Prior to the pandemic, the U.S. travel industry experienced 10 straight years of growth due to the strength of the domestic leisure travel, domestic business travel and international inbound travel segments. Travel was a significant economic driver in every region of the country, representing 1 in 10 jobs and generating a travel trade surplus.

## TODAY, TRAVEL REMAINS THE HARDEST-HIT INDUSTRY, WITH AN UNEVEN RECOVERY ACROSS ALL SECTORS



## \$755 BILLION

Total 2-year direct travel spending losses throughout the end of 2021.

**SOURCES OF TRAVEL** 

• In 2021, domestic business travel spending remained 56% below 2019 levels and international travel spending remained 78% below 2019 levels

The U.S. travel industry suffered unparalleled losses amid the COVID-19 pandemic

While domestic leisure is thriving, the recovery remains uneven across other travel sectors. Domestic business travel and international inbound travel spending remain severely depressed, dragging the overall industry's recovery

We not only need to get back to pre-pandemic levels but also make up for years of losses. While we are years away from returning to 2019 levels, the right policies can return us
to the trajectory of growth

## THE LOSS IN TRAVEL SPENDING HAD A DRASTIC EFFECT ON AMERICAN JOBS\*



Leisure daver jobs declined to 77% of pre-pandenine revers in 2020 and remained at 07% in 2021, 500,000 million jobs remained to 3

## TRAVEL ALWAYS PRODUCES AN ECONOMIC FOOTPRINT THAT FAR EXCEEDS DIRECT SPENDING

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	TRAVELER SPENDING	ECONOMIC OUTPUT	AMERICAN JOBS SUPPORTED
2019	\$1.2 TRILLION	\$2.6 TRILLION	16.7 MILLION
2020	\$680 BILLION	\$1.5 BILLION	11.1 MILLION
2021	\$910 BILLION	\$2.0 BILLION	12.0 MILLION

PUBLIC Transportation	2019 (\$1.2T) 2021 (\$910B)	\$223B (19%) \$125B
AUTO TRANSPORTATION	2019 (\$1.2T) 2021 (\$910B)	\$156B (13%) \$136B
RECREATION	2019 (\$1.2T) 2021 (\$910B)	\$111B (10%) \$79B
RETAIL	2019 (\$1.2T) 2021 (\$910B)	\$129B (11%) \$92B
TRAVEL	2019 (\$1.2T) 2021 (\$910B)	\$56B (5%) \$34B

\*All data here reflects *direct travel* jobs. This differs from the Leisure & Hospitality (L&H) data, released by the government, that we share each month. Travel jobs include industries beyond L&H such as transportation. On the other hand, L&H also includes leisure activities or dining that are not travel related. Please see this fact sheet for more info on this distinction.