



# Oregon 2011

## Regional Visitor Report

Mt. Hood – Columbia River Gorge

# Introduction



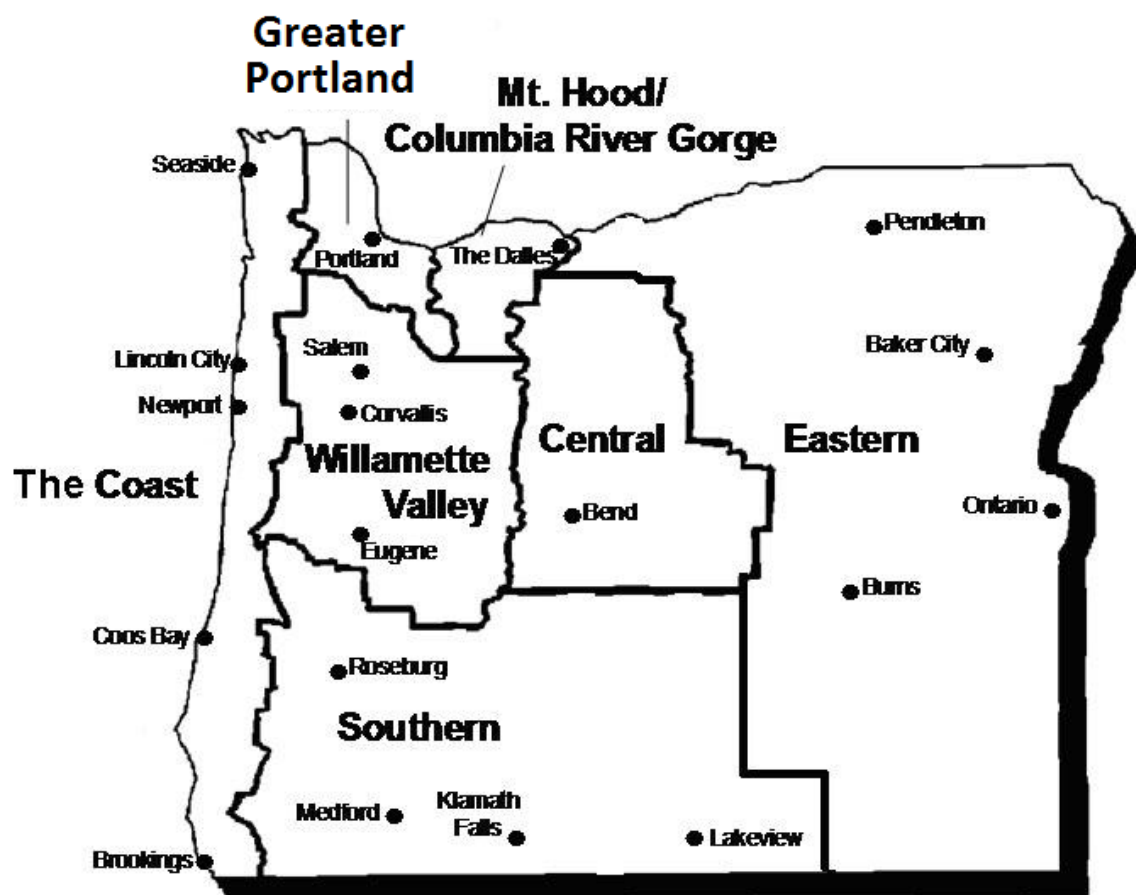
- ◉ Longwoods International began tracking American travelers in 1985, and has conducted large-scale syndicated visitor research quarterly since 1990.
- ◉ It is currently the largest ongoing study ever conducted of American travelers, providing our clients with more reliable data and greater ability to home in on key market segments of interest.
- ◉ This report provides:
  - ◉ *Estimates of 2011 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 2010 and 2011 travel years, a representative sample of visitors to the Mt. Hood-Columbia River Gorge Region was identified through Travel USA®.
- Respondents who visited Oregon were asked to identify with of the state's 7 tourism regions they spent time in with the aid of a visual map.
- Of the survey sample of 4,119 overnight trips taken to Oregon in 2010 and 2011:
  - *368 included a visit to the Mt. Hood-Columbia River Gorge Region*
  - *Of those, 166 were **marketable trips***

## OREGON REGIONS



# Analytical Note



- ◉ The results of this report are based on two time frames:
  - ◉ Market size and structure estimates for the Mt. Hood-Columbia River Gorge Region are reported for the 2011 travel year, as are all Oregon state norms.
  - ◉ To maximize statistical reliability, other Mt. Hood-Columbia River Gorge Region data (trip characteristics and visitor profiles) are based on two years' combined sample from 2010 and 2011.

# Travel Market Size & Structure

## - 2011

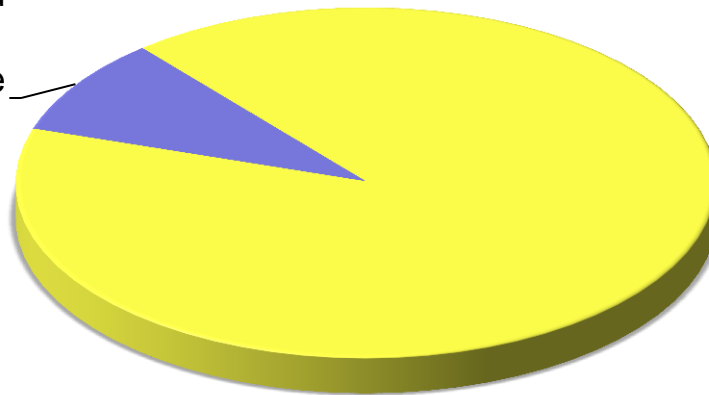
# Size of the Mt. Hood-Columbia River Gorge Region's Overnight Travel Market



**Total Overnight Trips to Oregon\* = 28.8 Million**

Spent Time in  
the Mt. Hood-  
Columbia  
River Gorge  
Region  
9%

2.5 Million

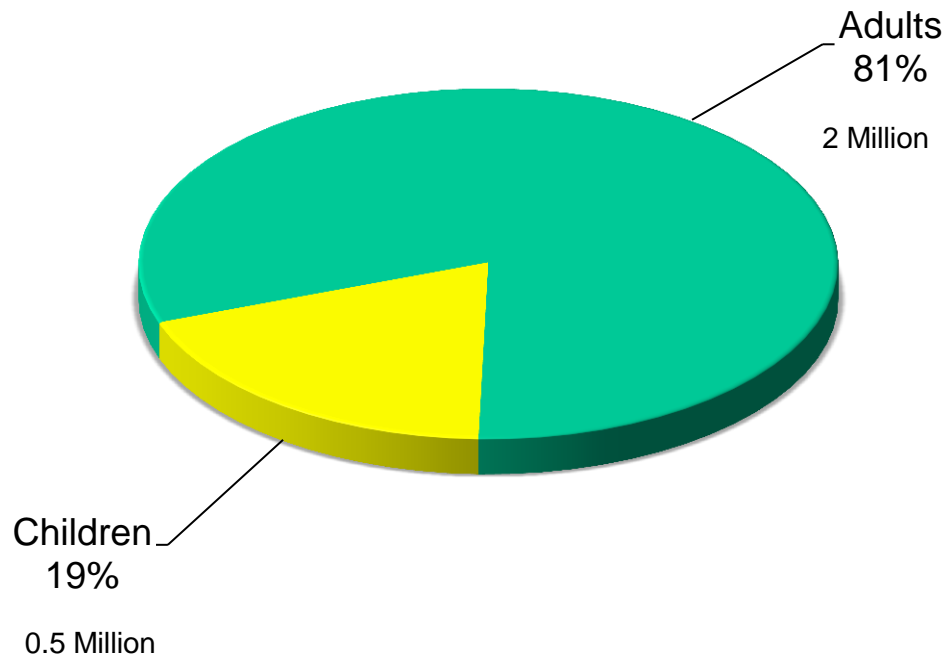


\*Includes both adults and children

# The Mt. Hood-Columbia River Gorge Region's Overnight Travel Market – Adults vs. Children

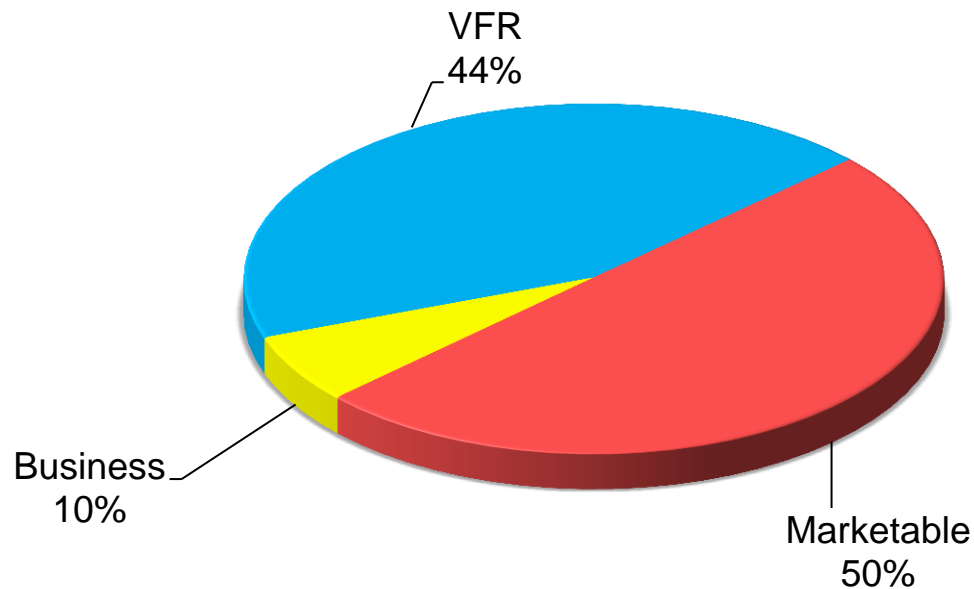


**Overnight Trips to Mt. Hood-Columbia River Gorge = 2.5 Million**





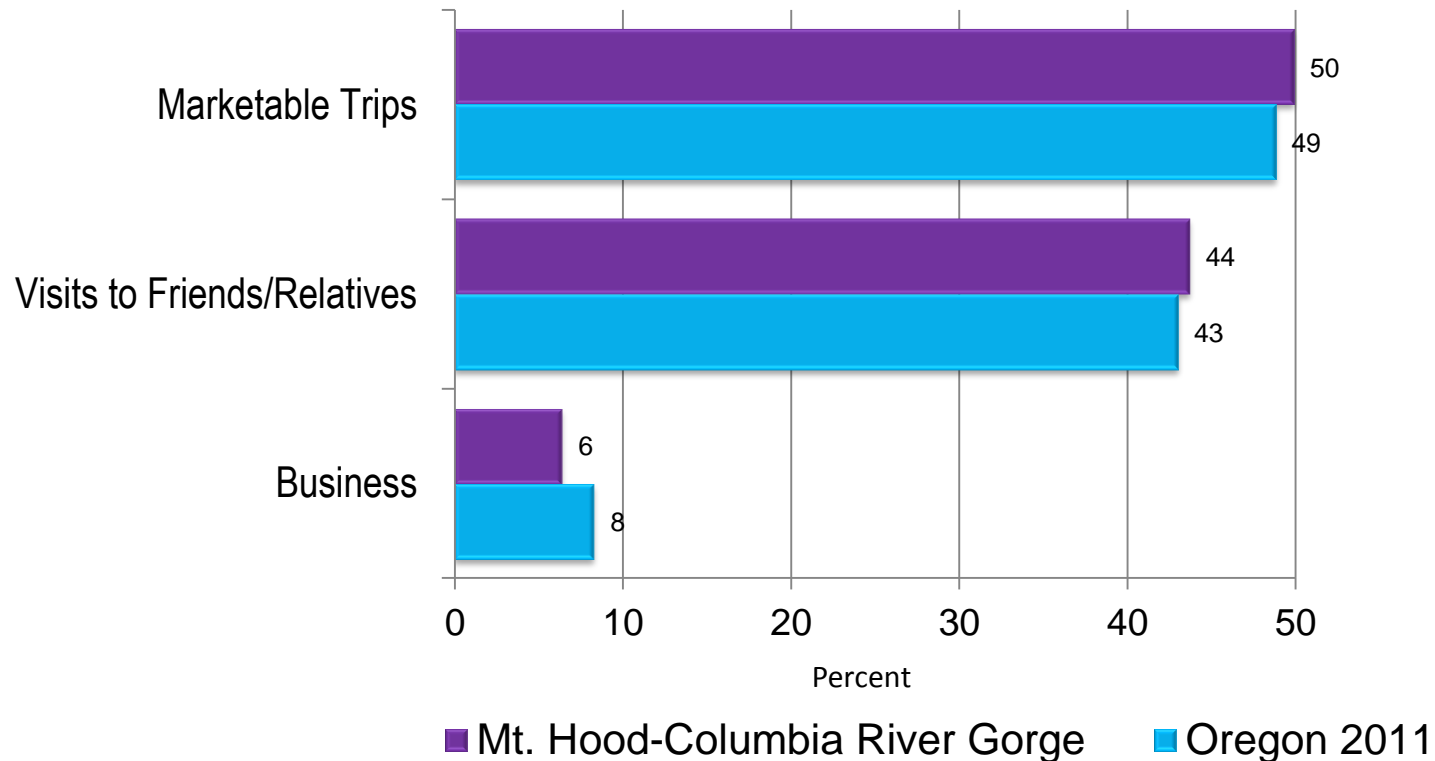
# The Mt. Hood-Columbia River Gorge Region's Overnight Travel Market - by Trip Purpose



# The Mt. Hood-Columbia River Gorge Region vs. Oregon State – by Trip Purpose



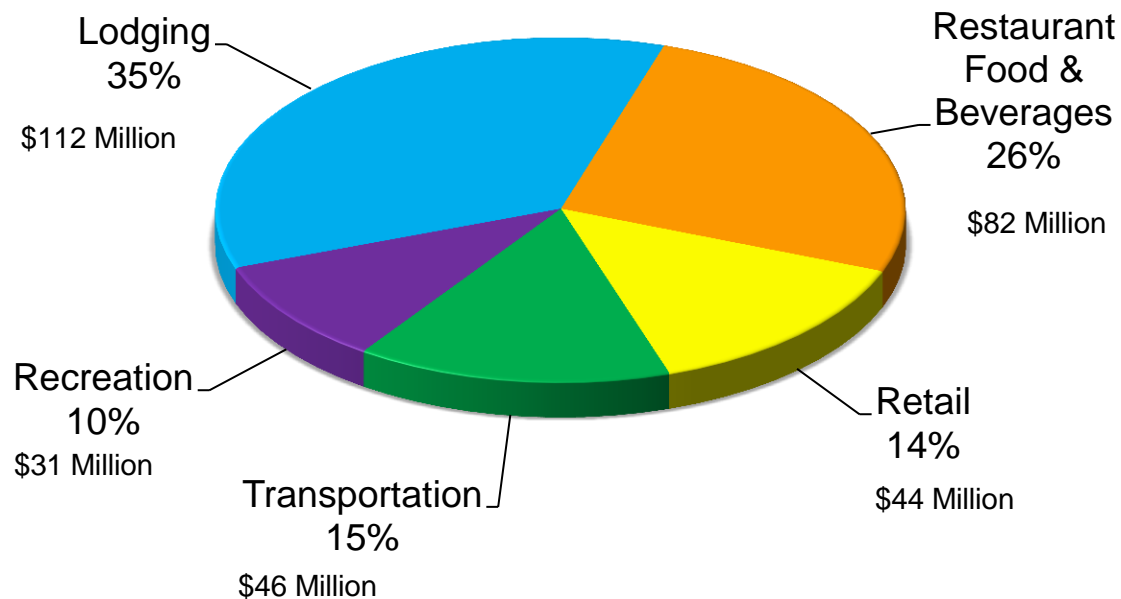
Base: 2011 Overnight Trips



# 2011 Overnight Spending — by Sector



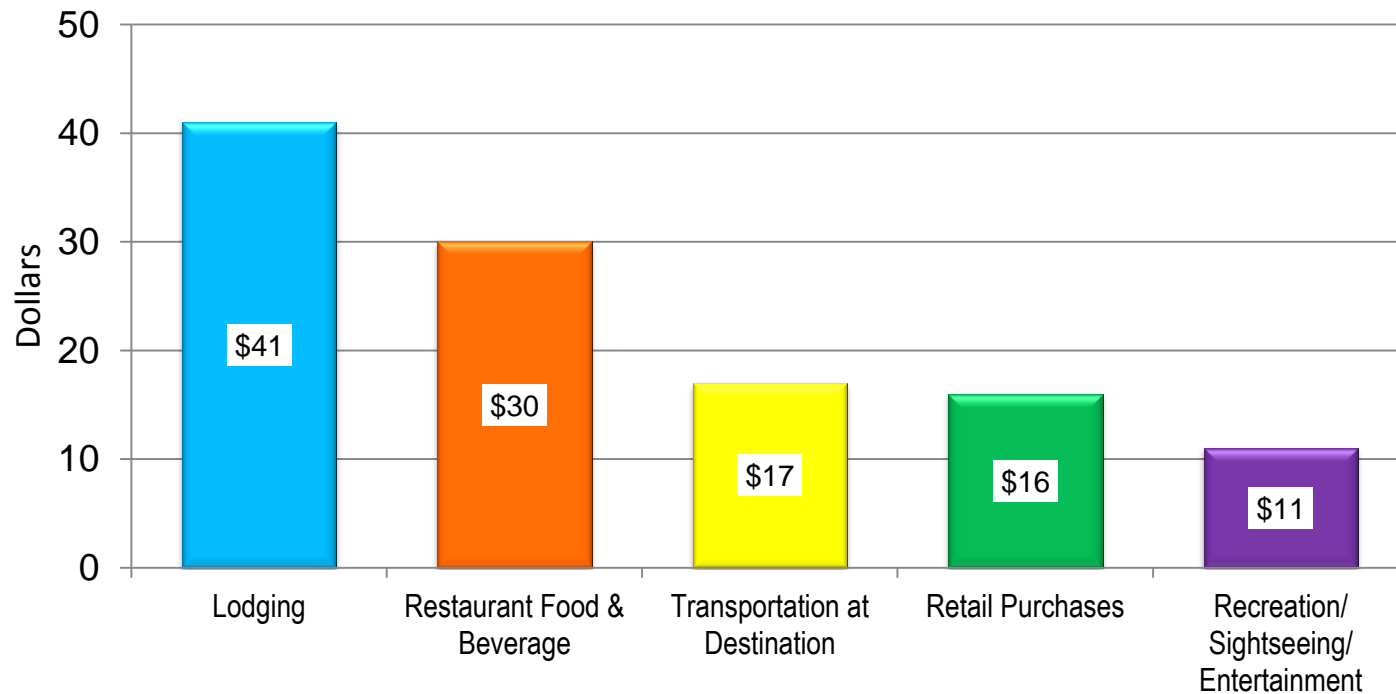
**2011 Mt. Hood-Columbia River Gorge  
Region Spending = \$315 Million**



# Average Per Person Expenditures on Overnight Trips — By Sector



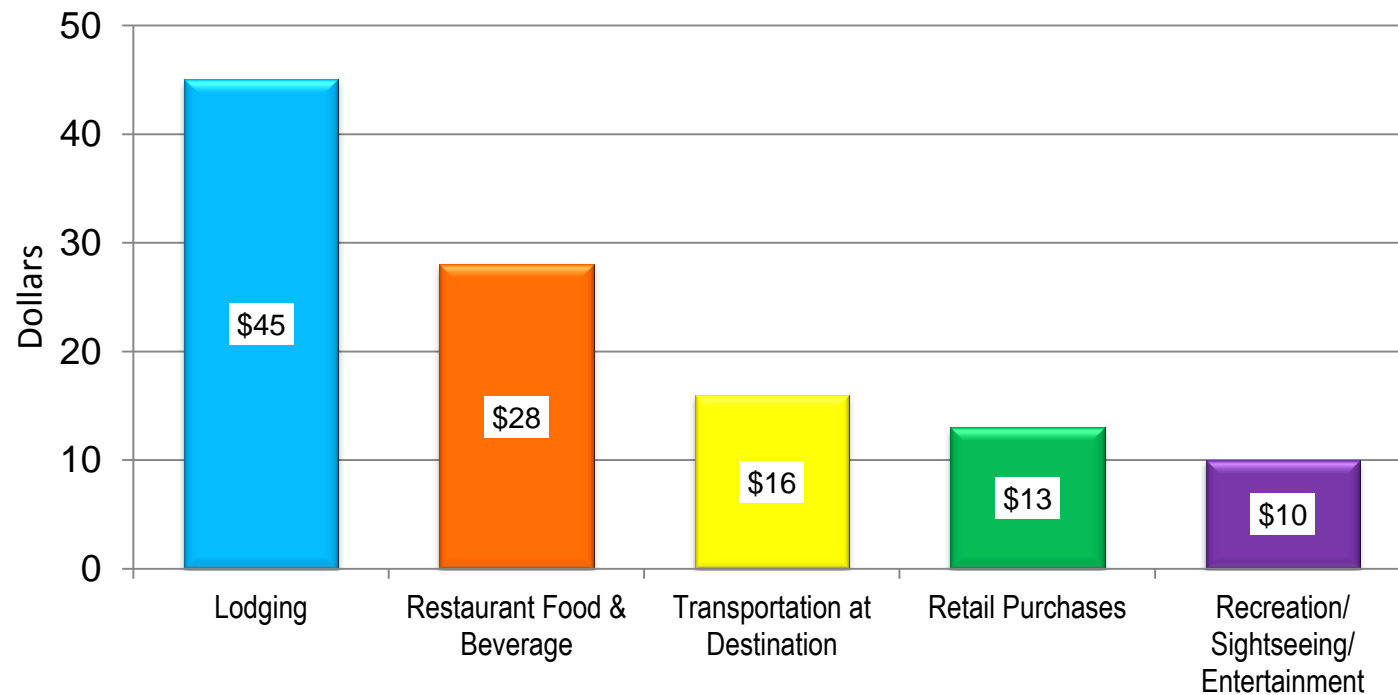
Base: Total Overnight Person-Trips



# Average Per Person Expenditures on Overnight Marketable Trips — By Sector



Base: 2011 Overnight Marketable Trips



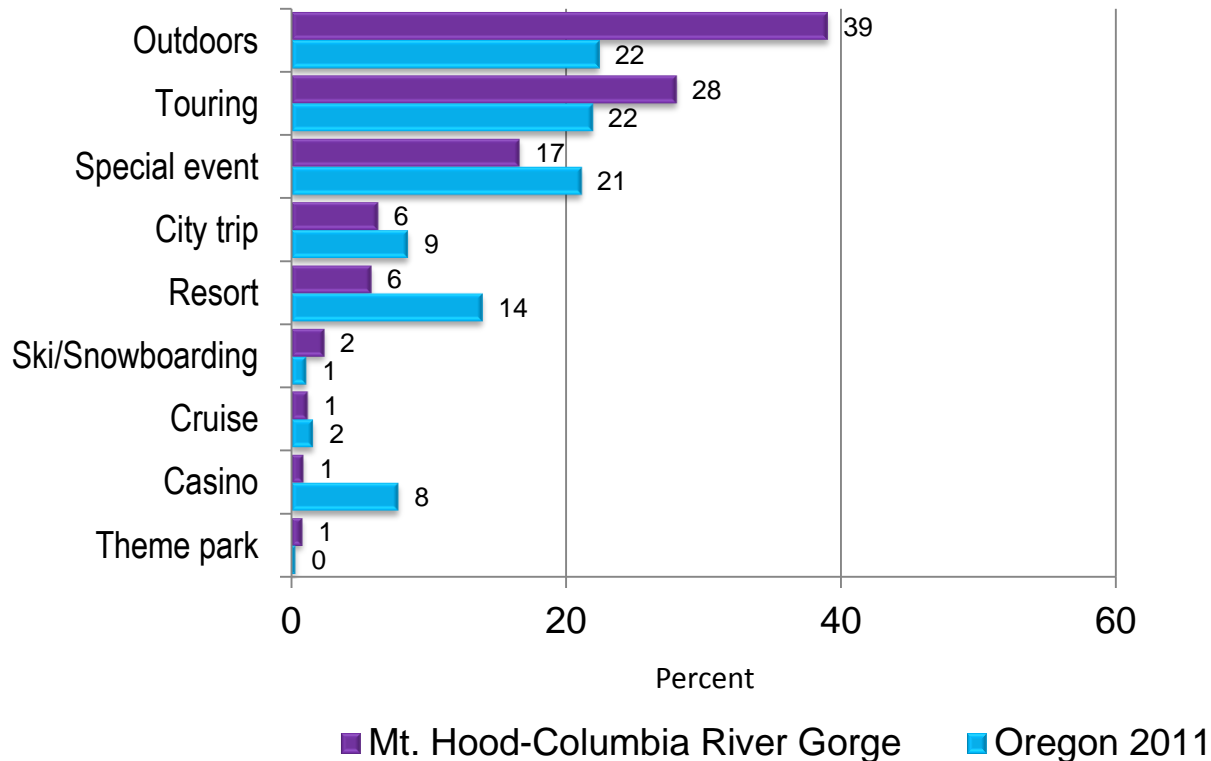


# Marketable Trip Characteristics and Visitor Profile – 2010/2011

# Main Purpose of Marketable Trip — Mt. Hood-Columbia River Gorge Region vs. State Norm



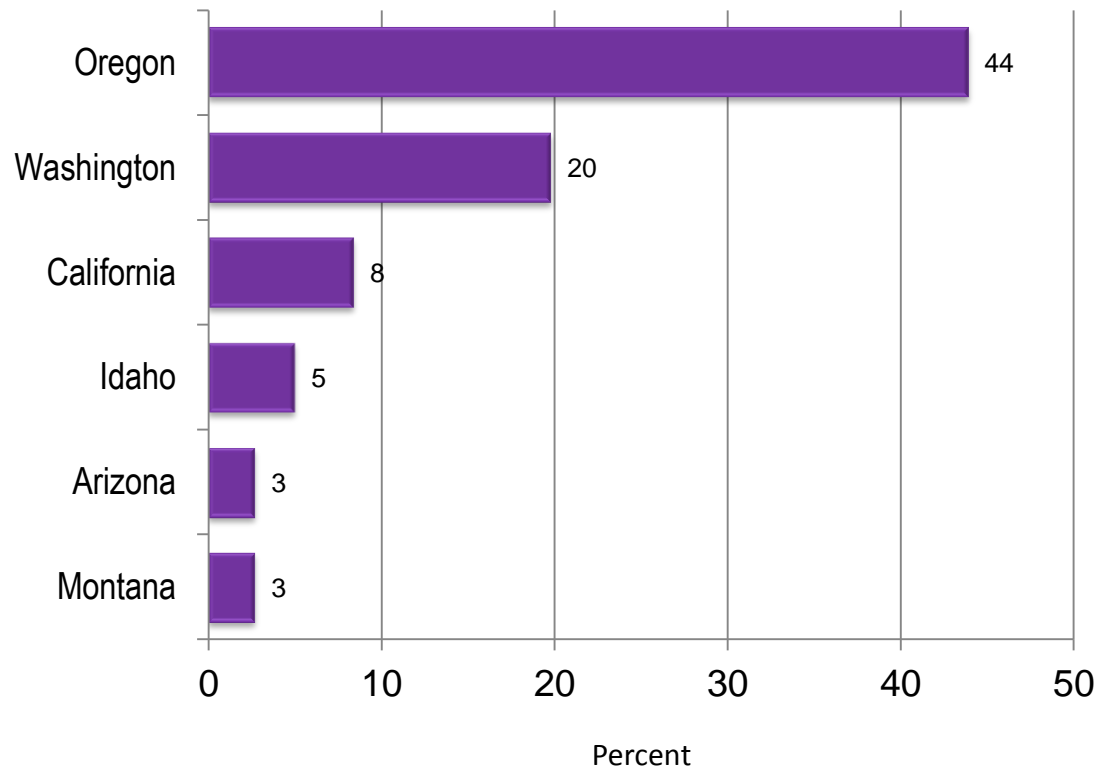
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# State Origin Of Overnight Trip



Base: Overnight Marketable Trips

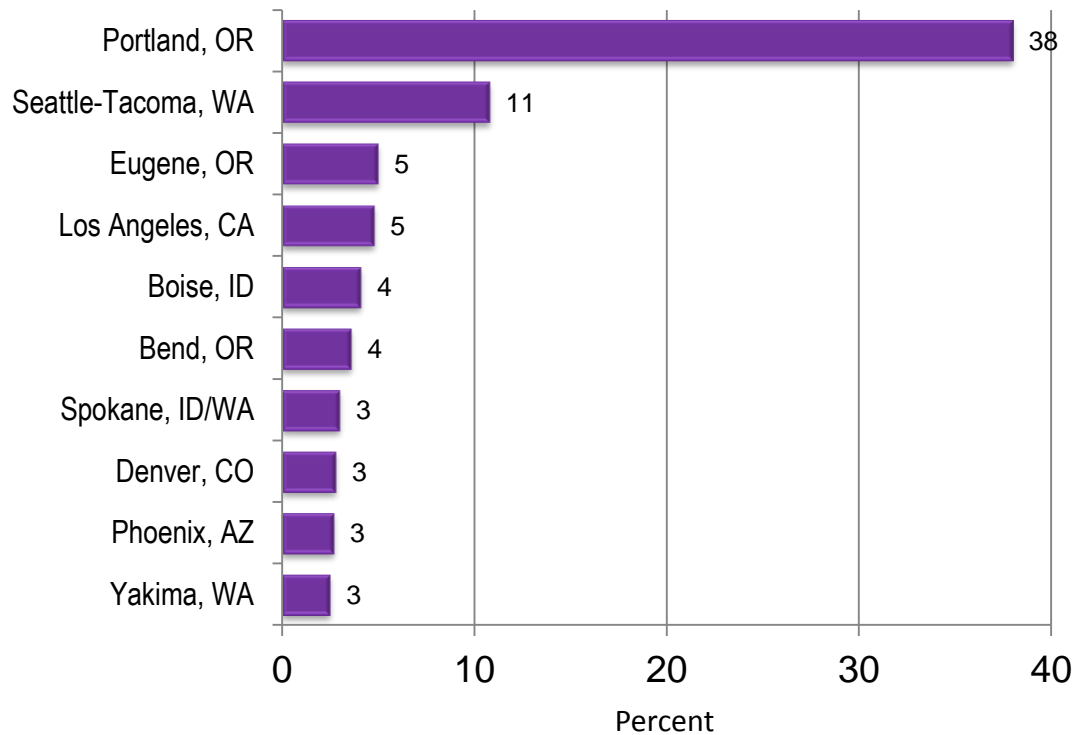




# DMA Origin Of Overnight Trip



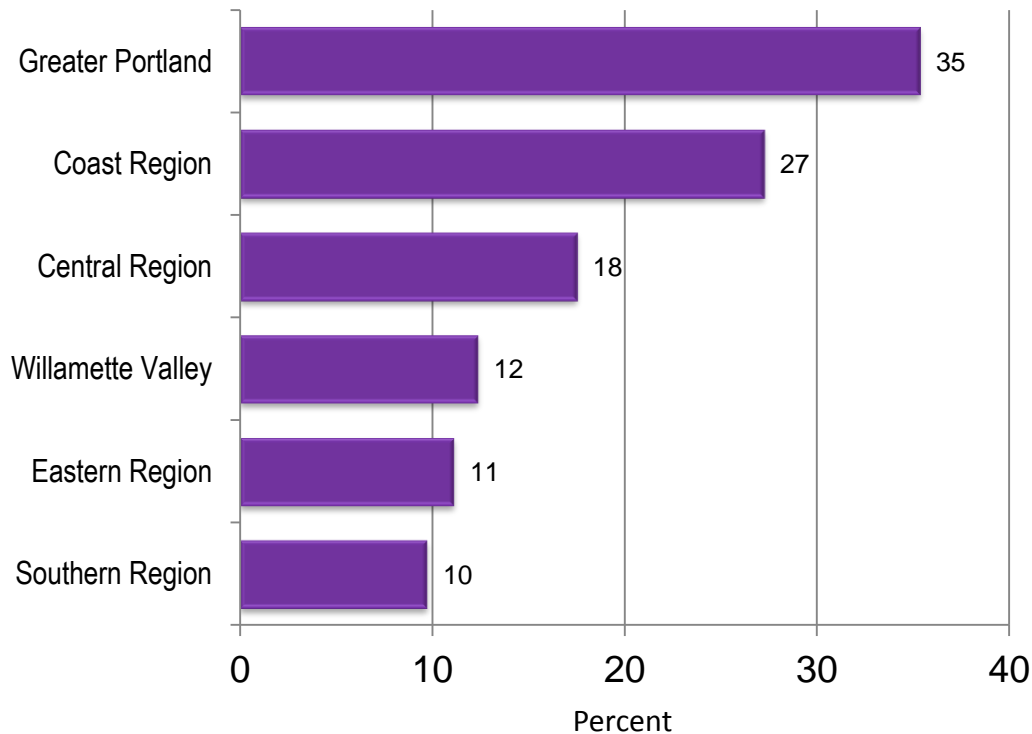
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# Other Oregon Regions Visited on Mt. Hood-Columbia River Gorge Trip



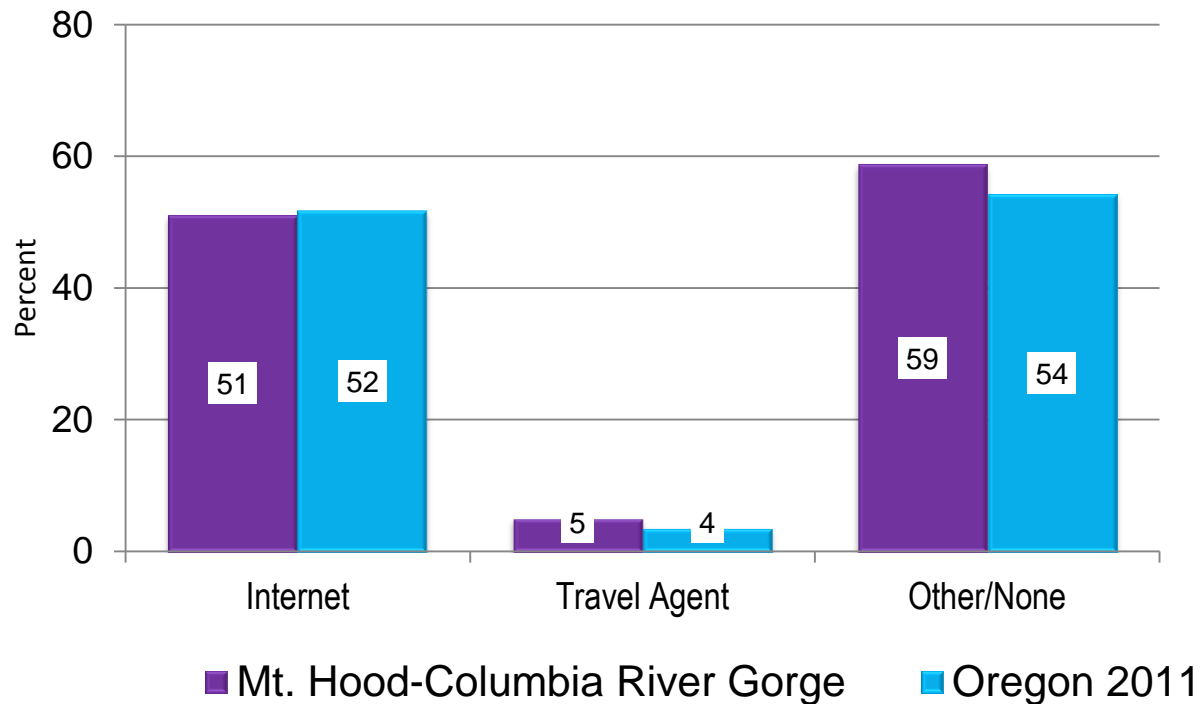
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# Method of Planning Trip



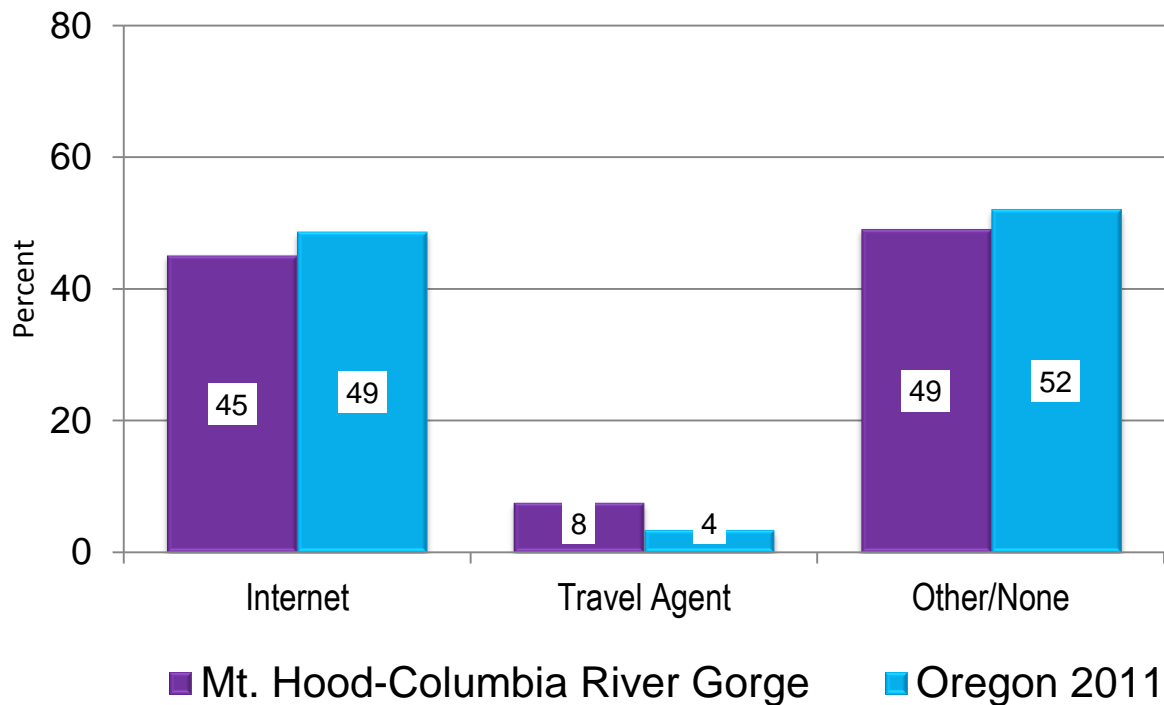
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# Method of Booking Trip



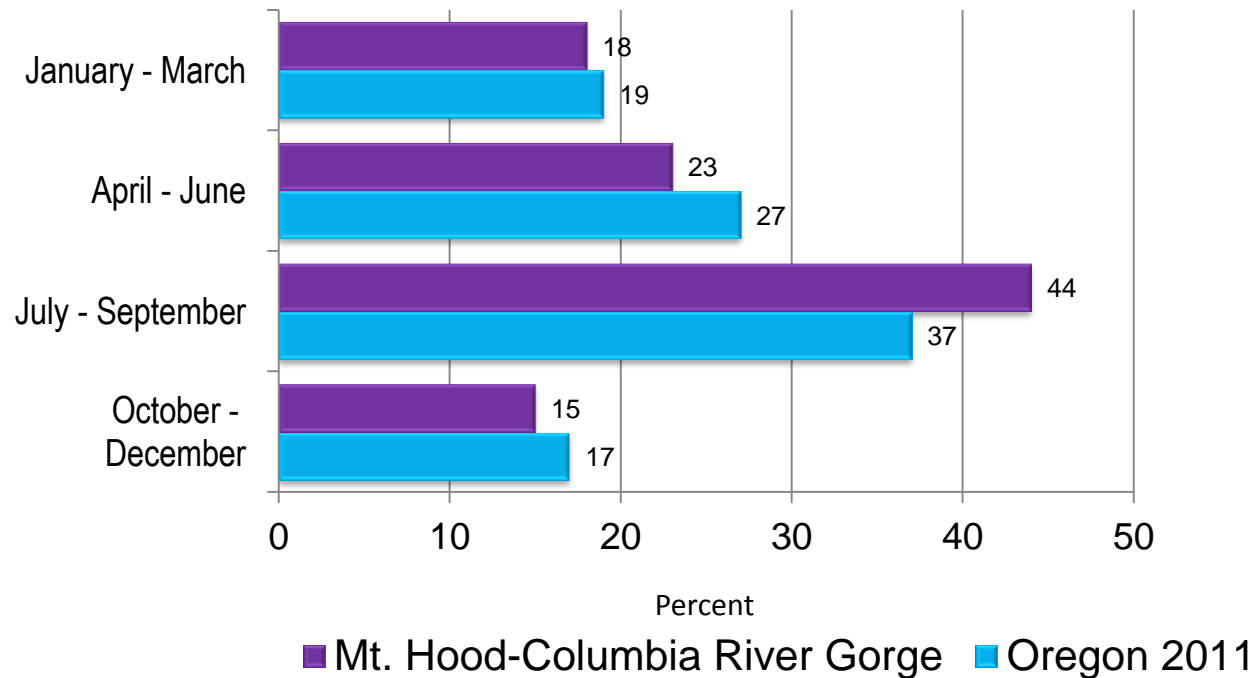
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# Season of Trip



Base: Overnight Marketable Trips



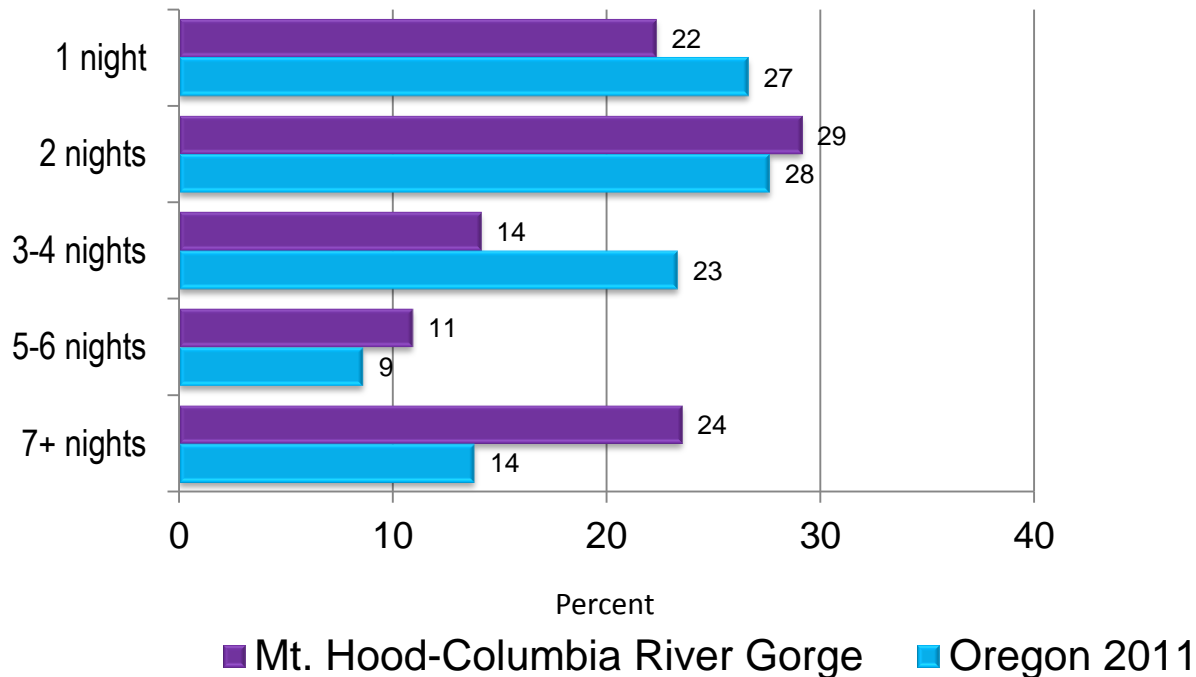
# Total Nights Away on Trip



Base: Overnight Marketable Trips

**Average  
Oregon  
= 3.8 Nights**

**Average  
Mt. Hood-Columbia River Gorge  
= 4.4 Nights**

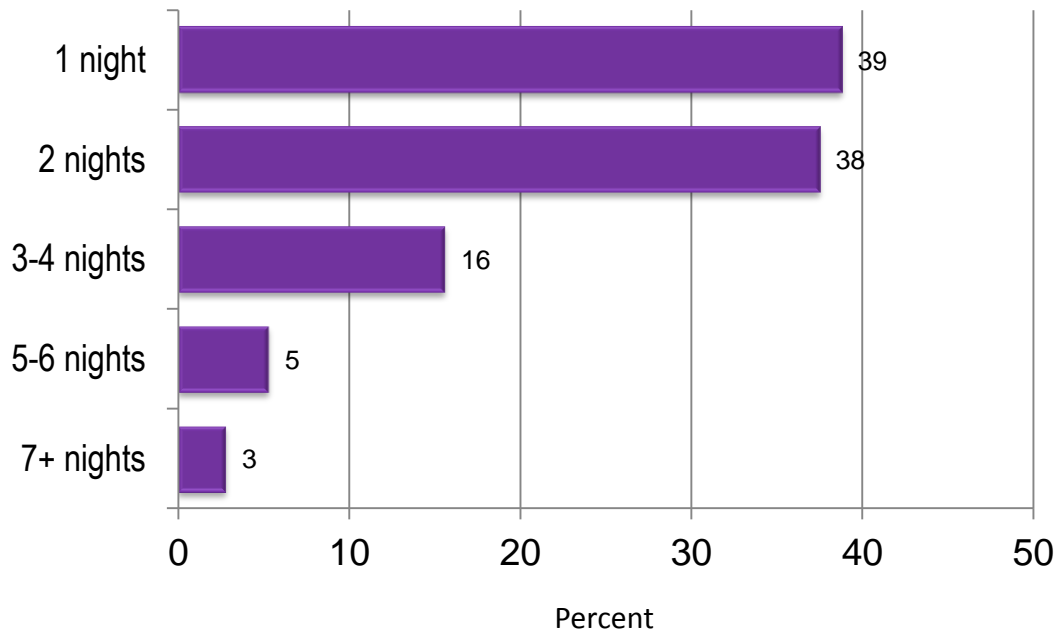


# Number of Nights Spent in Mt. Hood-Columbia River Gorge Region



Base: Overnight Marketable Trips with 1+ Nights Spent In Mt. Hood-Columbia River Gorge Region

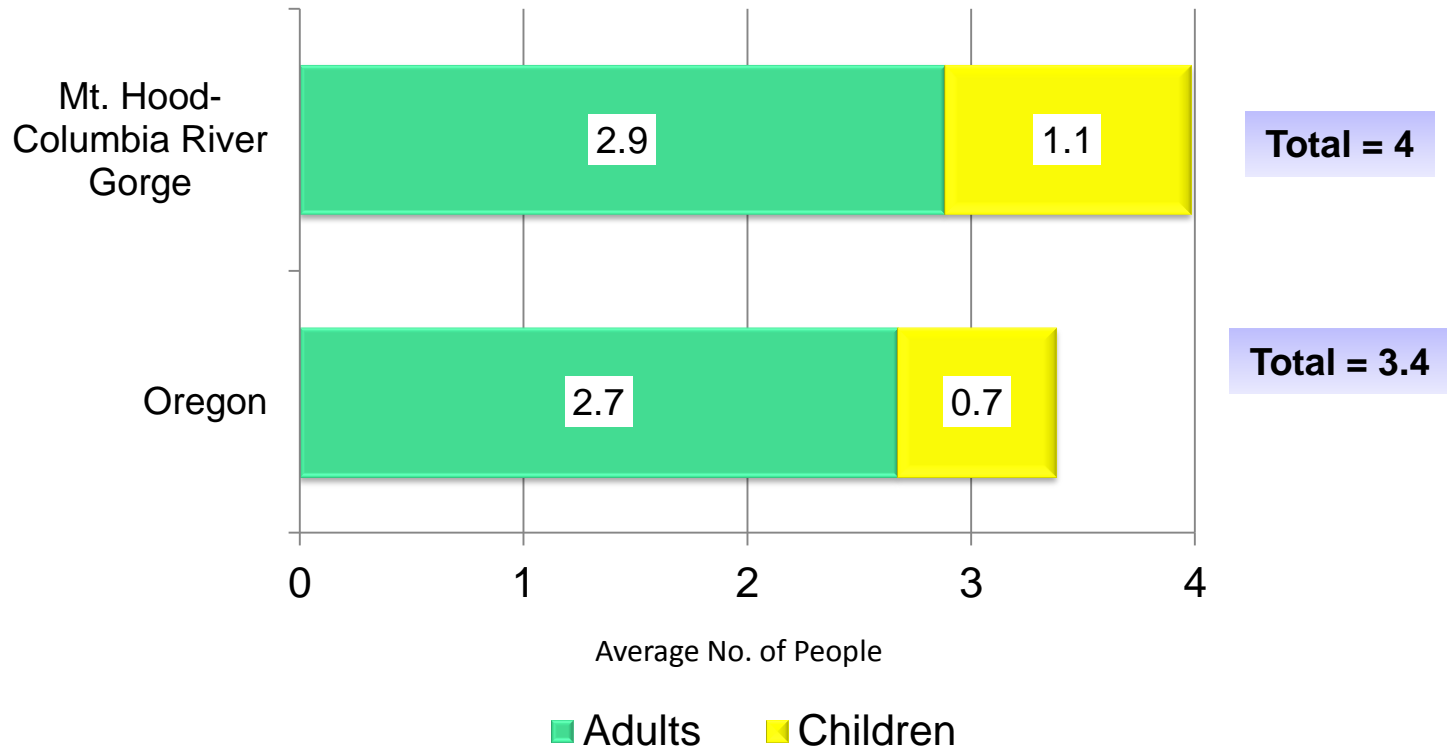
**Average Nights Spent in Mt. Hood-Columbia River Gorge Region = 2.2**



# Size of Travel Party



Base: Overnight Marketable Trips

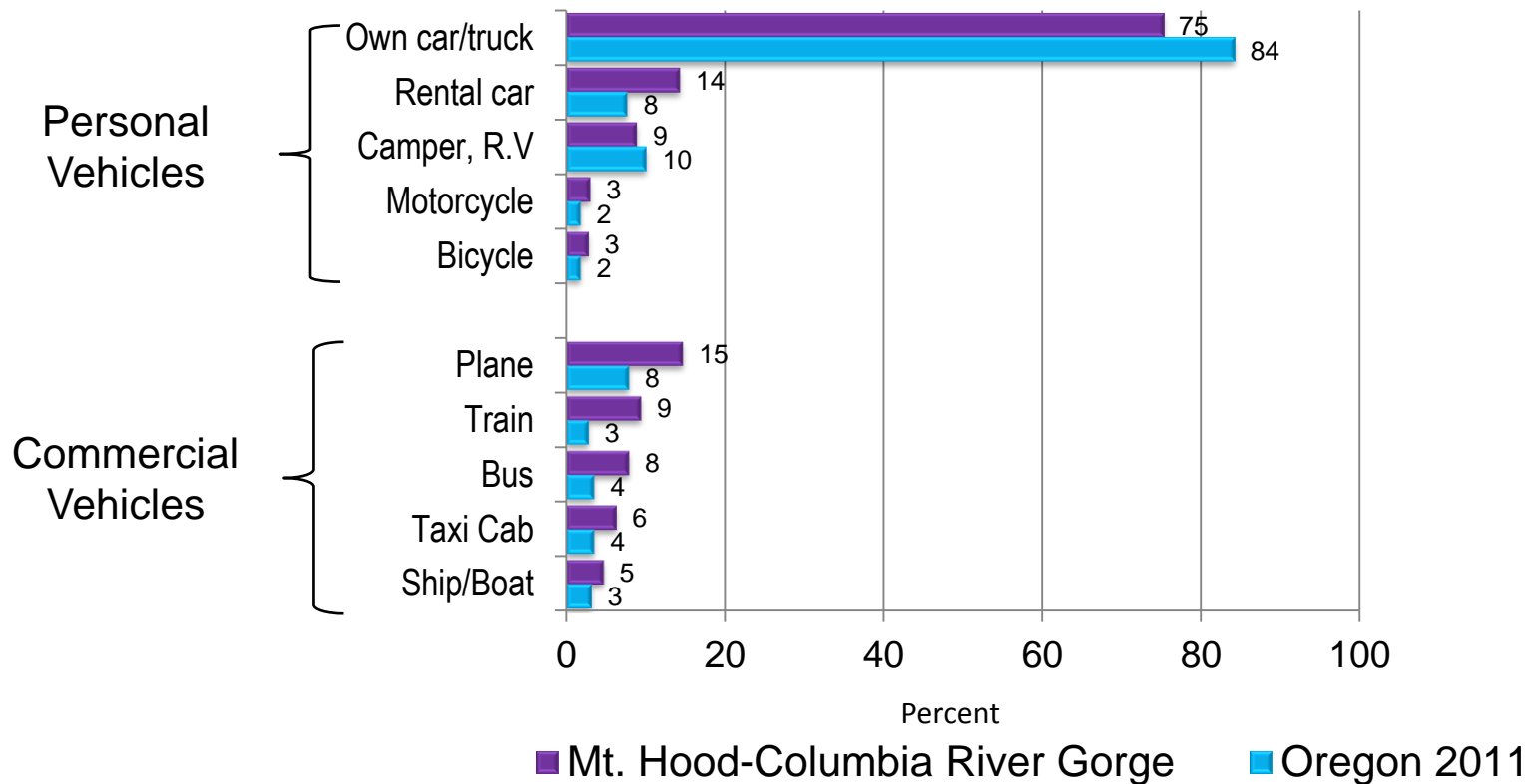




# Transportation



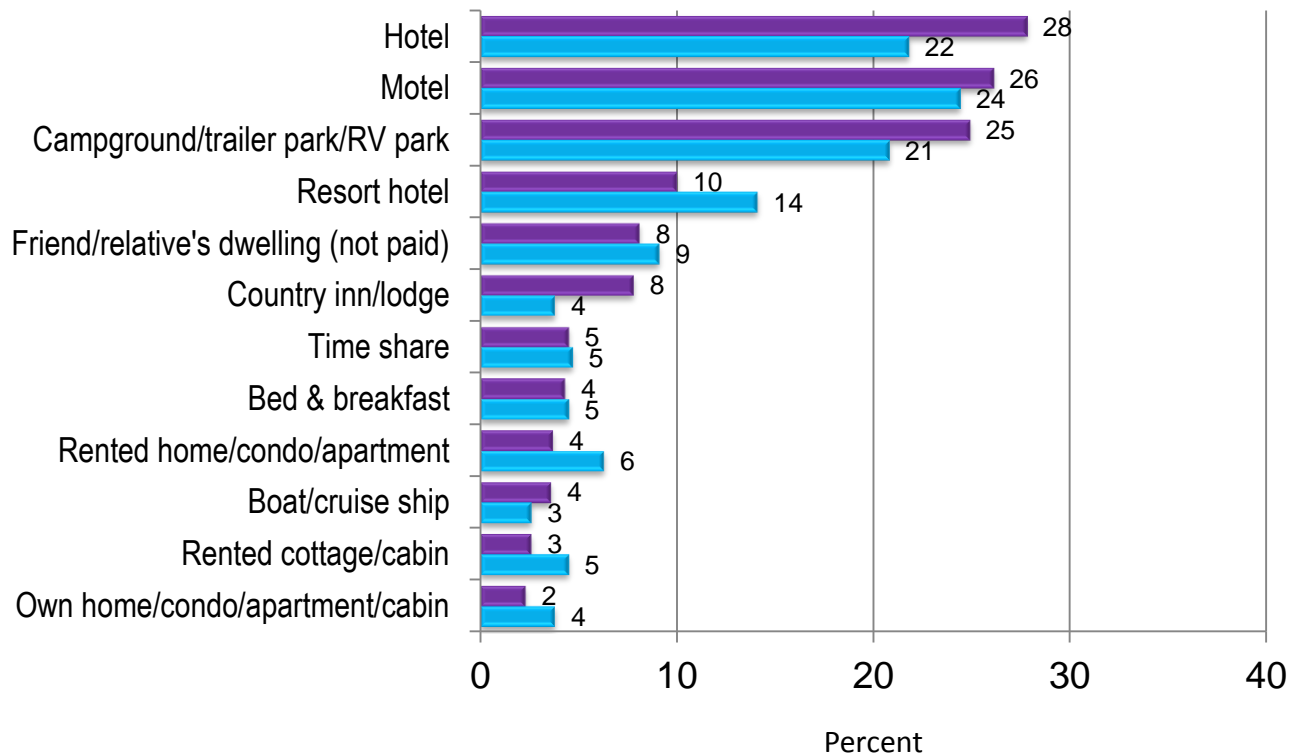
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# Accommodation



Base: Overnight Marketable Trips

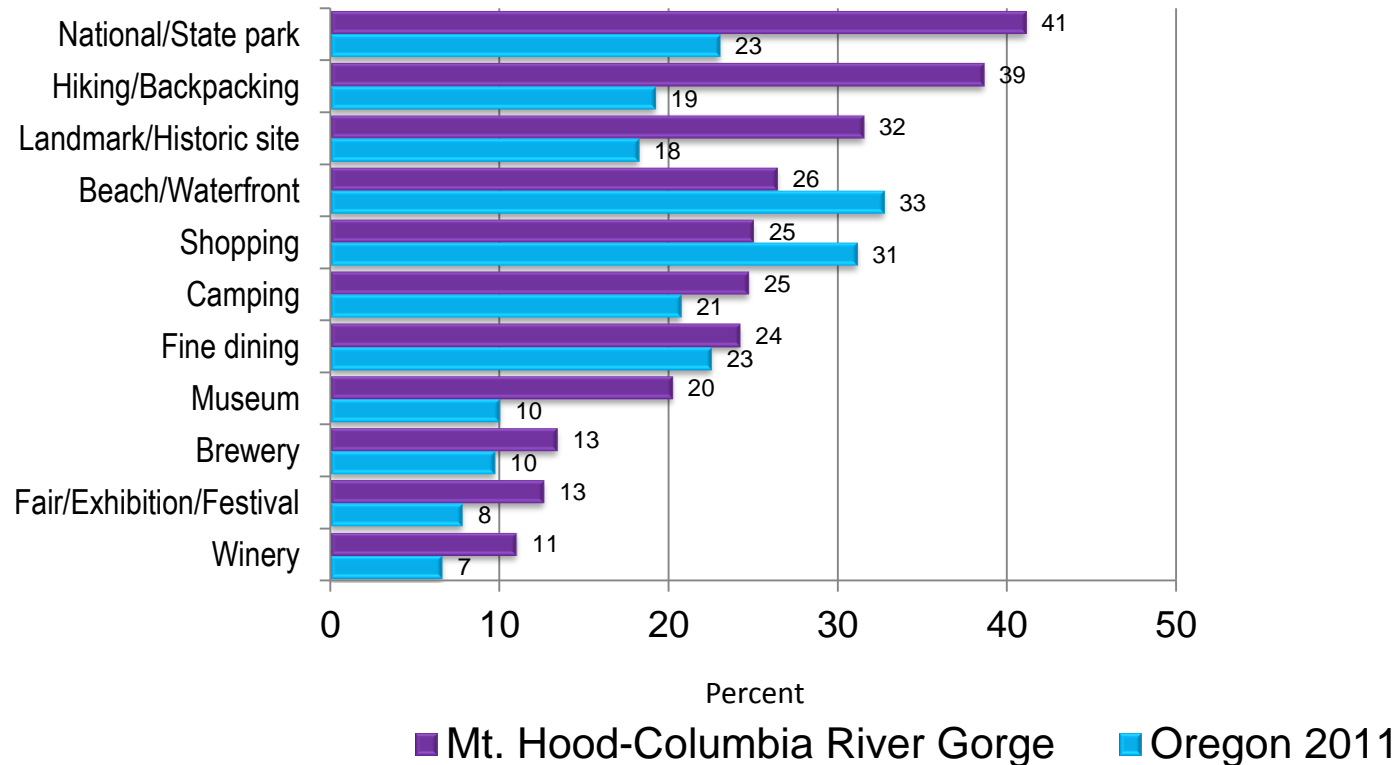


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# Activities and Experiences



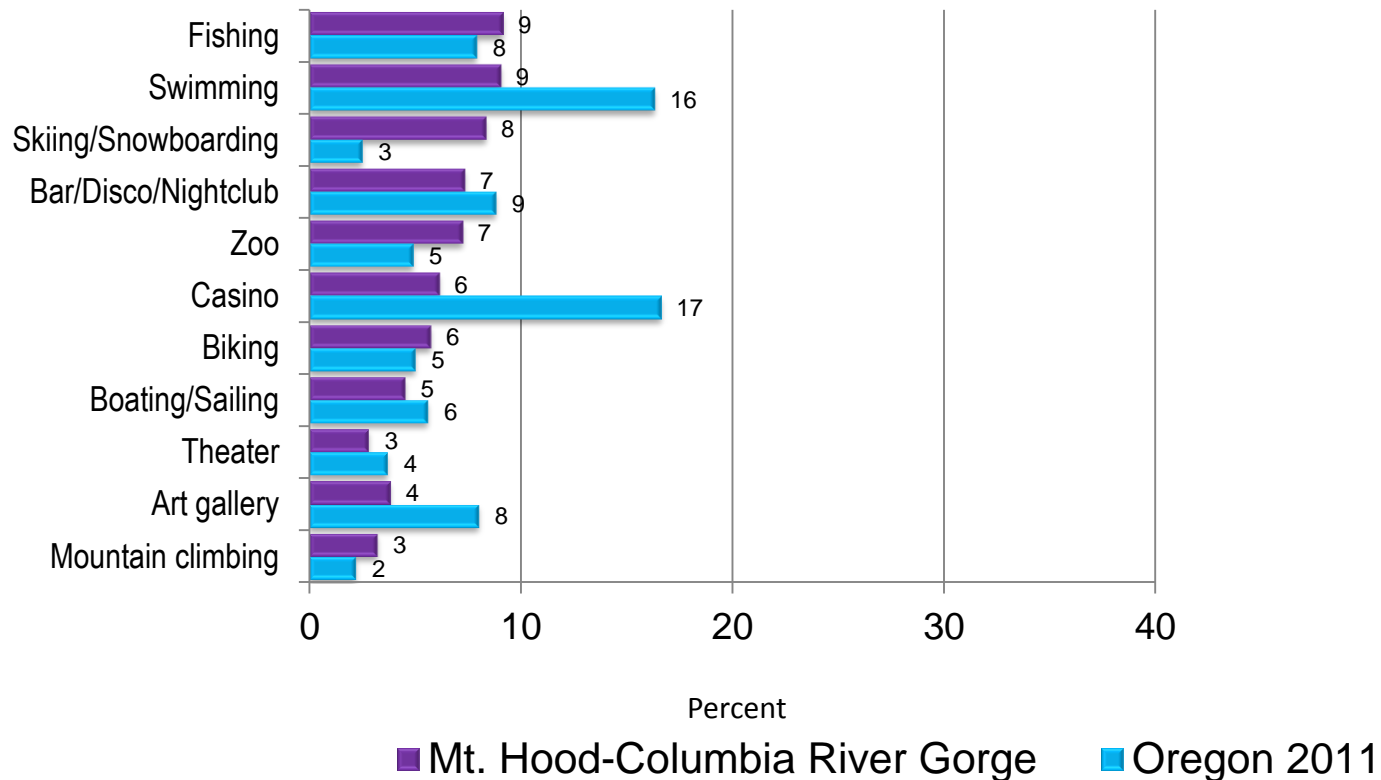
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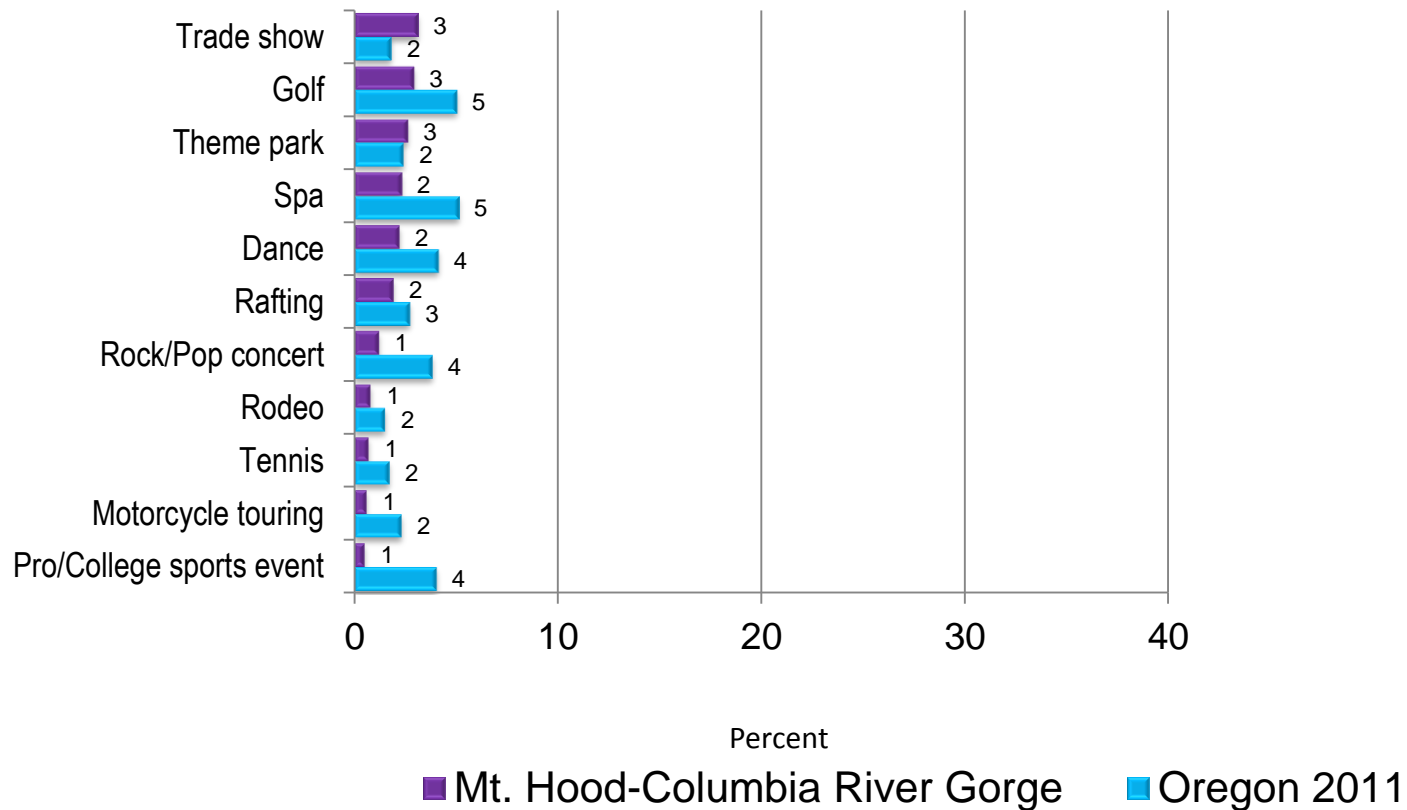
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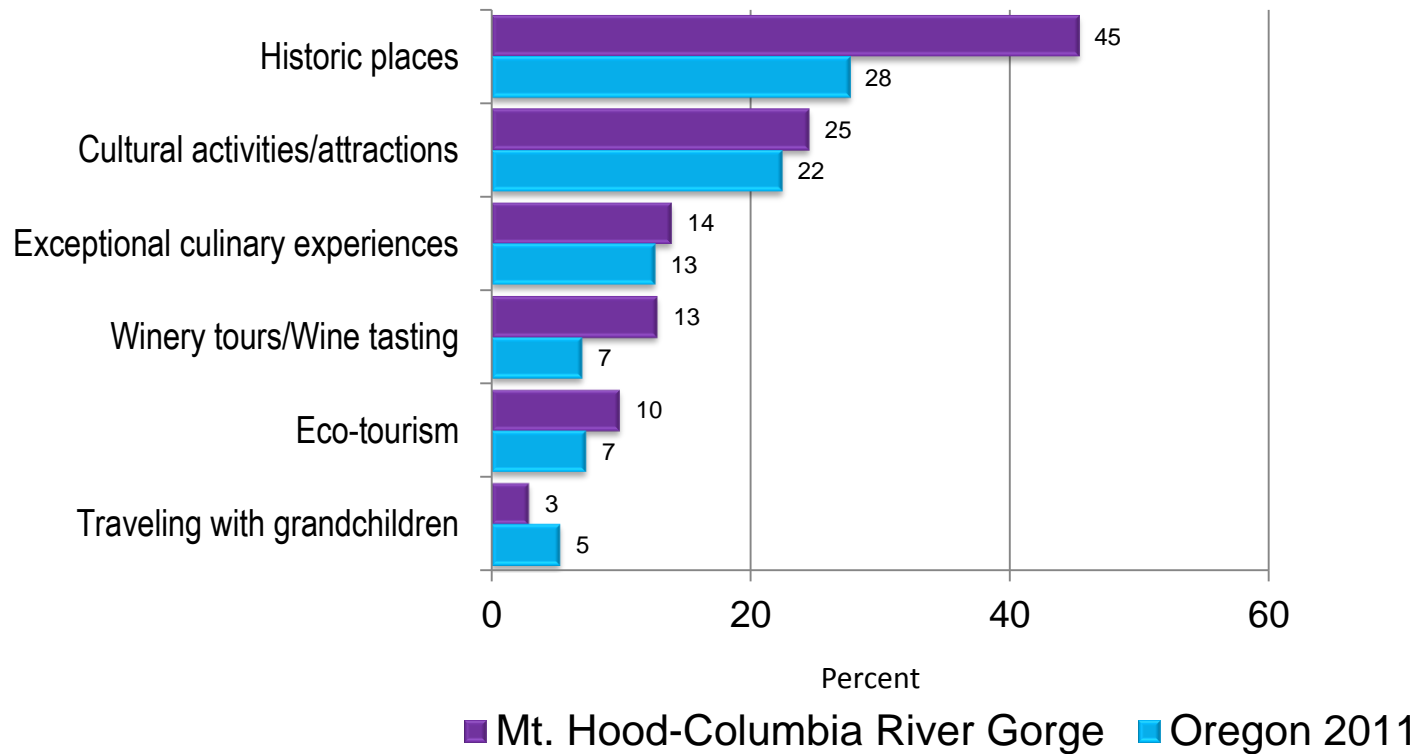
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# Activities of Special Interest



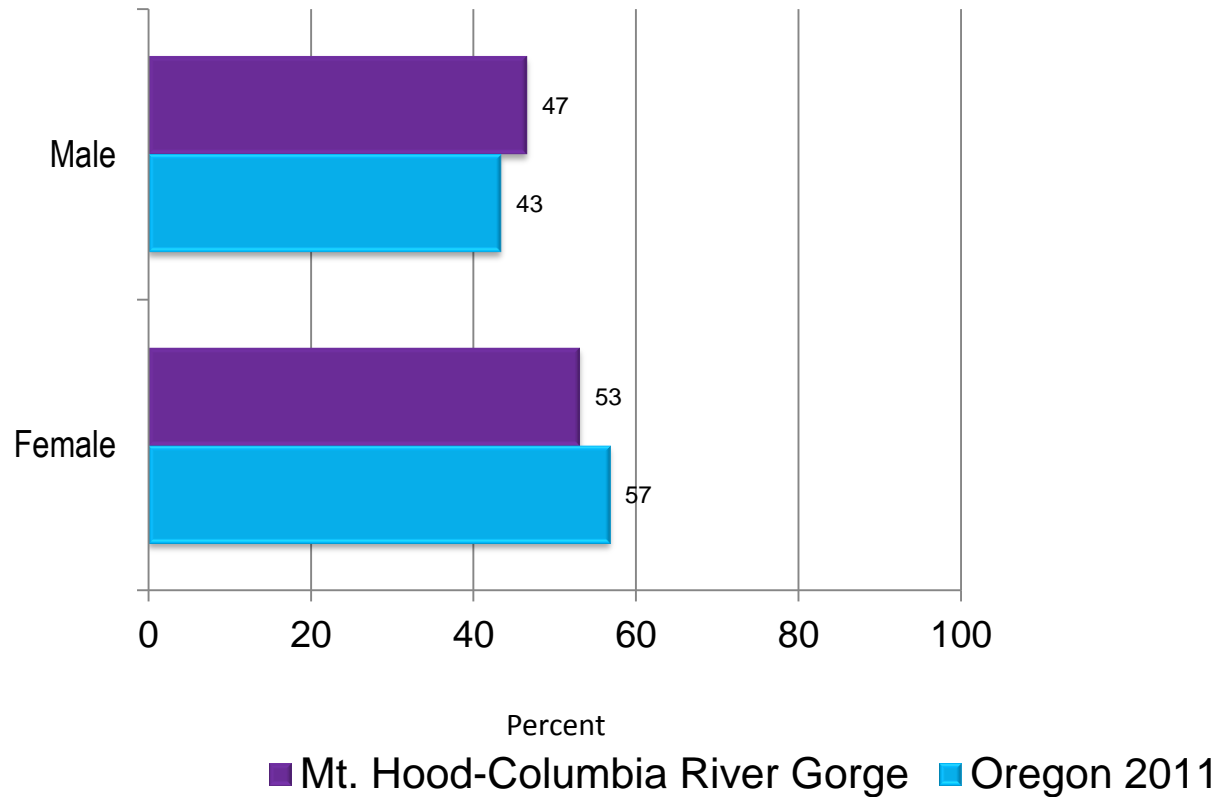
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# Gender



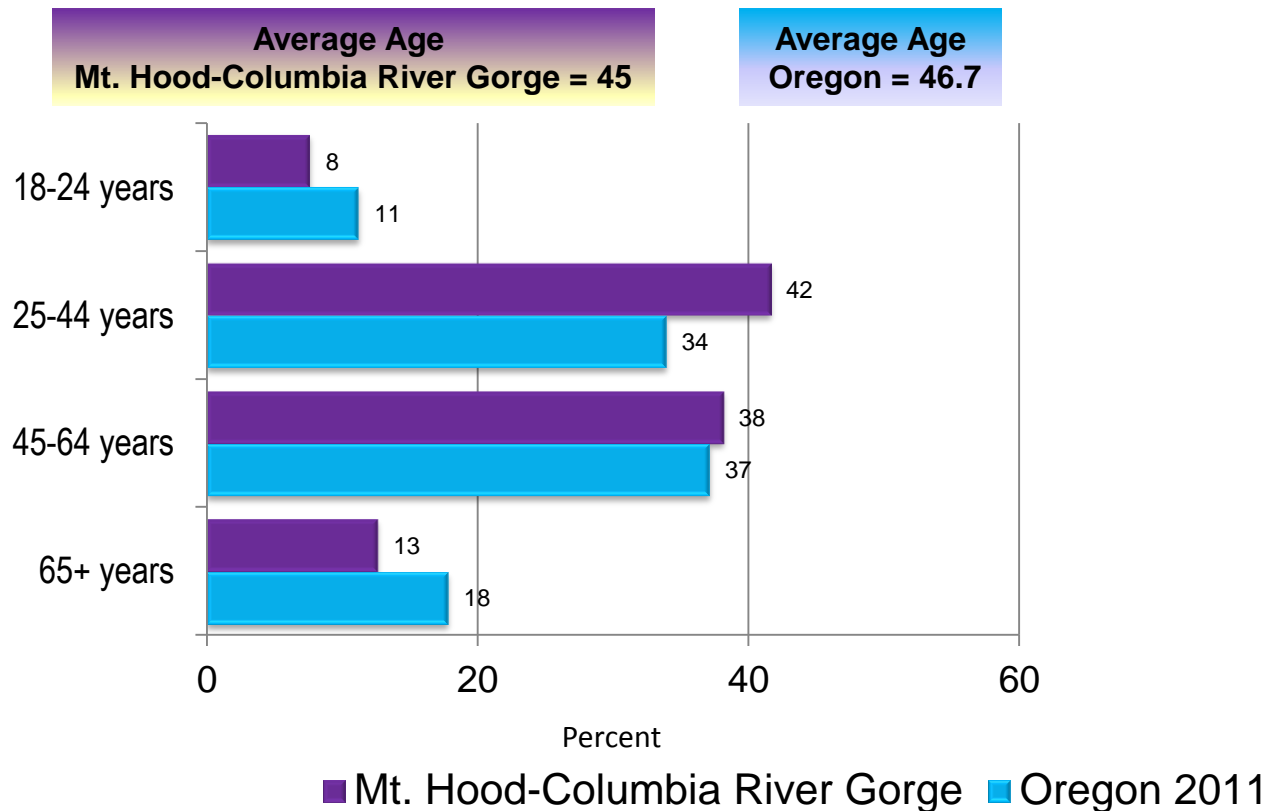
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# Age



Base: Overnight Marketable Trips

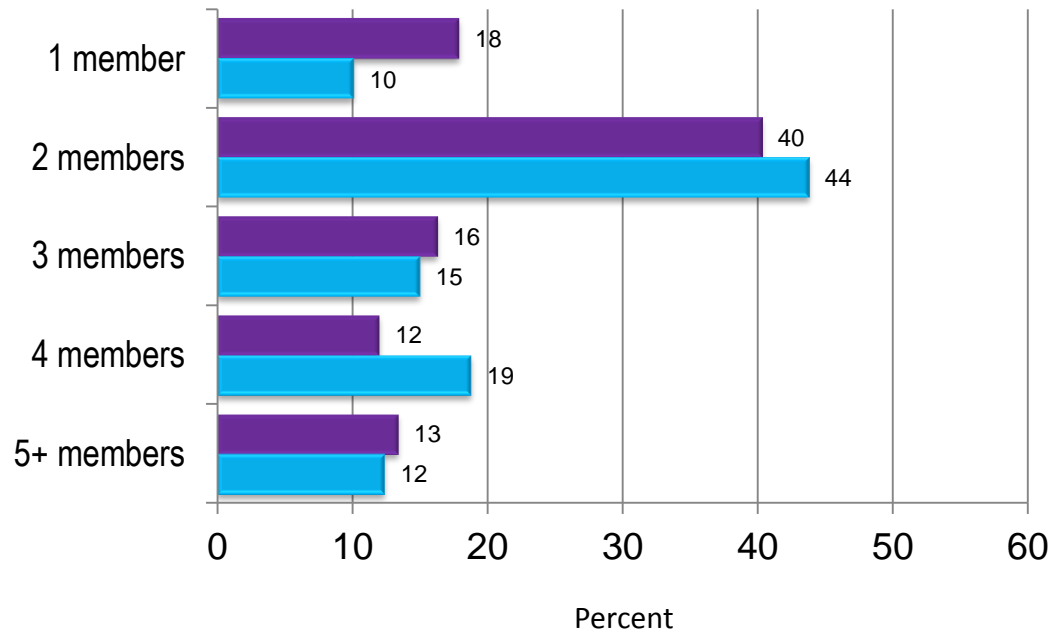




# Household Size



Base: Overnight Marketable Trips

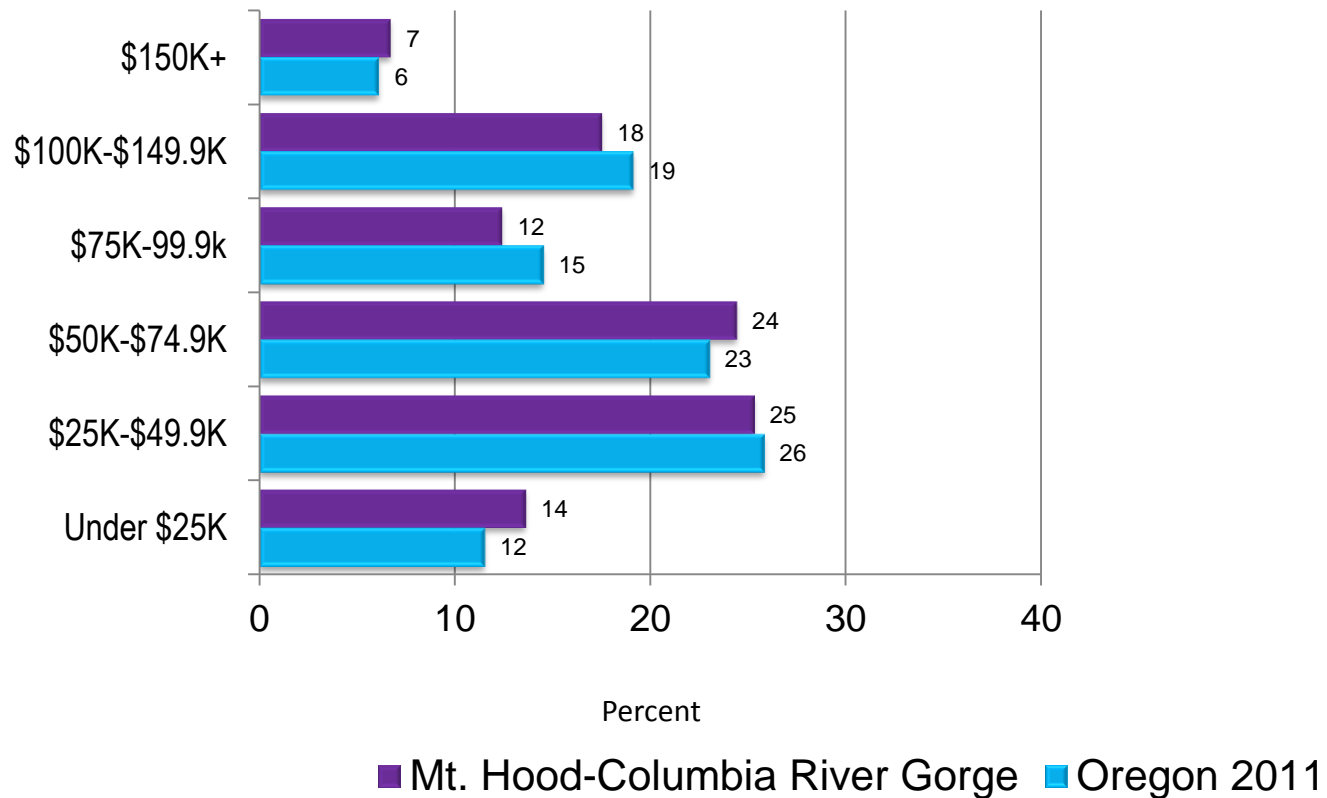


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# Income



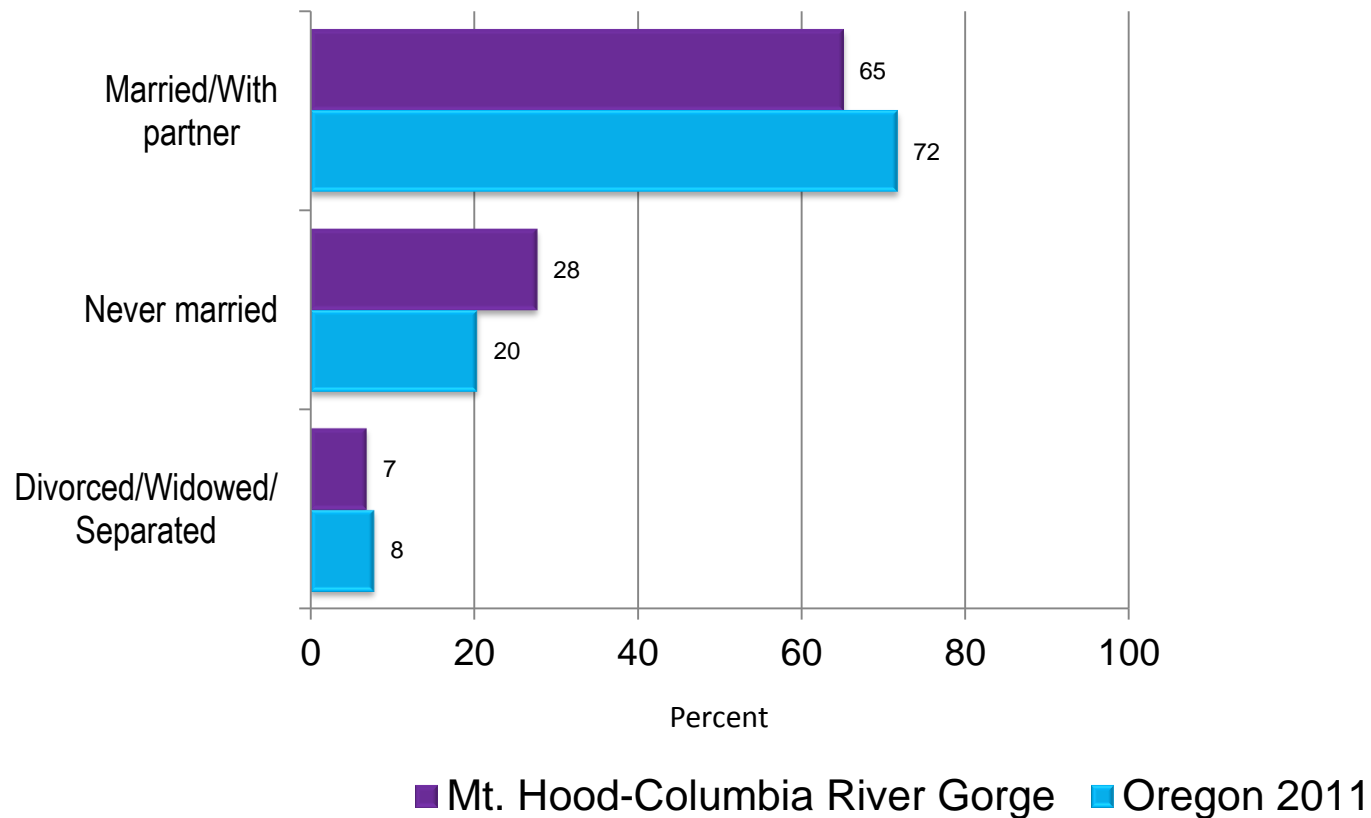
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# Marital Status



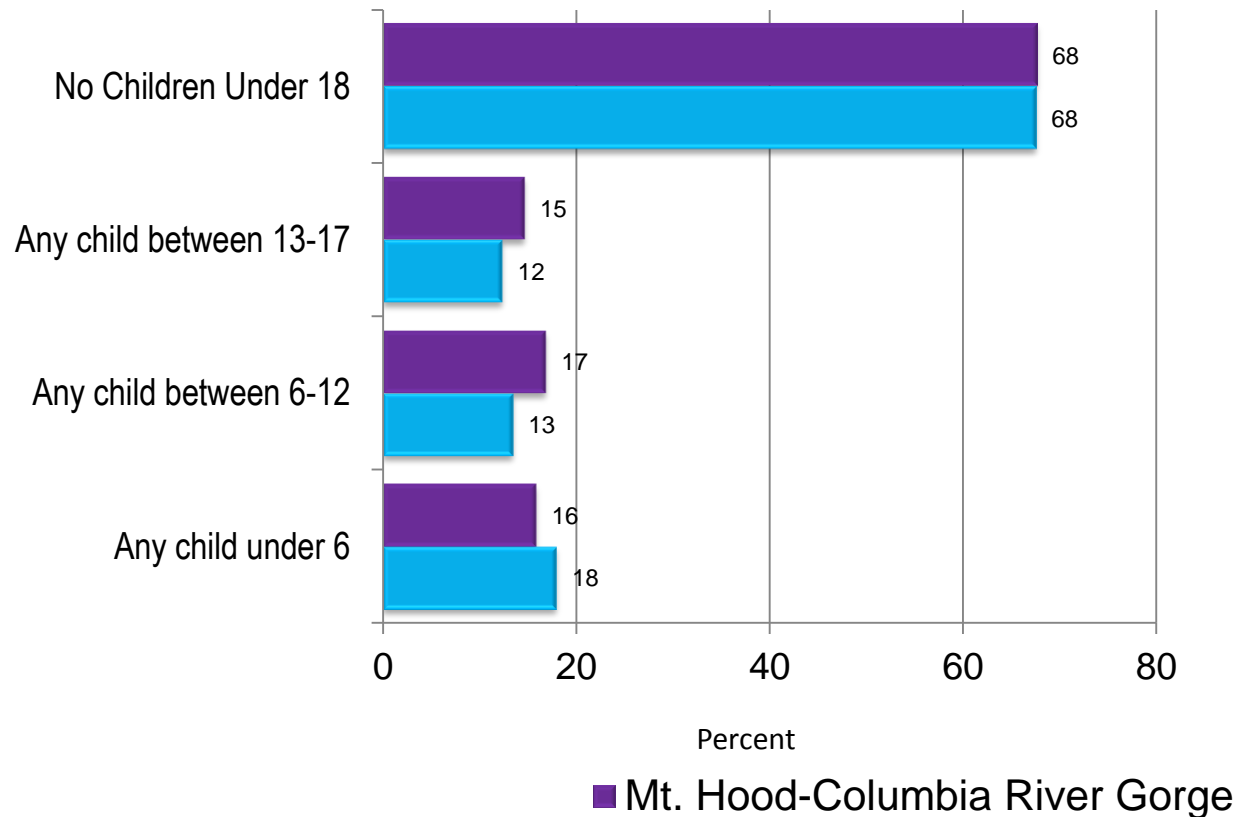
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# Children in Household



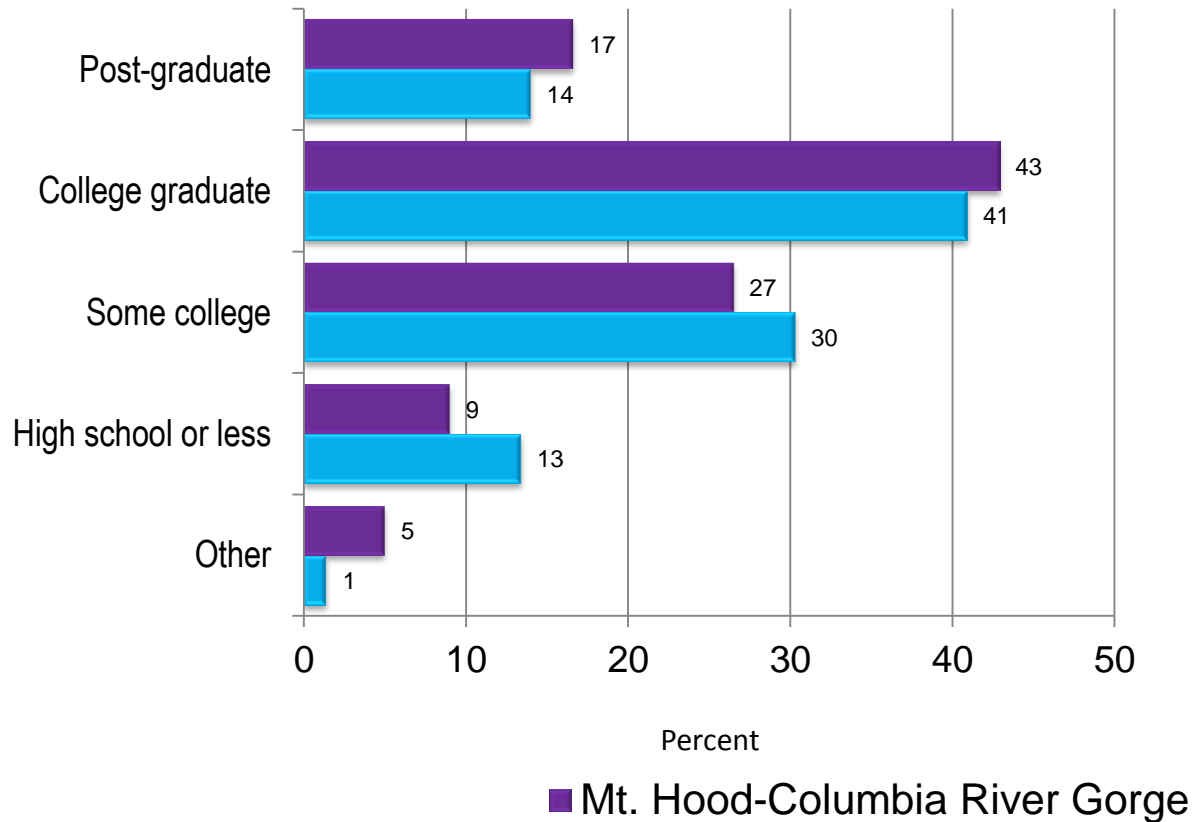
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# Education



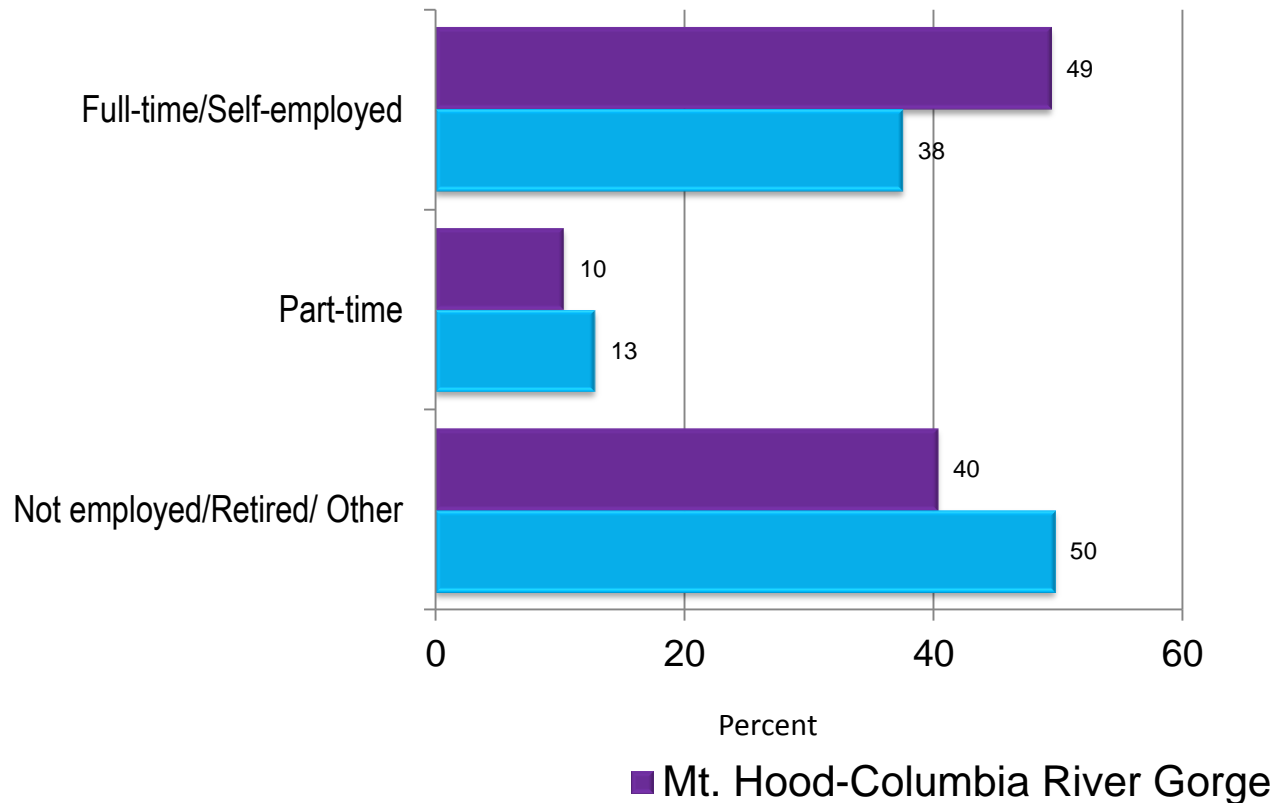
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# Employment



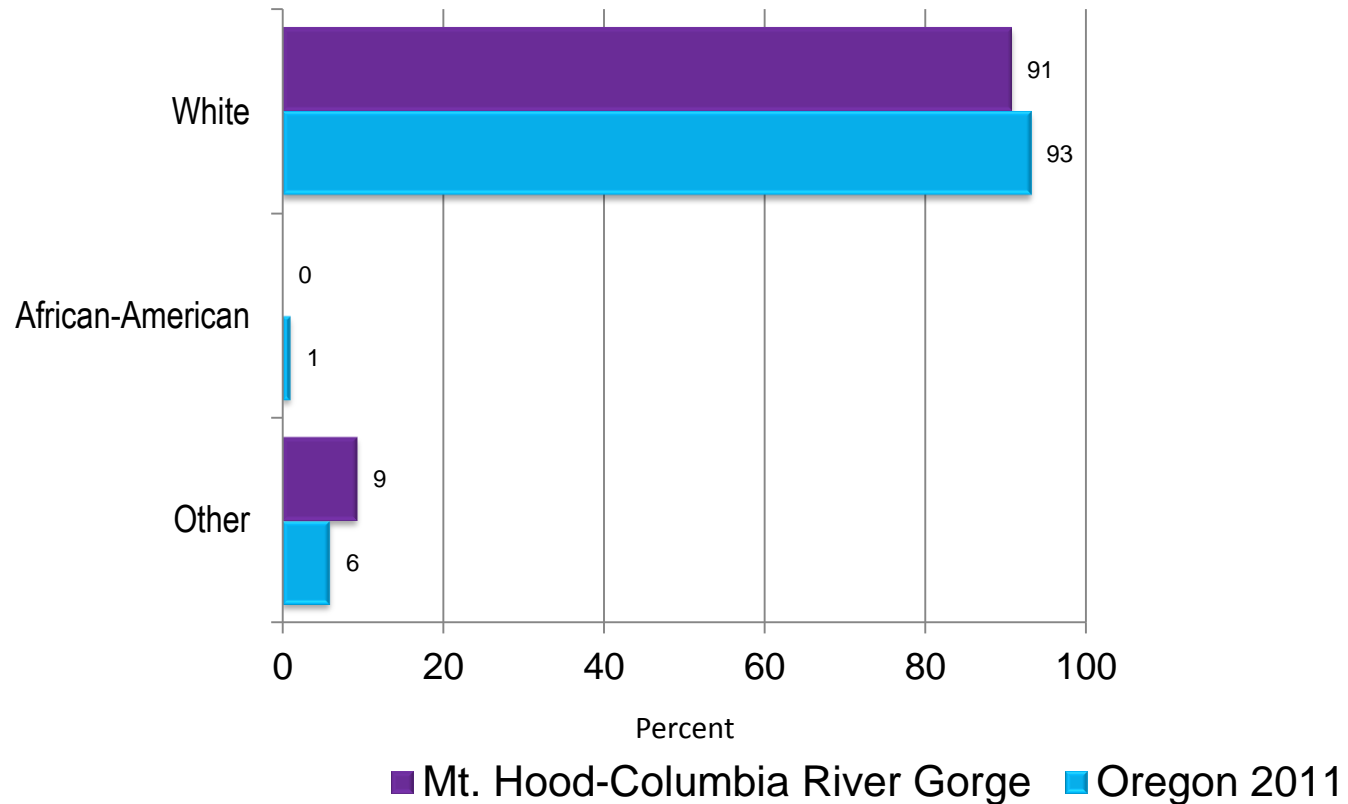
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# Race



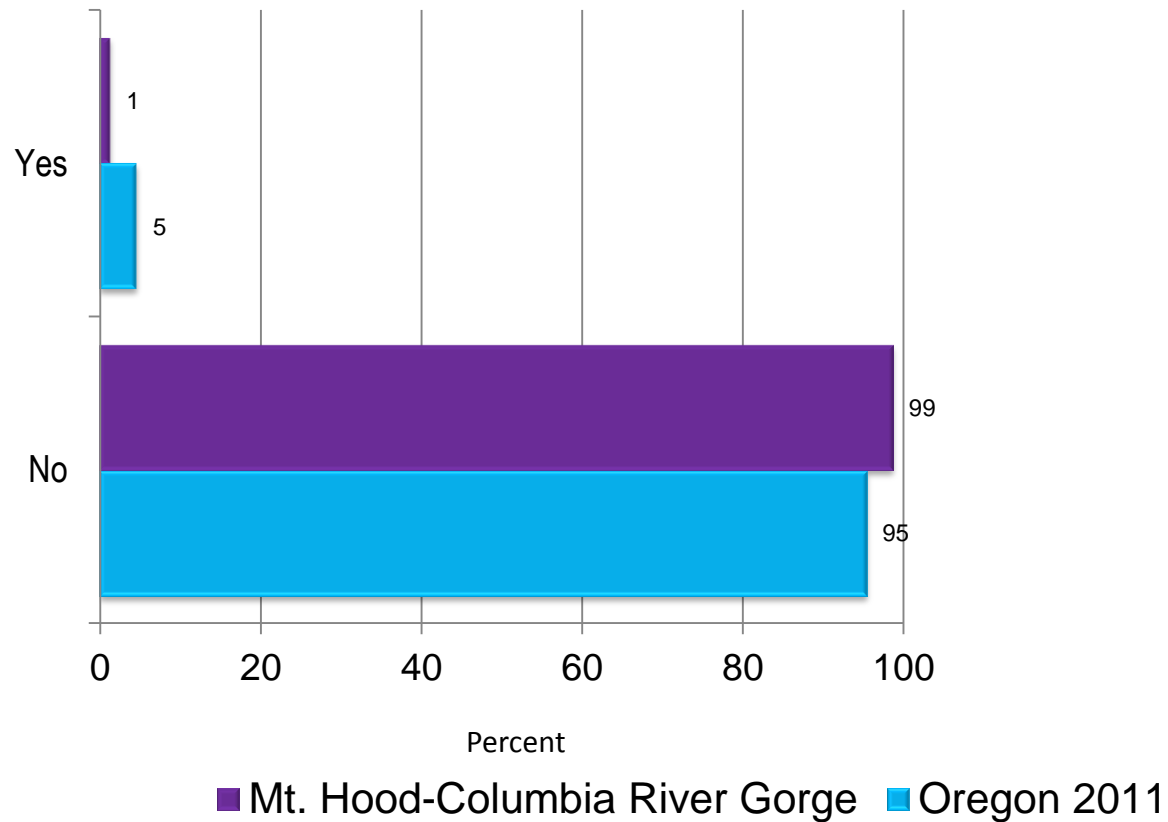
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# Hispanic Background



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# Appendix A: Key Terms Defined

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- ◉ An **Overnight Trip** is any journey for business or pleasure, outside your community and not part of your normal routine, where you spent one more nights away from home.
- ◉ A **Day Trip** is any journey for business or pleasure, outside your community and not part of your normal routine, that did not include an overnight stay. Day trips involve travel of more than 50 miles from home.
- ◉ A **Person-Trip** is one trip taken by one visitor
  - ◉ *Person-trips are the key unit of measure for this report.*

# Trip-Type Segments



$$\text{Total Trips} = \text{Leisure} + \text{Business} + \text{Business-Leisure}$$

- ◉ **Leisure Trips:** includes all trips where the main purpose was one of the following:
  - ◉ *Visiting friends/relatives*
  - ◉ *Touring through a region to experience its scenic beauty, history and culture*
  - ◉ *Outdoors trip to enjoy activities such as camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, and boating*
  - ◉ *Special event, such as a fair, festival, or sports event*
  - ◉ *City trip*
  - ◉ *Cruise*
  - ◉ *Casino*
  - ◉ *Theme park*
  - ◉ *Resort (ocean beach, inland or mountain resort)*
  - ◉ *Skiing/snowboarding*
- ◉ **Business Trips:** includes
  - ◉ *Conference/convention*
  - ◉ *Other business trip*
- ◉ **Business-Leisure:** a trip for business where, on the same trip, the visitor stayed for at least one additional day to experience the same place or nearby area simply for leisure.

## Marketable Trips:

Includes all leisure trips, with the exception of visits to friends/relatives