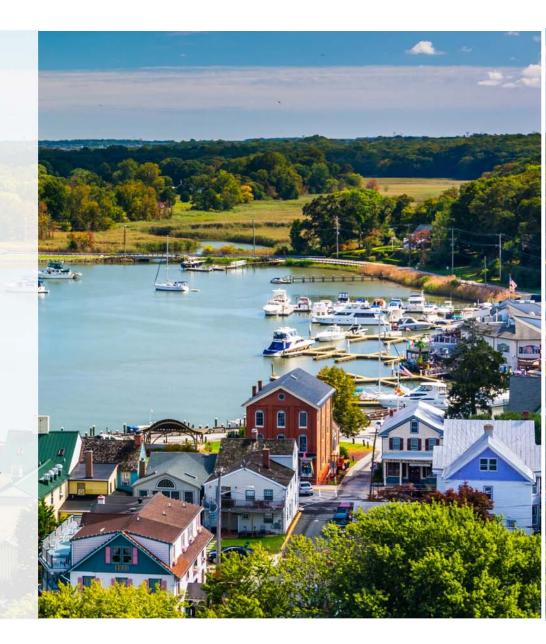
Maryland Office of Tourism Development & Marriner Marketing

Ad Effectiveness & ROI Study (Pre-Campaign)

Presentation of Findings
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Research Overview

In this presentation we will review the findings of a study of American leisure travelers from key markets conducted by Destination Analysts on behalf of the Maryland Office of Tourism & Development and its agency, Marriner Marketing. This online survey-based research was conducted before the commencement of the Maryland Office of Tourism & Development's FY 2019 advertising campaign.

The primary objective of this pre and post study was to measure impact and awareness of the Maryland Office of Tourism's media campaign as well as identify key drivers for overnight visitation to the state. Additionally, the research was designed to benchmark travelers':



- Awareness of and familiarity with Maryland as a leisure travel destination
- Rates of past visitation and likelihood to visit the state in the future
- Current perceptions of the state as a leisure travel destination
- Motivations for visiting Maryland and trip activities desired
- · Awareness of Maryland travel advertising
- Earned and paid media recall

Methodology

Destination Analysts worked closely with Marriner Marketing to develop a questionnaire to address these informational goals as well other insights desired. Using the domestic panel of survey sample provider Dynata, an online survey invitation was sent to adult Americans from Maryland's key feeder markets (DMAs): Baltimore, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, District of Columbia, Harrisburg/Lancaster, New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Albany was also included in the survey sample to serve as a control market to ensure any measurable brand lift observed in the markets of study in the post-campaign survey can be attributed to the advertising campaign and not other external factors. Respondents were then screened for the following qualifications:

- Aged between 25-72 years old
- Minimum household income of \$60K
- Traveled overnight for leisure in the last 12 months
- Stayed in hotel accommodations at least one night for one or more leisure trips in the past year

Diversity in the sample was important so the survey sampling strategy targeted a mix of respondents by gender, age and ethnicity.

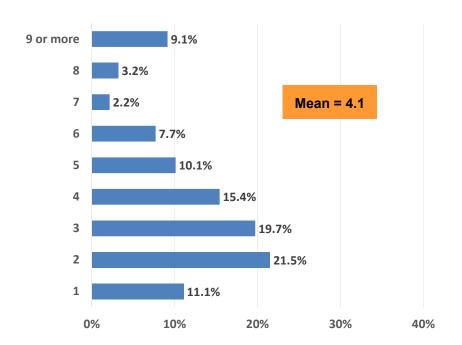
The survey was fielded February 13th through March 13th, 2019. In total, 1,605 complete surveys were collected.





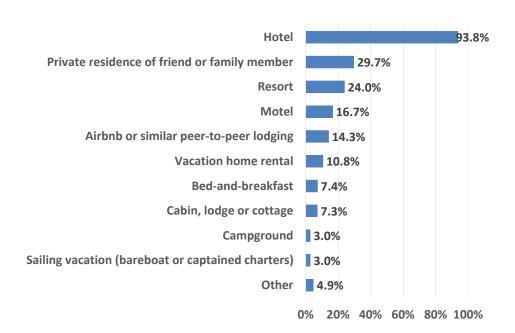
Overnight Leisure Trips/Accommodations Used for Past Overnight Trips

Figure 1: Overnight Leisure Trips Taken in Past Year



Question: In the past 12 months, how many overnight leisure trips have you taken? Please include only OVERNIGHT trips of 50 miles or more (one way) from your home. Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

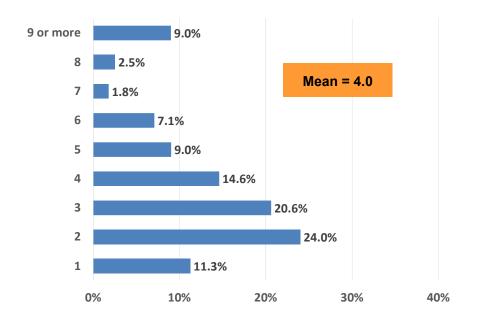
Figure 2: Accommodations Used for Past Overnight Trips



Question: Which type(s) of accommodations did you stay in on these overnight leisure trips? (Select all that apply) Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

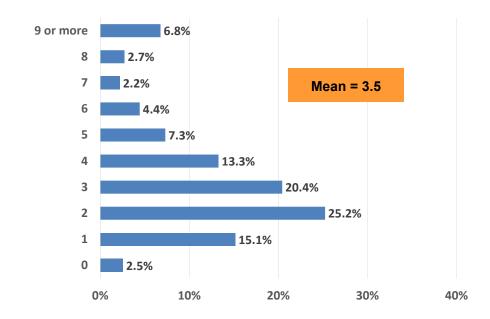
Anticipated Overnight Trips/Anticipated Overnight Trips to Out-of-State Destinations

Figure 3: Anticipated Overnight Trips in the Next Year



Question: In the next 12 months, how many overnight leisure trips do you plan to take? Please include only OVERNIGHT trips of 50 miles or more (one way) from your home. Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

Figure 4: Anticipated Overnight Trips to Out-of-State Destinations in the Next Year



Question: How many of these overnight leisure trips will be to destinations outside your primary state of residence? Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

Importance of Attributes to Destination Selection Process

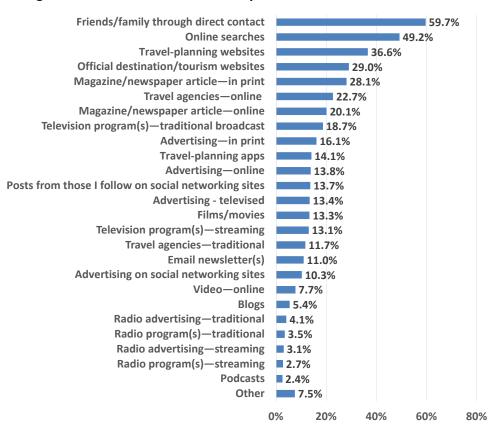
Figure 5: Importance of Attributes to Destination Selection Process – Top Two Box Score



Question: Please think about your process for selecting destinations to visit for your overnight leisure trips. How important are each of the following attributes and offerings to you? Please evaluate each using the five-point scale below in which "1" represents "totally unimportant" and "5" represents "very important." Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

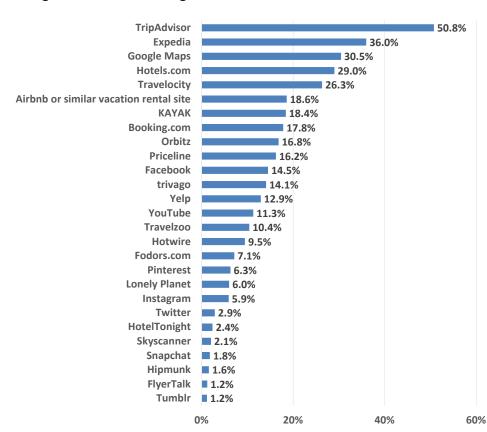
Sources of Destination Inspiration/Travel Planning Resources

Figure 6: Sources of Destination Inspiration



Question: How do you typically get ideas for destinations to visit for leisure? (Select all that apply) Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

Figure 7: Travel Planning Resources

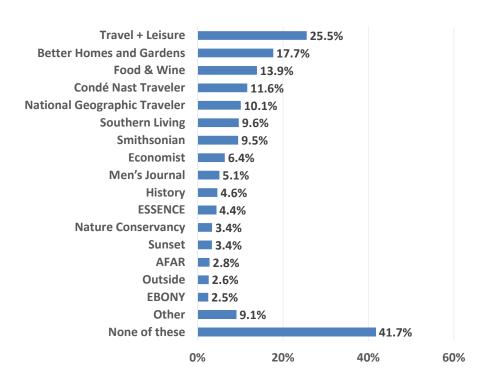


Question: Which of the following resources do you use to plan leisure travel? (Select all that apply) Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.



Publications Travelers Read

Figure 8: Publications Travelers Read

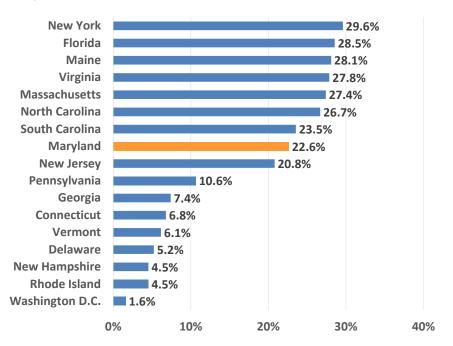


Question: Which of the following publications do you read (digital or print)? (Select all that apply) Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.



Top-of-Mind Destinations with Maryland's Attributes/ Familiarity

Figure 9: Top-of-Mind East Coast Destinations with Maryland's Attributes (Unaided)

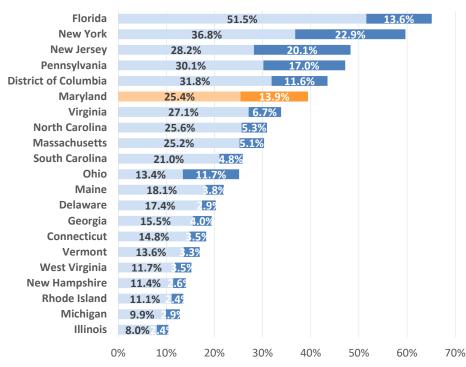


Question: Please think about the East Coast of the United States as a region for overnight leisure travel. Now think about travel destinations within the East Coast that specifically feature the following attributes: Abundant land and water-based outdoor activities, Varied landscapes—from cities to oceans to mountains, A diverse culinary scene featuring seafood and other local favorites, Rich in history and historic sites, Welcoming culture. Please list the first three East Coast STATES that come to mind as fitting this description. Base: All respondents. 1,573 responses.

Figure 10: Familiarity with Leisure Offerings



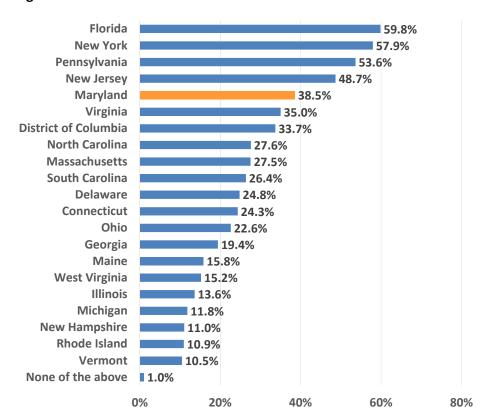
■ I know almost everything about this state as a leisure destination.



Question: How much do you know about each of the following as a destination for leisure travel? Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

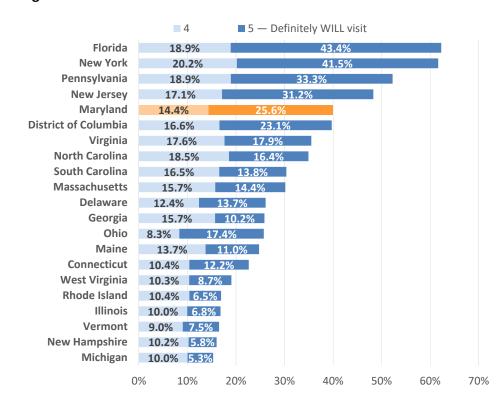
States Visited for Leisure in Past Five Years/Likelihood to Visit in the Next Year

Figure 11: States Visited for Leisure in Past Five Years



Question: In the past five years, which of the following have you taken a leisure trip within? (Select all that apply) Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

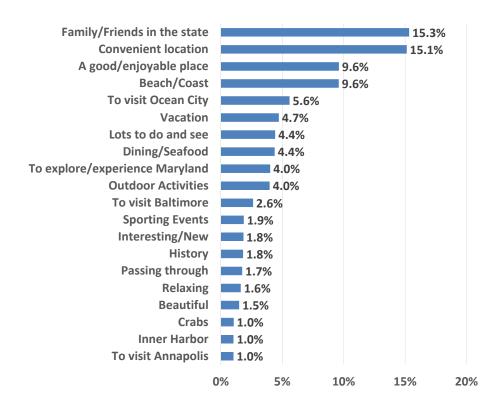
Figure 12: Likelihood to Visit in the Next Year



Question: On a five-point scale, where "1" represents "Definitely will NOT visit" and "5" represents "Definitely WILL visit," what is the likelihood that you will visit each of the following in the next year? Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

Reasons for Being Likely to Visit Maryland in the Next Year

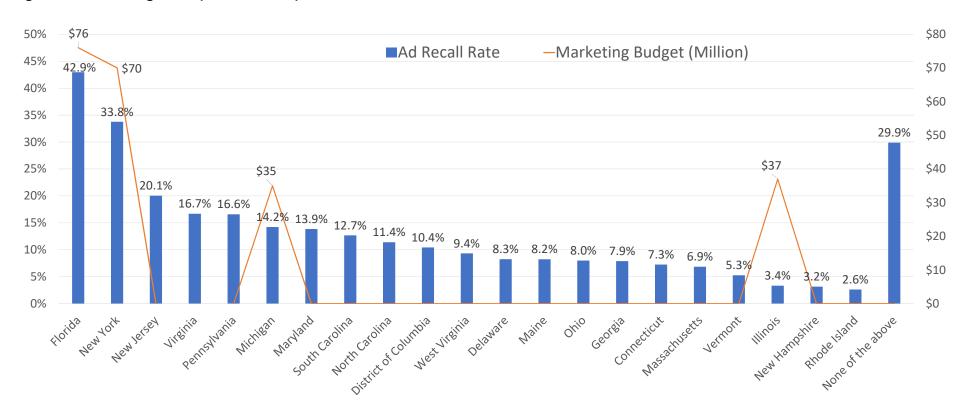
Figure 13: Reasons for Being Likely to Visit Maryland in the Next Year



Question: In a previous question, you responded that you were likely to visit Maryland in the next year. Please briefly share and describe your reason(s). Base: All respondents. 602 responses.

Advertising Recall (Past 6 Months)—Aided

Figure 14: Advertising Recall (Past 6 Months)—Aided

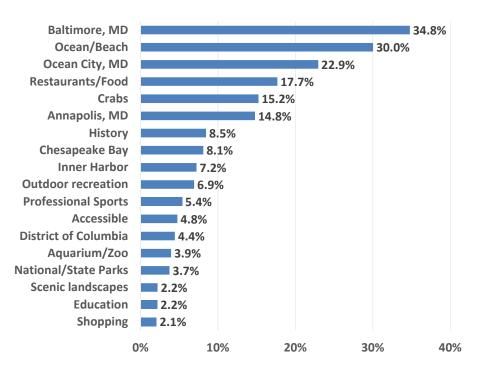


Question: Which of the following have you seen or heard travel-related advertising for in the past three to six months? (Select all that apply) Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.



Top-of-Mind Associations with Maryland (Unaided)

Figure 15: Top-of-Mind Associations with Maryland (Unaided)

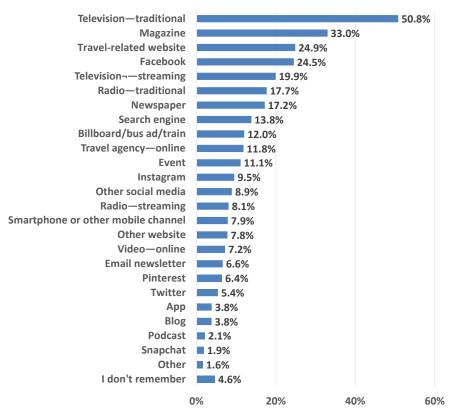


Question: Now please think specifically about the state of Maryland as a place to visit for leisure trips. What first comes to mind? Even if you are unfamiliar with Maryland as a leisure travel destination, please respond according to your current perceptions. Base: All respondents. 1,503 responses.



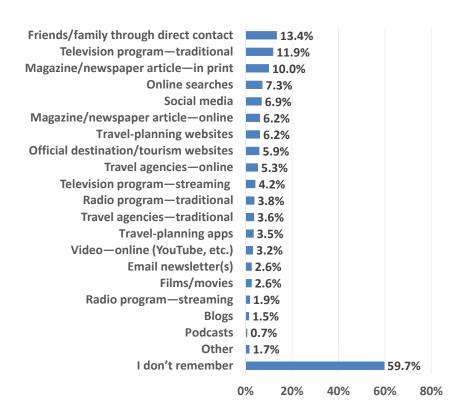
Maryland Ad Recall: Advertising Medium/Earned Media Recall

Figure 16: Maryland Ad Recall—Advertising Medium



Question: In the previous question, you indicated that you have recently seen or heard advertising for Maryland. Where did you see or hear this advertising? Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

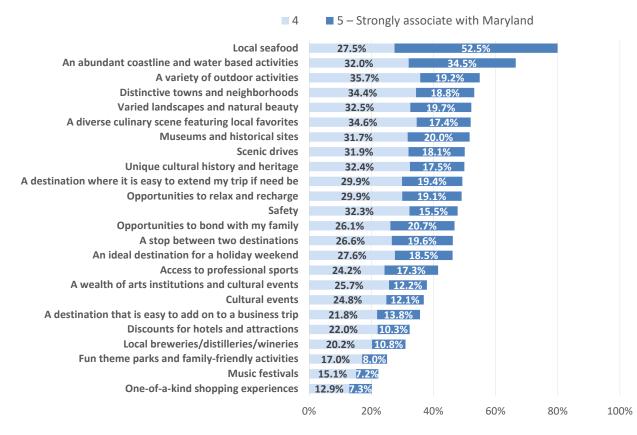
Figure 17: Earned Media Recall



Question: Other than advertising, do you recall recently seeing, hearing and/or reading about the state of Maryland as a travel destination in any of the following? (Select all that apply) Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

Maryland Destination Attribute Association Rating

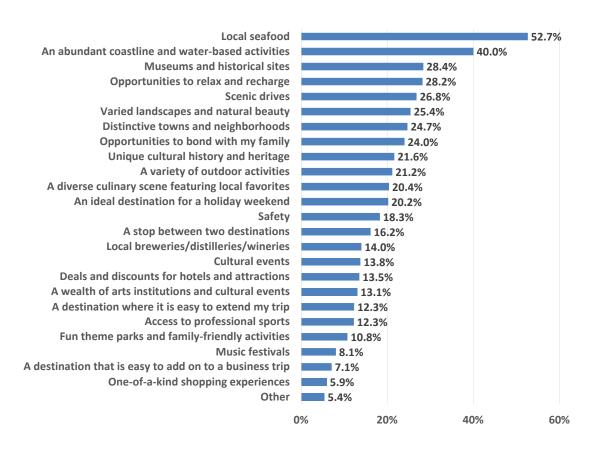
Figure 18: Maryland Destination Attribute Association Rating—Top Two Box Score



Question: Please rate Maryland for each of the following attributes using the five-point scale below, in which "1" represents "Do not associate at all with Maryland" and "5" represents "Strongly associate with Maryland." Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

Most Motivational Attributes for Visiting Maryland

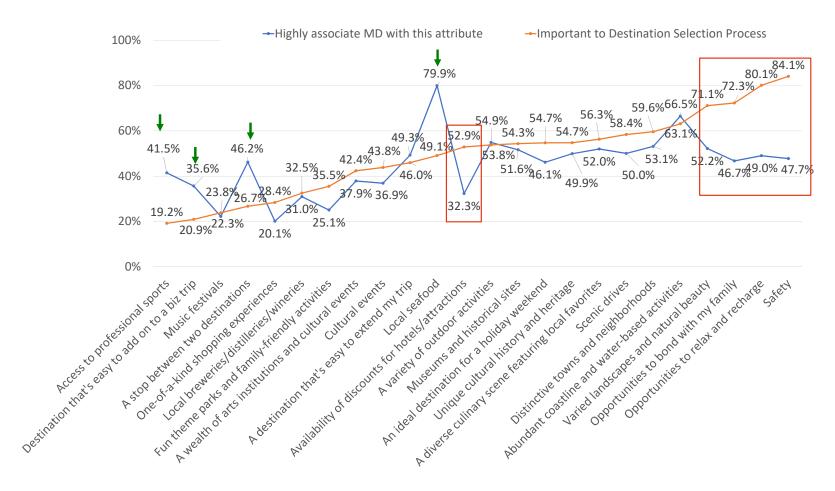
Figure 19: Most Motivational Attributes for Visiting Maryland





Question: Which of the following attributes of Maryland most motivate you to take an overnight leisure trip in the state? (Select all that apply) Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

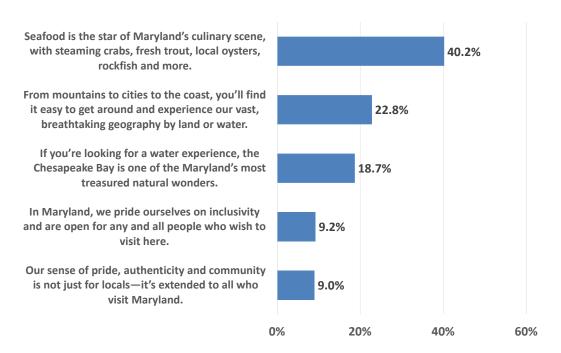
Associations with Maryland vs. Importance to Destination Selection Process



Questions: 1. Please think about your process for selecting destinations to visit for your overnight leisure trips. How important are each of the following attributes and offerings to you? 2. Please rate Maryland for each of the following attributes using the five-point scale below, in which "1" represents "Do not associate at all with Maryland" and "5" represents "Strongly associate with Maryland." Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

Inspiring Travel to Maryland

Figure 21: Inspiring Travel to Maryland—% of Respondents who ranked each statement #1 in Terms of Inspiring Visitation to the State

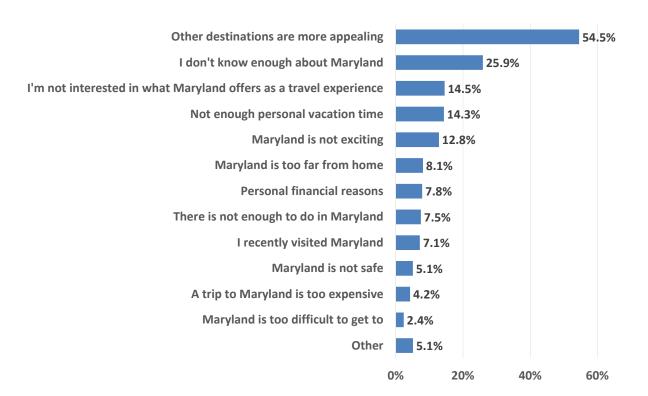






Question: Please rank the following statements based on how much they inspire you to take a leisure trip to Maryland. Please select and rank the top three statements from most inspirational (1) to least inspirational (3) by dragging a statement to the appropriate number on the right. Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

Deterrents to Visiting Maryland



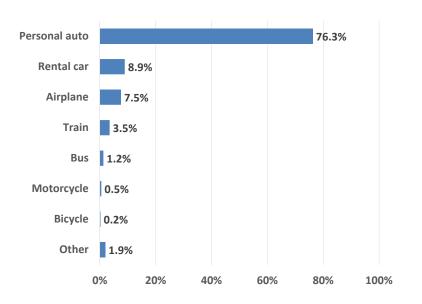


Question: In a previous question, you responded that you were unlikely to visit Maryland in the next year. Which best describes the reason(s)? (Select all that apply) Base: Respondents who said they are unlikely to visit Maryland in the upcoming year. 373 responses.



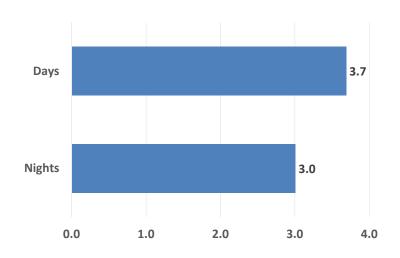
Method of Arrival / Length of Stay in Maryland

Figure 23: Method of Arrival



Question: If you were to take a leisure trip in Maryland, how would you most likely arrive? Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

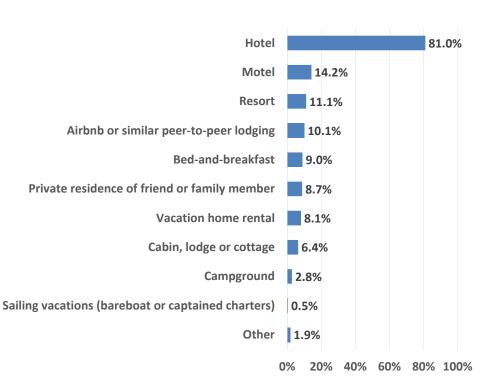
Figure 24: Length of Stay in Maryland



Question: If you were to take a leisure trip in Maryland, how long would you stay? Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

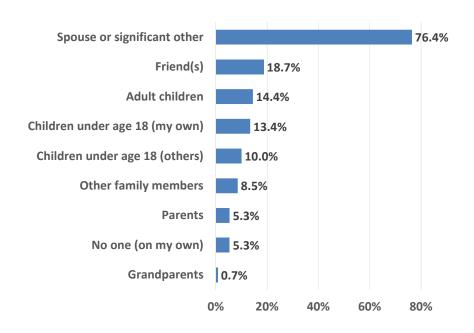
Place of Stay / Travel Party Composition

Figure 25: Place of Stay



Question: If you were to take a leisure trip in Maryland, in which type of accommodations would you most likely stay? (Select all that apply) Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

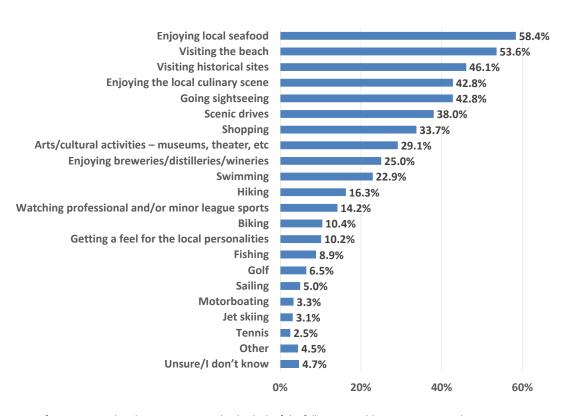
Figure 26: Travel Party Composition



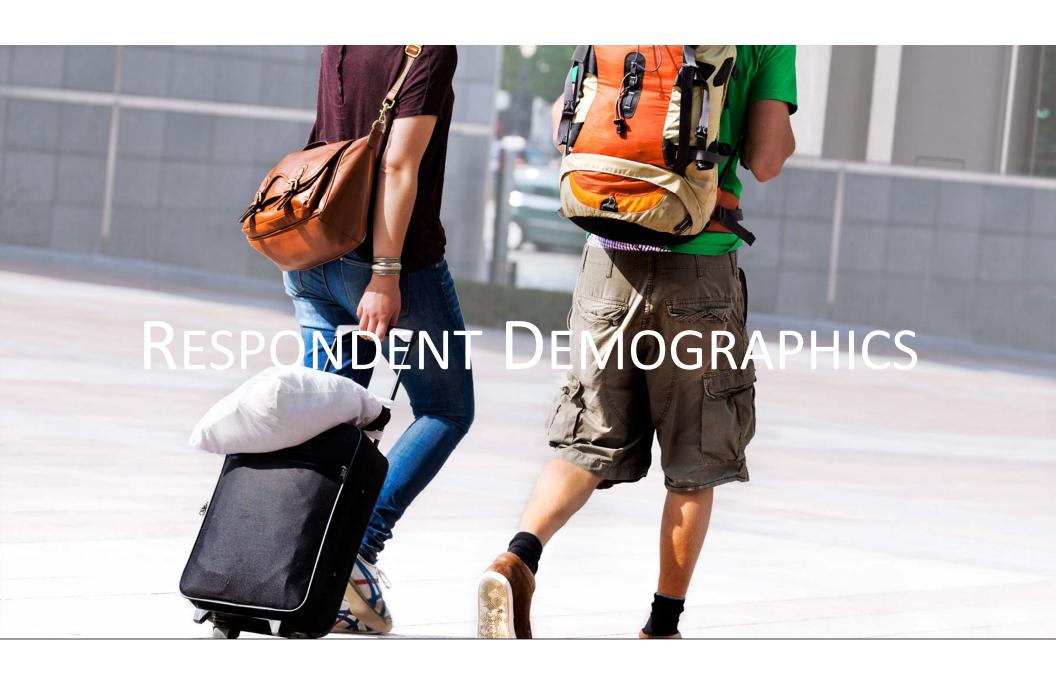
Question: If you were to take a leisure trip in Maryland, who would most likely travel with you? (Select all that apply) Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

Maryland Activities

Figure 27: Maryland Activities



Question: If you were to take a leisure trip in Maryland, which of the following would you participate in during your trip? (Select all that apply) Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.



Demographics

		Total	Likely to Visit Maryland Next Year	Unlikely to visit Maryland Next Year	Past Visitor	Non-Visitor
Age	Mean Age	55.0	53.1	56.3	54.1	55.6
Gender	Female Male	53.3% 46.3%	56.1% 43.7%	51.4% 48.0%	55.6% 44.2%	51.8% 47.6%
	Other	0.4%	0.1%	0.5%	0.1%	0.5%
ousehold Income	Mean Household Income	\$110,255	\$111,614	\$109,351	\$111,395	\$109,541
Formal ducation	Postgraduate work/degree	34.4%	35.1%	33.9%	36.5%	33.0%
	College graduate	42.6%	43.1%	42.2%	40.5%	43.9%
	Some college	12.9%	11.9%	13.5%	13.1%	12.7%
	Trade / technical / vocational training	3.4%	3.8%	3.2%	3.3%	3.5%
	High school graduate	6.7%	5.9%	7.2%	6.5%	6.9%
	Some high school	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
	Base	1605	721	884	682	923

Demographics—Continued

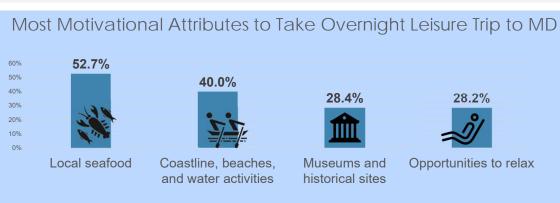
		Total	Likely to Visit Maryland Next Year	Unlikely to visit Maryland Next Year	Past Visitor	Non-Visitor
	Single	23.2%	26.0%	21.3%	23.7%	22.9%
larital Status	Married	71.0%	69.7%	71.8%	71.2%	70.9%
	Domestic partnership	4.7%	2.7%	6.0%	3.7%	5.3%
Children	Has children under 18 living in household	23.5%	29.7%	19.3%	27.5%	21.0%
	Heterosexual	92.4%	92.0%	92.6%	91.1%	93.2%
Orientation	Gay/lesbian/bisexual (LGBTQ)	5.2%	5.2%	5.1%	5.0%	5.3%
	Other	0.5%	0.7%	0.4%	1.0%	0.2%
	Caucasian/white	79.7%	71.0%	85.5%	74.4%	83.0%
Ethnicity	African-American/black	8.5%	12.7%	5.6%	10.5%	7.2%
	Asian	7.3%	10.8%	5.0%	10.3%	5.4%
	Hispanic/Latin American	3.6%	4.1%	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%
	Native American	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
	Other	0.3%	0.5%	0.2%	0.4%	0.3%
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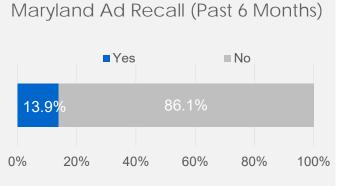


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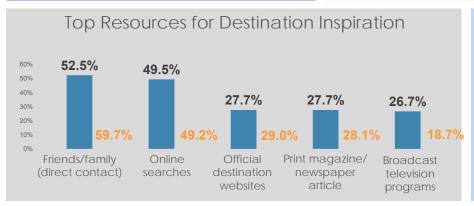


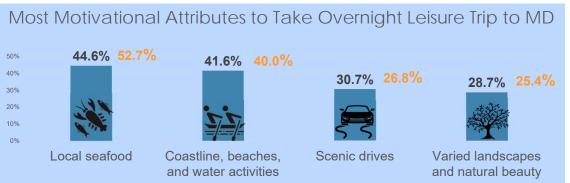


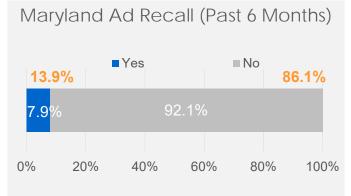


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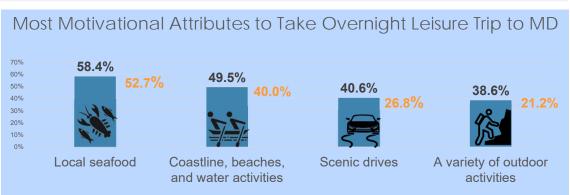


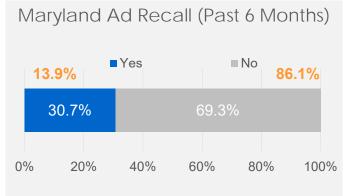


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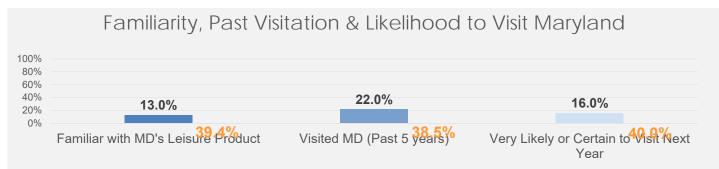






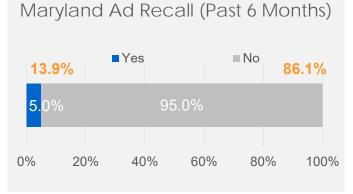












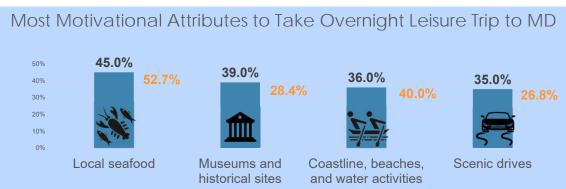


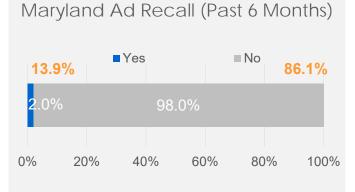








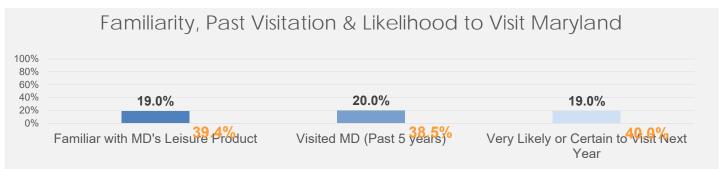




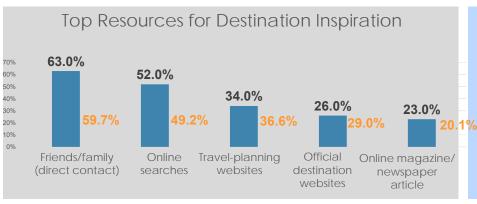








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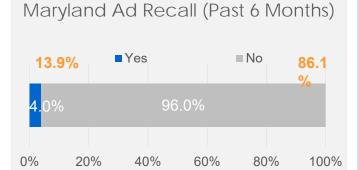


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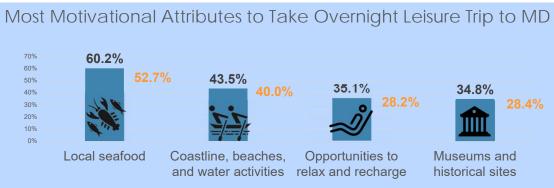
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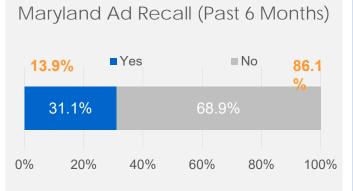


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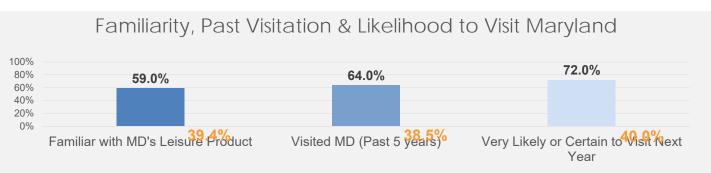




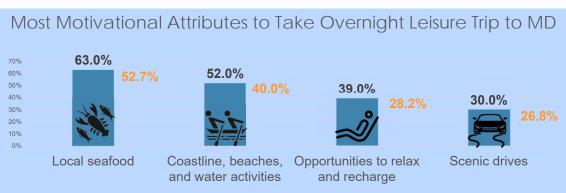


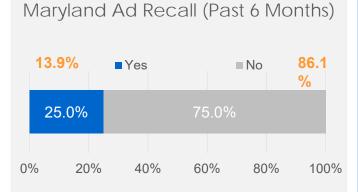


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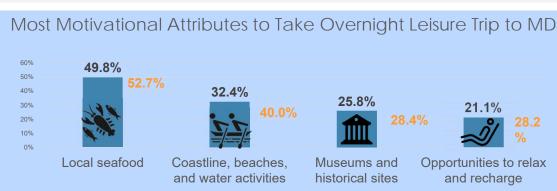


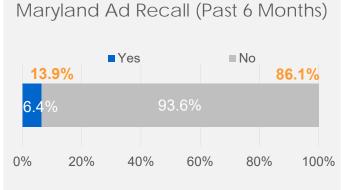


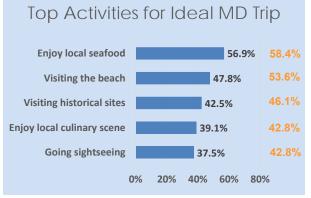












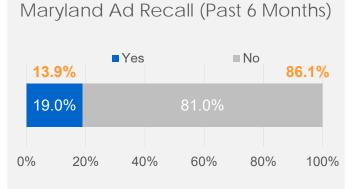










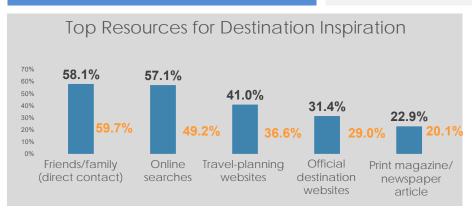


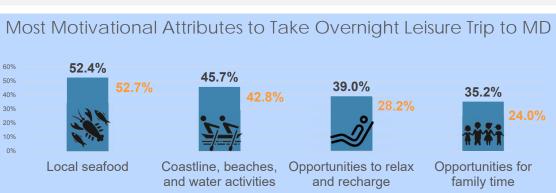


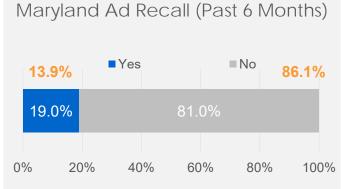


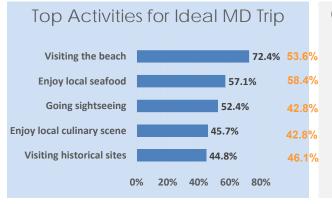




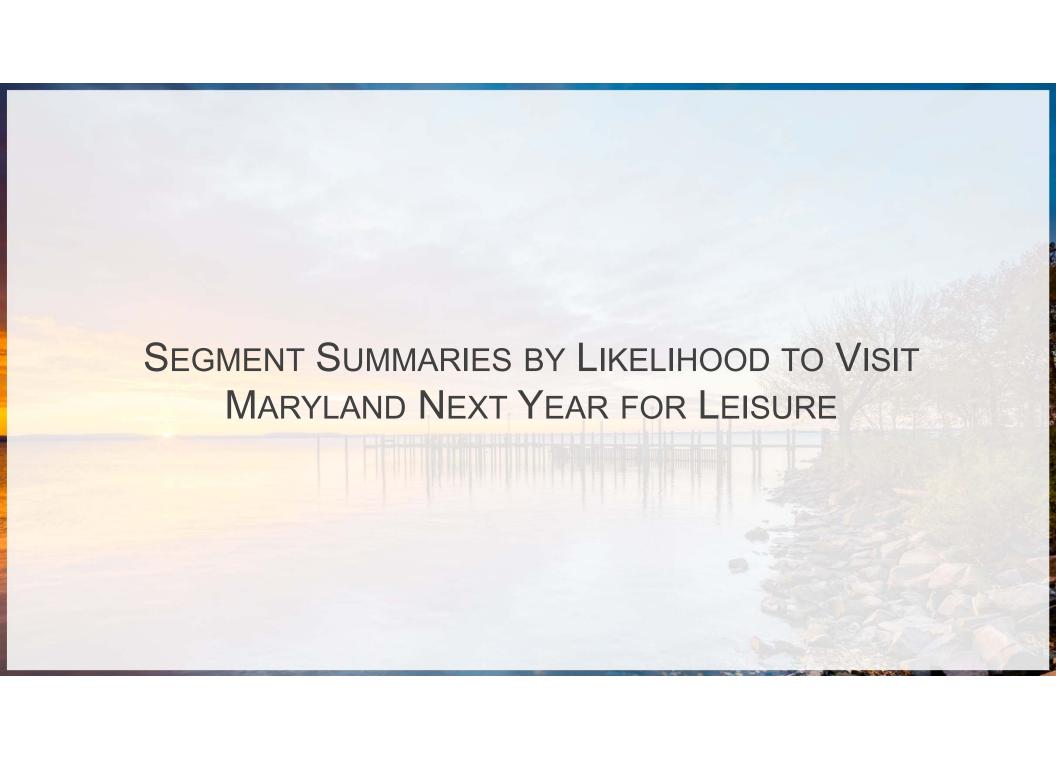






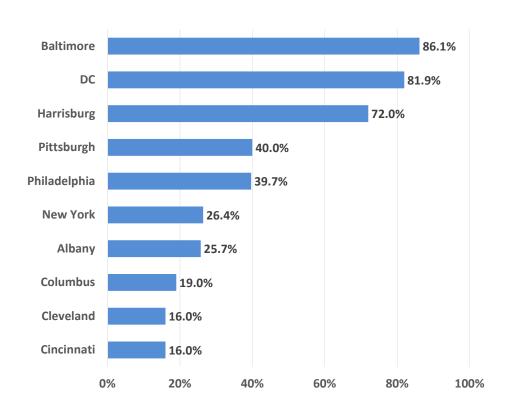






Likelihood to Visit Maryland Next Year by Market

Top-Two Box Score (% who said they are "Certain" or "Very likely" to visit Maryland in the upcoming year)



Question: On a five-point scale, where "1" represents "Definitely will NOT visit" and "5" represents "Definitely WILL visit," what is the likelihood that you will visit each of the following in the next year? Base: All respondents. 1,605 responses.

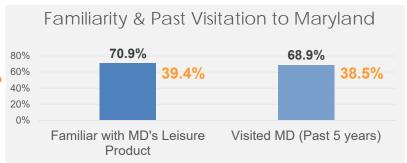
LIKELY TO VISIT MARYLAND

(Data shown here is reflective of travelers who said they are very likely or certain to visit Maryland in the next year)

Top Markets of Study Likely to Visit MD Next Year (Outside Baltimore)

- District of Columbia (81.9%) 40.0%
- Harrisburg (72.0%)
- Pittsburgh (40.0%)

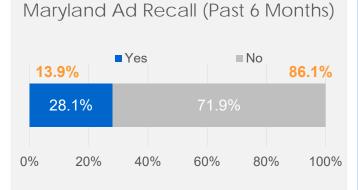
(% rating their likelihood to visit MD as a 4 or 5 on 5point scale)





Most Motivational Attributes to Take Overnight Leisure Trip to MD







Reasons for High Likelihood of Visiting MD



Friends/family in the state (15.3%)



Convenient location (15.1%)



Beach/ Coast (9.6%)



UNLIKELY TO VISIT MARYLAND

(Data shown here is reflective of travelers who said they are unlikely or certain not to visit Maryland in the next year)

Top Markets of Study Least Likely to Visit MD Next Year

- Cincinnati (84.0%)
- Cleveland (84.0%)
- Columbus (81.0%)

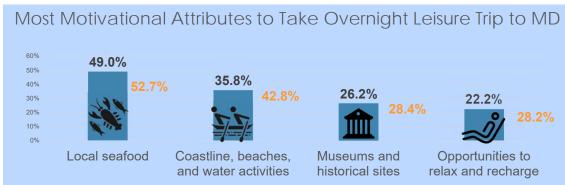
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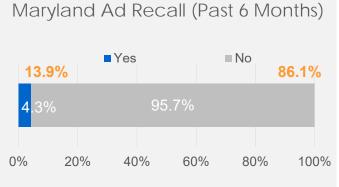
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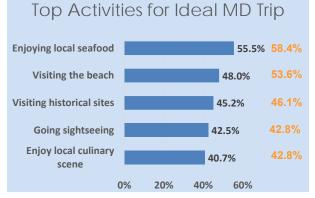
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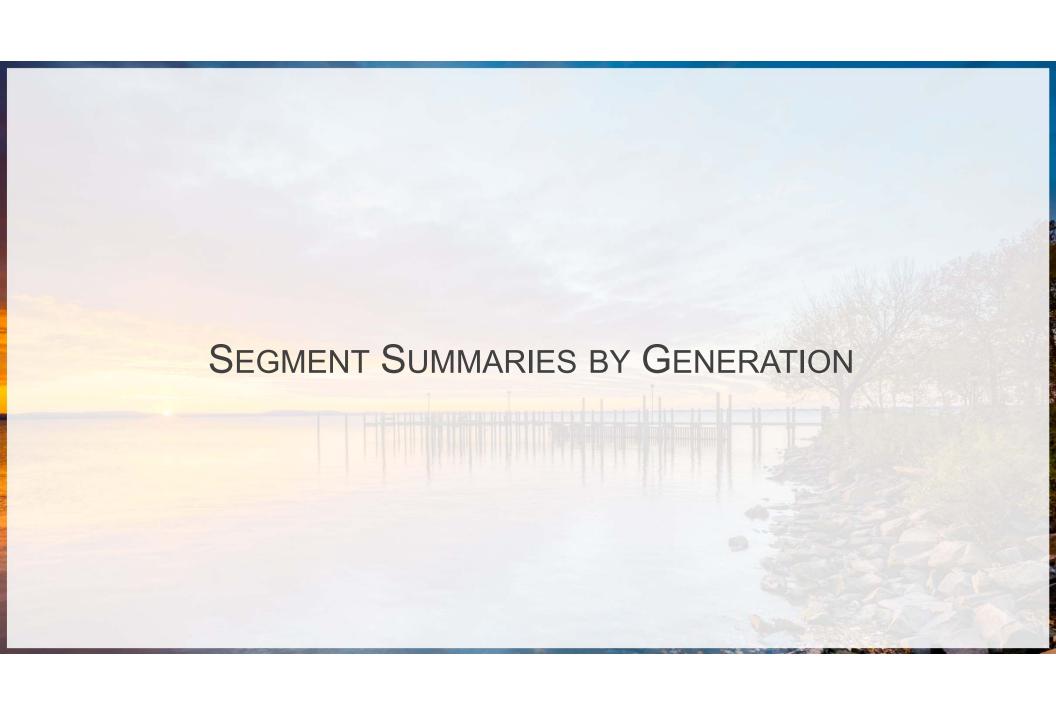






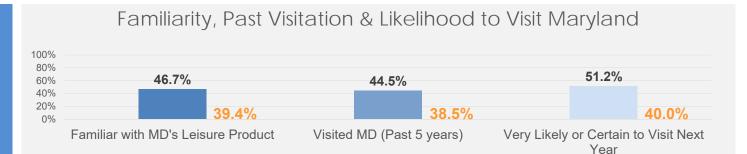




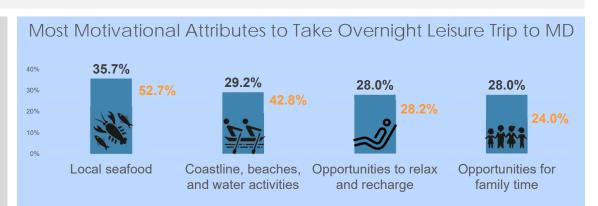


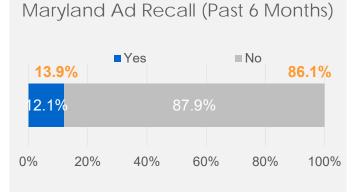
YOUNGER MILLENNIAL

(Travelers aged 25-31 years old)



Baltimore Chesapeake Bay Restaurants/Food District of Columbia



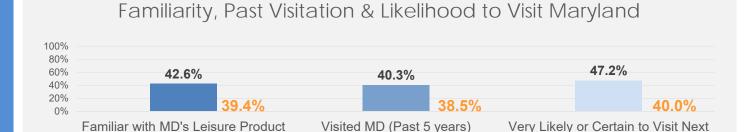






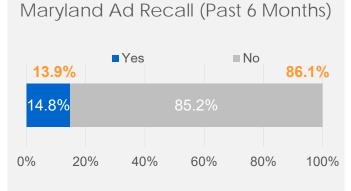
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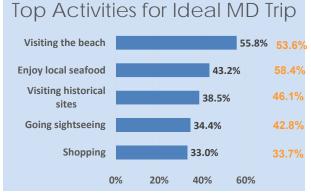
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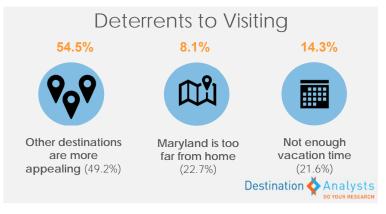


Top-of-Mind Associations with Maryland Ballimore Chesapeake Bay Ocean Beach District of Columbia Top-of-Mind Associations with Maryland Crabs Restaurants/Food Inner Harbor Ocean City Professional Sports







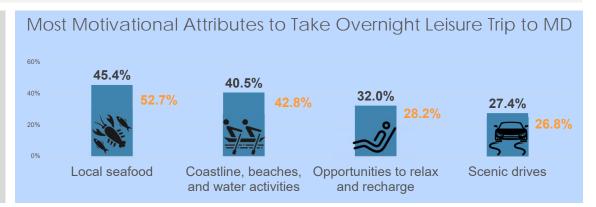


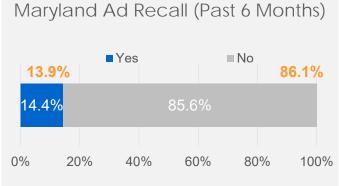
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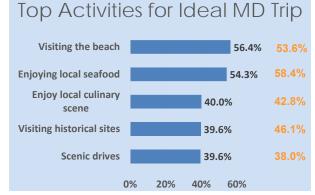
GEN X (Travelers aged 40-50 years old)











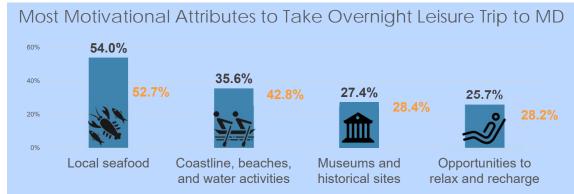


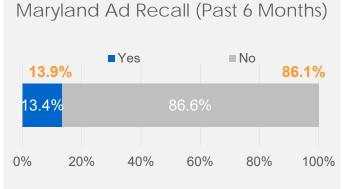
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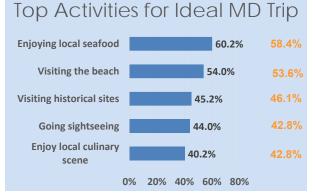
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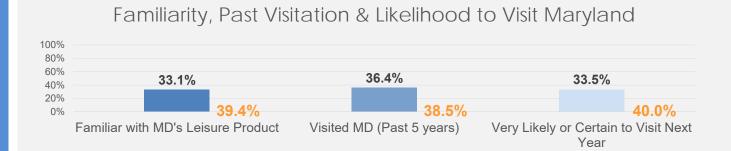




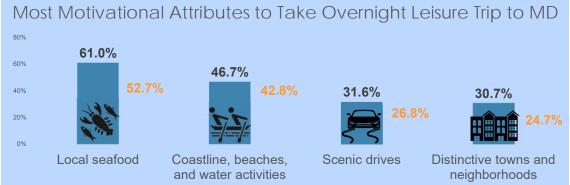


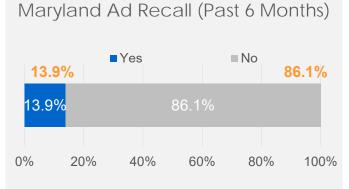
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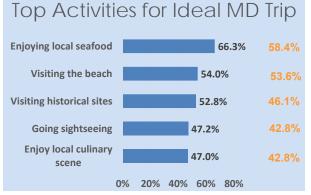
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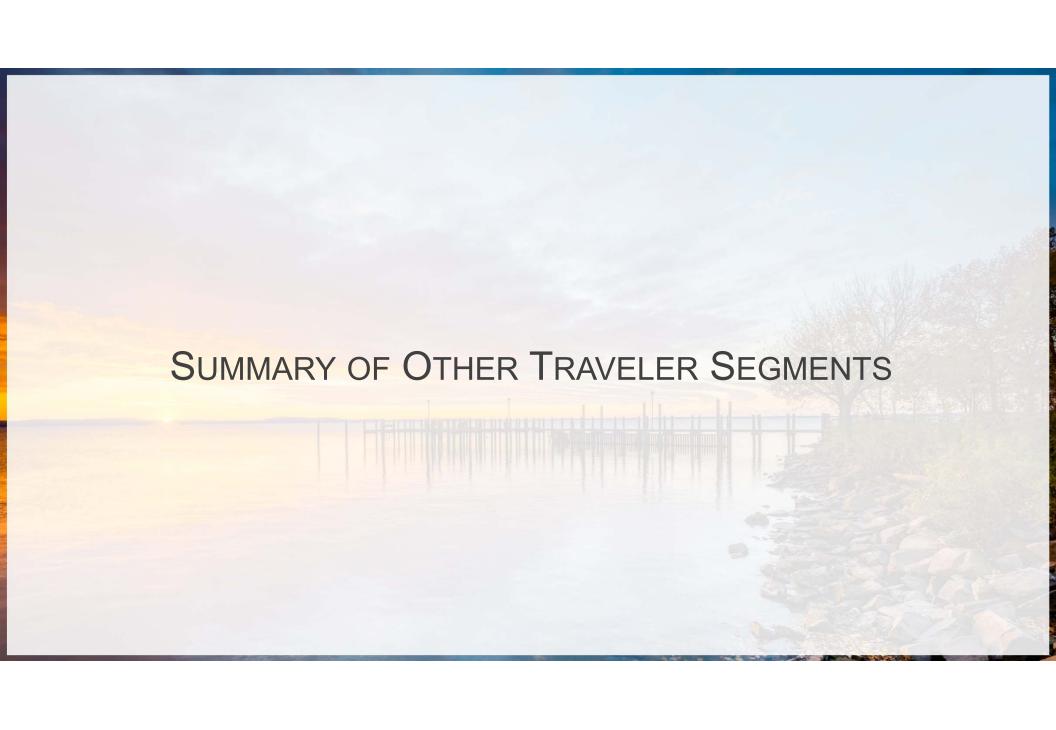








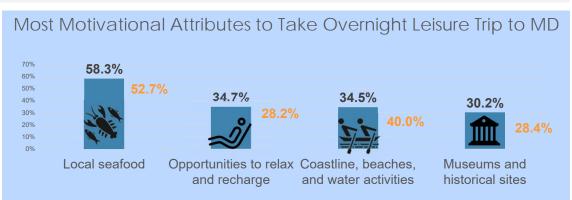


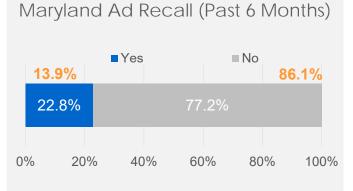


THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN TRAVELER





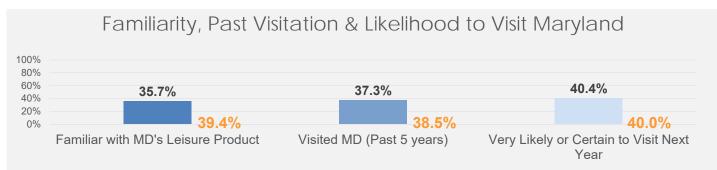






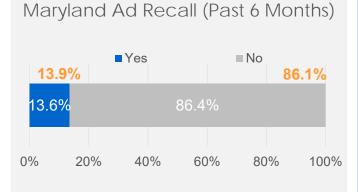












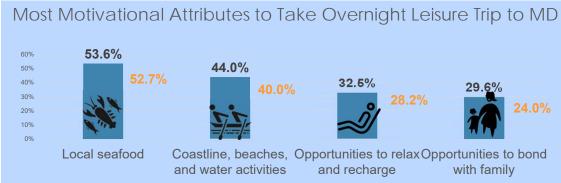


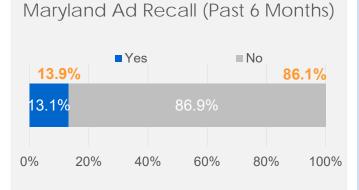


THE FEMALE TRAVELER













NEXT STEPS:

- FIELD POST-CAMPAIGN SURVEY AFTER LABOR DAY (WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2ND)
- RESULTS DELIVERED BY 10/31/19

