

Domestic Tourism in India - Medical Travel

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Recently, National Statistical Office (NSO) released its 80th Round report – Domestic Tourism in India.



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- **Survey period** - July 2025-June 2026.

- **Key findings**

- Health and medical travel emerged as the **most expensive category** of domestic travel.
- Rural households make **more than twice** as many overnight medical trips per 100 households compared to urban households.
- **Hired vehicles** are the most common mode of medical travel in both rural and urban areas.
- **Health and medical travel** accounts for approximately **30% of all overnight trips**.
- **Pilgrimage and religious travel** represent about **48% of overnight trips, making it** the largest category.
- **Shopping** travel is the **second-highest expenditure category**.
- **Senior citizens aged 60 and above** accounted for **32.3%** of overnight health and medical trips.

Medical Travel – Rural vs Urban



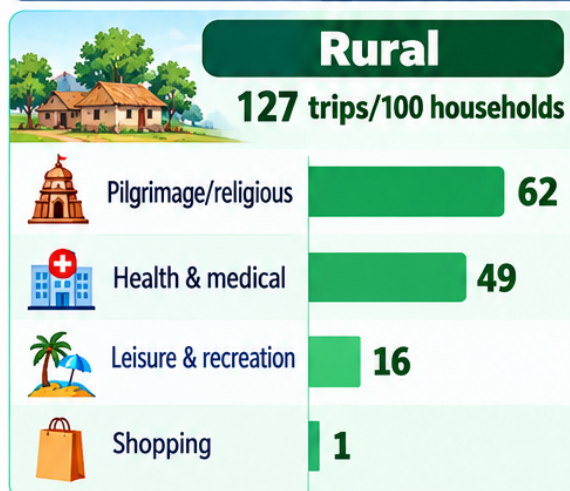
Indicator	Rural	Urban
Overnight medical trips/100 households	49	22
Share of overnight trips for medical purposes	38.4%	16.5%
Average expenditure/trip	₹29,454	₹41,649



Prelims Point

Rural households undertake **more than twice** as many overnight medical trips per 100 households as urban households.

Purpose-wise Overnight Trips



Mode of Transport for Medical Trips

Mode	Rural	Urban
Hired vehicles	46.7%	39.8%
Bus	26.5%	20.9%
Private vehicle	17.3%	23.9%
Train	7.2%	12.7%
Air	0.2%	1.3%



Reference

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