

England Domestic Overnight Trips Summary - Visits to Friends and Relatives (VFR) – 2017

How to read these tables

The data on the 'data' worksheet summarise trip characteristics and demographics of travellers for domestic overnight visits to friends and relatives trips taken in England in 2017.

'Trips' are classified as trips or journeys away from home involving an overnight stay, taken by adults aged 16 and over and accompanying children aged up to 15. Each adult or child present on the trip counts as a trip, for example, a family of 2 adults and 2 children taking a trip away would count as 4 trips. Each line should be read separately – it is not possible to combine trip results from the GBTS survey.

'Nights' are the number of nights away taken by adults and accompanying children on these trips. Each night away spent by an adult or a child present on the trip counts as a night. Thus, a family of 2 adults and 2 children taking a 3 night trip away from home would count as 12 nights.

'Spend' is the expenditure relating to these trips. It includes costs paid in advance of the trip, costs paid during the trip itself and also any bills relating to the trip received after returning home. It covers costs paid by adults on the trip for themselves and on behalf of others on the trip, including children. It also includes costs paid on behalf of the person taking the trip, such as an employer paying the cost of a business trip.

All numerical results are in millions. All data is from the Great Britain Tourism Survey (GBTS).

Visits to Friends and Relatives - England	Trips	% of Trips	Nights	% of Nights	Spend	% of Spend
	Millions	%	Millions	%	£Millions	%
VFR Trips	36.61	100%	102.34	100%	£3,950	100%
Destination type						
Seaside	4.86	13%	14.79	14%	£610	15%
City/large town	17.70	48%	47.36	46%	£1,911	48%
Small town	8.69	24%	23.70	23%	£776	20%
Countryside/village	5.87	16%	15.44	15%	£607	15%
Regions visited						
West Midlands	3.27	9%	7.75	8%	£288	7%
East of England	4.22	12%	12.71	12%	£399	10%
East Midlands	3.08	8%	8.48	8%	£253	6%
London	4.69	13%	12.18	12%	£518	13%
North West England	4.09	11%	10.91	11%	£481	12%
North East England	1.32	4%	3.83	4%	£165	4%
South East England	6.89	19%	17.81	17%	£727	18%
South West England	6.17	17%	18.73	18%	£720	18%
Yorkshire and The Humber	3.49	10%	9.62	9%	£385	10%

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Accommodation						
Commercial accommodation	8.20	22%	17.56	17%	£1,621	41%
Commercial serviced accommodation	6.70	18%	12.72	12%	£1,362	34%
Hotel/motel	5.55	15%	10.29	10%	£1,104	28%
Guest house/B&B	0.99	3%	1.87	2%	£210	5%
Self catering (incl caravan and camping)	1.36	4%	4.27	4%	£246	6%
Caravan or camping	0.71	2%	1.97	2%	£72	2%
Self catering (excl caravan and camping)	0.68	2%	2.36	2%	£175	4%
Friend's/Relative's/Own second home/static caravan/timeshare	28.37	78%	82.79	81%	£2,264	57%
Month Trip Started						
January-2017	2.07	6%	4.83	5%	£198	5%
February-2017	2.69	7%	6.27	6%	£277	7%
March-2017	2.55	7%	5.89	6%	£238	6%
April-2017	3.58	10%	10.16	10%	£366	9%
May-2017	2.46	7%	6.43	6%	£248	6%
June-2017	2.46	7%	5.85	6%	£292	7%
July-2017	3.00	8%	8.52	8%	£378	10%
August-2017	3.69	10%	12.35	12%	£428	11%
September-2017	2.88	8%	7.26	7%	£374	9%
October-2017	2.76	8%	7.06	7%	£275	7%
November-2017	2.94	8%	7.16	7%	£343	9%
December-2017	5.54	15%	20.57	20%	£534	14%

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Lifecycle						
16-34 unmarried no children	5.64	15%	19.52	19%	£613	16%
16-34 married no children	2.78	8%	6.46	6%	£289	7%
16-34 with children	3.62	10%	10.50	10%	£321	8%
35-54 no children	4.69	13%	11.27	11%	£597	15%
35-54 with children	6.73	18%	15.48	15%	£523	13%
55+	13.10	36%	39.01	38%	£1,602	41%
Car						
Car in household	31.88	87%	85.22	83%	£3,437	87%
No car in household	4.72	13%	17.12	17%	£513	13%
Children						
With children	10.57	29%	26.58	26%	£867	22%
No children	26.03	71%	75.76	74%	£3,083	78%
Working						
Full time	13.83	38%	31.85	31%	£1,619	41%
Part time	6.69	18%	16.92	17%	£636	16%
Other	16.09	44%	53.57	52%	£1,695	43%
Marital status						
Married	22.01	60%	55.69	54%	£2,244	57%
Not married	14.59	40%	46.64	46%	£1,705	43%

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Social Grade						
AB	15.70	43%	38.83	38%	£1,728	44%
C1	11.22	31%	34.96	34%	£1,255	32%
C2	5.08	14%	14.39	14%	£527	13%
DE	4.61	13%	14.16	14%	£440	11%
Age						
16-24	5.74	16%	20.89	20%	£596	15%
25-34	6.34	17%	15.69	15%	£631	16%
35-44	6.10	17%	13.92	14%	£480	12%
45-54	5.32	15%	12.83	13%	£640	16%
55-64	5.66	15%	15.21	15%	£752	19%
65+	7.44	20%	23.80	23%	£850	22%