

Economic Impact of the U.S. Travel Industry

2022 NATIONAL DATA

Travel is essential to driving economic growth and job creation in states, destinations and communities across America, and it is indispensable to our nation's global competitiveness. **In 2022, travelers in the United States spent \$1.2 trillion, which produced an economic footprint of \$2.6 trillion and supported nearly 15 million American jobs.** Visit ustravel.org for the latest economic data and our full [State of the Travel Industry](#).

WHEN THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY THRIVES, AMERICA THRIVES.

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\$1.2 TRILLION
In Travel Spending

Produced
\$2.6 TRILLION
In Economic Output



Represented **2.4%**
of our National GDP

Once our nation's
#1 SERVICES EXPORT



travel has the unique
ability to **generate a
trade surplus**



However, in 2022, travel's
surplus declined to just
\$3 BILLION

from a peak of
\$86 BILLION
in 2015

In 2022, travel supported nearly
15 MILLION
American workers & directly employed
8 MILLION



But still has nearly
2 MILLION
job openings as of early
2023

Travel strengthens communities
and generated
\$84 BILLION
in state and local tax revenue



Each segment of travel plays an essential role in boosting **our economy**, contributing billions in travel spending:

DOMESTIC LEISURE
\$837 BILLION
(99% RECOVERED**)

TOTAL BUSINESS
\$255 BILLION
(71% RECOVERED**)

INTERNATIONAL INBOUND
\$116 BILLION
(55% RECOVERED**)

TRANSIENT
\$157 BILLION
(75% RECOVERED**)

MEETINGS & EVENTS
\$98 BILLION
(66% RECOVERED**)

** Percent recovered to 2019 is adjusted for inflation

SOURCE: Tourism Economics, U.S. Travel Association and U.S. Department of Commerce