

Data Spotlight

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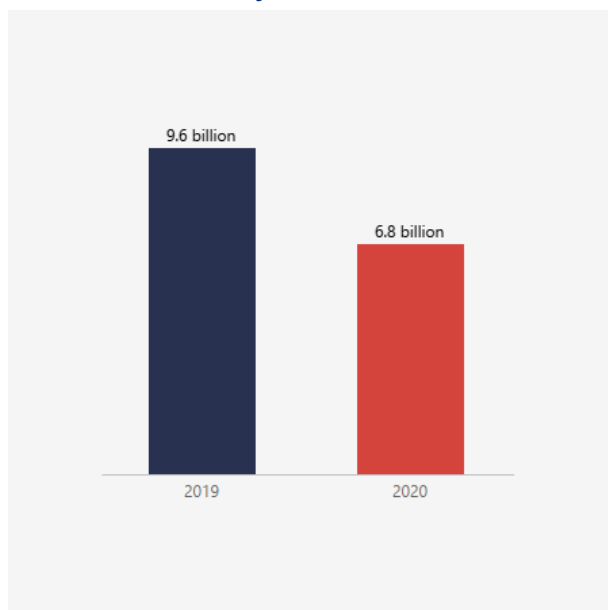
4th of July Travel: 2020 vs. 2019

WITH THE PANDEMIC-SHADOWED 4TH OF JULY WEEK IN THE REAR-VIEW, BTS COMPARES HOLIDAY TRAVEL THIS YEAR WITH THAT OF 2019.

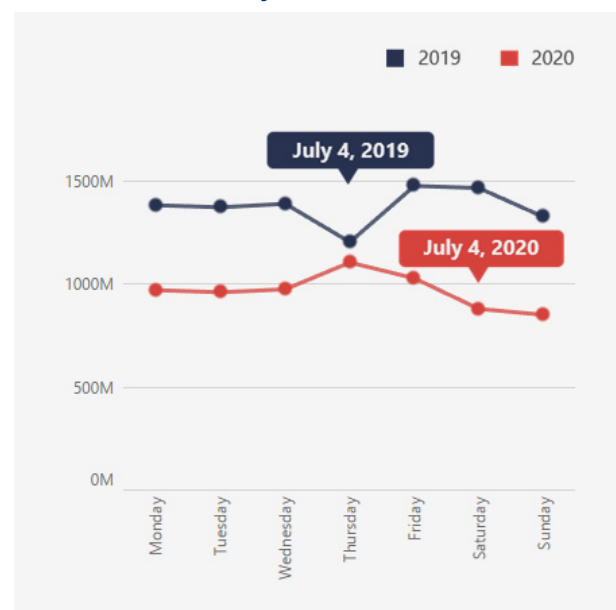
Americans took 2.8 billion fewer total trips during the 4th of July week this year than they did in 2019. That overall drop is supported by similar declines in the number of trips per day throughout the week. It is driven by a similar 2.8 billion drop in the number of local trips (under 50 miles) as well as the number of trips taken in each of several local trip-distance groupings. The number of long-distance trips (50 or more miles) edged up by 2.7 million from 2019 to 2020. That slight increase was driven by a 15.5 million rise in the number of trips between 100 and 250 miles, which was tempered by a 13.5 million drop in the number of trips greater than 500 miles. In 2019, on average, 19.7% of Americans stayed home each day during the holiday week; in 2020, that number rose to an average of 24.8% staying home each day.

TOTAL TRIPS

Total Trips Taken Monday-Sunday During the Week of the 4th of July, 2019 and 2020

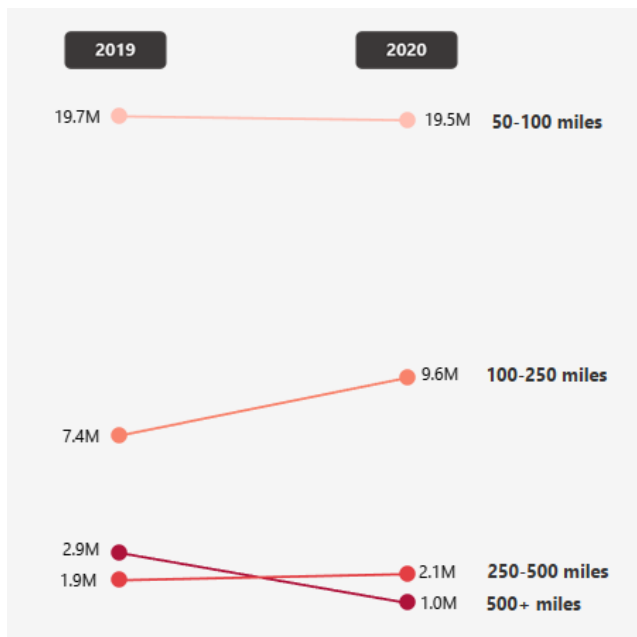


Total Trips Taken Daily Monday-Sunday Week of the 4th of July, 2019 and 2020

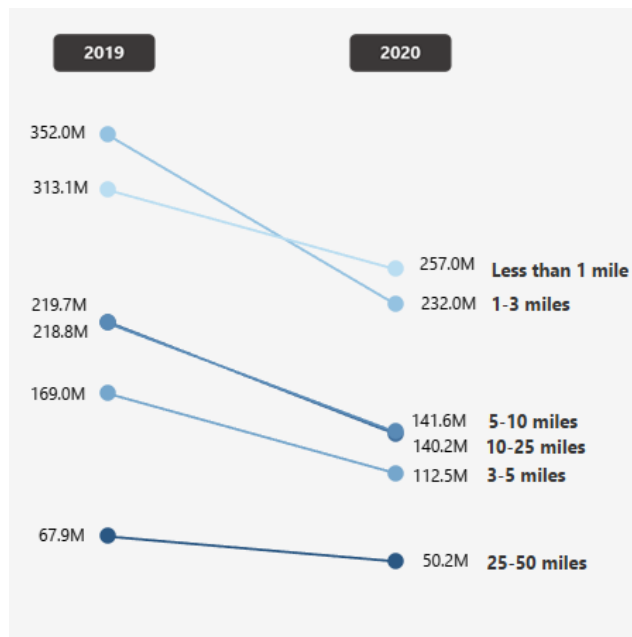


TRIPS BY DISTANCE GROUPING

Average Number of Daily Long-Distance Trips,
Week of the 4th of July, 2019 and 2020

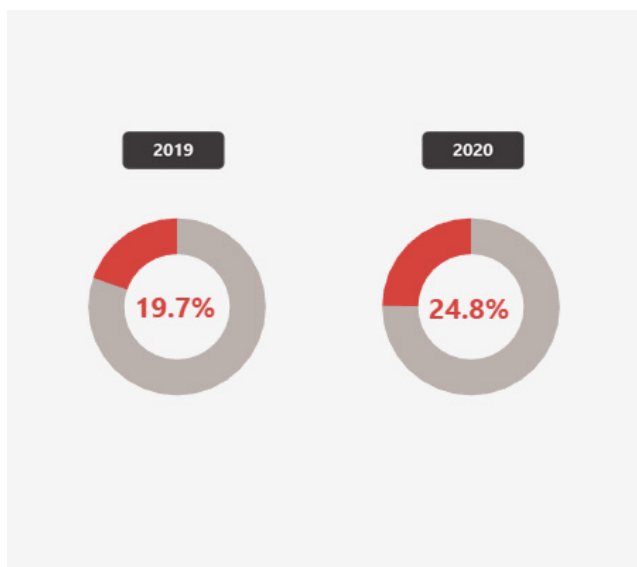


Average Number of Daily Local Trips,
Week of the 4th of July, 2019 and 2020

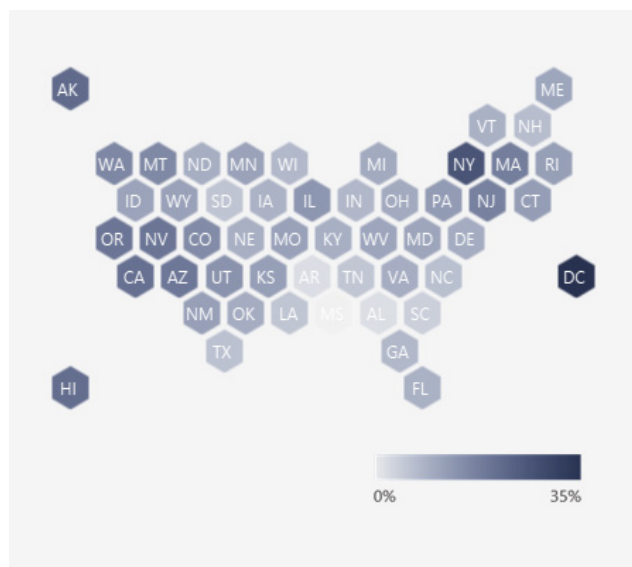


PEOPLE STAYING HOME

Average Daily Percent of People Staying
Home, Week of the 4th of July, 2019 and 2020



Map of Average Daily Percent of People
Staying Home, Week of 4th of July 2020



Source: Data prepared for the Bureau of Transportation Statistics by the Maryland Transportation Institute and Center for Advanced Transportation Technology Laboratory at the University of Maryland from a mobile device data panel from merged multiple data sources. Numbers are subject to change.

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