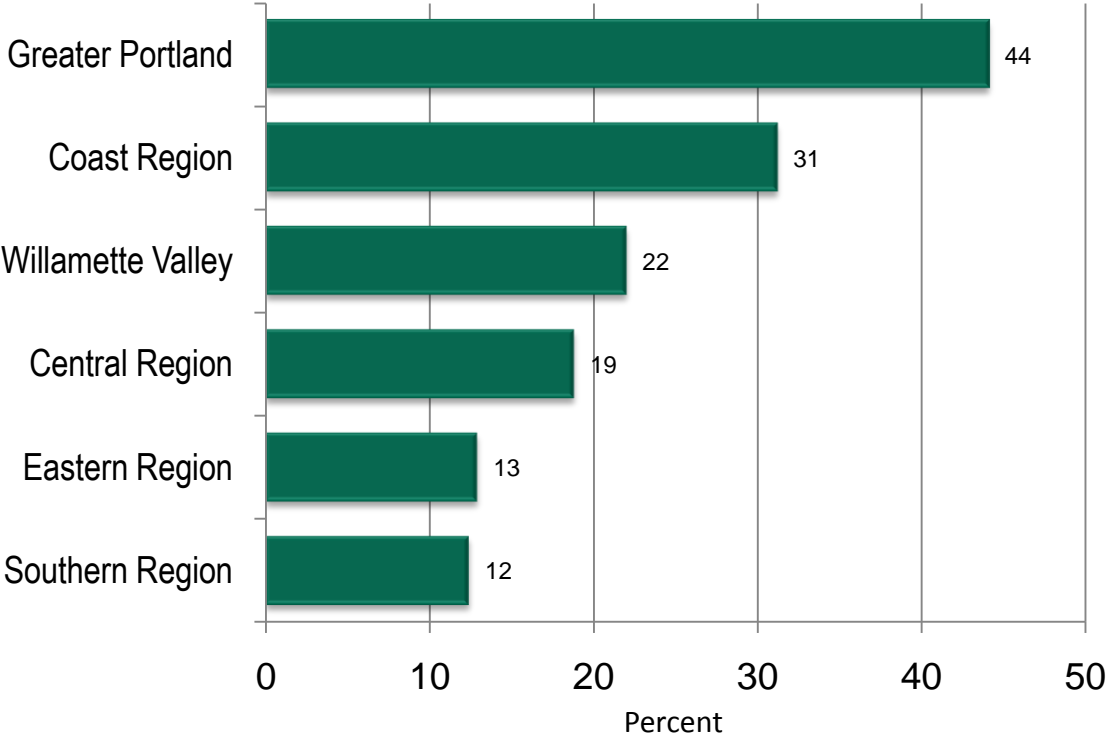
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Other Oregon Regions Visited on Mt. Hood/Columbia River Gorge Trip



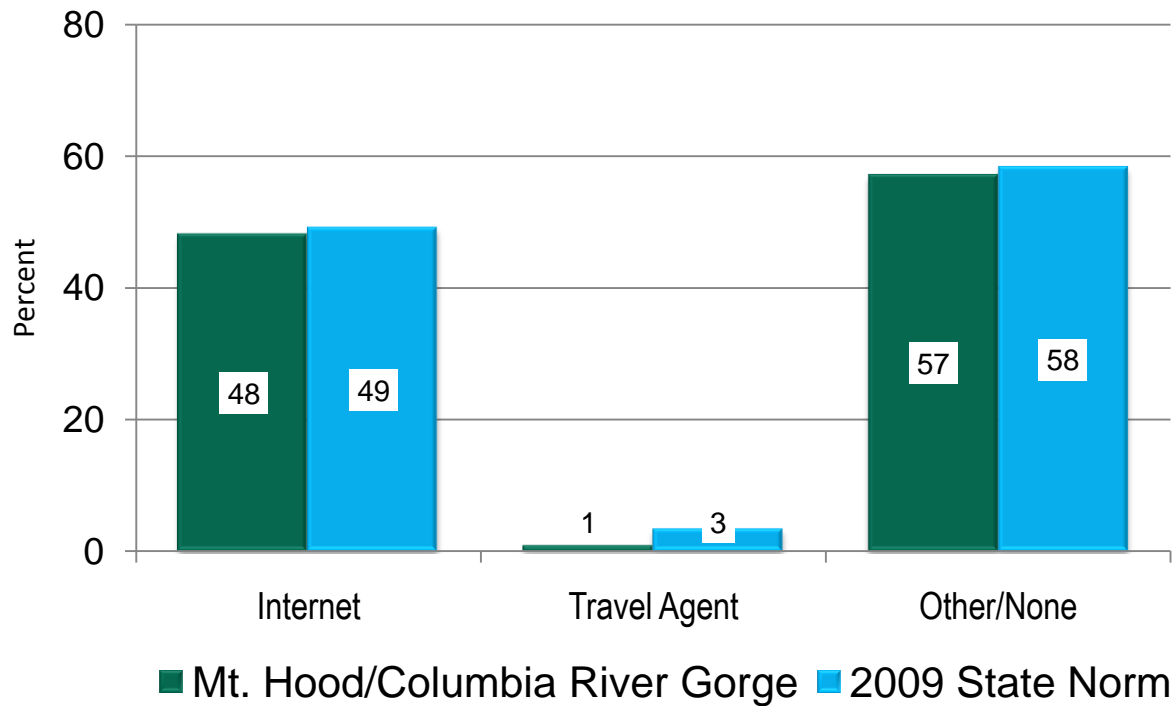
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Method of Planning Trip



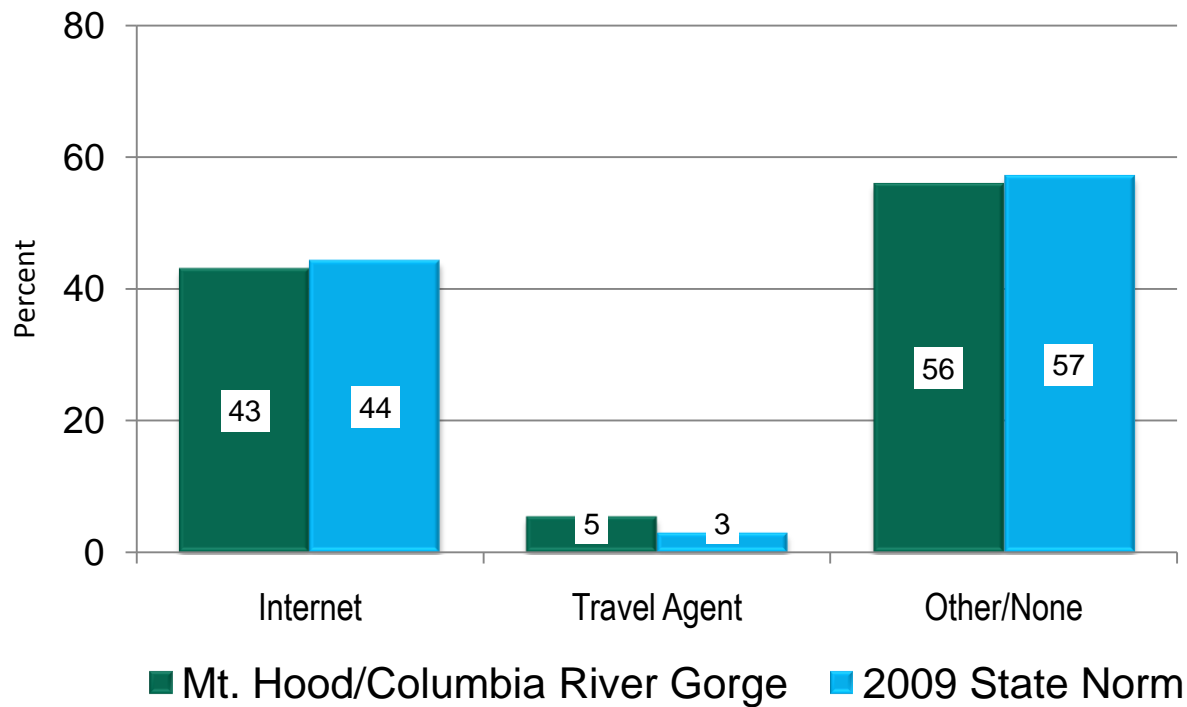
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Method of Booking Trip



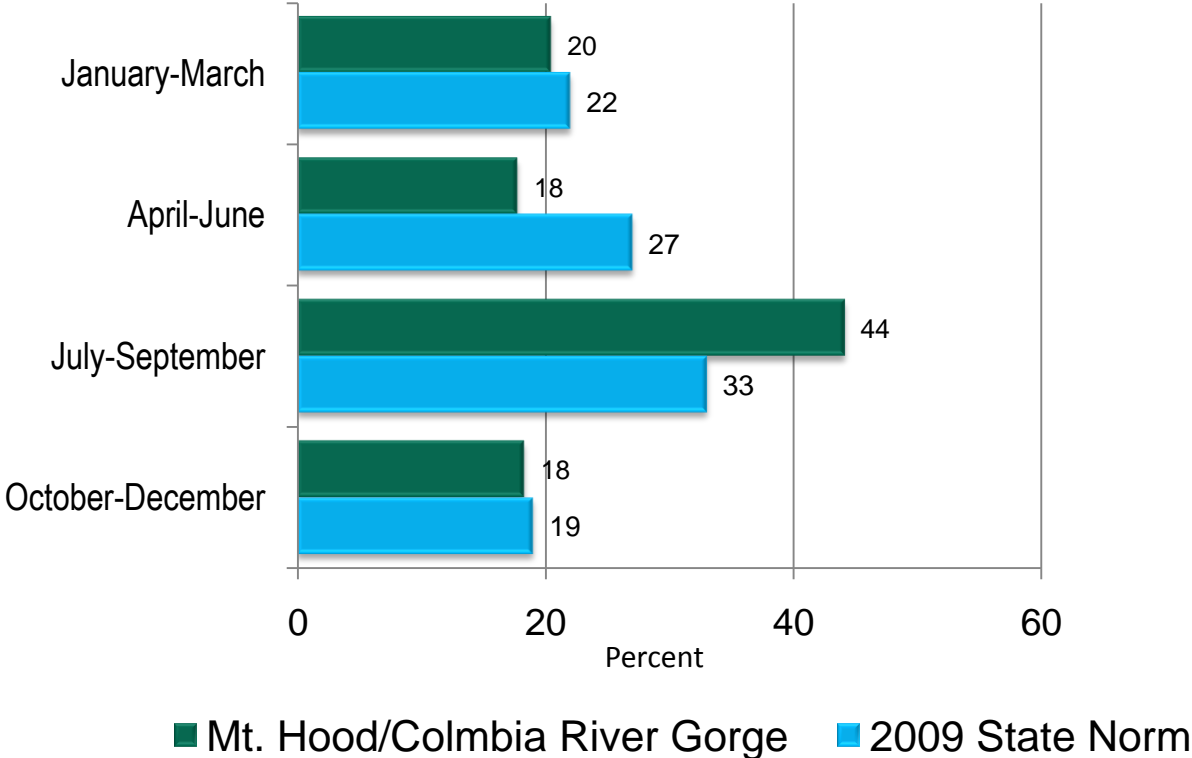
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Season of Trip



Base: Overnight Marketable Trips



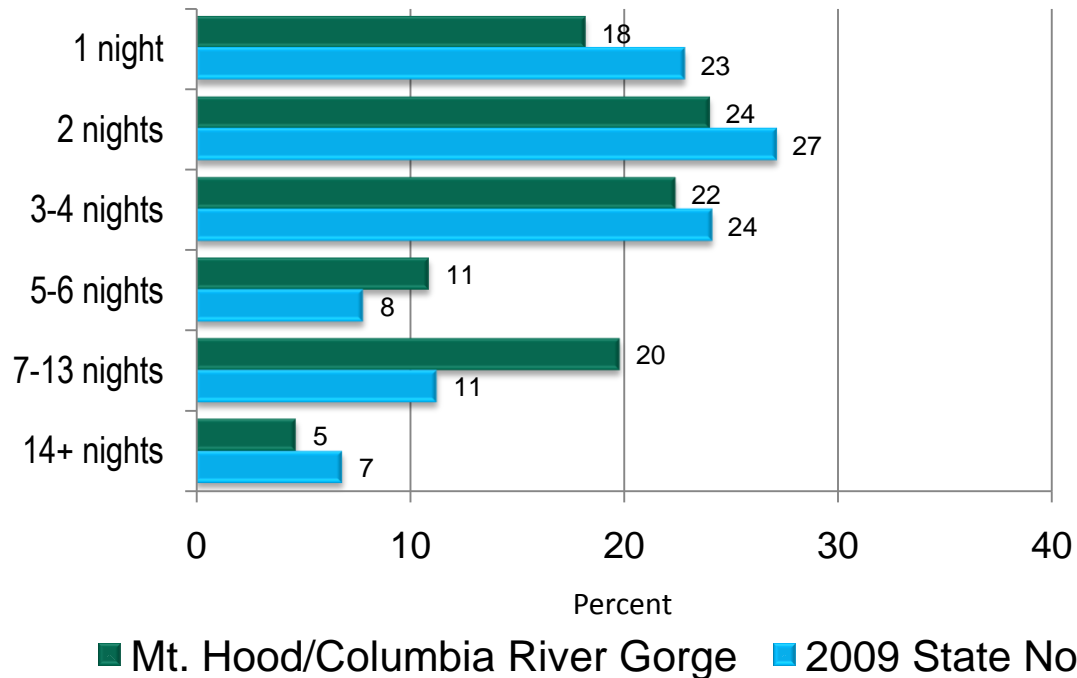
Total Nights Away on Trip



Base: Overnight Marketable Trips

**Average
Mt. Hood/Columbia River Gorge
= 5.2 Nights**

**Average
Oregon
= 4.5 Nights**

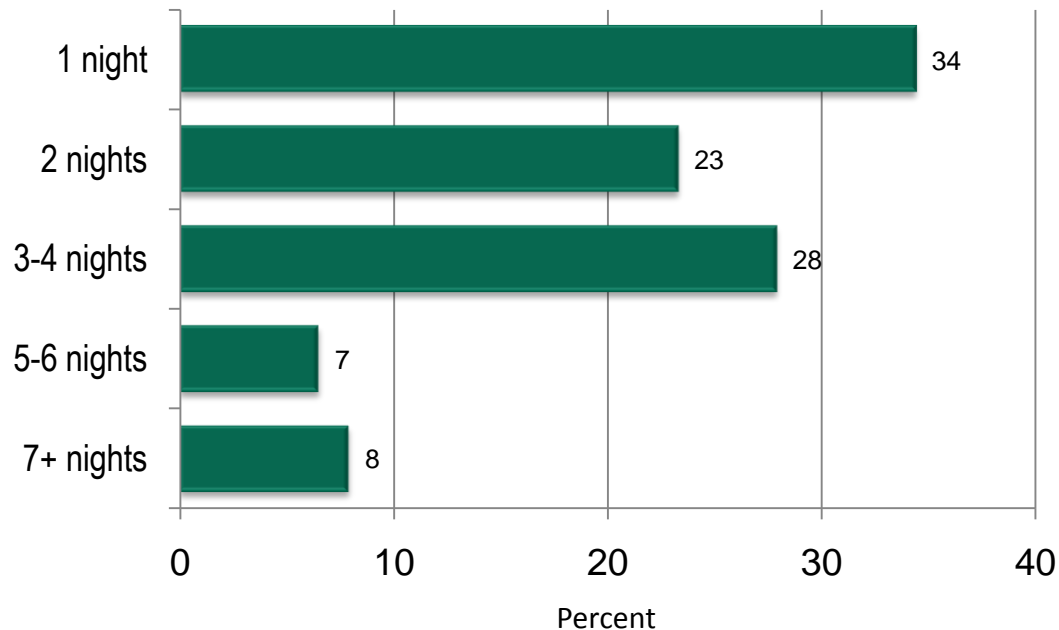


Number of Nights Spent in Mt. Hood/Columbia River Gorge Region



Base: Overnight Marketable Trip with 1+ Nights Spent In Mt. Hood/Columbia River Gorge

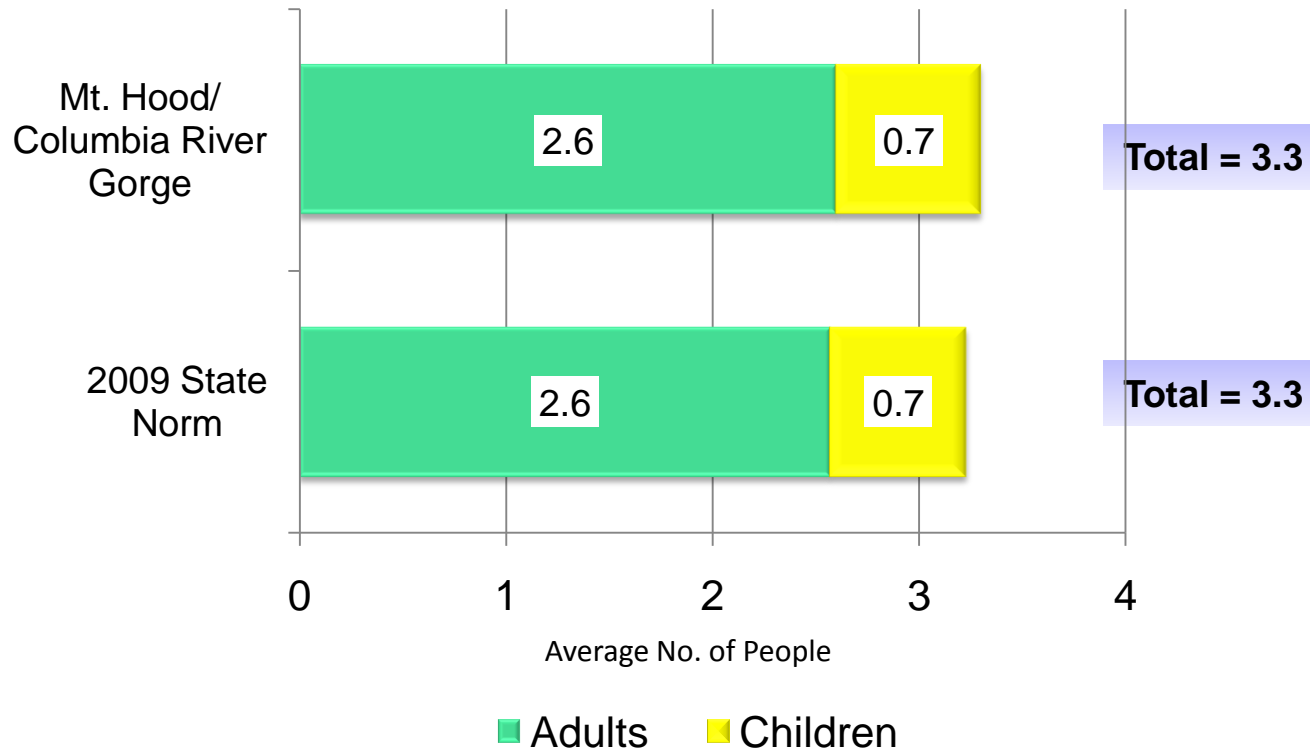
Average Nights Spent in Mt. Hood/Columbia River Gorge = 2.8



Size of Travel Party



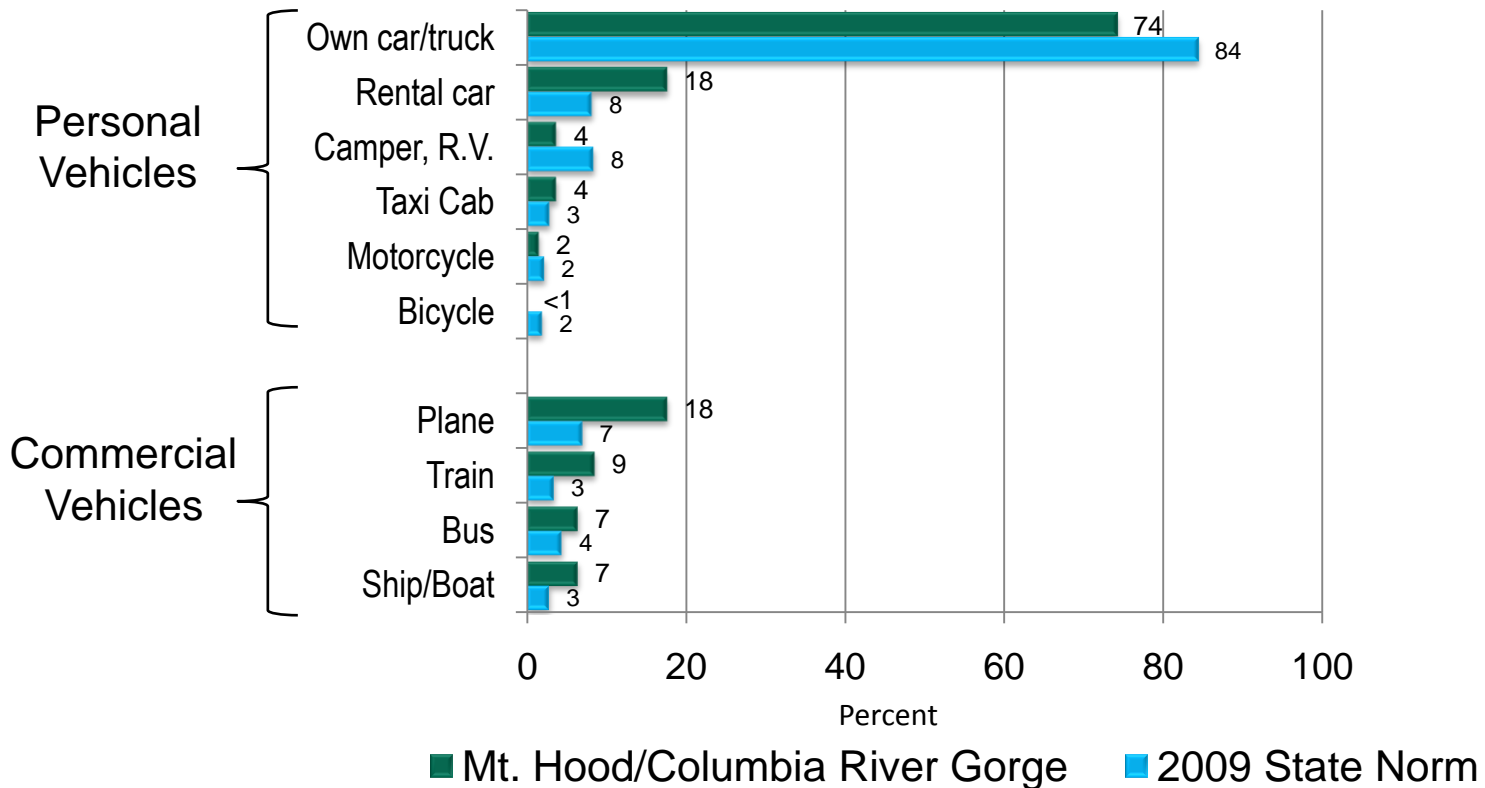
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Transportation



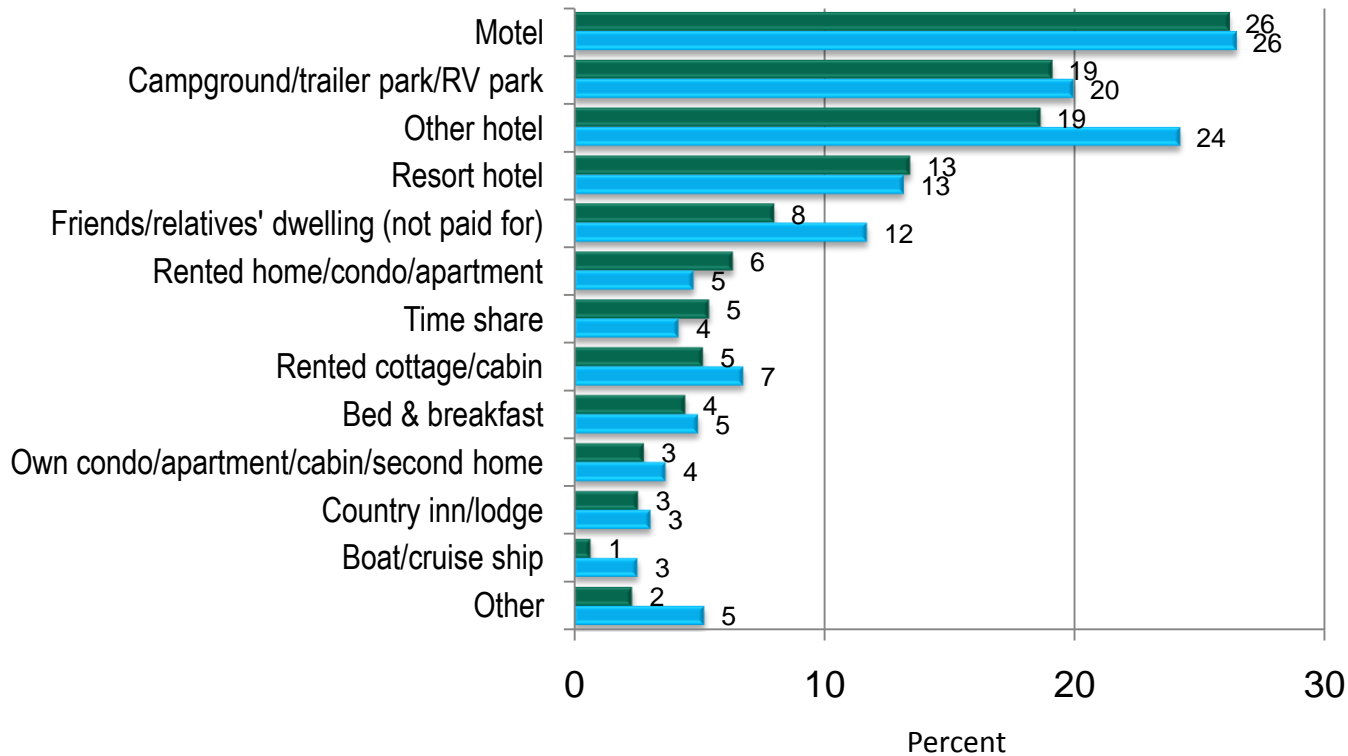
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Accommodation



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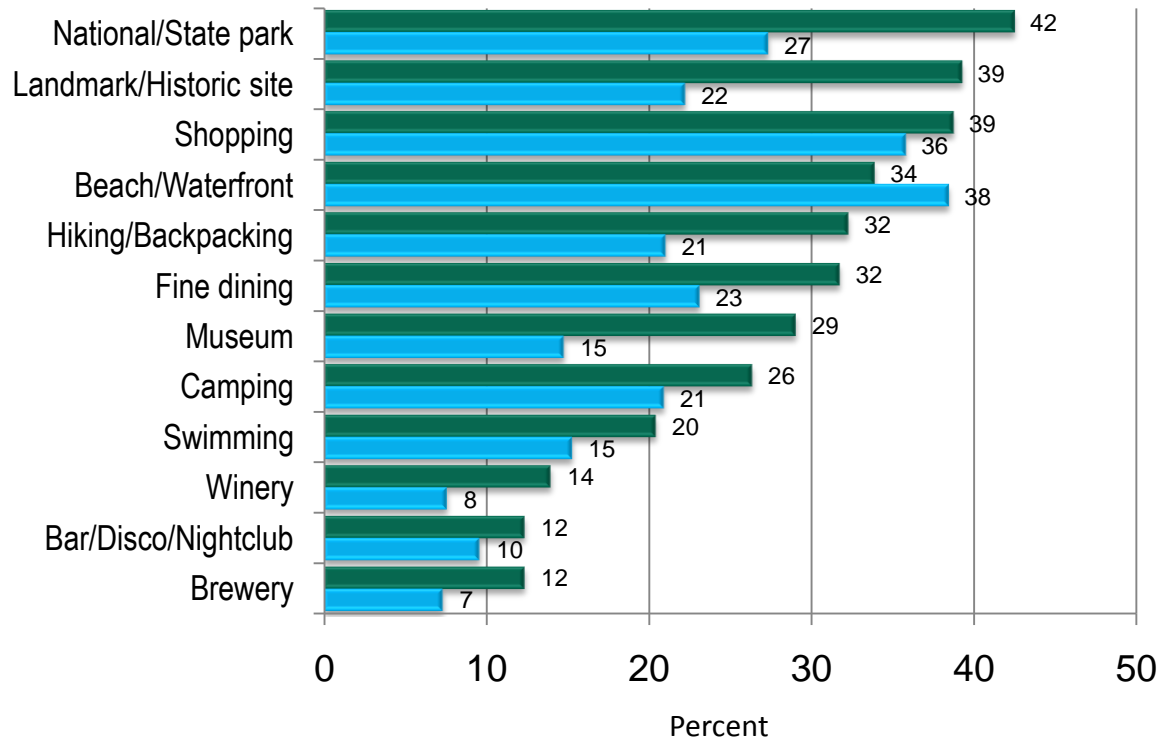


■ Mt. Hood/Columbia River Gorge ■ 2009 State Norm

Activities and Experiences



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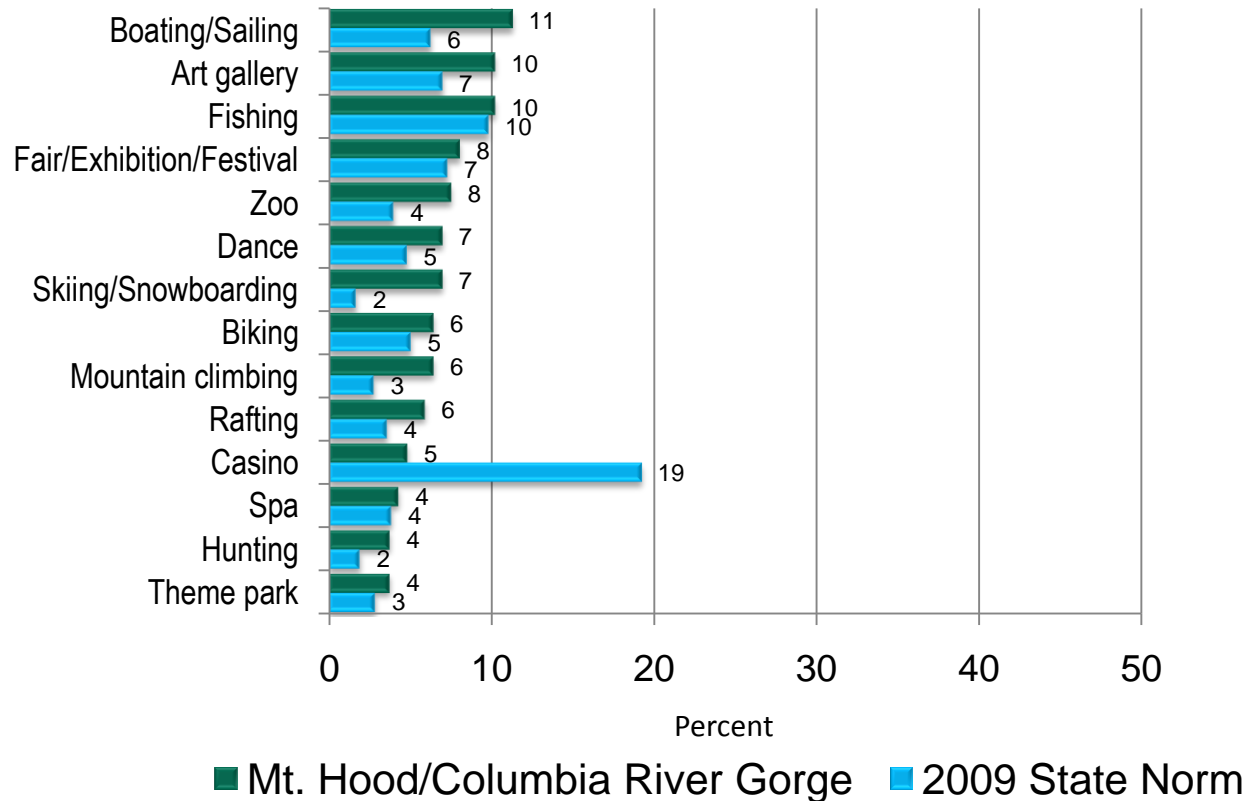


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Activities and Experiences (Cont'd)



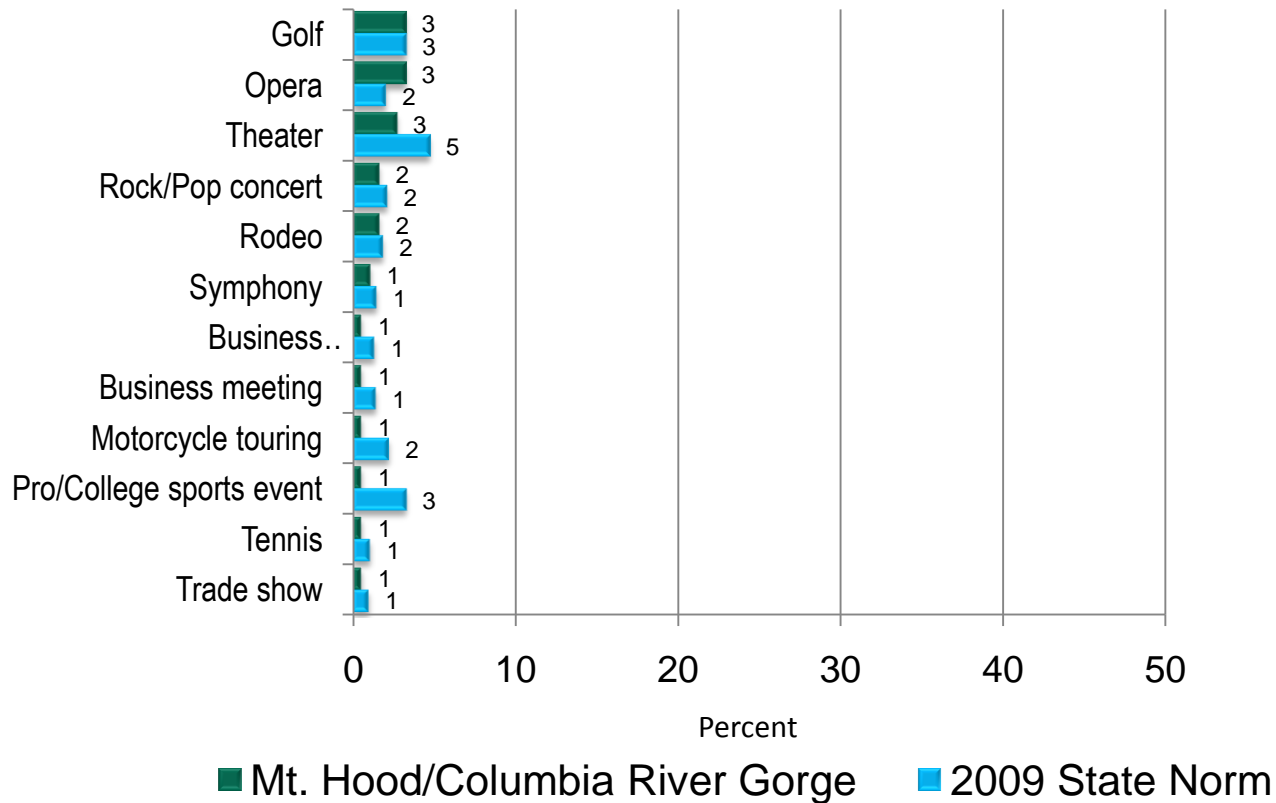
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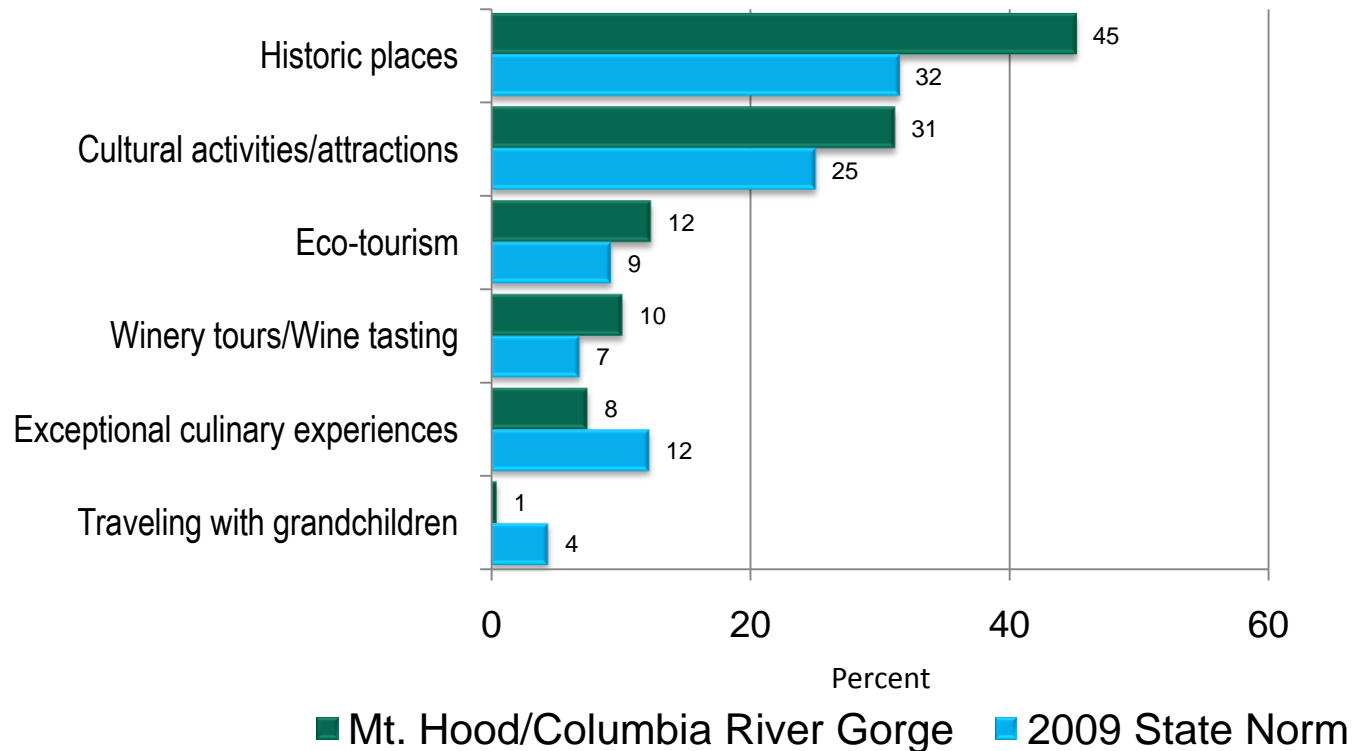
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Activities of Special Interest



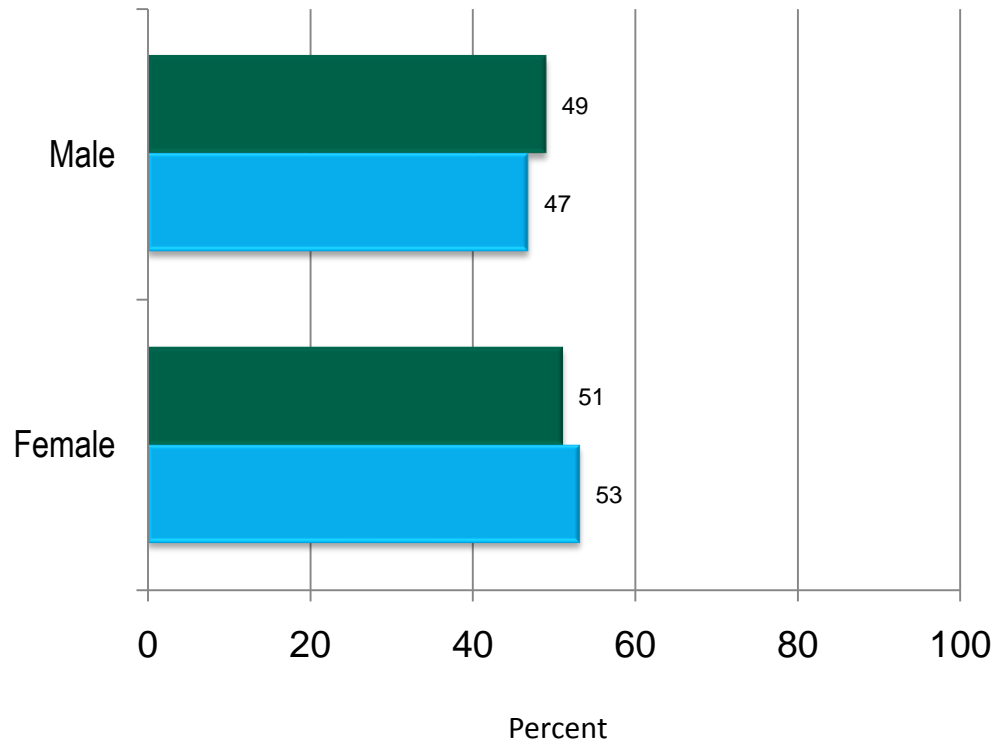
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Gender



Base: Overnight Marketable Trips

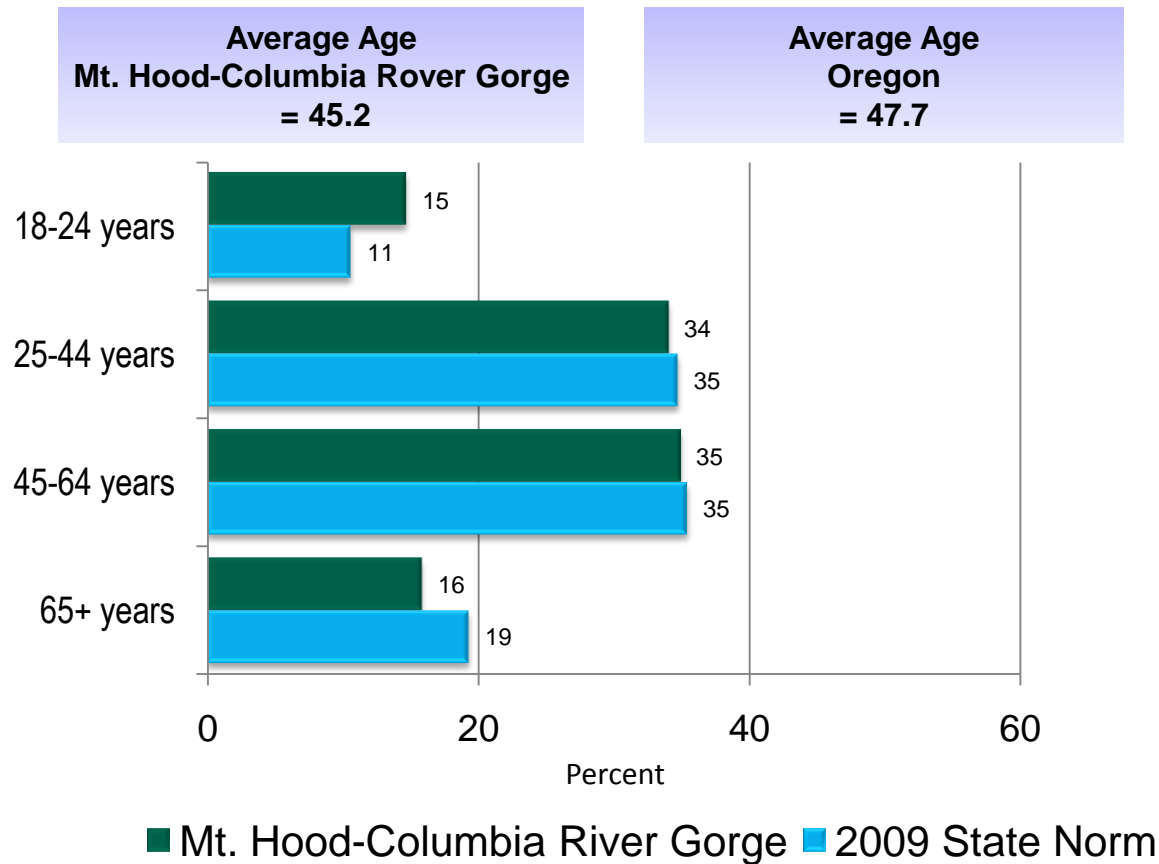


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Age



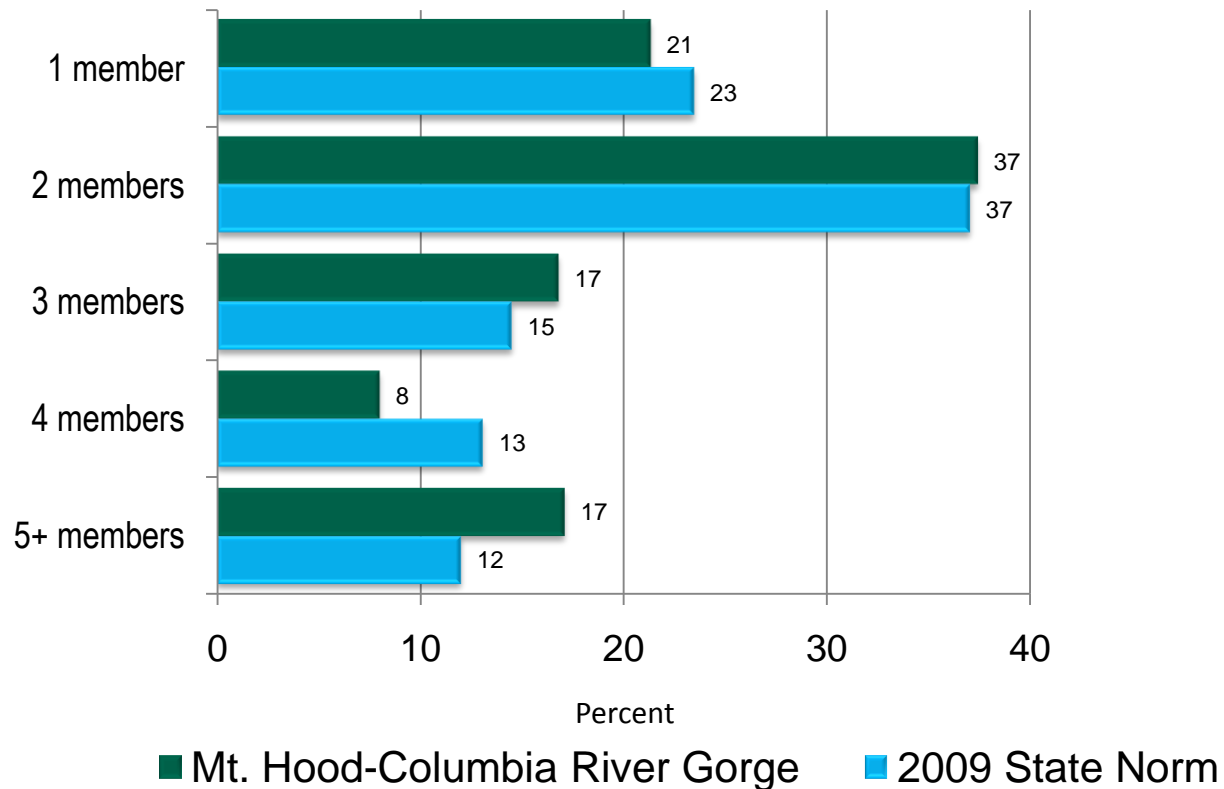
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Household Size



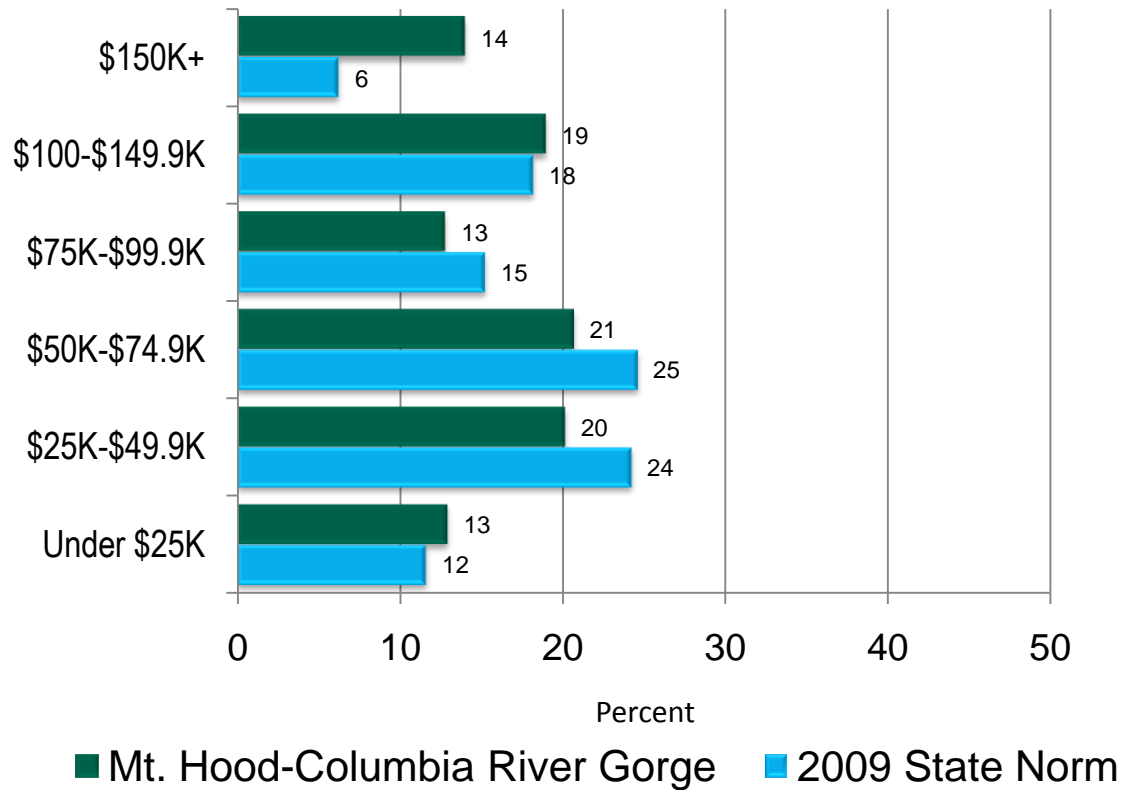
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Income



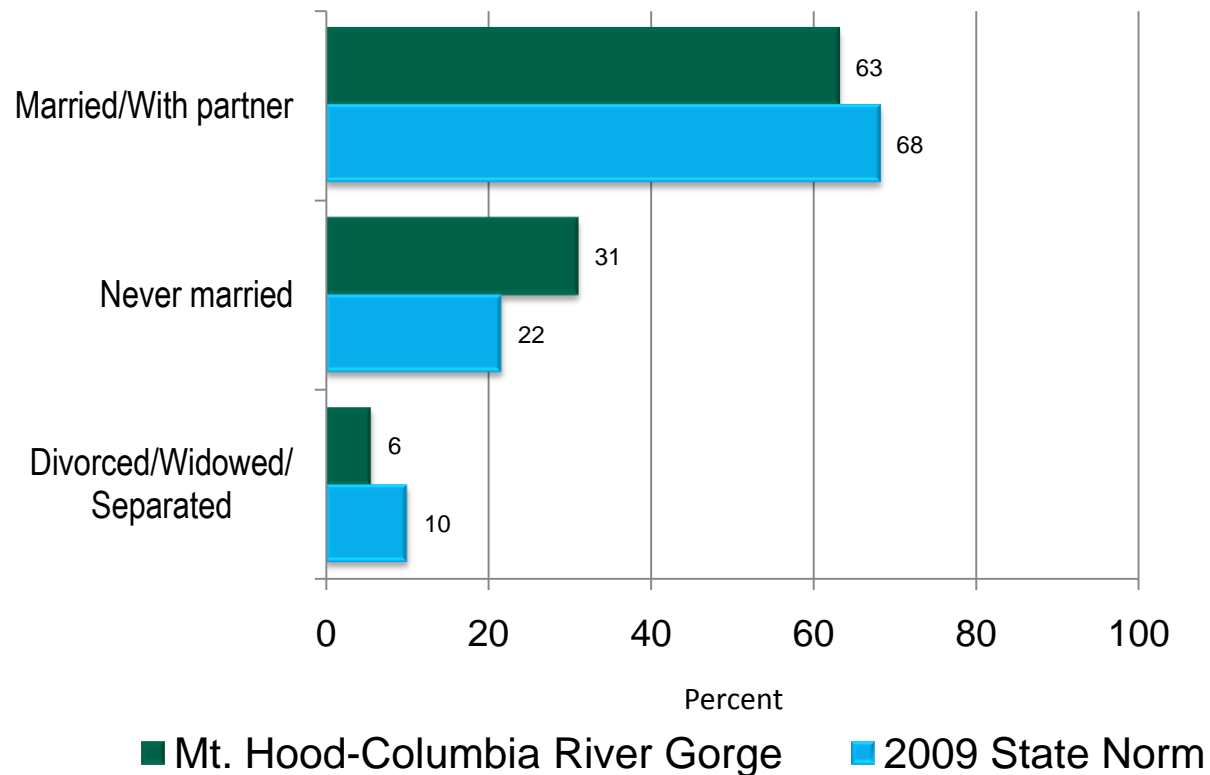
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Marital Status



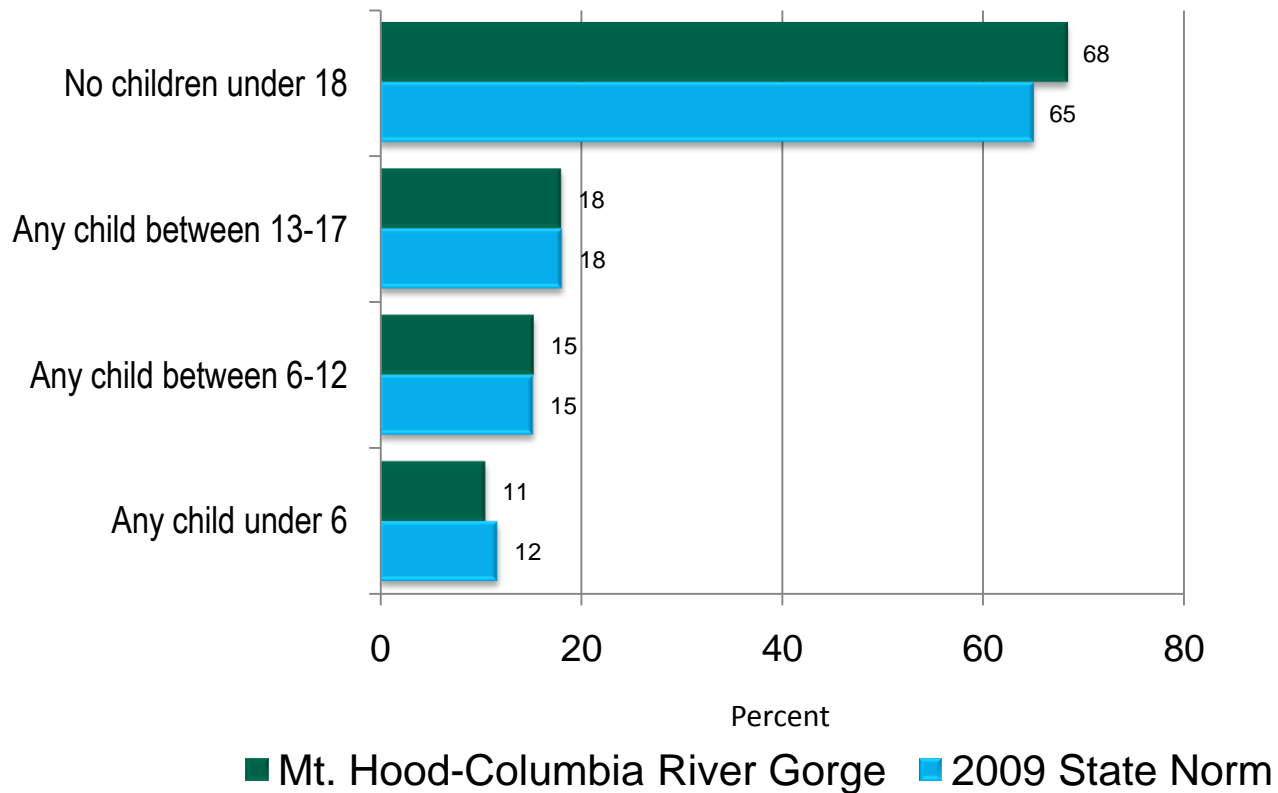
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Children in Household



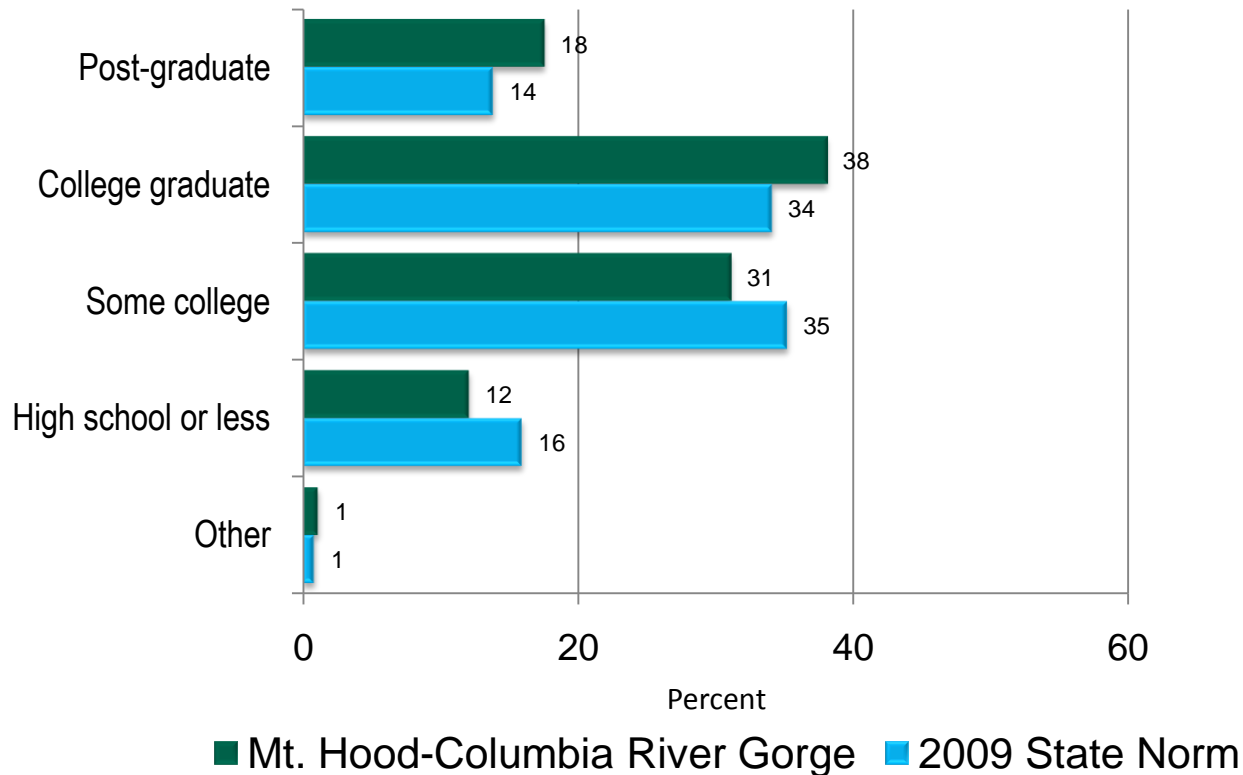
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Education



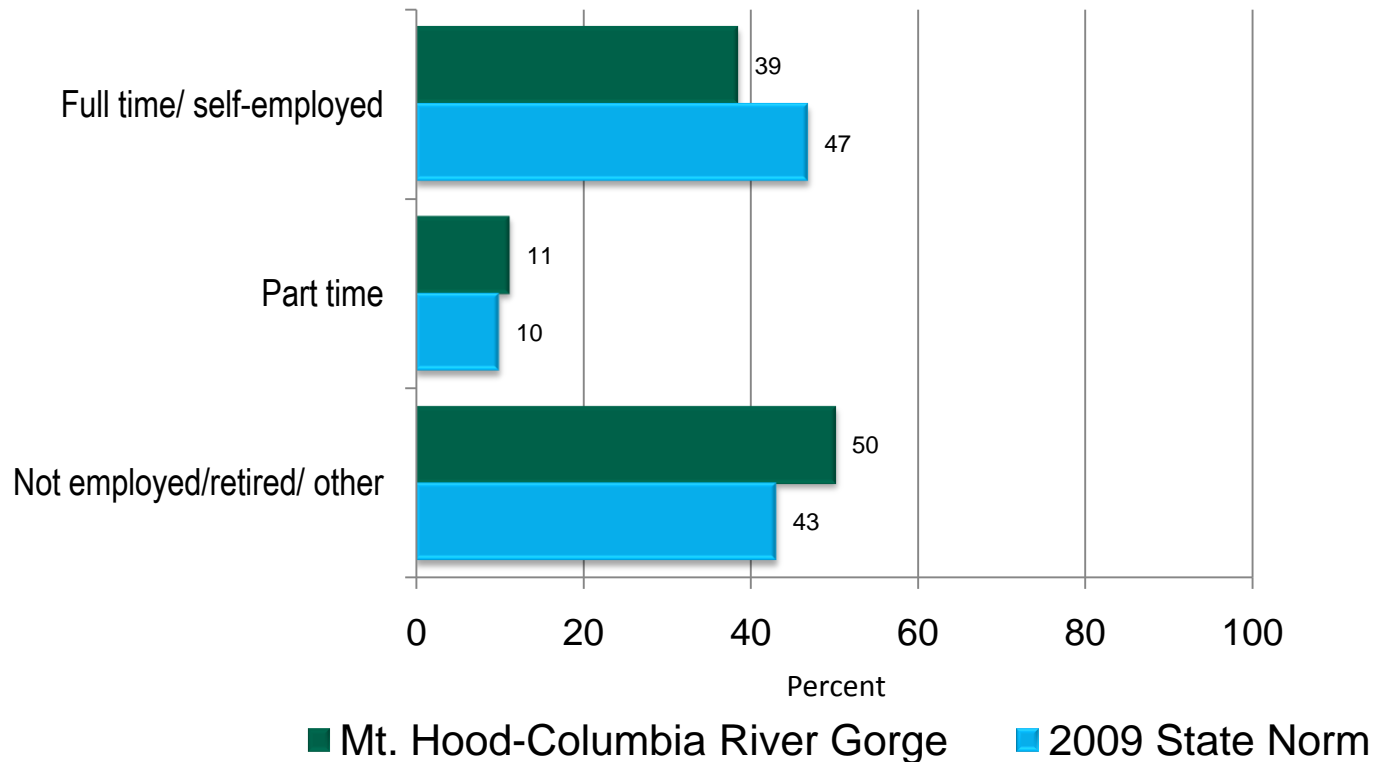
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Employment



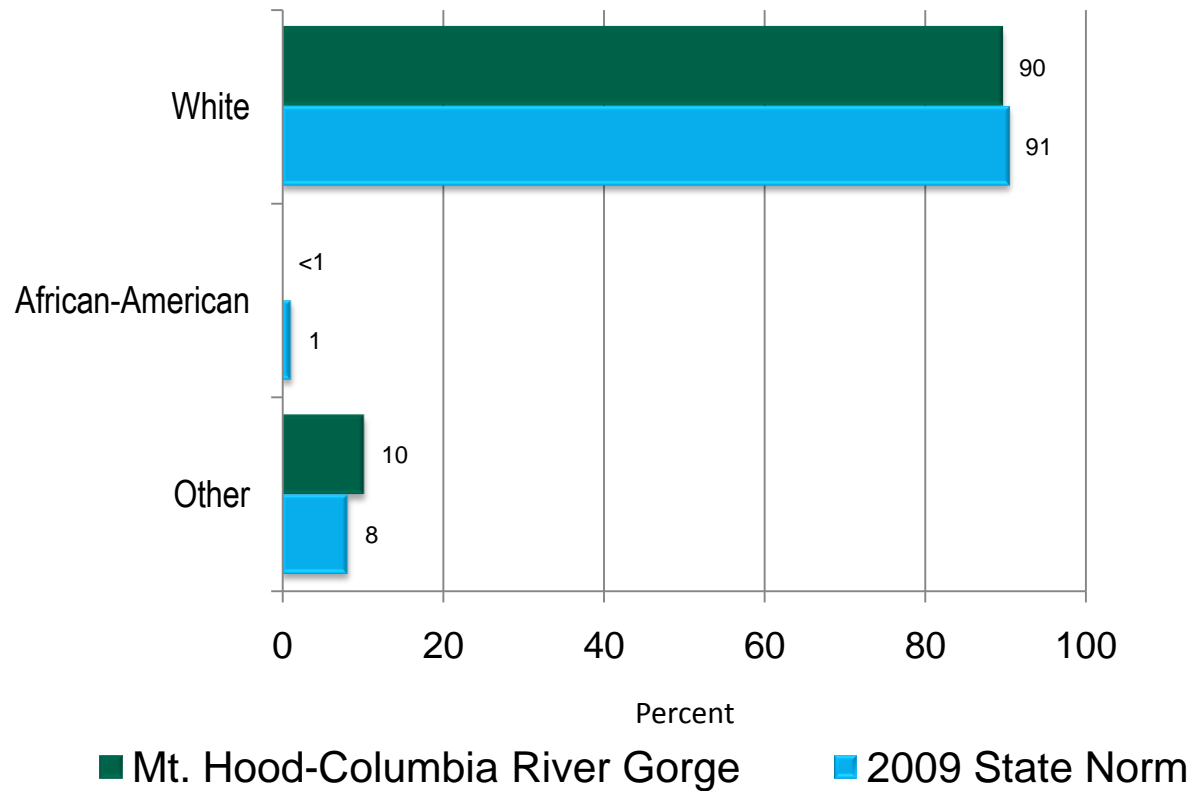
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Race



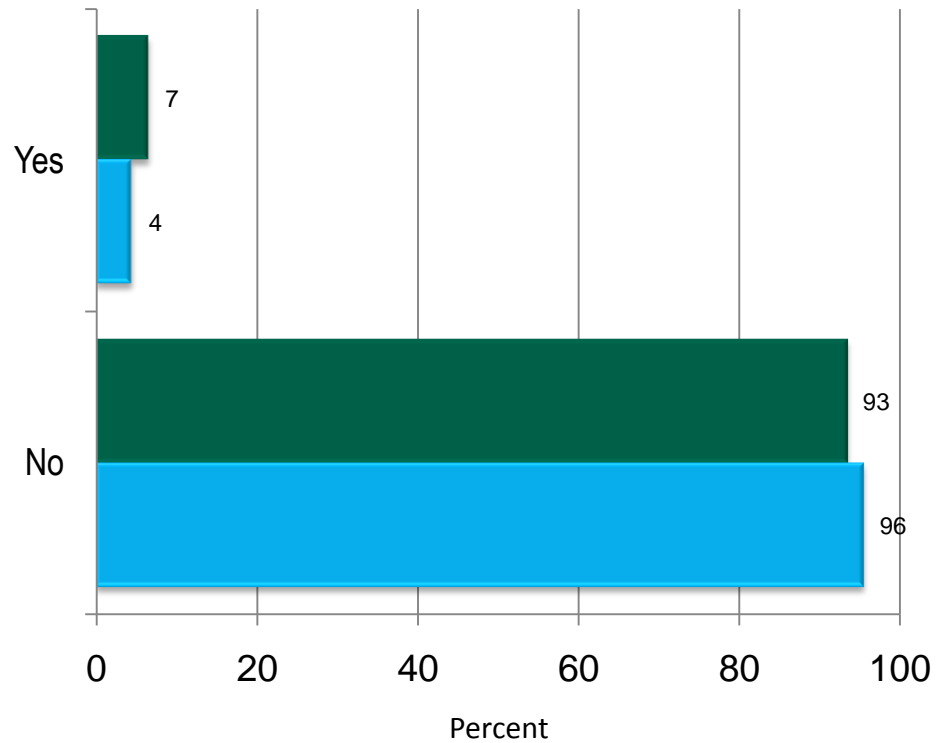
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Hispanic Background



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