

# 2022

## TRAVEL & TOURISM SUMMIT

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# Welcome



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# **ALBIN GIELICZ**

Board Chair  
Santa Monica Travel & Tourism

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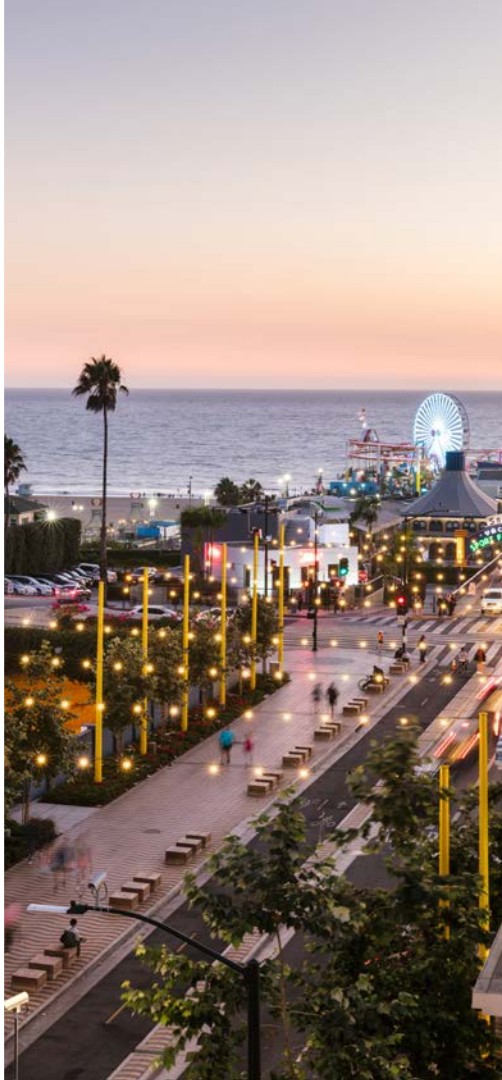
**NATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM WEEK**

**MAY 1-7, 2022**





**TAKE ON TOMORROW:  
RESTORING A VIBRANT AND  
THRIVING SANTA MONICA**



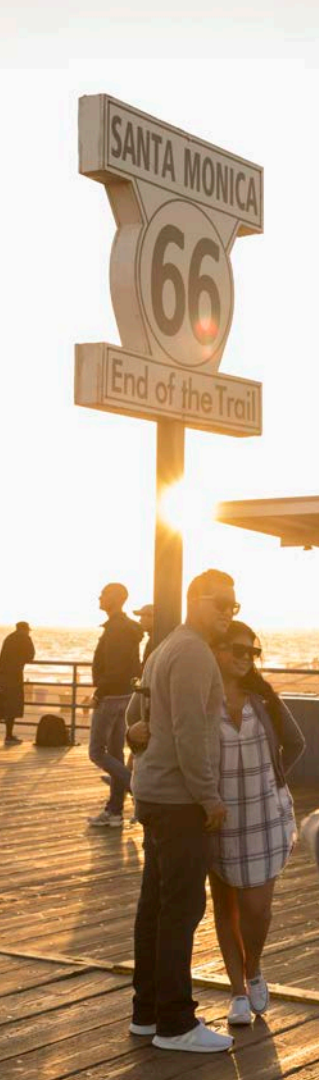






# GREEN SANTA MONICA

The City of Santa Monica has been named a LEED Platinum City for its sustainability and resilience achievements





## ACTIVITIES FOR SPRING AND SUMMER

Make the most of your visit

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# 2021 / 2022 SMTT Board of Directors

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*Resident*

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*Resident*

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*Resident*

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- Richard Chaker
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- Jeffrey Jarow
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- Tim Kittleson
- Jean McNeil Wyner
- Ellis O'Connor
- Tony Palermo
- Mary Ann Powell
- Rodney Punt
- Nat Trives

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*General Manager, Courtyard by Marriott Santa Monica*

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*Director of Sales & Marketing, Le Méridien Delfina Santa Monica*

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*General Manager, Sea Blue Hotel*

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*Managing Director, Santa Monica Proper Hotel*

**Jessica Rincon** - Member

*General Manager, JW Marriott Santa Monica Le Merigot*

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*General Manager, Gateway Hotel Santa Monica*



# **KATHRYN JEFFERY, Ph.D.**

Superintendent & President  
Santa Monica College





# DAVID WHITE

City Manager  
City of Santa Monica



# DANNY ALVAREZ

Chief  
Santa Monica Fire Department

# Santa Monica Fire Department

- Introduction
- Fire Department Priorities
- Community Response Unit
- Therapeutic Transport Van





# RAMON BATISTA

Chief  
Santa Monica Police Department

# Panelist

# Q & A

# THANK YOU

## Panelists

# Jeff King Santa Monica Tourism Champion of the Year Award



# Jeff King Santa Monica Tourism Champion of the Year Award

Past recipients include:

- Elaine Polachek
- Shelley Luce
- Nat Trives
- Heal the Bay Aquarium
- Santa Monica Pier & Pacific Park





# Jeff King Tourism Champion Award Recipient

**JENNIFER TAYLOR**

Economic Development Manager  
City of Santa Monica

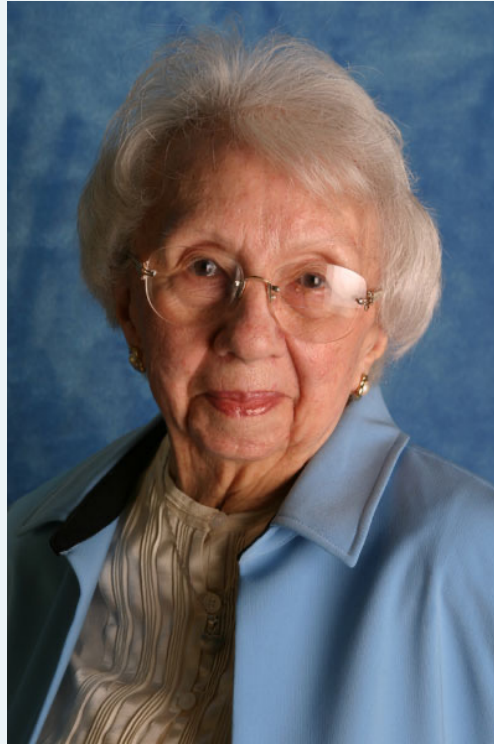


# **CHARLIE LOPEZ-QUINTANA**

Vice President and Managing Director  
ETC Hotels



# Thelma Parks Tourism Spirit Award



*“Having found myself a tourist many times, I enjoy putting the visitor first.”*



# Thelma Parks Tourism Spirit Award

## Past recipients include:

- Manju Raman, General Manager, The Huntley Hotel
- Barbara Moss, Banquet Manager Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows
- Fernando Ceron, Doorman, Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel
- Kat Wells, Driver, Circuit (formerly Free Ride)
- Melanie Lawson, Hilton Santa Monica Hotel & Suites (formerly Doubletree)
- Derek Davis, Downtown Santa Monica Ambassador
- Jessica Mahone, Front Desk Manager, JW Marriott Santa Monica Le Merigot
- Mickey Barnes, Server, The Lobster
- Elizabeth Wilsonhoyles, Director of Guest Services, The Huntley Hotel





# Thelma Parks Tourism Spirit Award Recipient

**DARIUS SMILEY**

Guest Services Agent  
Le Meridien Delfina Hotel



## **CAROLINE BETETA**

President & CEO  
Visit California

**SANTA  
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# Santa Monica Travel & Tourism Tourism Summit

Wednesday May 4, 2022



# Caroline Beteta

President & CEO

Visit California





# visit California

- Officially formed in 1996
- Nonprofit 501(c)6
- 19,000+ assessed businesses
- Mission: Create desire for the California experience
- 37-member board of directors



# Board Leadership



# Santa Monica Board Representation



# Santa Monica Tourism Representation



**Misti Kerns**

President & CEO, Santa Monica  
Travel & Tourism

- CEO Destination Council
- Marketing Advisory Committee
- Professional Meetings & Events Task force













# State of Tourism



Tourism Related Spending  
**\$100.2B**

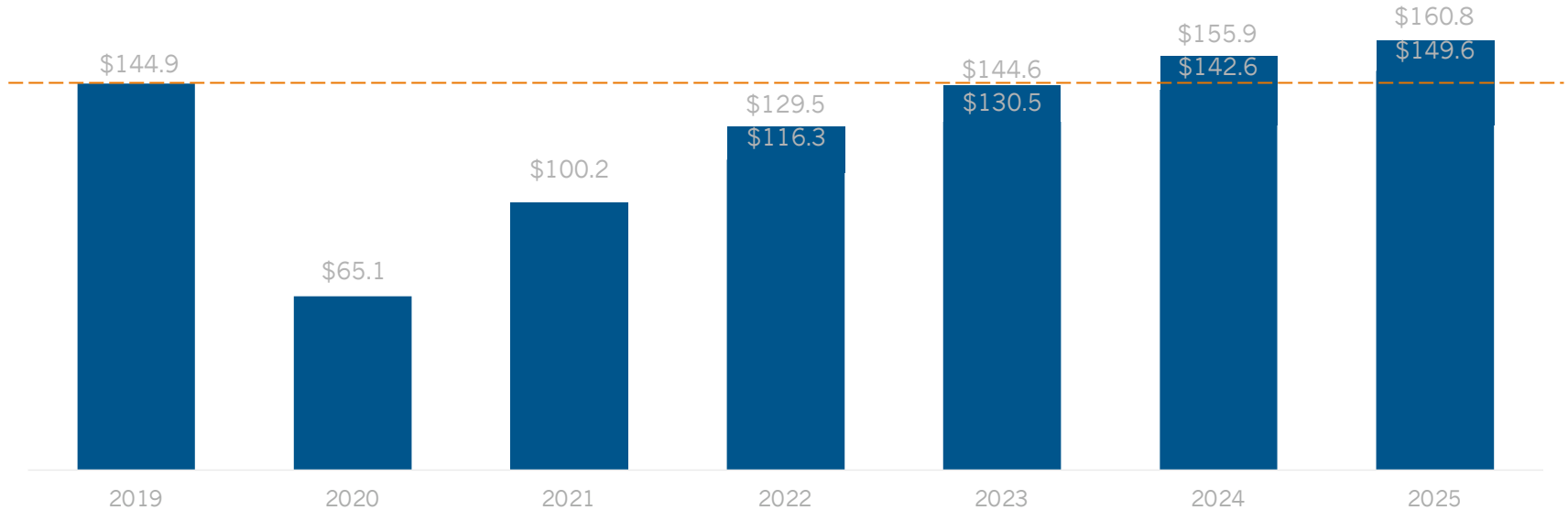
Tourism Employment  
**927K**

State & Local Tax Revenue  
**\$9.8B**

# Los Angeles County Economic Impact

	2021	Change since	
		2020	2019
Visitor Spending	\$19.6 B	+47.8%	-40%
Tax Revenue	\$2.3 B	+26.5%	-24.5%

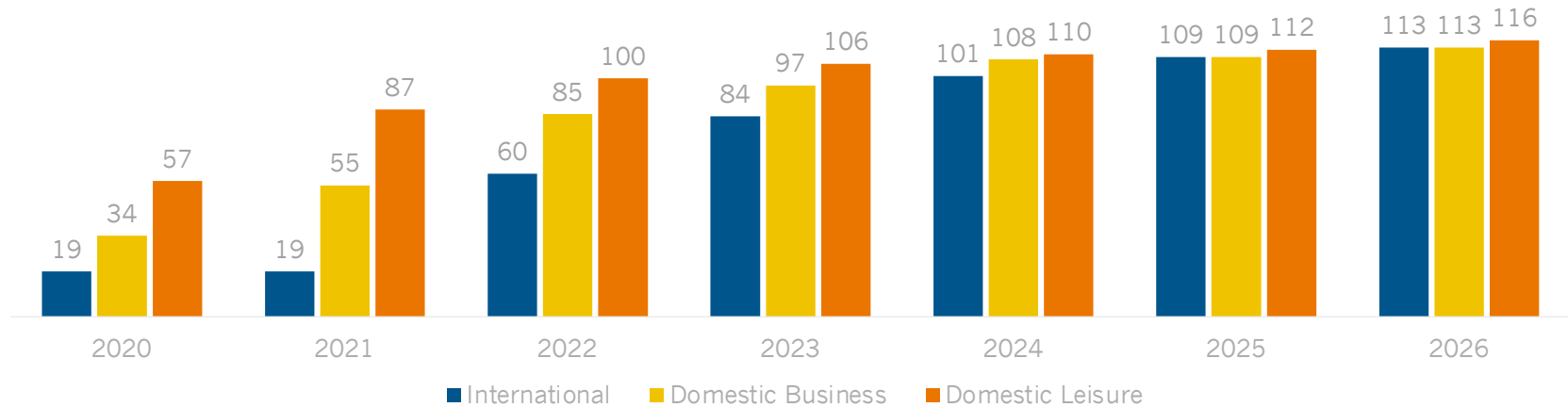
# Travel Spending Forecast



Source: Tourism Economics, January 2022 Forecast

# Forecast Recovery by Key Sector

Spending Forecast Comparison  
Domestic Leisure, Domestic Business, International  
(Index to 2019)



Source: Tourism Economics, January 2022 Forecast

# May is California Tourism Month



- Industry toolkit
- Statewide speaking tour
- Media outreach

[industry.VisitCalifornia.com](http://industry.VisitCalifornia.com)

[#CATourism.com](https://twitter.com/CATourism.com)

A photograph of a man and a woman standing outdoors, engaged in conversation. The man is on the left, wearing a dark patterned shirt, and the woman is on the right, wearing a white lace dress and holding a drink. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent orange filter. The background shows some foliage and a bright sky.

# Accelerating Recovery

EXTENDED

NEW

1		Calling All Californians	\$ 10,736,525
2		California Road Trip Republic	\$ 10,415,000
3		Am I Dreaming	\$ 41,050,000
4		'Always On' Search and Content Distribution	\$ 3,000,000
5		Urban Core Programming	\$ 6,600,000
6		Kidifornia/Snow (Family)	\$ 17,560,000
7		Culinary	\$ 250,000
8		Business/Group Travel	\$ 4,500,000
		Contingency	\$ 888,475

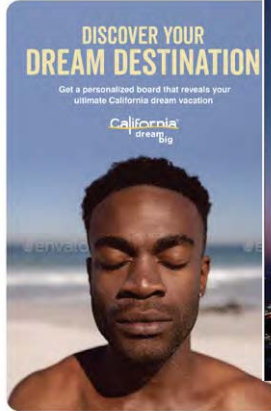
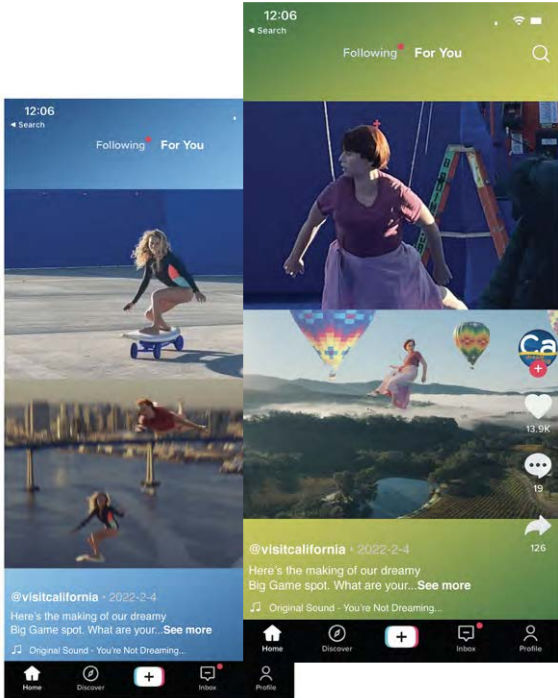
DRIVING CALIFORNIA DEMAND




**‘Am I Dreaming?’**

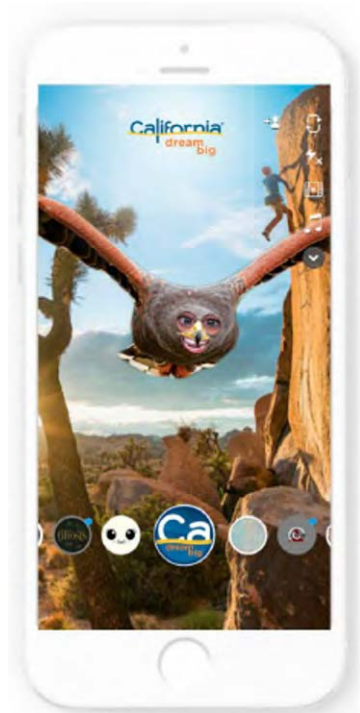


# “Am I Dreaming” Platform Creative



 Where are your dreams taking you?

Take this quick quiz to uncover where in California your dreams are leading you, then get an inspiration board that brings your dreams to life. Analyze your dreams now!





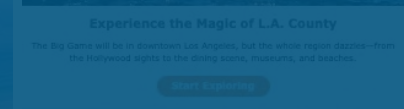
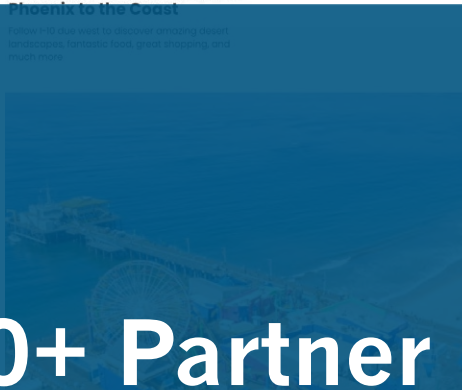
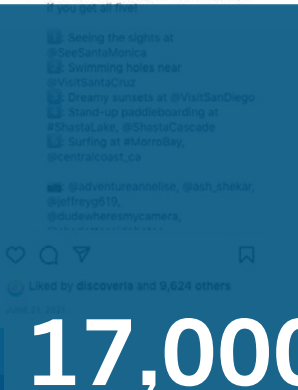
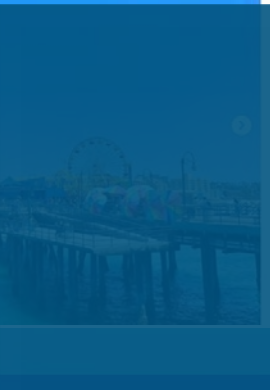
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# Urban Core Programming





# Collaborating with Visit California



# 17,000+ Partner Handoffs 400,000+ Website Pageviews 59 Social Media Posts

7 Ways to Get Full Value on Your California Vacation

Three insiders share an how to get the most out of your next Golden State getaway

Posted on monthly ago  
By Jessica Marshall

6. Eat like a local

Khan says one of his favorite things to do when dining in California is to go to a local eatery, where he says you can find the best food every corner. But, Khan stresses that you need to be adventurous and explore beyond the tourist areas. "So you go to a local eatery, you try the place where they eat, and these are all draws of course, but a huge tip for the tourist is to go to the local eatery where the locals want to eat." And he suggests travelers follow suit.

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Activities in Santa Monica



Time to get planning for 2022 and take your trip to the next level with California destinations, parks, restaurants or trails are on your wishlist this year?



San Monica's Best-Kept Secret



Visit California @ VisitCA

- Ok, so you've checked out @GoSantaMonica's famous pier. Now what? We have some ideas...
- Enjoy some art at @BergamotSM
- Walk around Tongva Park
- Shopping and vibes at Third Street Promenade
- Lawrence Scarpa, @rhuante, Max Whittaker

3 Insiders Share California Vacation Tips

Expand your horizons with these culinary, family, and luxury experiences



# The Best of California

2022  
OFFICIAL  
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GUIDE

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THINK YOU  
KNOW  
THE GOLDEN  
STATE?

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HIDDEN GEMS &  
UNDISCOVERED  
WONDERS

## AYESHA CURRY

"I JUST LOVE  
THAT YOU  
CAN FIND  
EVERYTHING  
HERE."

California  
dream  
Big

### THE CALIFORNIA QUESTIONNAIRE

## Ayesha Curry

WE ASKED AYESHA TO DIVULGE A FEW OF HER GOLDEN STATE FAVORITES—HERE'S WHAT SHE TOLD US

**Where do you live?** The Big Area

**Why there?** Initially it was because Stephen was drafted here in 2009. But if you were to ask me now, we did it I want to live anywhere after we're here. I love that I can go two hours in any direction and find the beach or the mountains or snow. It's all there.

**Who or what is your greatest California love?** Marin County Park in Woodside. It's what I think of when I think of nature. It's amazing.

**What is the biggest misperception about California?** That we all eat. I didn't take lessons. I took a lesson. Terrible. I'm going to try again.



Proper food, Lark Island

**What does sustainability mean to you?** I love this planet and I want it to be here for my kids and my children's children and their children. And I've not aware of the global crisis that we're in right now, when it comes to making sure that we keep this earth a beautiful place. But the truth of the matter... it that it's something that I'll still be learning how to implement into my life. It's a learning process. Taking one small step is going your part. Like using a recyclable straw. A small step like that is how you're going to bring something.

**Where would you go for the ultimate shopping spree?** The McMillen Boutique in Oakland. Sherri McMillen has this premier boutique that offers luxury brands and very bespoke things

and beach items. We did it once and took the ship down and it was just such a special drive. Then we went to Malibu and drove up the Pacific Coast Highway to return home. I love just leaving a random stopping point to watch the waves and sit on the rocks. This is going to be stereotypical. I love Malibu. Malibu. The waves are so beautiful. The sunsets are beautiful. I can't get enough. And if I stay at any of the Proper Hotels. The Proper in Santa Monica is my favorite. That would be a fun drive.

**If you could receive an official state culinary experience, what would it be?** California being a melting pot was the inspiration for my restaurant with Mutual Love. I love natural Smoke. And the idea was to focus on this global grilling experience, where you could feel like you had your own personal chef in every country without ever leaving California. I would make that the official state culinary experience—have our Korean ribs, have our St. Louis ribs, have our California state seafood platter.

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And—if I'm allowed to mention it—I have a Southern in Oakland called Tovey. July and we have the most amazing coffee and bread pudding and scones and so on.

**How California song "Malibu" by Miles Cyrus. It's a great driving song. It puts me in that zone when I'm not driving. I feel the wind in my hair. For some reason, I can never smile someone. That's how it makes me feel. And it's just a romantic song because California is romantic.**

**How would your California dream day unfold?** I think the perfect California day is waking up to the most beautiful sunrise in the morning. The whole family will stay in their pajamas later than we should, opening all the curtains, and the windows, letting in the fresh air. Then we make the most perfect pastries, pancakes and eggs, almost milk bats. Then maybe we drive out to our nearest lake and watch the kids play and have, you know, a cooler cup that has something other than water in it. Nobody has to know. These days, it's probably a girl and have, you know, a cooler cup that has something other than water in it. Nobody has to know. These days, it's probably a girl and have, you know, a cooler cup that has something other than water in it. Nobody has to know. These days, it's probably a girl and have, you know, a cooler cup that has something other than water in it. Nobody has to know.



International Dinner, The Bore



**21 ACADEMY MUSEUM OF MOTION PICTURES**  
Visit this new L.A. landmark to see rare artifacts such as The Wizard of Oz, Judy Hepburn and Gregory Peck's working script from To Catch a Kingfisher. Don't miss the Oscars Experience, where you can chat with a video of yourself accepting an Academy Award.

**22 STADIUM**  
If you've ever longed for your own Southern California beach house, head to this Santa Monica property for a taste of the beach life. Built in the 1920s by William Hensleigh Moore for his partner Marion Davies, the five-acre estate lets you experience sophisticated living. Hang by the pool, take yoga, or maybe test your beach volleyball skills. There's also an art gallery, and don't miss the tour of the Marion Davies Guest House.



Academy Museum of Motion Pictures

**23 ANGELENO WINE COMPANY**  
Looking for a new organic vineyard in L.A. County, the winery has resurrected the local wine-making tradition that dates to 1883. Come here to discover unique Spanish varieties such as Graciano, Alicante Bouschet, and Verdejo that reflect L.A.'s unique terroir. [www.angeleno.com](http://www.angeleno.com)

**24 NIMROD COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE**  
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Nimrod Community Beach House

**25 THE FORD**  
While almost everyone knows the famed Hollywood Bowl, there's another outdoor venue that even many longtime Angelenos have never visited. During its long history, The Ford, an intimate 1,200-seat theater tucked into the Hollywood Hills, has hosted everyone from violinist Jascha Heifetz to The Ramones. That dove-to tradition continues today with an innovative calendar that recently featured Rick and Roll Hall of Famer Pat Smith, jazz fusion take dancing, and Mexican folk dance.

**26 LAKE HOLLYWOOD**  
The most distinctive view of the Hollywood Sign isn't necessarily the crown. Nor does it particularly resemble Hollywood. Instead, follow the 3.5-mile walking trail around Lake Hollywood Dam and you'll look out over the reservoir to a wooded shoreline and the sign high up on Mount Lee. Export your trends to ask you how you found the angle. And as a bonus, the view from the dam is overlooking the city is almost as spectacular.

**27 MOUNT WILSON OBSERVATORY**  
High above Pasadena, Mount Wilson Observatory looks out over L.A. and into the universe. Self-guided tours explore the complex that opened in 1904, and don't miss in-depth weekend tours that give you the chance to see the observatory's famous 100-inch telescope up close. Astronomers also lead sessions that allow visitors to gaze into the cosmos through the observatory's telescopes—the largest in the world available for public use.



Mount Wilson Observatory

**28 VAZQUEZ ROCKS NATURAL AREA**  
Back in the Old West, if you needed to hide out, these dramatic sandstone formations—about 20 miles northwest of Santa Cruz—would have looked mighty. In fact, legendary desperado Tabor Vasquez (for whom the rocks are named, did escape the law here. There's also a popular filming location and a great place to explore trails or set up the outdoor rig for a panorama.

**29 MORRISON HOTEL GALLERY**  
Home to such landmarks as The Troubadour and The Ray, West Hollywood has been the epicenter of Southern California's music scene for generations. If you're looking for a piece of rock history, stop into the Morrison Hotel Gallery for vintage images of legends from Bruce Springsteen to Bob Dylan. Right next to it is the Sunset Marquis, which displays music-themed photos curated by the gallery.

Morrison Hotel Gallery

**30 MODERNIST HOUSE TOURS**  
Get an intimate look at a mid-century modern masterpiece: The Century House in Pacific Palisades has well-known visitors to the area and also offers private visits of the grand and cozy. Doors are available to tour and photos are taken for a fee. Century House and its designers, Charles and Ray Eames, who lived here for decades. You'll also be able to peek through the windows to see the house's Eames-designed furniture.



Century House

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Vasquez Rocks

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Left: Ayesha Curry; Top: Ayesha Curry; Middle: Ayesha Curry; Right: Ayesha Curry



# Restoring Group Travel



# 'The Birthplace' Campaign

IN THE BIRTHPLACE OF  
**WHAT'S NEXT**

CREATIVE MEETINGS ARE WHAT  
EVERYONE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO.



IN THE BIRTHPLACE OF  
**BLUE JEANS**

RELAXED AND COMFORTABLE MEETINGS  
ARE JUST THE RIGHT FIT.



IN THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE  
**GREEN MOVEMENT**  
ECO-FRIENDLY MEETINGS COME NATURALLY.



IN THE BIRTHPLACE OF  
**STATE PARKS**  
OUTDOOR MEETINGS ARE ALWAYS IN.



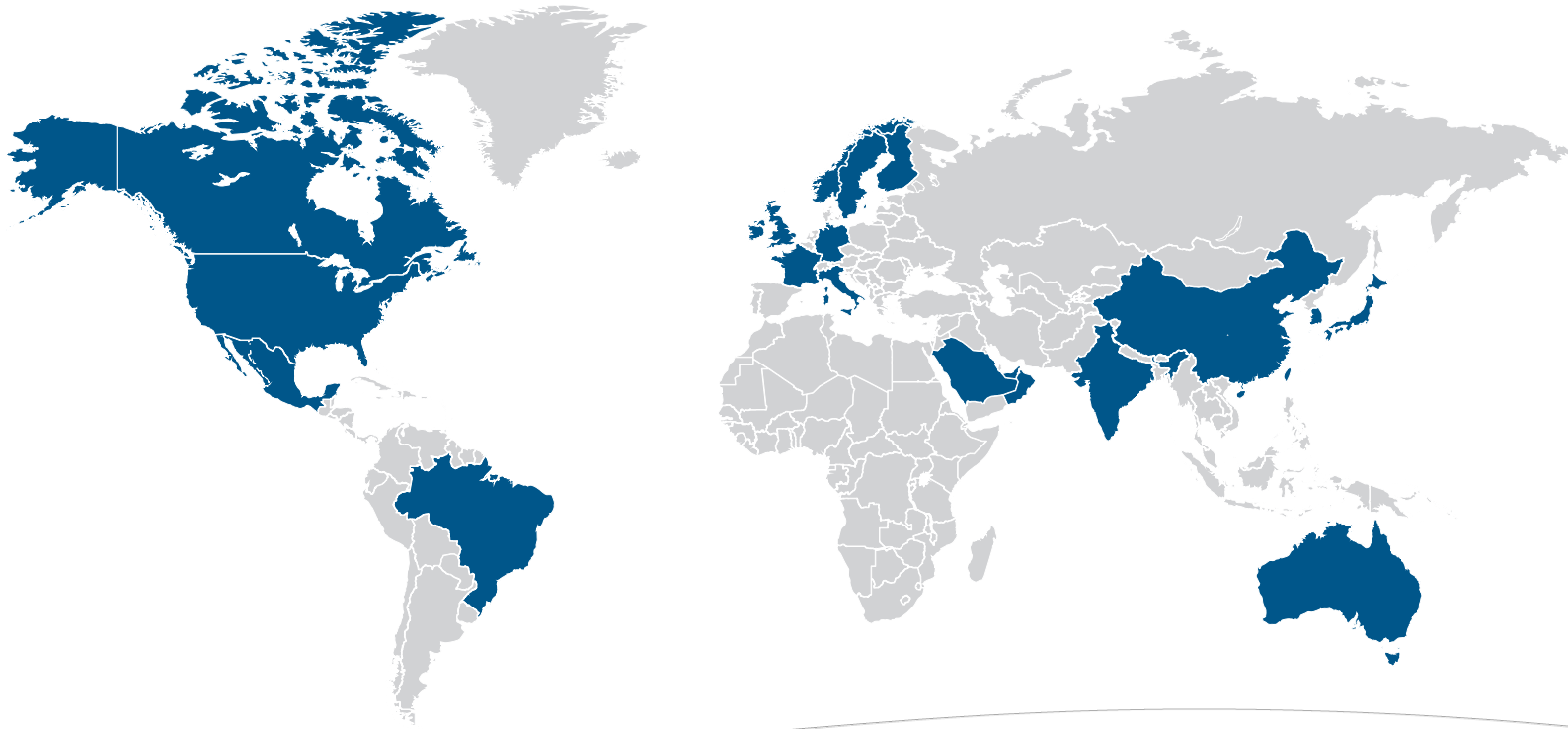
IN THE BIRTHPLACE OF  
**THE INTERNET**  
TECH-FORWARD MEETINGS ARE A NO-BRAINER.



IN THE BIRTHPLACE OF  
**HOLLYWOOD**  
CREATIVITY IS ALWAYS SHOWING.



# Global Investments and Opportunities



The background of the slide features a bright, sunny beach scene. In the foreground, several people are riding bicycles on a paved path. The bicycles are green and white. The path is lined with tall palm trees on the left side. The sky is clear and blue. The overall atmosphere is bright and active.

# Resources

[industry.VisitCalifornia.com](http://industry.VisitCalifornia.com)



**Thank You!**

**THANK YOU**

Caroline Beteta



# **ERIN FRANCIS-CUMMINGS**

President & CEO  
Destination Analytics

**SANTA  
MONICA**  
TRAVEL & TOURISM

# THE STATE OF THE AMERICAN TRAVELER

Report of Findings  
May 2022

Destination  Analysts





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# Agenda

Economic Considerations

The Pandemic

Sentiment Towards Travel & Travel Outlook

Travel Attitudes & Preferences

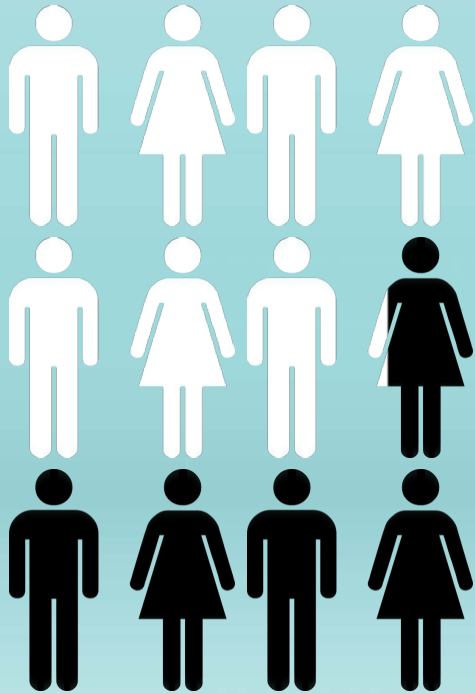
How We Have Changed

The International Outlook

# IMPACT OF INFLATION ON TRAVEL



# EXPECTATIONS FOR THE ECONOMY



**59.0%** of American travelers believe it is likely an economic recession will begin in the U.S. this year.

Just **27.8%** believe inflation will weaken this year and just **24.2%** believe the U.S. will experience strong economic growth.

# INFLATION & TRIP CANCELLATION

**23.2%**

**of American Travelers Agree that recent inflation in consumer prices has led them to cancel an upcoming trip.**



# IMPACT OF GASOLINE PRICES ON ROAD TRIPS

**58.0%**

**of American travelers agree that if gasoline prices don't come down, they will be taking fewer road trips this spring/summer.**



# IMPACT OF GASOLINE PRICES ON TRIP DISTANCE



**60.4%**

**of American travelers agree that if gasoline prices don't come down, they will be staying closer to home on my road trips this spring/summer.**



# TRAVEL PRICES AS AN IMPEDIMENT TO TRAVEL

**38.3%**

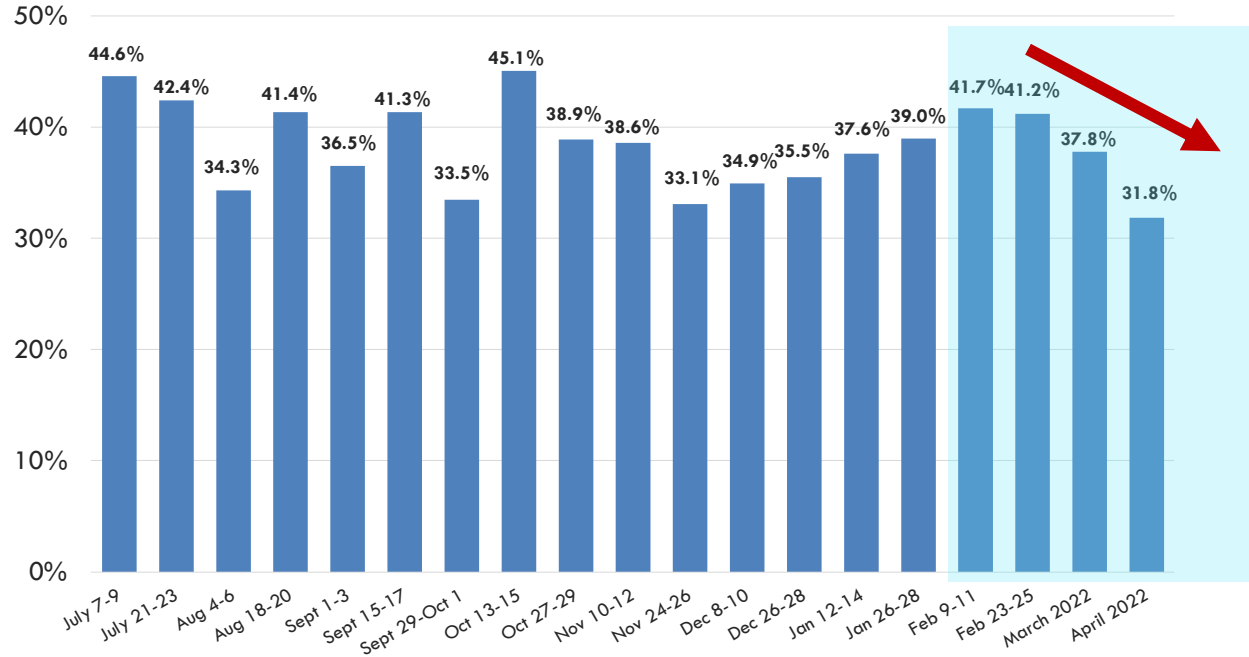
**of American travelers agree high travel prices have kept them from traveling in the past month.**



# IS IT A GOOD TIME TO SPEND ON TRAVEL?

**Question:** Thinking only of your household's finances, do you feel NOW is a good or bad time for you to spend money on leisure travel? (Select one)

**% Good or Very good time to spend on travel**



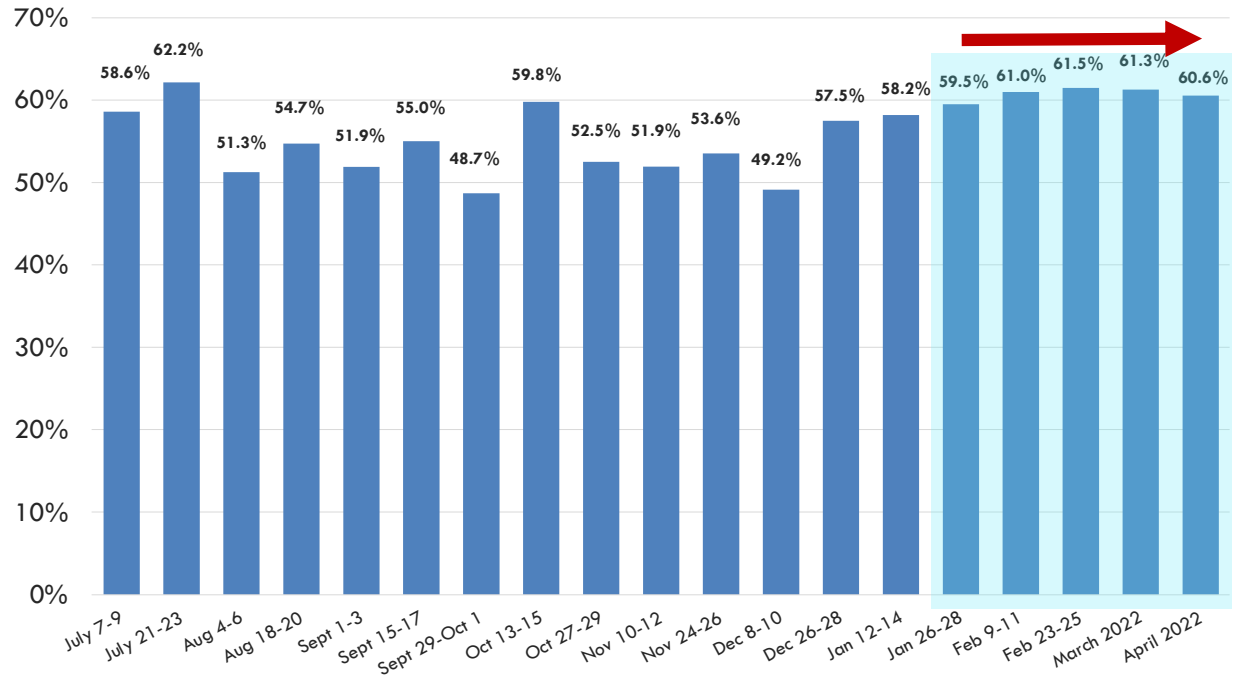
# TRAVEL AS A BUDGET PRIORITY

**Question:** Thinking carefully about how you expect to spend your income in the **NEXT THREE MONTHS**, please use the scale below to describe your spending priorities. (Select one)

Leisure travel will be a(n)

\_\_\_\_\_.

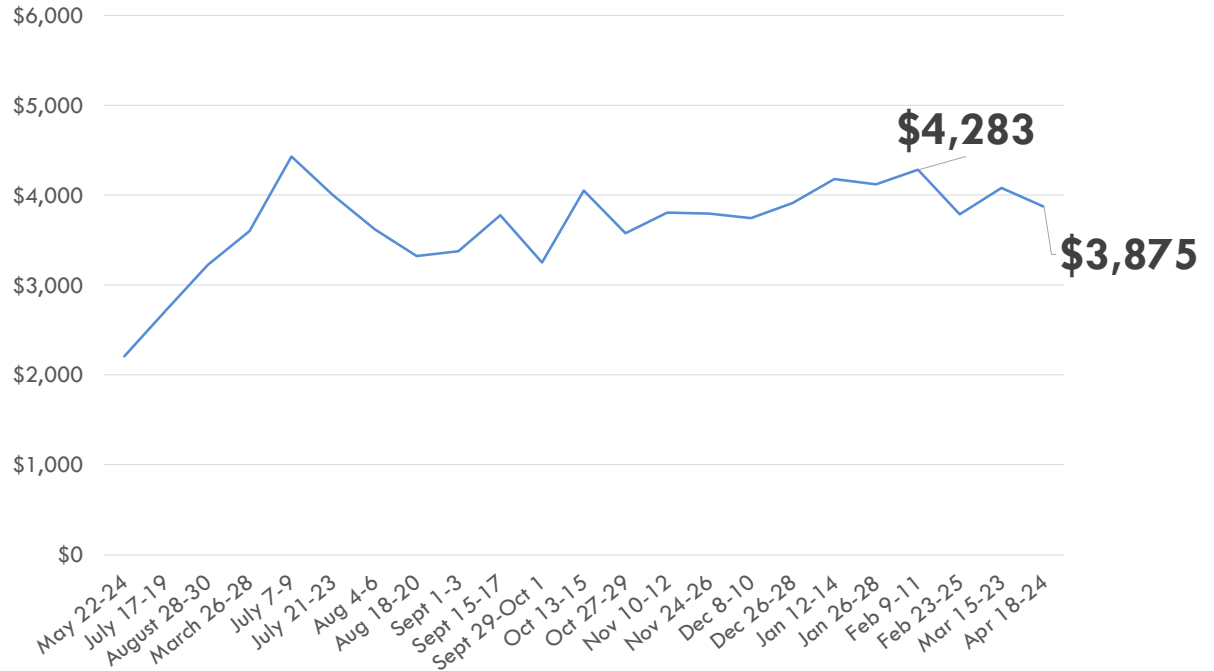
**% Somewhat High, High or Extremely High Priority**



# MAXIMUM TRAVEL SPENDING: NEXT 12 MONTHS

**Question:** How much IN TOTAL is the maximum you will spend on leisure travel (including airfare, accommodations and all other trip related spending) during the NEXT 12 MONTHS?

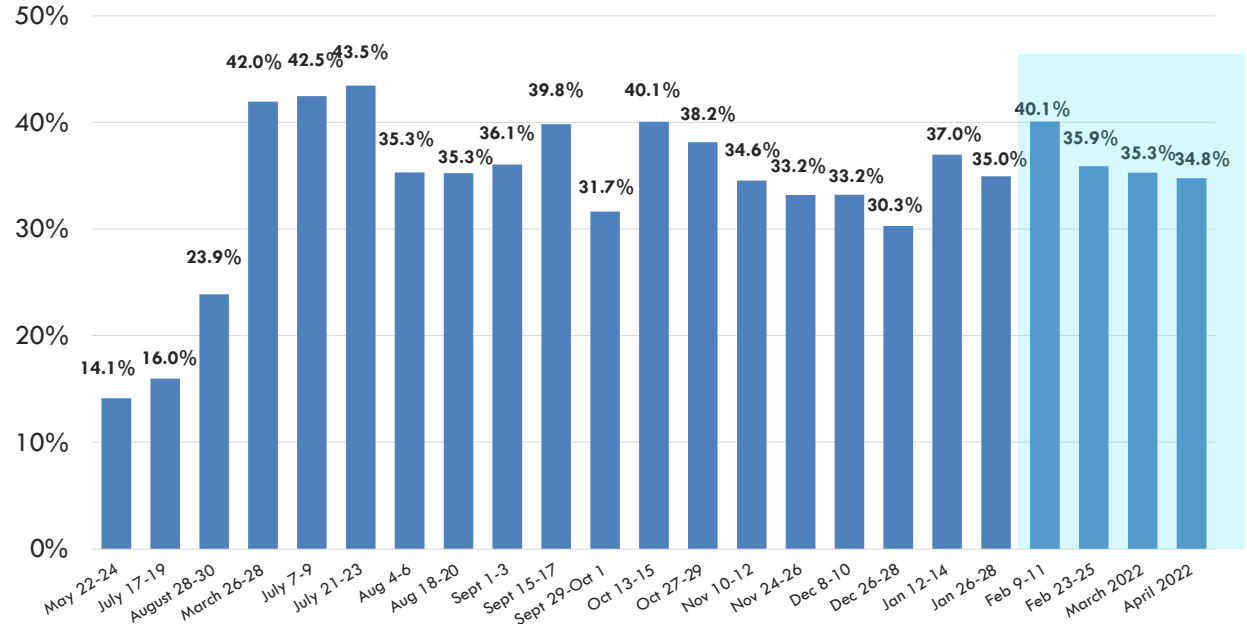
Maximum I would spend on leisure travel (next 12 months):



# EXPECTATIONS FOR TRAVEL (NEXT 12 MONTHS)

**Question:** In the NEXT 12 MONTHS, do you expect to travel more or less for leisure than you did in the most recent 12-month period? (Select one)

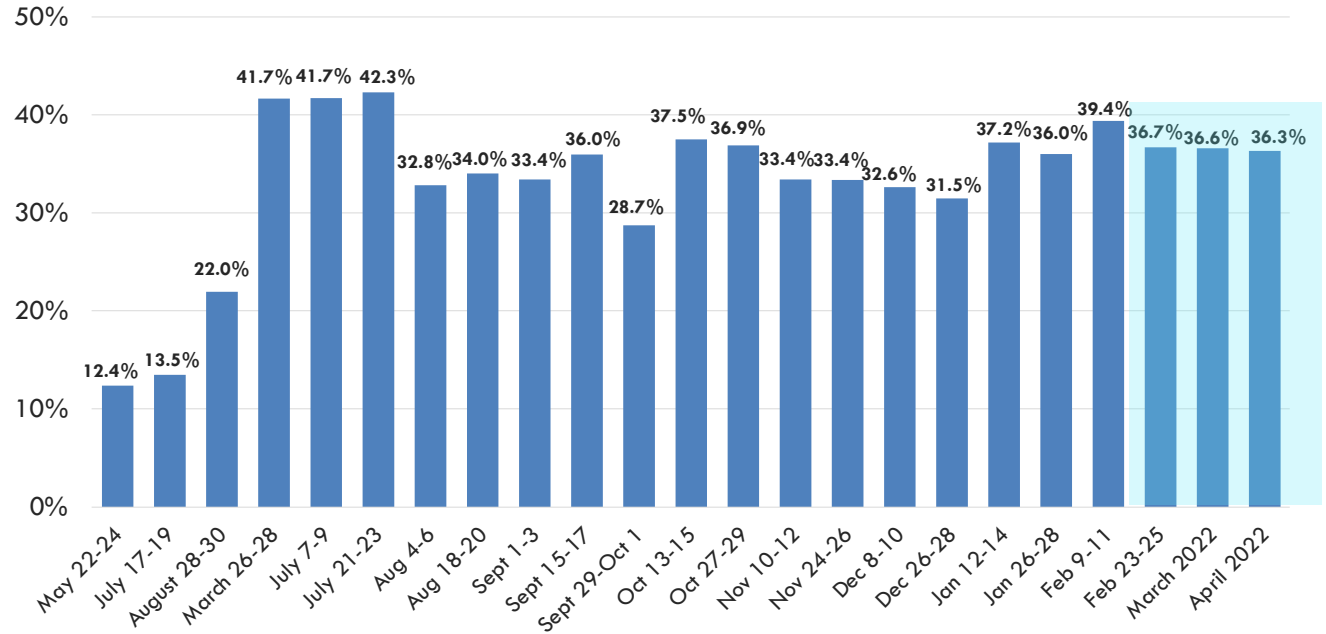
## % Expecting to Take More Trips



# EXPECTATIONS FOR TRAVEL SPENDING (NEXT 12 MONTHS)

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(Select one)

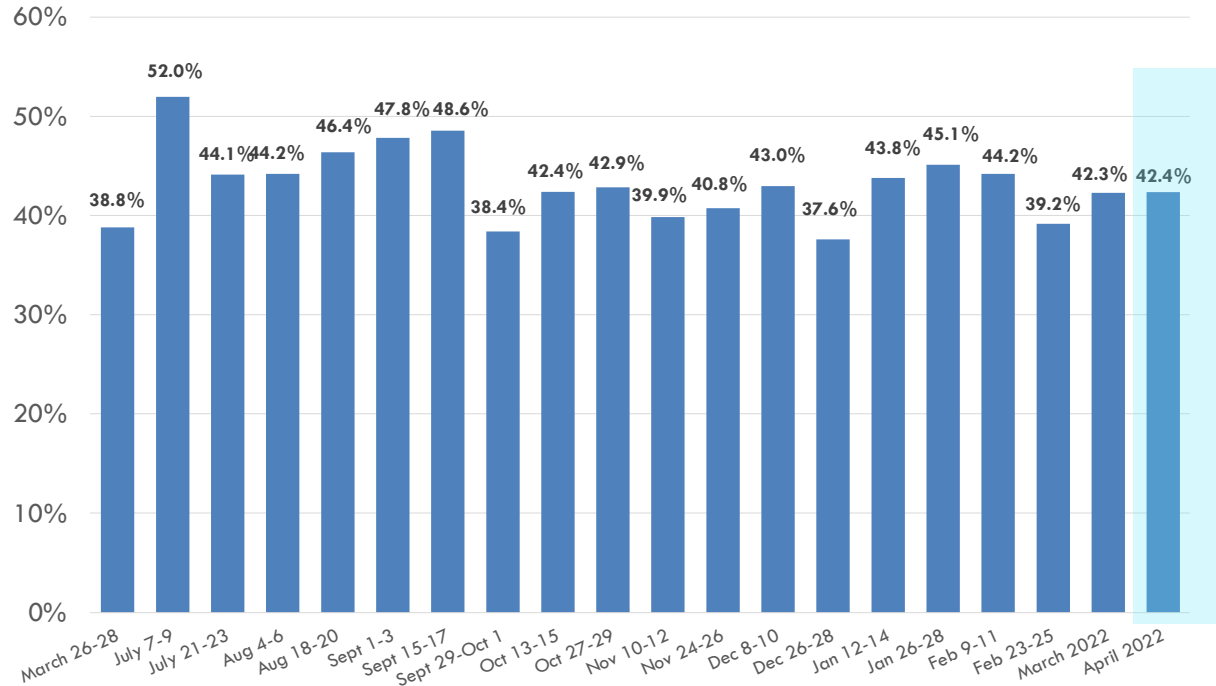
## % Expecting to Spend More



# EXPECTATIONS FOR FUTURE FINANCES

**Question: LOOKING FORWARD—do you feel that a year from now, you (and your household) will be better off financially, or worse off, or just about the same as now?**

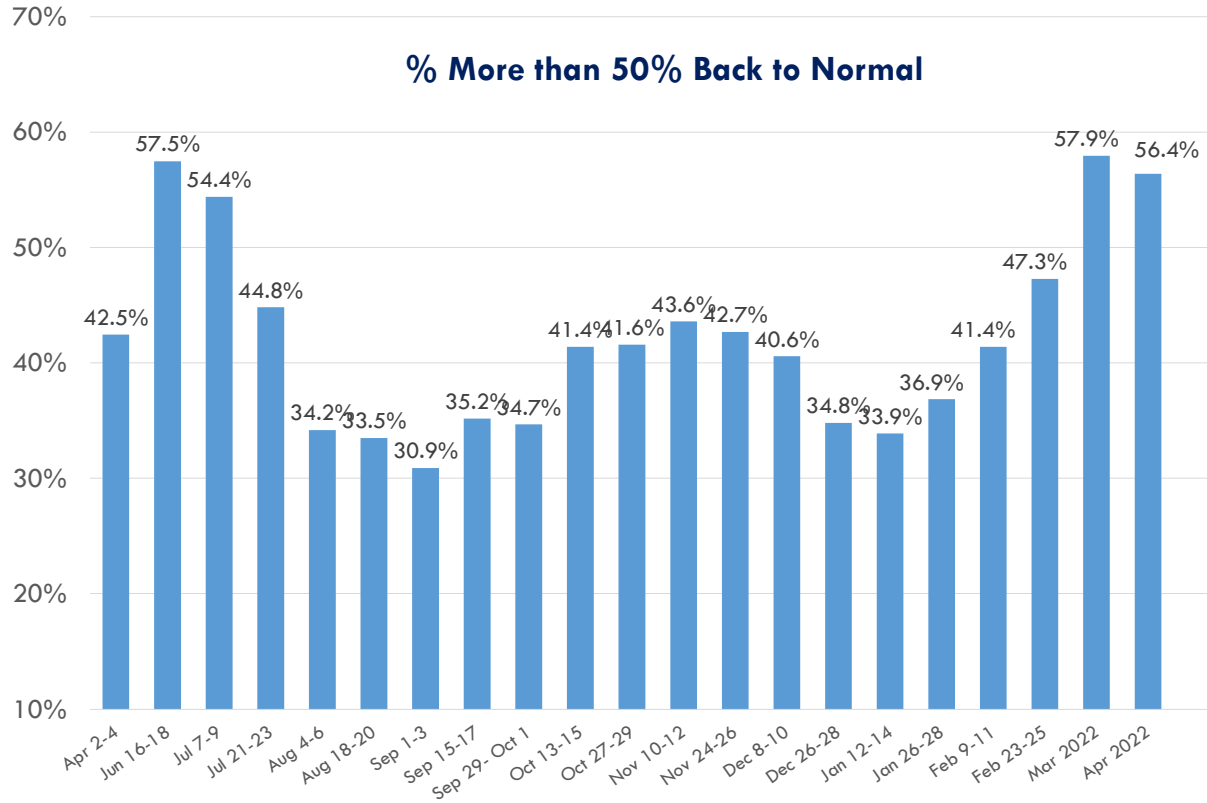
**% Better or Much Better**







# RETURNING TO NORMAL



**Millennial or younger**  
60.8%

**Gen X**  
54.8%

**Boomer or older**  
52.7%

**WEST**  
56.7%

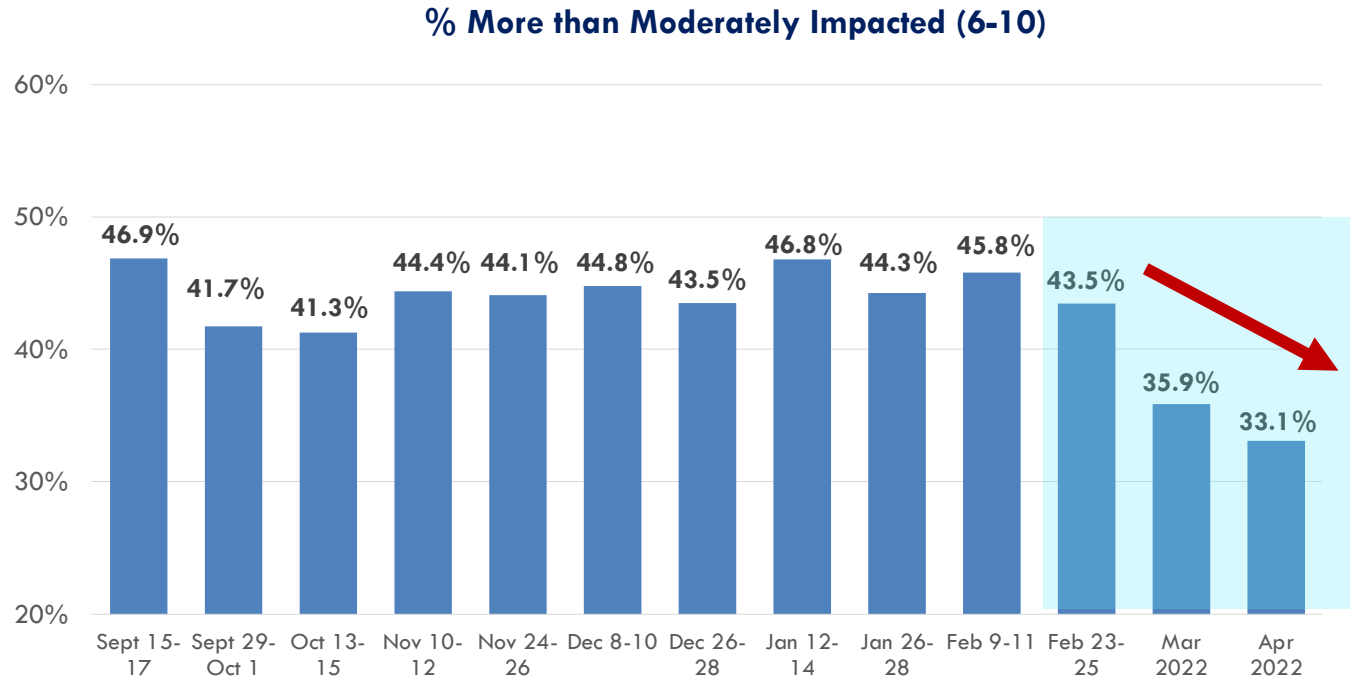
**MIDWEST**  
54.6%

**NORTHEAST**  
59.3%

**SOUTH**  
54.3%

# COVID-19'S IMPACT ON MEANINGFUL TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

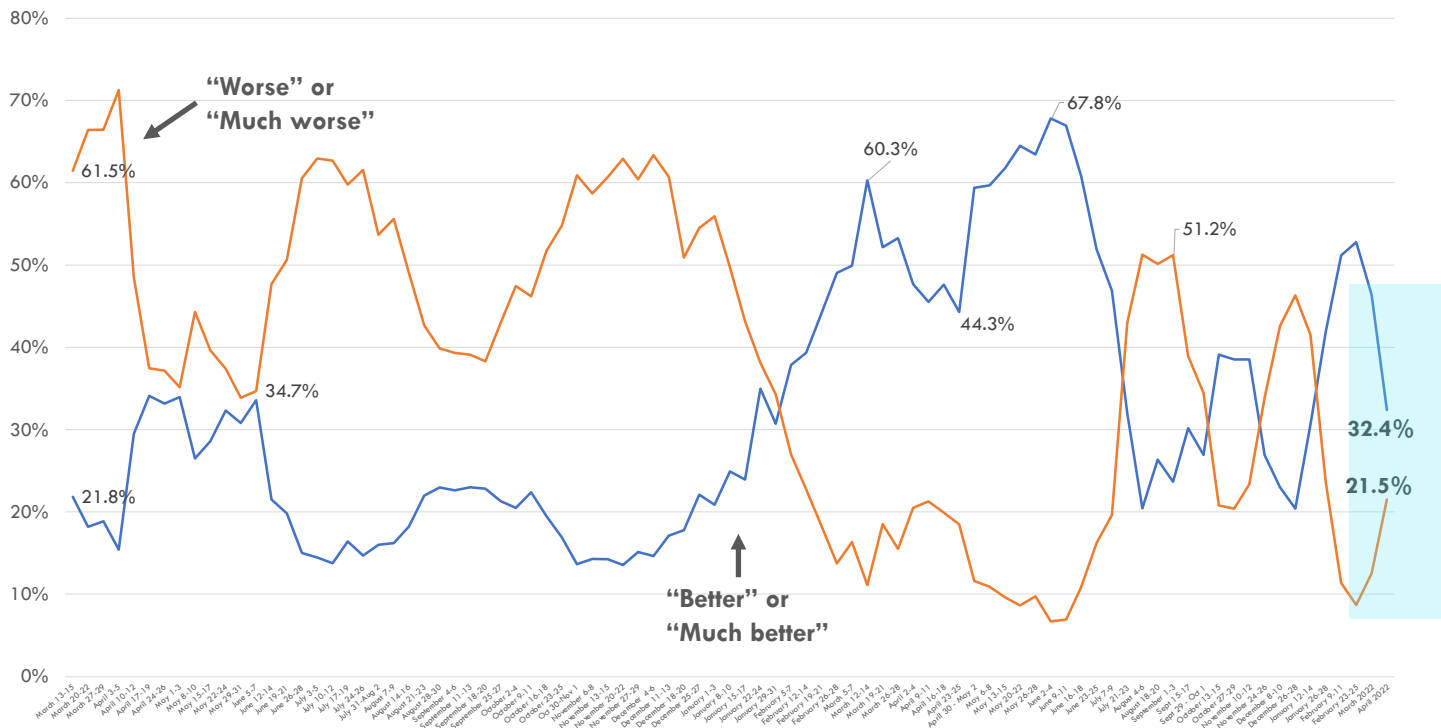
**Question:** How much is the COVID-19 issue impacting your ability to have meaningful travel experiences? (Select one)



# EXPECTATIONS FOR THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK (MAR 2020 – APR 2022)

**Question:** In the NEXT MONTH, how (if at all) do you expect the severity of the coronavirus situation in the United States to change?

In the next month the coronavirus situation will get



(Base: All respondents, 1,200+ completed surveys each wave.)

# PANDEMIC EXPECTATIONS

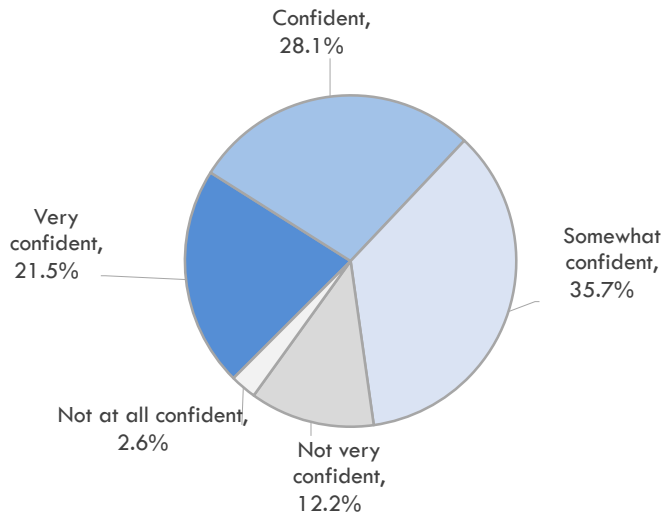


**45.8%**

**of American travelers feel it's likely  
a dangerous new variant of COVID-  
19 will emerge in the U.S. in the  
remainder of the year.**

# CONFIDENCE IN ABILITY TO TRAVEL SAFELY

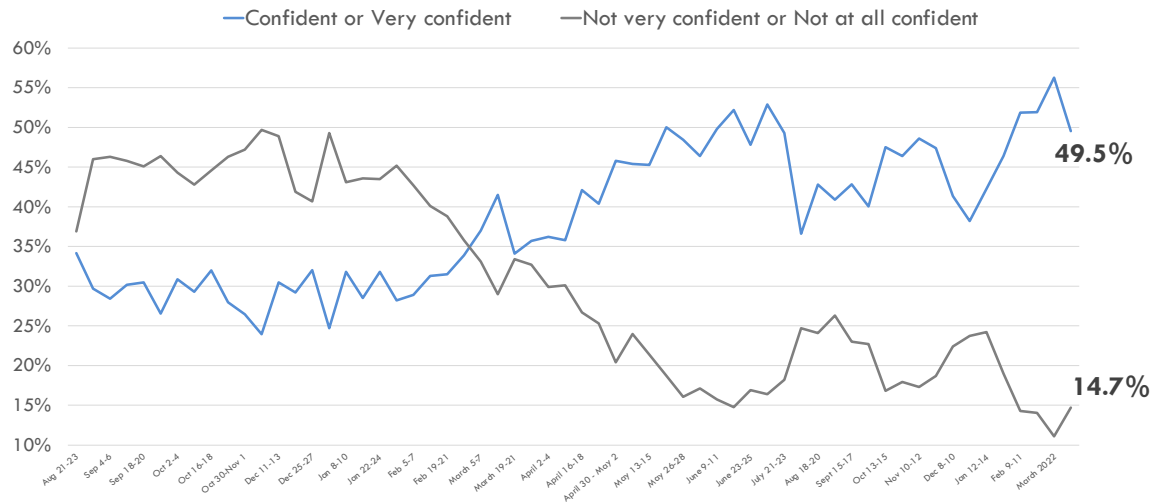
**Question:** How confident are you that you can travel safely in the current environment?



(Base: All respondents, 4,060 completed surveys.)

Data collected April 18-24, 2022.)

## Historical data

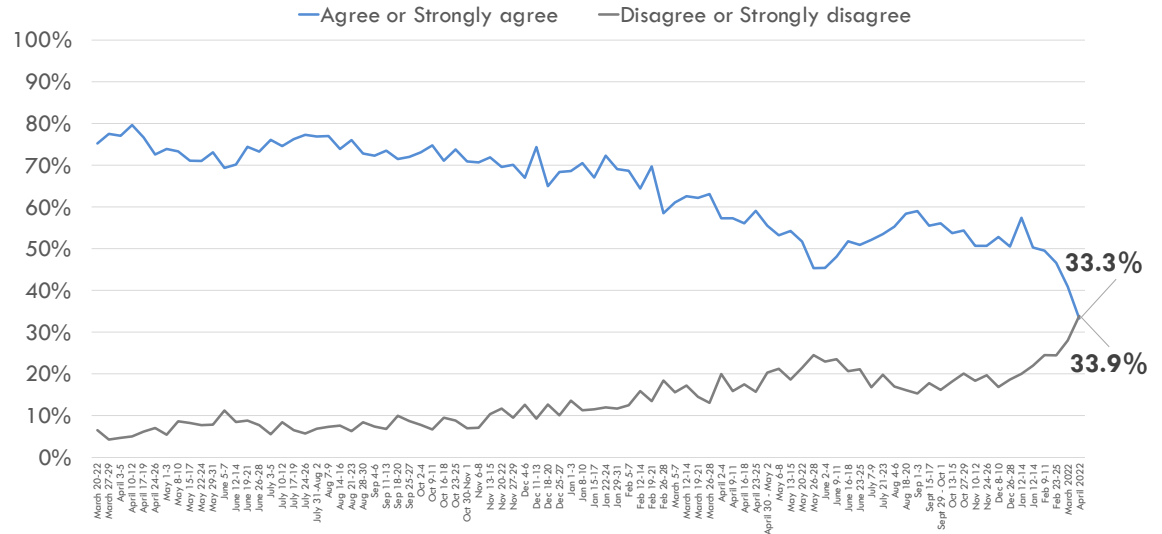


# AVOIDING CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

How much do you agree with the following statement?

**Statement:** I will be unlikely to attend any conferences or conventions until the coronavirus situation is resolved.

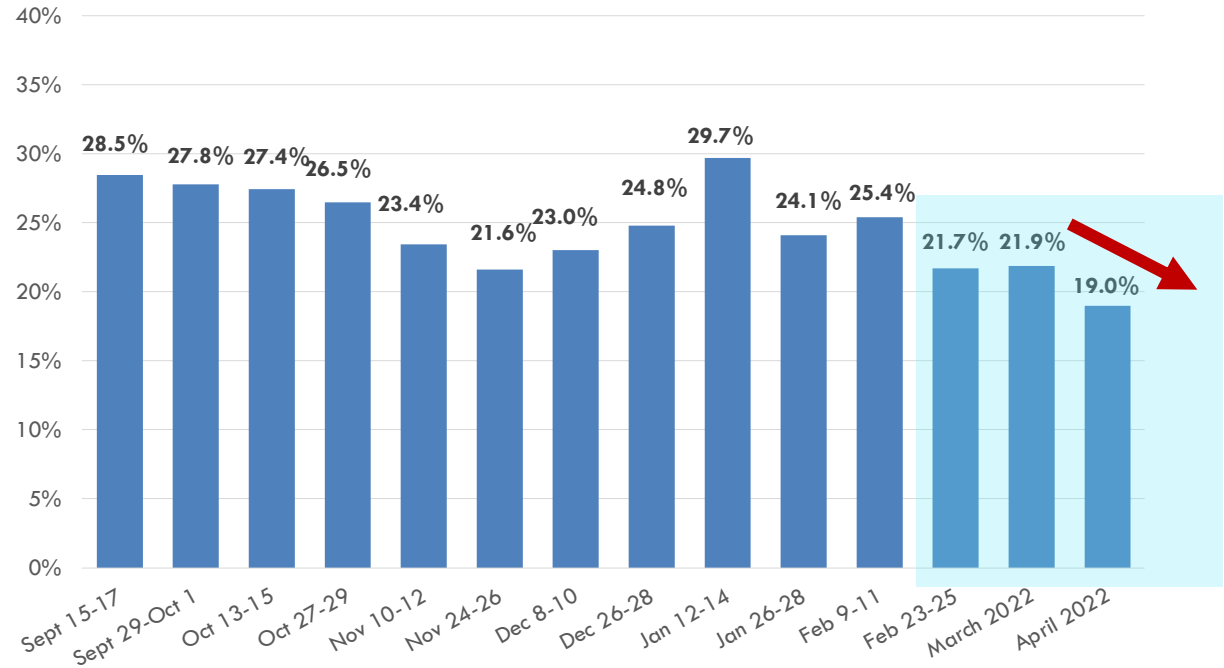
## Historical data



# MOST RECENT OVERNIGHT TRIP: COVID-19 ANXIETY

**Question:** While traveling on your most recent overnight trip, HOW MUCH ANXIETY did you generally feel about the COVID-19 situation?

**% More than Moderate Anxiety (6-10)**

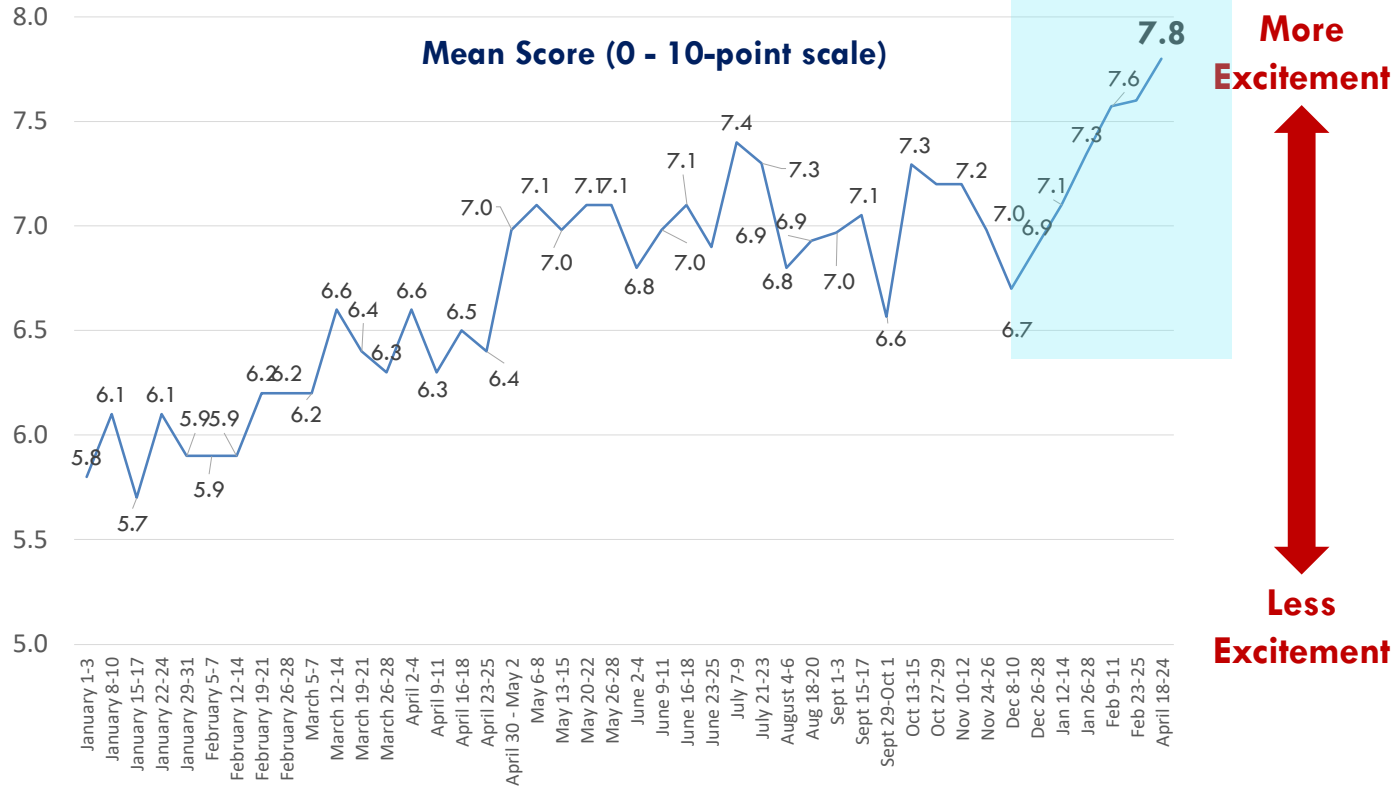






# EXCITEMENT FOR LEISURE TRAVEL IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

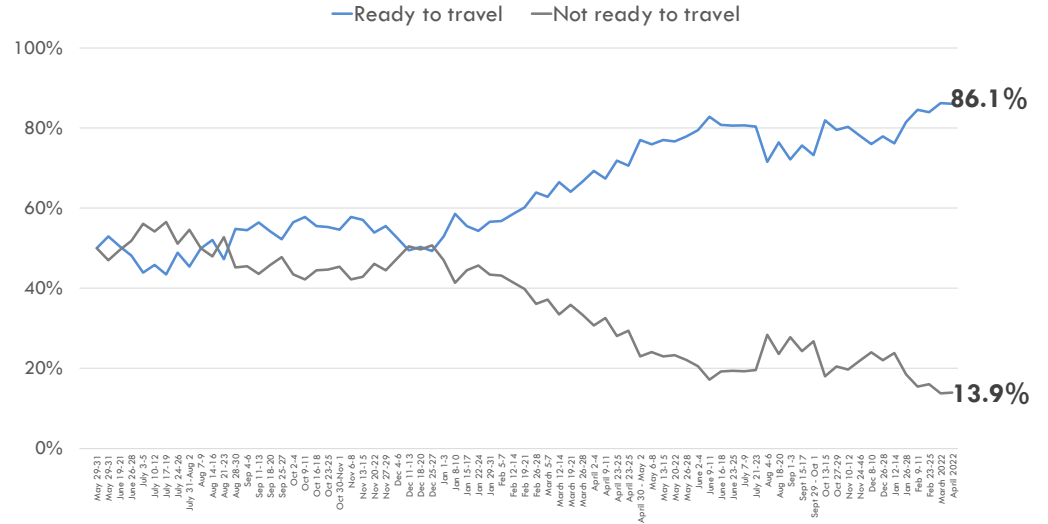
**Question:** Which best describes how excited you are about LEISURE TRAVEL in the NEXT TWELVE (12) MONTHS? (Please answer using the 11-point scale below)



# TRAVEL STATE-OF-MIND

**Question:** When it comes to getting back out and traveling again, which best describes your current state of mind? (Select one)

## Historical data



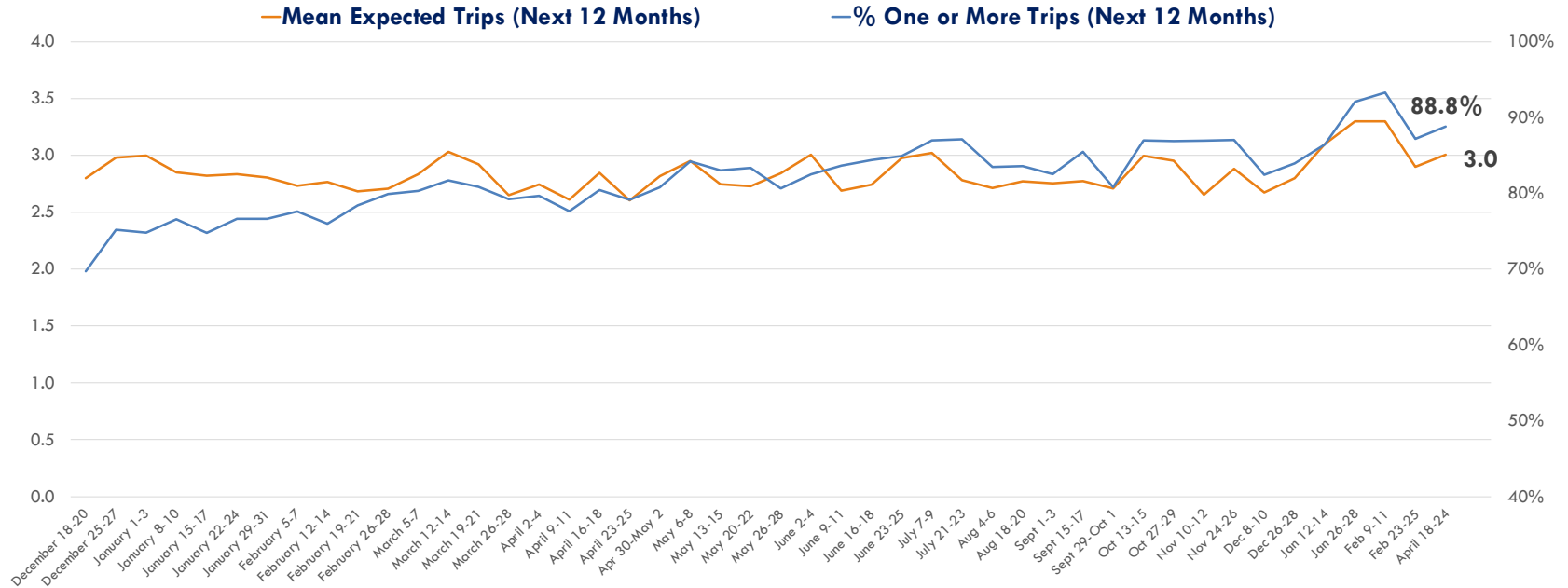
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# NUMBER OF LEISURE TRIPS ANTICIPATED IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

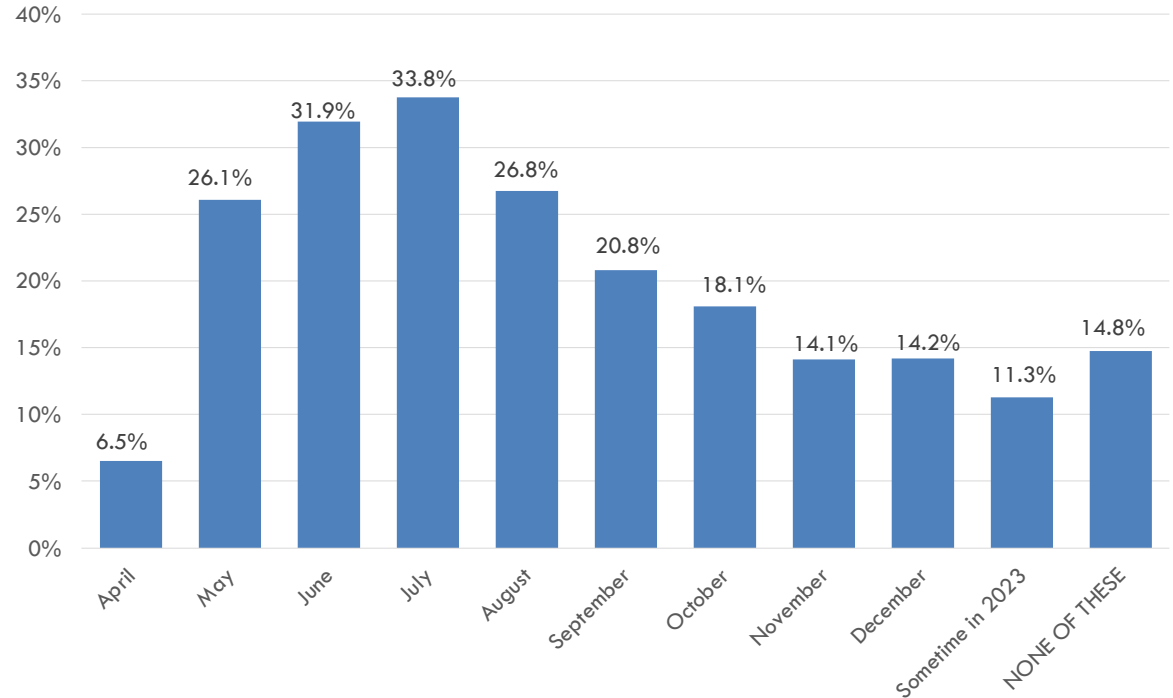
**Question:** IN TOTAL, how many leisure trips (of 50 miles or more from your home) do you expect to take in the NEXT TWELVE (12) MONTHS? (Select one)



# MONTHS OF EXPECTED LEISURE TRIPS IN 2022

**Question:** In which months do you currently have any leisure trips planned (even if only tentatively)?  
(Select all that apply)

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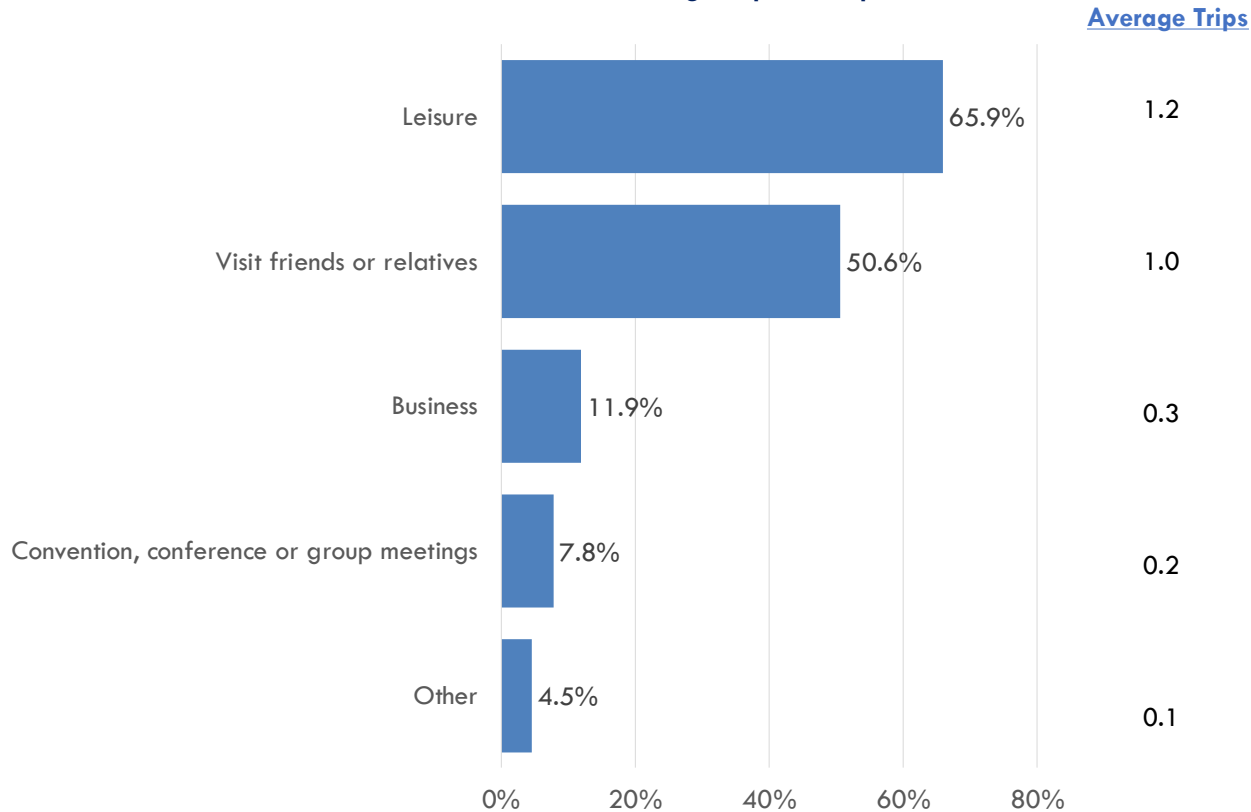


# EXPECTED TRIPS IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS: BY TRIP TYPE

**Question:** In the NEXT THREE (3) MONTHS, how many of each type of trip are you likely to take? (Select the correct number of each trip type)

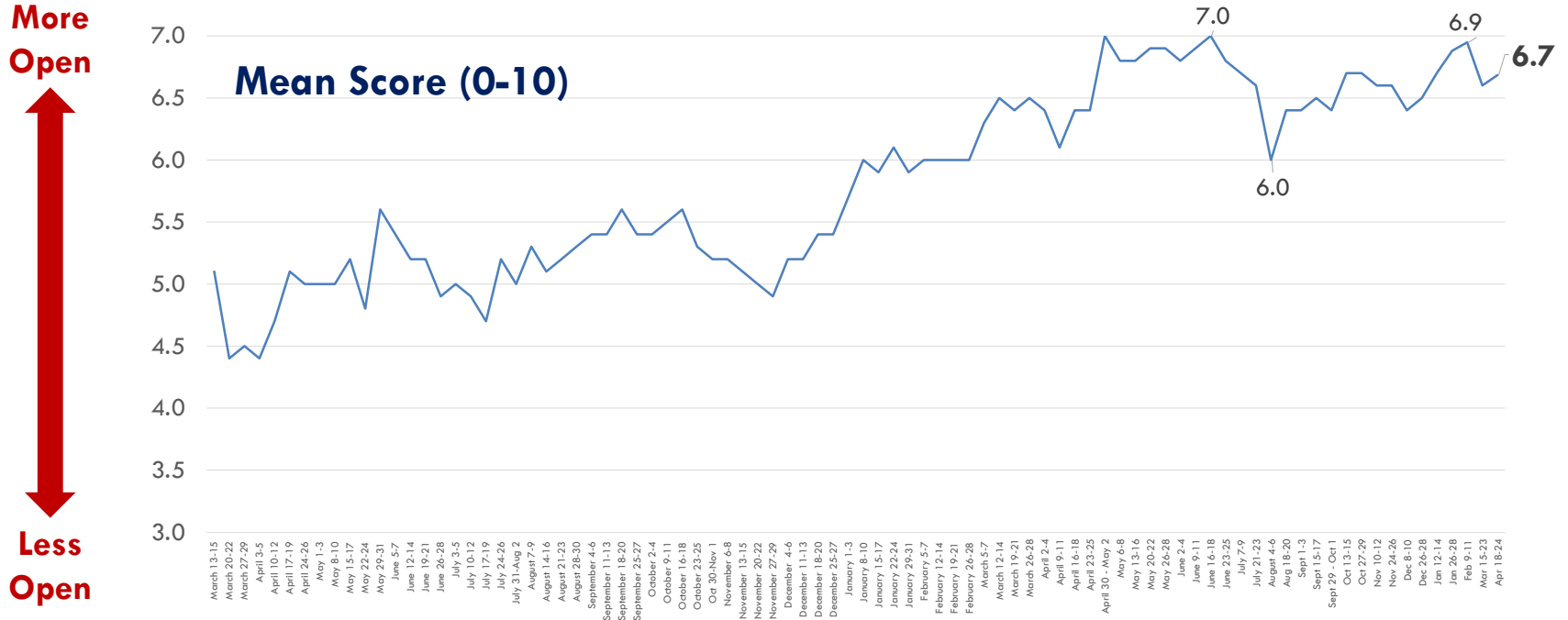
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% who have taken 1 or more overnight trips in the past month



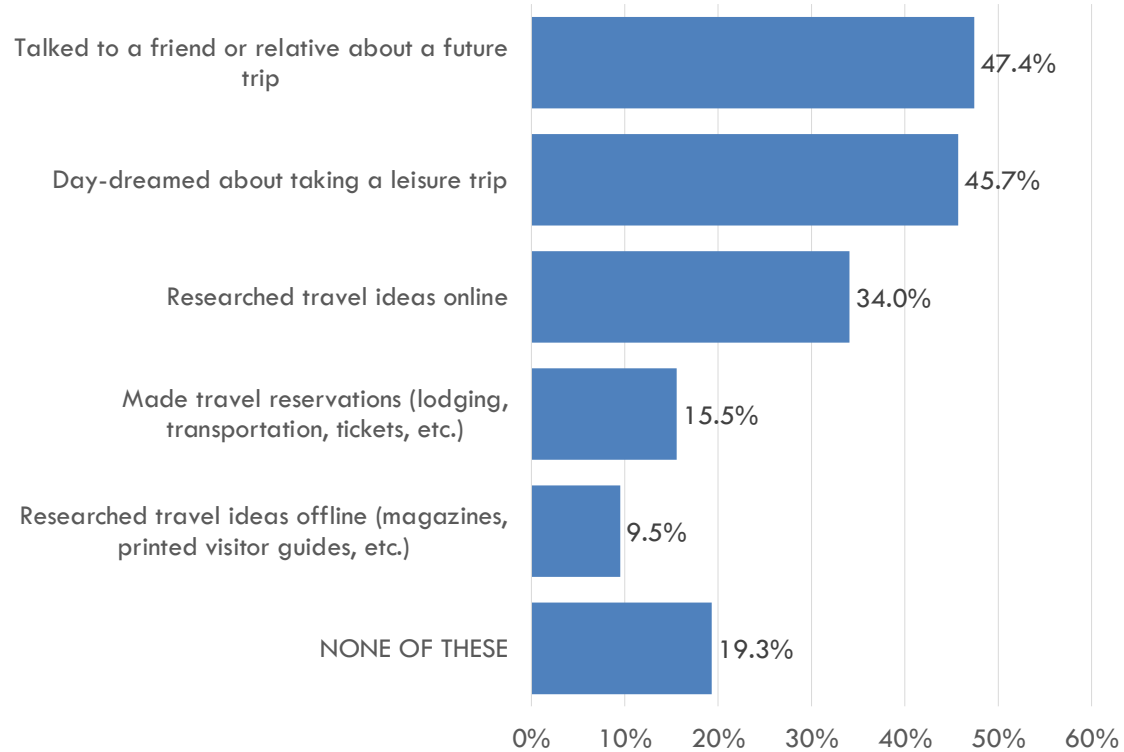
# OPENNESS TO TRAVEL INSPIRATION

**Question:** At this moment, how excited are you in learning about new, exciting travel experiences or destinations to visit?



# TRAVEL PLANNING IN THE PAST WEEK

80.7% of American Travelers did some trip dreaming and planning in the last week alone



**Question:** In the PAST WEEK, which of the following have you done? (Select all that complete the sentence)



# BUSINESS TRAVEL



**65.1%**

of American travelers feel it's likely companies will require more employees to return to the office in the remainder of the year.



Only **36.5%**

of American travelers currently feel that business travel will return to pre-pandemic levels this year—as 64.7% believe that virtual meetings will continue to replace many in-person meetings.

# TOURISM & HOSPITALITY WORKFORCE

**65.3%**

**of American travelers feel it's likely tourism businesses will continue to have problems finding employees this year.**



A group of four people are inside a vehicle, possibly a van or SUV, with the top down. A man is driving, and a woman is smiling and looking towards the camera. Two other people are in the foreground, looking towards the driver. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day. The text "TRAVEL ATTITUDES & PREFERENCES" is overlaid in the center.

# TRAVEL ATTITUDES & PREFERENCES

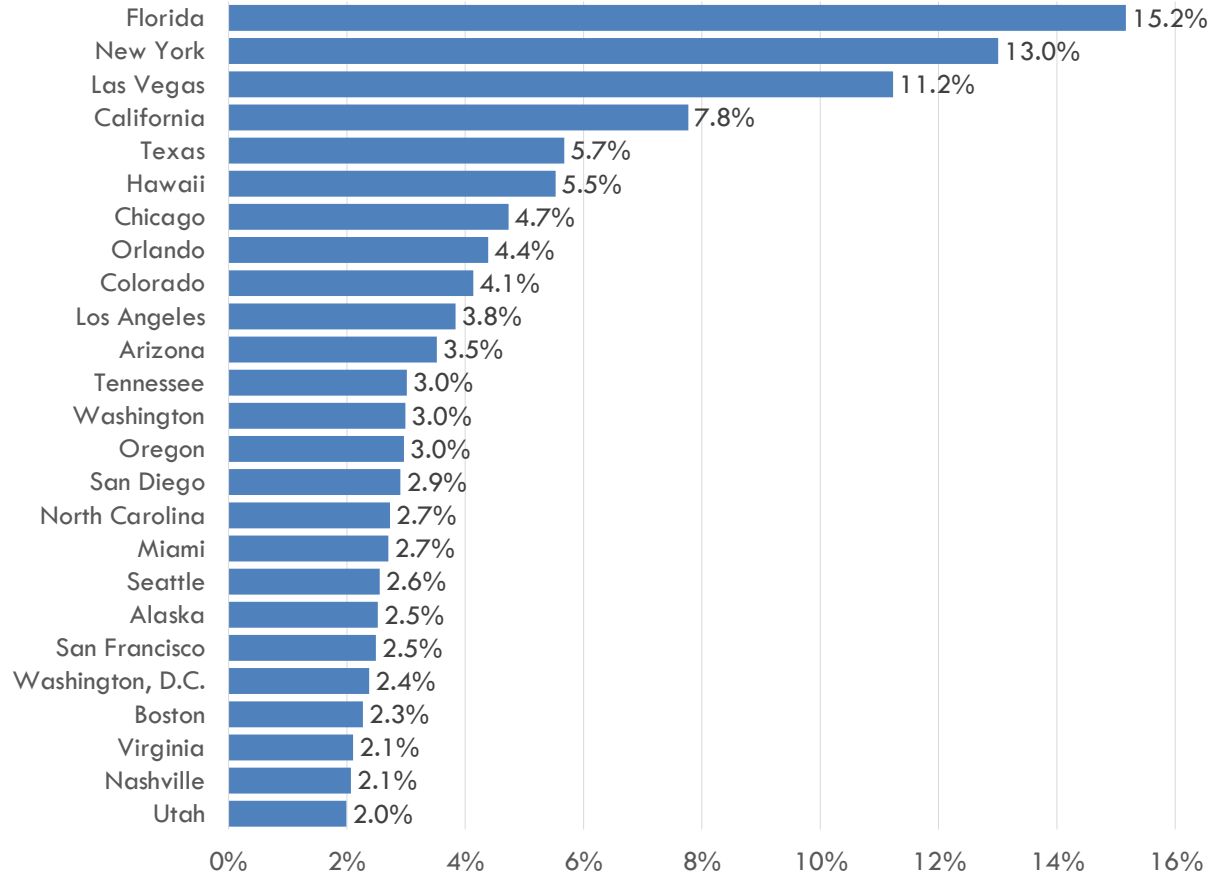
# MOST DESIRED DOMESTIC DESTINATIONS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS (UNAIDED)

**Question:** Which domestic destinations do you most want to visit in the NEXT TWELVE (12) MONTHS? (Write in up to five)

**(Please only include destinations in the United States)**

*(Base: All respondents, 3,645 completed surveys.)*

*Data collected April 18-24, 2022.)*



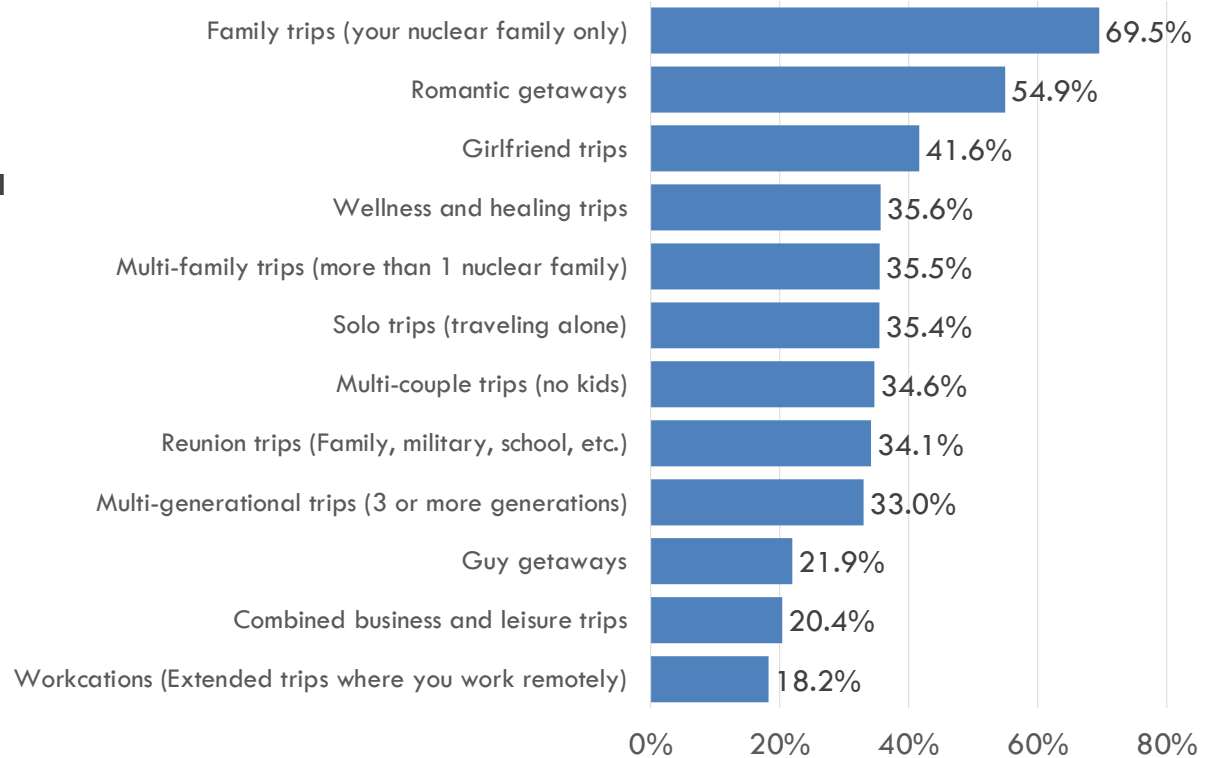
# EXCITEMENT FOR LEISURE TRAVEL, BY TRIP TYPE

**Question:** Thinking carefully about THE NEXT TWELVE (12) MONTHS.

Use the 10-point scale where 10 = "Extremely excited" and 1 = "Not at all excited" to state how generally excited you are to take each of these types of trips?

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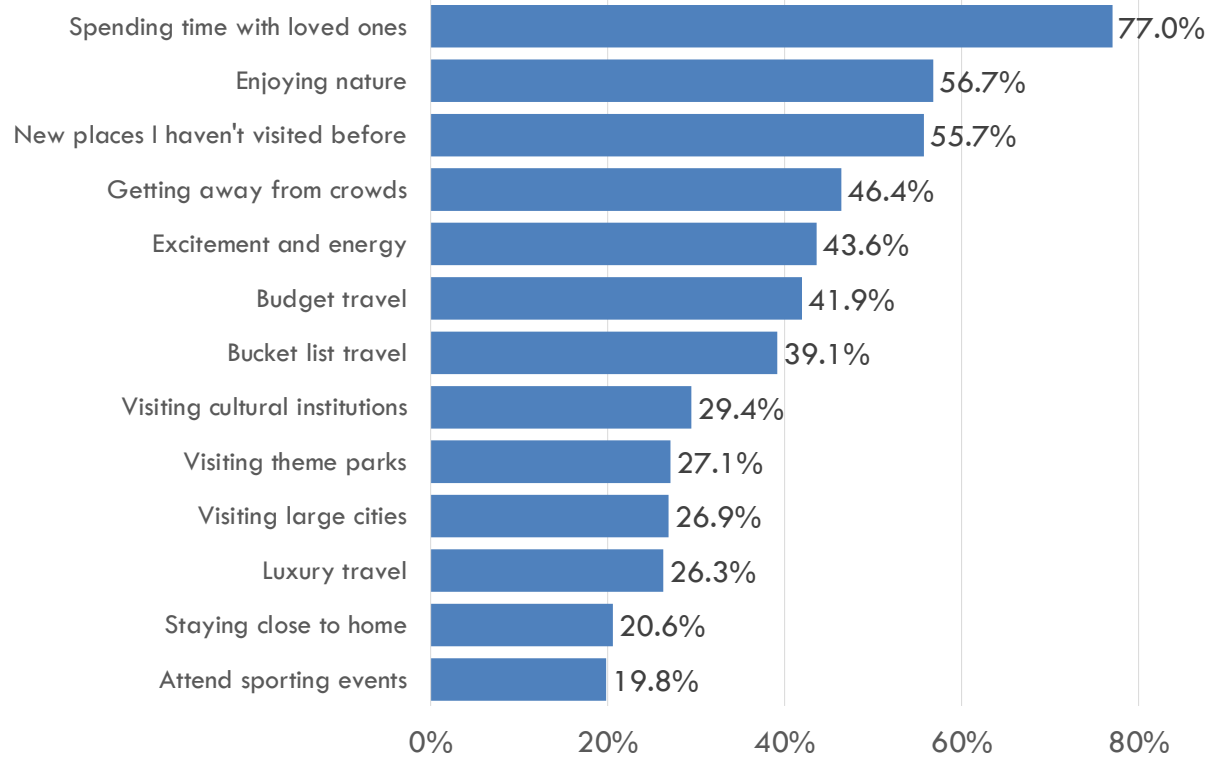
# TRAVEL PRIORITIES

**Question:** Thinking about your travel during the NEXT TWELVE (12) MONTHS, what travel experiences will you prioritize?

However you personally define each, use the scale provided to indicate how you will prioritize them.

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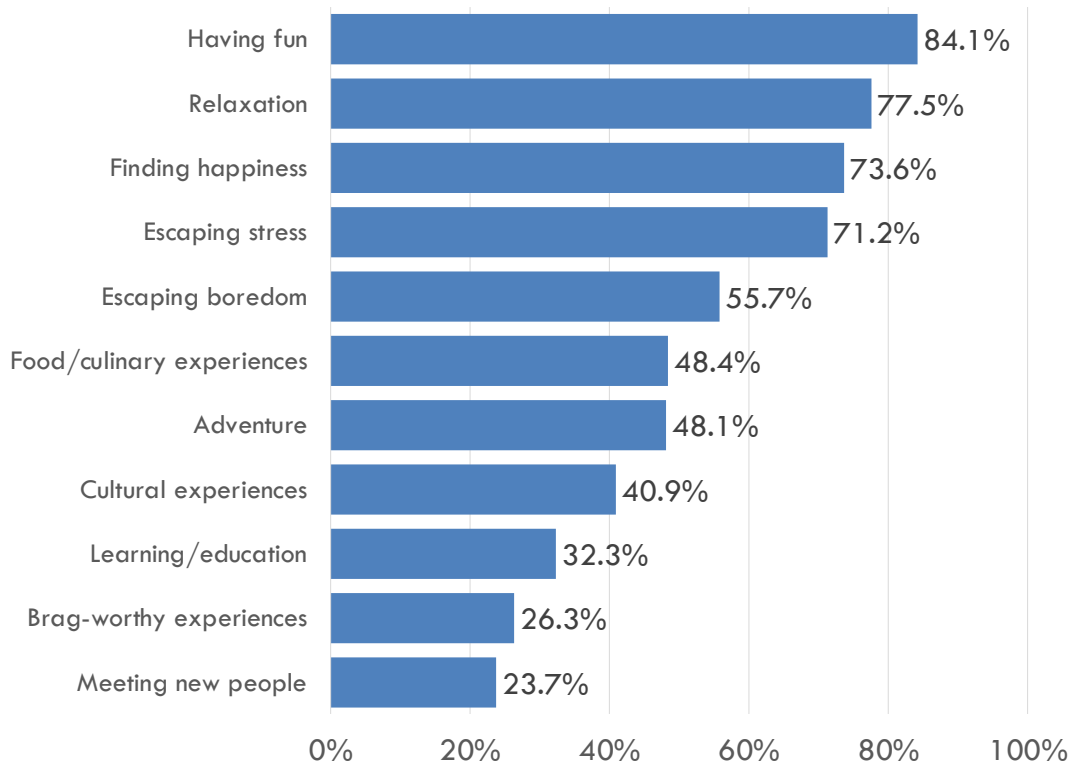
# TRAVEL EXPERIENCES PRIORITIZATION

**Question:** Continuing this line of thought: Thinking about your travel in the NEXT TWELVE (12) MONTHS, what travel experiences will you prioritize?

However you personally define each, use the scale provided to indicate how you will prioritize them.

*(Base: All respondents, 4,060 completed surveys.)*

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# LUXURY TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

**35.6%**

**of American travelers say having luxury travel experiences is usually an important part of their leisure trips.**





# GROUP TOUR EXPERIENCES

**28.1%**

**of American travelers say they enjoy having group  
tour experiences as part of their leisure trips.**



# AVOIDING “TOURISTY” DESTINATIONS

**43.2%**

**of American travelers agree they usually avoid visiting touristy or overdeveloped places.**



# PREFERENCE FOR NEW DESTINATIONS



**53.5%**

**of American travelers prefer visiting places they have never been to over places they have visited before.**

# PREFERENCE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL



**25.3%**

**of American travelers are currently more interested in traveling outside the United States than inside the United States.**

# PREFERENCE FOR ACTIVE VACATIONS

**47.2%**

**of American travelers tend to prefer  
"active time" to "down time" on vacations.**



# MAKING FRIENDS WHILE TRAVELING

**37.3%**

of American travelers say they are the kind of person that often makes new friends while traveling.



# ENJOYS THE ENERGY OF CROWDS

A person is silhouetted against a bright, hazy background, likely a concert or festival. They have their arms raised in the air, with one hand pointing upwards and the other in a similar gesture. The background is filled with the silhouettes of many other people, creating a sense of a large crowd. The lighting is warm and bright, suggesting a sunny day or a well-lit indoor event.

**28.0%**

**of American travelers enjoy the energy  
of being in a crowd of people**

# PATRONIZING MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES



**33.1%**

**of American travelers usually make an effort to support minority-owned businesses when they travel.**



# LIMITING PERSONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

A person wearing a yellow jacket and a backpack is standing in a bamboo forest, looking up with their arms raised in a gesture of joy or triumph. The background is filled with tall bamboo stalks and green foliage, with sunlight filtering through the canopy.

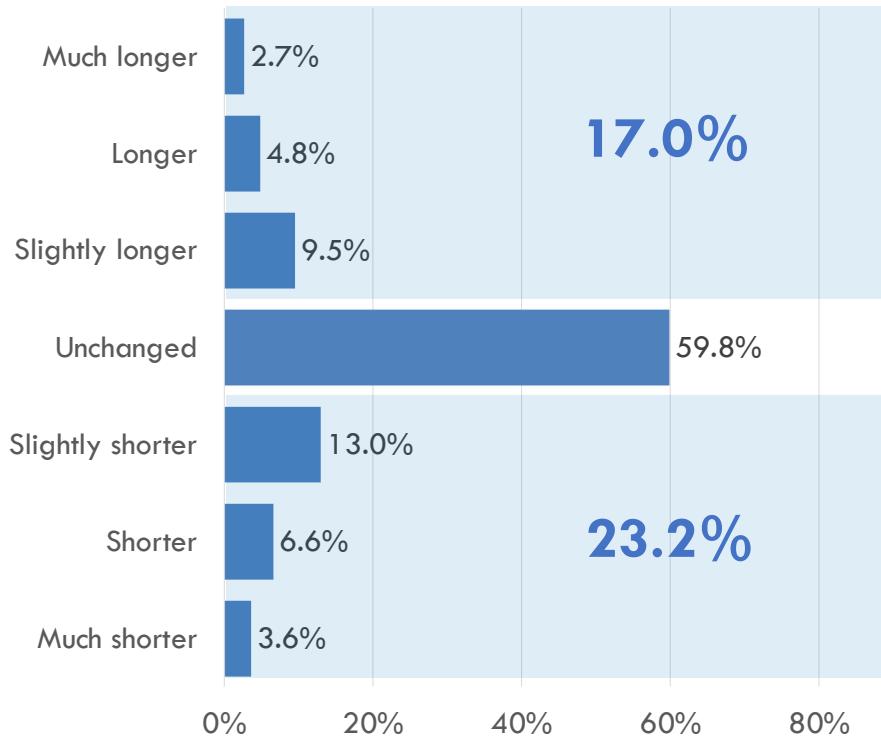
**54.0%**

**of American travelers usually make an effort to limit their personal impact on the environment when traveling.**

A woman in a white dress and hat stands on the edge of a dark, rocky cliff, looking through binoculars. The background is a vast, hazy landscape under a sunset sky with many birds flying. The text "HOW WE HAVE CHANGED" is overlaid in the center.

# HOW WE HAVE CHANGED

# CHANGE IN LENGTH OF TRIP

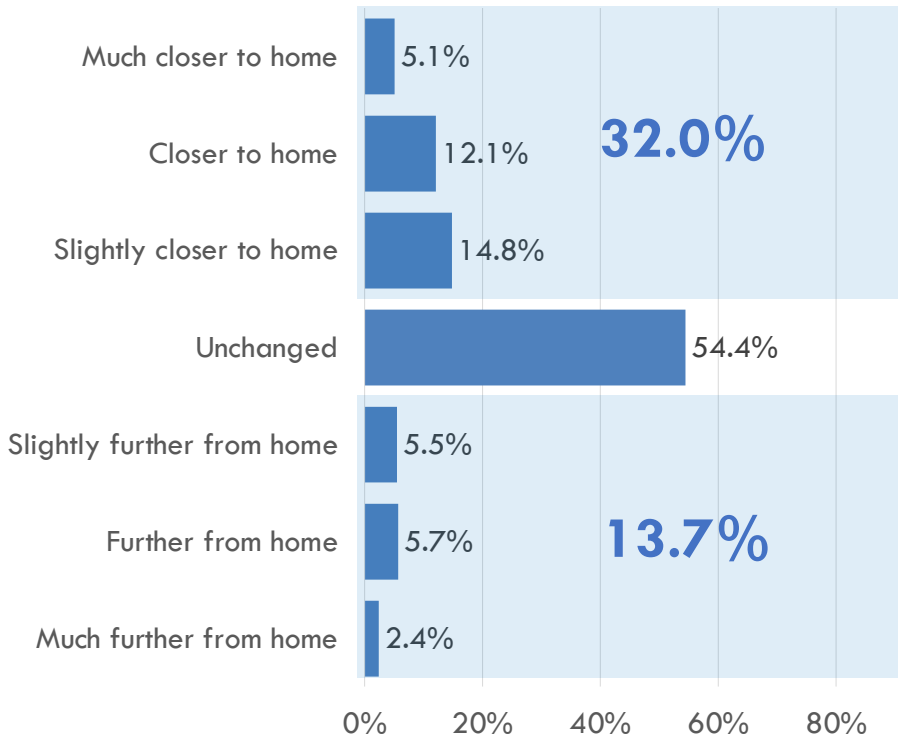


**Question:** Have you (or will you) changed the length of your trips? Compared to before the pandemic, the length of the trips I'm likely to take now will be \_\_\_\_\_.

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# CHANGE IN DISTANCE OF TRIP

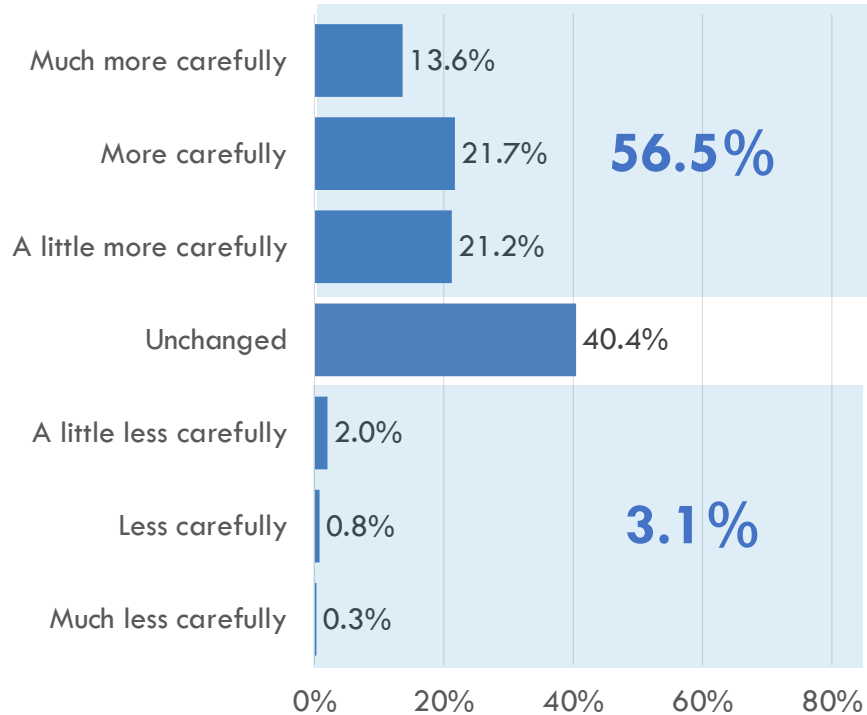


**Question:** How far from home are you likely to be traveling? Compared to before the pandemic, the trips I'm likely to take now will be \_\_\_\_\_.

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# CHANGE IN CAUTIOUS PLANNING OF TRIP



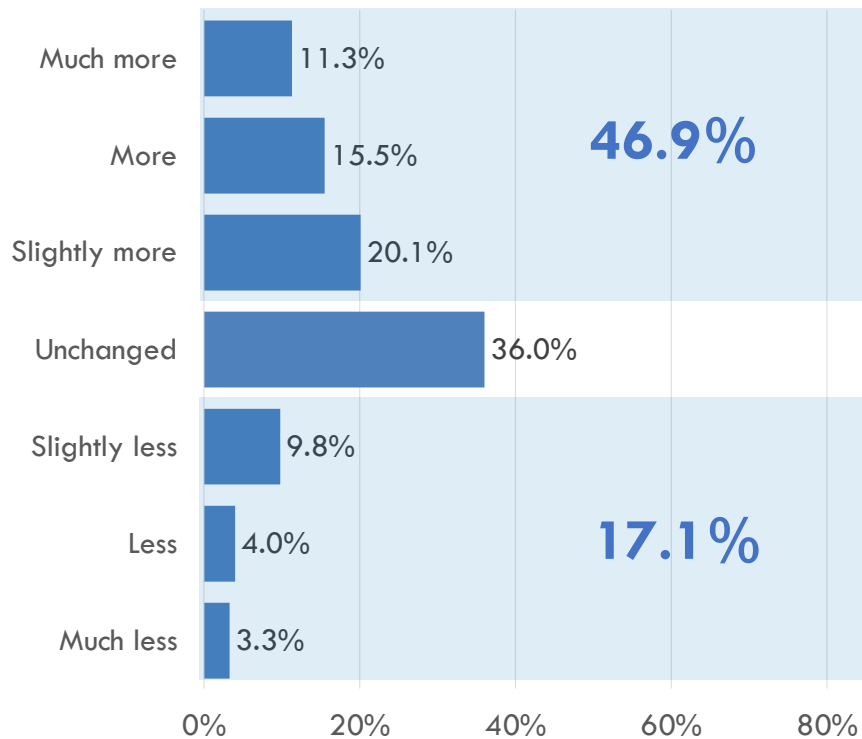
**Question:** How carefully will you be planning your travels?

Compared to before the pandemic, I will be \_\_\_\_\_ planning the details of my trips.

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# CHANGE IN DESIRE TO TRAVEL

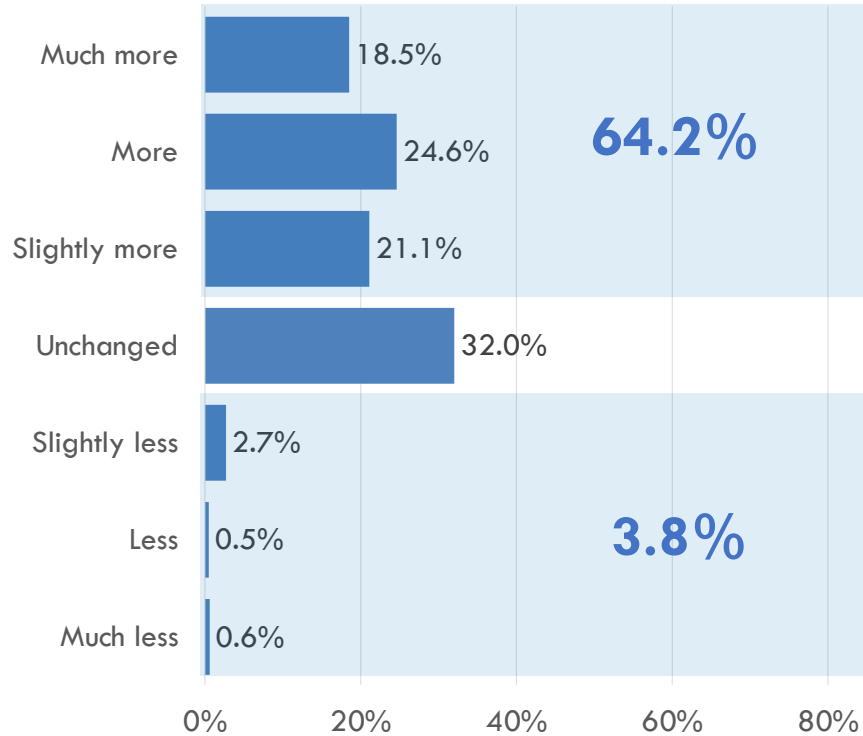


**Question:** How strong is your desire to travel now? Compared to before the pandemic, I am \_\_\_\_\_ motivated to travel..

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# CHANGE IN SENTIMENT TOWARDS FRONT LINE STAFF OF TRAVEL COMPANIES

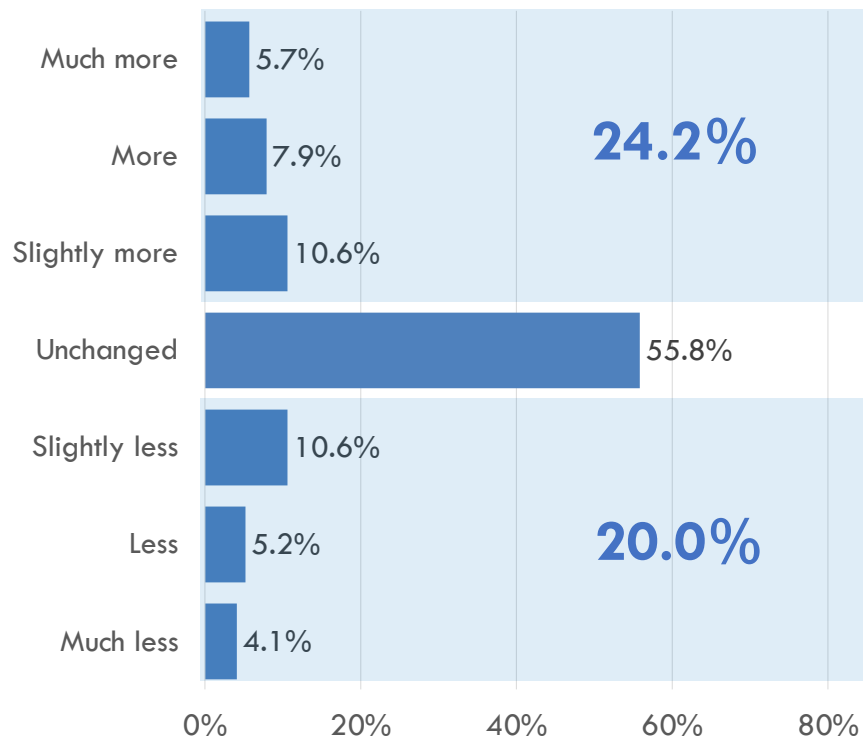


**Question:** How do you feel about the tourism industry employees serving you while you travel? Compared to before the pandemic, I am \_\_\_\_\_ sympathetic to the front-line staff of travel companies (hotels, airlines, restaurants, etc.).

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# CHANGE IN INTEREST IN VISITING CITIES OR URBAN AREAS



**Question:** Has your interest in visiting cities or urban areas changed?

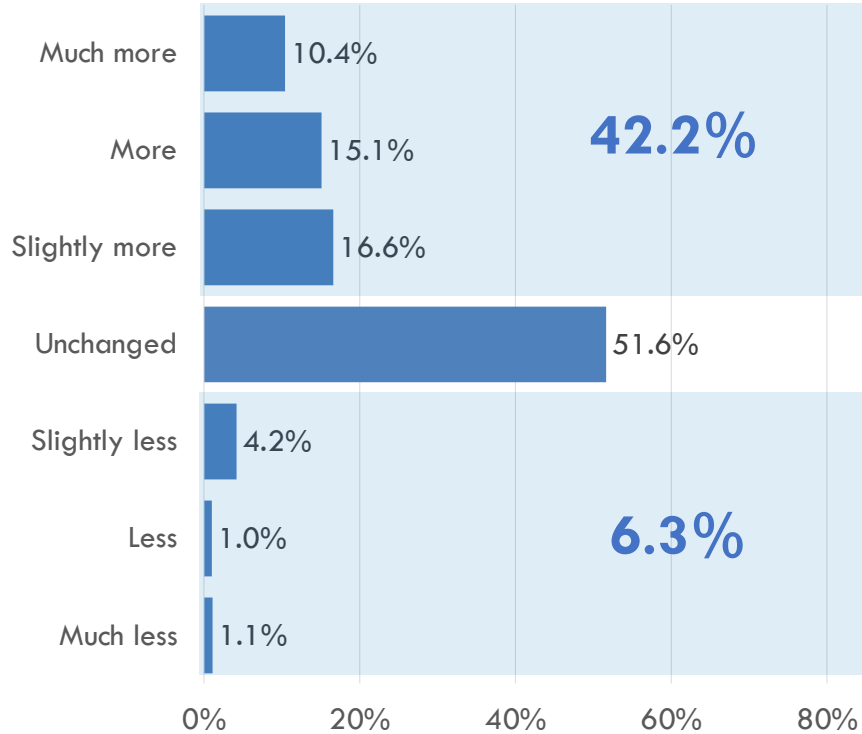
Compared to before the pandemic, I am \_\_\_\_\_ interested in visiting cities or urban areas.

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# CHANGE IN INTEREST IN OUTDOOR-ORIENTED DESTINATIONS



**Question:** Has your interest in visiting outdoor-oriented destinations (e.g., rural areas, mountain towns, beach destinations, State or National Parks, etc.) changed? Compared to before the pandemic, I am \_\_\_\_\_ interested in visiting outdoor-oriented destinations.

(Base: All respondents, 4,007 completed surveys.)

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# THE STATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVELER IN 2022

+ A Profile of Global Travelers Hot for the South

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- Online survey of international travelers in 15 top feeder markets to the United States
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- Fielded February 4<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

# THE STATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVELER STUDY MARKETS



CANADA



MEXICO



BRAZIL



CHINA



JAPAN



INDIA



AUSTRALIA



COLUMBIA



GERMANY



FRANCE



UNITED KINGDOM



ARGENTINA



SOUTH KOREA



NETHERLANDS

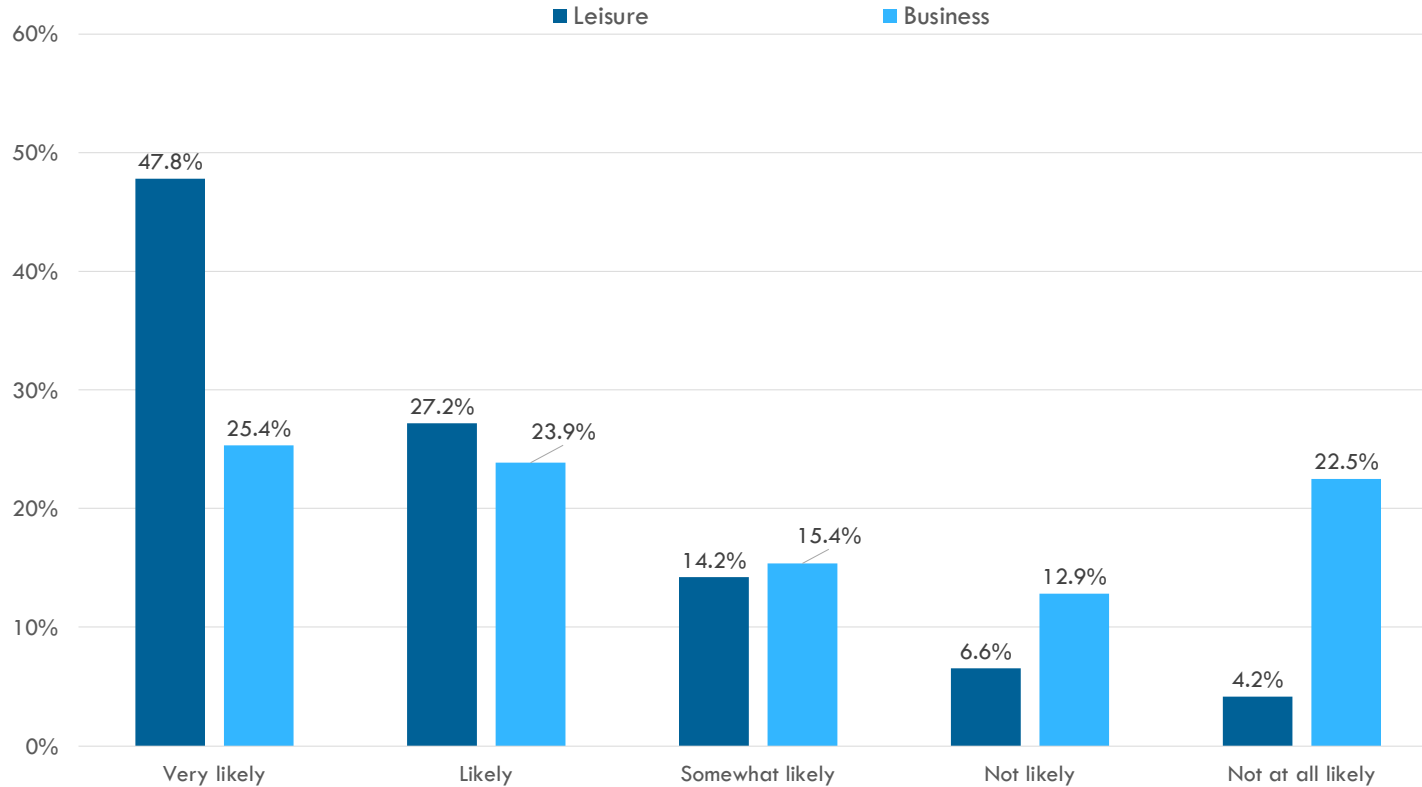


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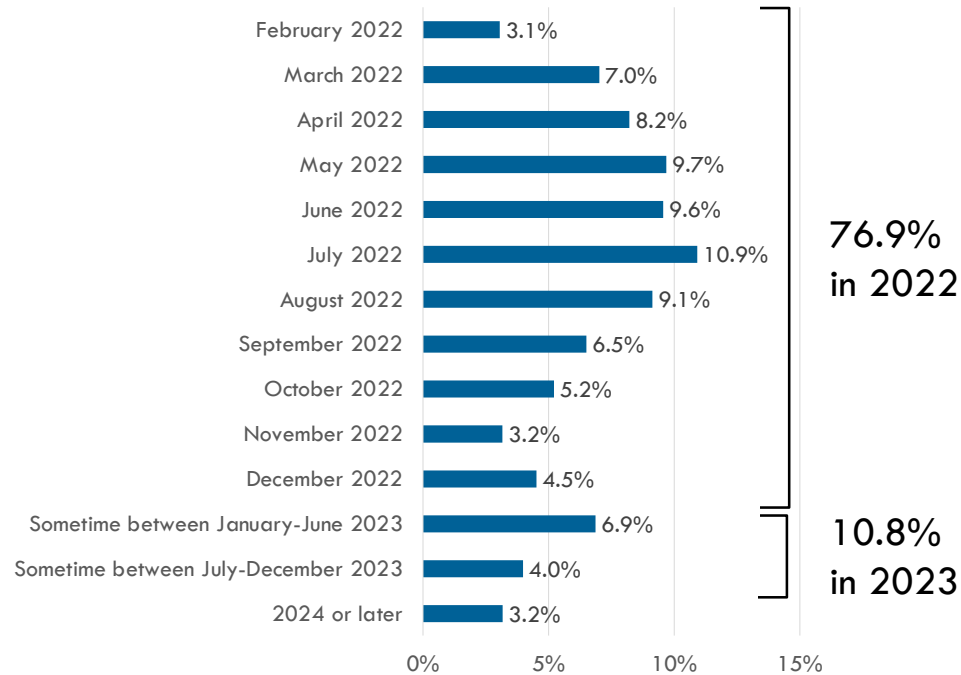
# GLOBAL TRAVEL SENTIMENT



# LIKELIHOOD TO TRAVEL INTERNATIONALLY THIS YEAR

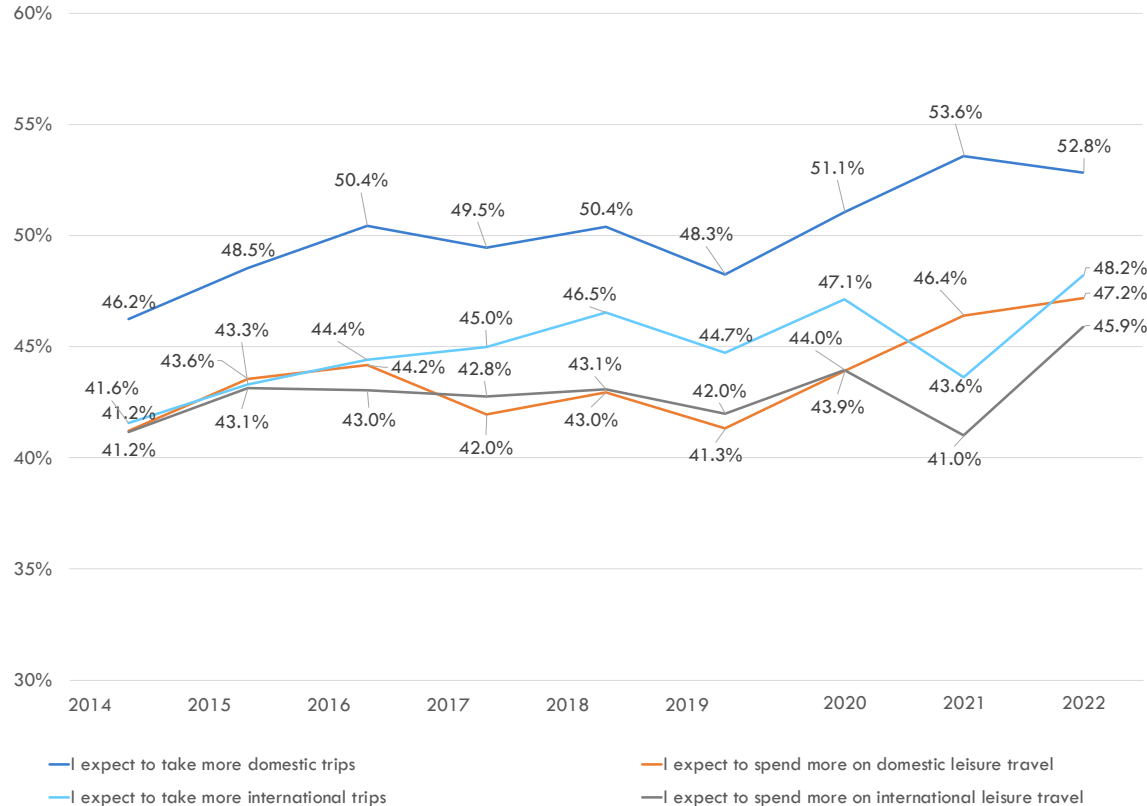


# MONTH OF NEXT INTERNATIONAL TRIP



# TRAVEL VOLUME & SPENDING EXPECTATIONS

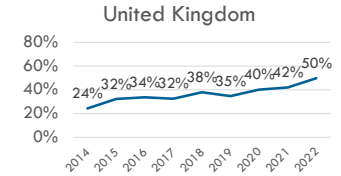
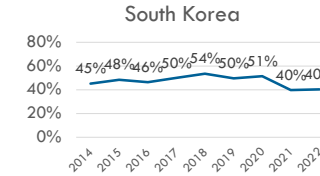
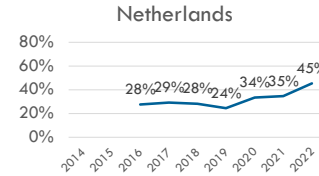
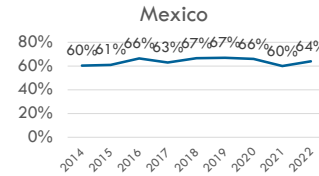
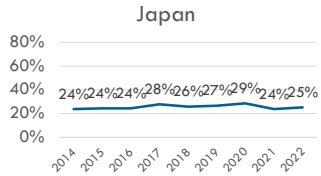
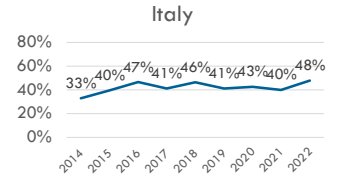
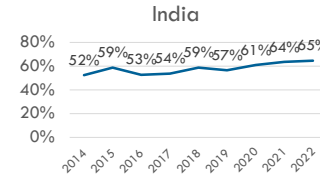
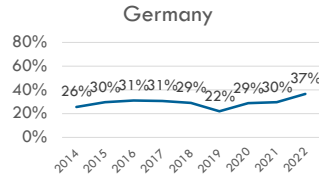
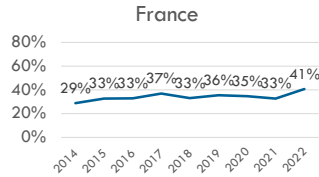
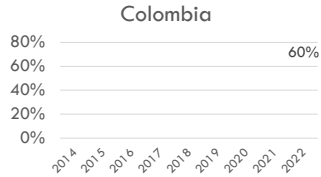
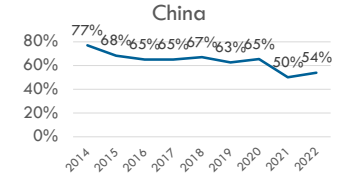
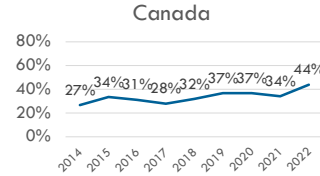
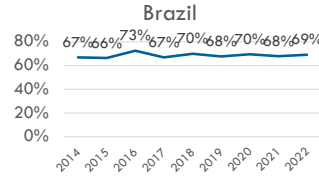
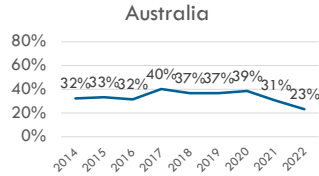
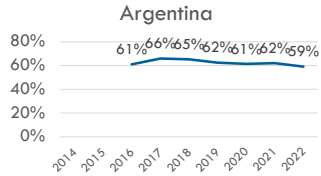
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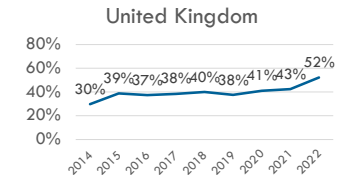
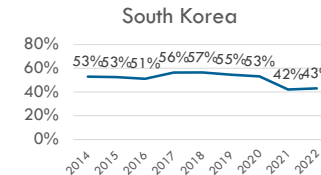
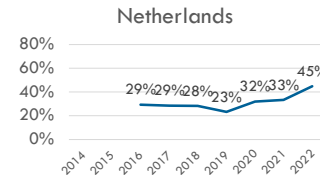
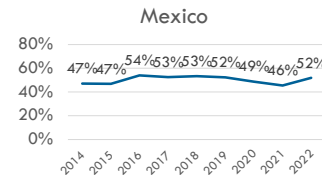
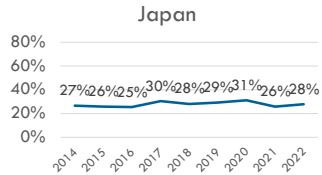
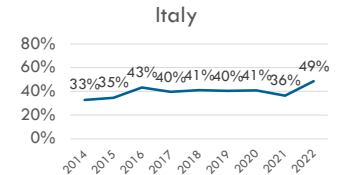
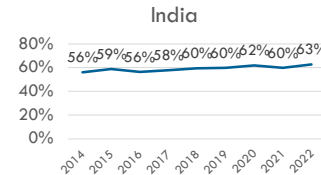
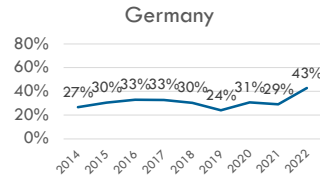
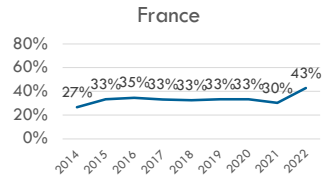
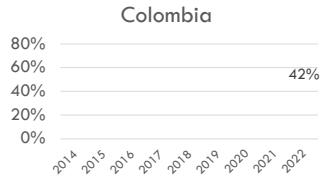
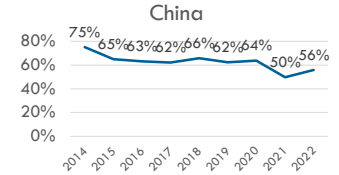
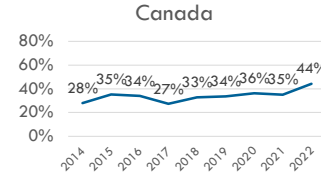
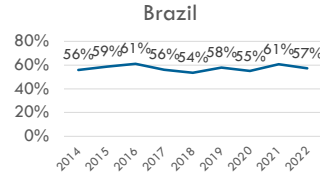
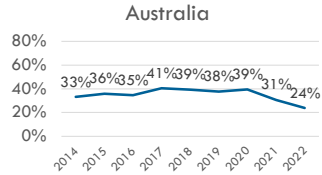
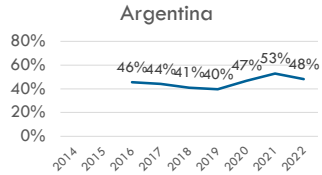
# INTERNATIONAL TRIP VOLUME BY MARKET

## 2014-2022



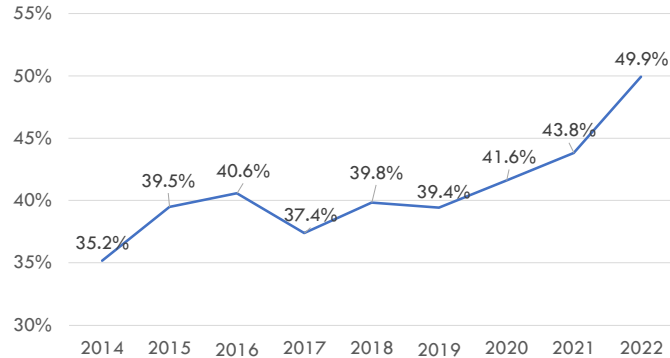
# INTERNATIONAL TRIP SPENDING BY MARKET

## 2014-2022



# HIGH PRIORITIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL IN BUDGET

International Travel as a "High" or "Extremely High" Budget Priority, Total Aggregate



International Travel is a "High" or "Extremely High" Budget Priority

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% CHNG 2021-2022
India	61.3%	64.8%	62.8%	73.6%	79.3%	7.6%
Brazil	45.1%	48.5%	52.1%	60.5%	65.1%	7.6%
China	49.8%	43.9%	48.7%	51.0%	59.8%	17.2%
Germany	48.8%	44.5%	45.3%	45.3%	59.6%	31.8%
Mexico	52.1%	48.5%	48.8%	51.1%	59.1%	15.6%
United Kingdom	36.8%	37.5%	42.2%	36.0%	56.4%	56.6%
France	33.6%	37.1%	35.0%	38.6%	53.6%	38.8%
Argentina	32.3%	28.6%	37.4%	51.3%	51.4%	0.2%
South Korea	42.9%	42.5%	44.2%	46.0%	48.6%	5.7%
Canada	27.0%	30.5%	33.4%	31.0%	47.0%	51.6%
Italy	32.0%	30.7%	30.4%	35.8%	46.4%	29.7%
Colombia	-	-	-	-	37.9%	-
Netherlands	26.1%	20.5%	29.4%	25.9%	34.4%	32.9%
Japan	30.8%	36.8%	32.5%	33.4%	29.0%	-13.1%
Australia	37.6%	36.9%	39.8%	34.0%	21.5%	-36.8%

# BUDGET FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

## Maximum Budgeted for International Travel

(reported in respondents' domestic currencies and converted to USD)

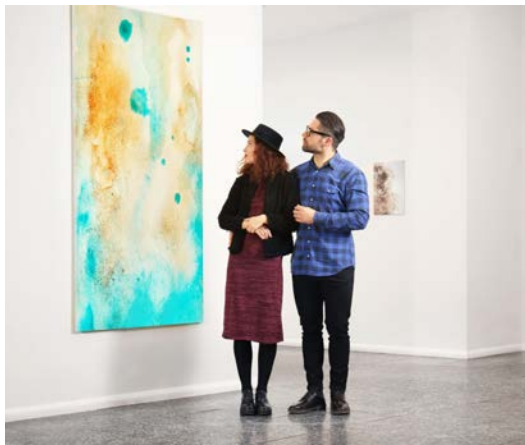
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% CHNG 2021-2022
China	\$6,979	\$6,554	\$6,973	\$6,557	\$7,166	9.3%
Canada	\$3,261	\$3,896	\$3,681	\$4,148	\$4,796	15.6%
United Kingdom	\$3,820	\$3,861	\$3,884	\$4,289	\$4,361	1.7%
Argentina	\$2,936	\$3,612	\$2,958	\$2,831	\$3,705	30.8%
Germany	\$3,639	\$3,320	\$3,381	\$3,541	\$3,675	3.8%
Netherlands	\$3,533	\$3,163	\$3,941	\$3,576	\$3,481	-2.7%
Brazil	\$3,689	\$3,783	\$4,056	\$3,022	\$3,326	10.1%
Mexico	\$3,157	\$3,632	\$3,149	\$2,993	\$3,229	7.9%
South Korea	\$3,669	\$4,358	\$5,439	\$3,996	\$3,182	-20.4%
Australia	\$6,171	\$5,950	\$6,171	\$4,289	\$3,158	-26.4%
India	\$4,491	\$4,733	\$5,282	\$3,720	\$3,020	-18.8%
France	\$3,234	\$2,883	\$3,248	\$3,133	\$2,719	-13.2%
Italy	\$2,992	\$3,124	\$2,884	\$2,544	\$2,639	3.7%
Japan	\$3,463	\$3,669	\$4,635	\$3,341	\$2,550	-23.7%
Colombia	-	-	-	-	\$2,095	-

# DAYS AVAILABLE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL THIS YEAR

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% CHNG 2021-2022
Netherlands	22.2	20.6	20.6	21.2	21.8	3.1%
Argentina	20.9	19.2	19.5	19.8	19.0	-3.9%
United Kingdom	17.3	16.8	16.5	21.0	18.7	-11.3%
Canada	16.1	15.6	16.1	18.8	18.3	-2.6%
Brazil	18	17.1	17.5	18.7	17.6	-5.8%
Germany	17.1	16.5	17.9	17.5	17.2	-1.5%
Australia	19.3	18.9	20.3	16.1	14.1	-12.4%
France	13.3	12.1	13.7	11.9	13.6	14.3%
China	15	14.7	15.1	14.7	13.5	-8.4%
Colombia	-	-	-	-	13.4	-
Italy	14.7	15	14.2	14.0	12.9	-8.0%
Mexico	15.8	15.6	14.3	13.9	12.8	-8.2%
India	13.7	14.5	13.8	11.9	11.4	-4.5%
South Korea	10	10.1	10.3	10.9	9.2	-15.9%
Japan	7.1	6.9	7.7	6.1	5.8	-5.4%



**WHAT DEFINES THEM AS  
INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS**



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# INSPIRATION & TRAVEL PLANNING



# IMPORTANT FACTORS IN BOOKING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Trip Cost	76.9%
Convenience of planning	74.9%
Strict COVID-19 entry requirements	69.5%
Welcoming environment to people of diverse identities	69.2%
Cultural diversity in the local population of the country	61.8%
Cultural diversity in the tourists that visit the country	59.3%
Sustainability and carbon footprint	52.2%
Trendy—being a “hot” place to go at the moment	42.5%

*(Table shows % rating each as “Important” or “Very important”)*



# SOURCES OF DESTINATION INFORMATION

## Sources of Destination Inspiration (Overall – all countries)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	% CHG 2021-2022
Opinions of friends and relatives — in person/ through direct contact (email, text, etc.)	54.0%	52.9%	46.1%	43.5%	-5.7%
Online Media— Travel content found on Internet	42.5%	44.2%	42.8%	43.1%	0.7%
Opinions & experiences of digital influencers	25.6%	27.5%	28.4%	33.6%	18.2%
Opinions of friends and relatives — via social media	30.4%	31.4%	29.5%	29.0%	-1.6%
Online VIDEO travel content (Video only)	24.8%	26.3%	28.3%	25.2%	-11.0%
Travel agencies or tour operators	27.2%	23.4%	23.1%	20.9%	-9.8%
Offline Media—TV, printed newspapers, magazines	19.6%	19.1%	19.0%	15.8%	-16.9%
Television	19.1%	18.2%	15.2%	12.0%	-20.9%
Movies	11.2%	12.1%	10.0%	8.5%	-15.1%



# TRIP PLANNING RESOURCES

## Use of Digital Travel Planning Resources (Overall—all countries)

(% likely to use for international travel planning)

Online search engines (Google, Bing, Yahoo, etc.)	54.9%
Online travel agencies (Expedia, Travelocity, etc.)	43.3%
Official visitor's bureau website	34.9%
Tour agent or tour operator websites	26.3%
Online travel reviews, blogs, itineraries	24.8%
Online mapping website (Google Maps, Mapquest.com, etc.)	24.2%
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, etc.)	22.9%
Official visitor's bureau social media content	18.1%
Online video travel content	17.5%
Travel or lifestyle magazine websites (online content)	15.2%
Travel-related apps	14.0%
Home-sharing or Vacation Rental Websites (Airbnb, etc.)	13.0%
Travel-related e-mail newsletters	9.6%
Newspaper travel section (online content)	9.5%
Digital influencers	8.2%

\*Examples given were specific to each country

## Use of Traditional (Offline) Travel Planning Resources (Overall—all countries)

(% likely to use for international travel planning)

Opinions of friends, colleagues, or relatives	43.7%
Travel agent - offline (traditional or store front)	34.6%
Travel related TV programming	28.8%
Commercial guidebook	27.2%
Travel or lifestyle magazine	25.9%
Official visitor information center	19.8%
Newspaper travel section	17.3%
Travel related radio programming	11.0%



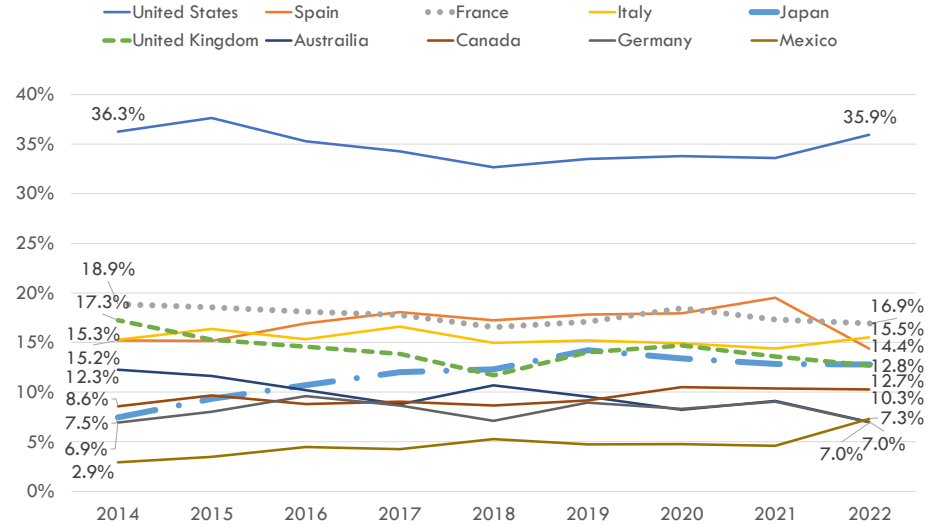


# THE UNITED STATES BRAND

# MOST DESIRED INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS

**Most Desired International Destinations (Unaided)**  
(Overall - All Countries)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% CHNG 2021-2022
United States	32.7%	33.5%	33.8%	33.6%	35.9%	7.0%
France	16.6%	17.1%	18.5%	17.3%	16.9%	-2.3%
Italy	15.0%	15.2%	14.9%	14.4%	15.5%	7.8%
Spain	17.3%	17.8%	18.0%	19.5%	14.4%	-26.2%
Japan	12.3%	14.2%	13.4%	12.9%	12.8%	-0.4%
United Kingdom	11.7%	14.0%	14.7%	13.6%	12.7%	-6.6%
Canada	8.7%	9.2%	10.5%	10.4%	10.3%	-1.1%
Mexico	5.3%	4.8%	4.8%	4.6%	7.3%	58.6%
Australia	10.7%	9.6%	8.2%	9.1%	7.0%	-23.2%
Germany	7.1%	9.0%	8.3%	9.1%	7.0%	-23.0%



# THE UNITED STATES AS A TOP DESIRED DESTINATION

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% CHNG 2021-2022	USA's Rank in 2022
Brazil	51.1%	54.4%	58.0%	59.8%	56.9%	-4.9%	1
Mexico	53.7%	55.7%	44.9%	51.4%	52.3%	1.7%	1
Japan	42.1%	46.4%	45.9%	41.6%	51.8%	24.5%	1
India	38.1%	39.9%	36.7%	52.2%	50.4%	-3.4%	1
South Korea	31.0%	30.7%	40.0%	40.9%	45.1%	10.3%	1
Colombia	-	-	-	-	43.1%	-	1
Argentina	31.3%	35.6%	28.5%	38.2%	39.4%	3.2%	1
Canada	39.4%	42.7%	41.0%	41.6%	39.2%	-5.6%	1
China	38.6%	39.2%	41.9%	26.9%	38.6%	43.2%	2
United Kingdom	27.4%	26.8%	29.9%	26.3%	28.0%	6.2%	2
Australia	33.9%	30.6%	35.2%	23.7%	25.7%	8.4%	3
Italy	25.5%	27.5%	25.2%	23.5%	23.7%	0.7%	3
France	21.0%	18.9%	19.3%	18.2%	20.1%	10.5%	3
Germany	12.1%	11.5%	9.9%	10.6%	13.6%	27.6%	6
Netherlands	11.6%	8.9%	14.6%	12.2%	11.6%	-4.7%	6



# DRIVERS OF ASPIRATION TO VISIT THE USA

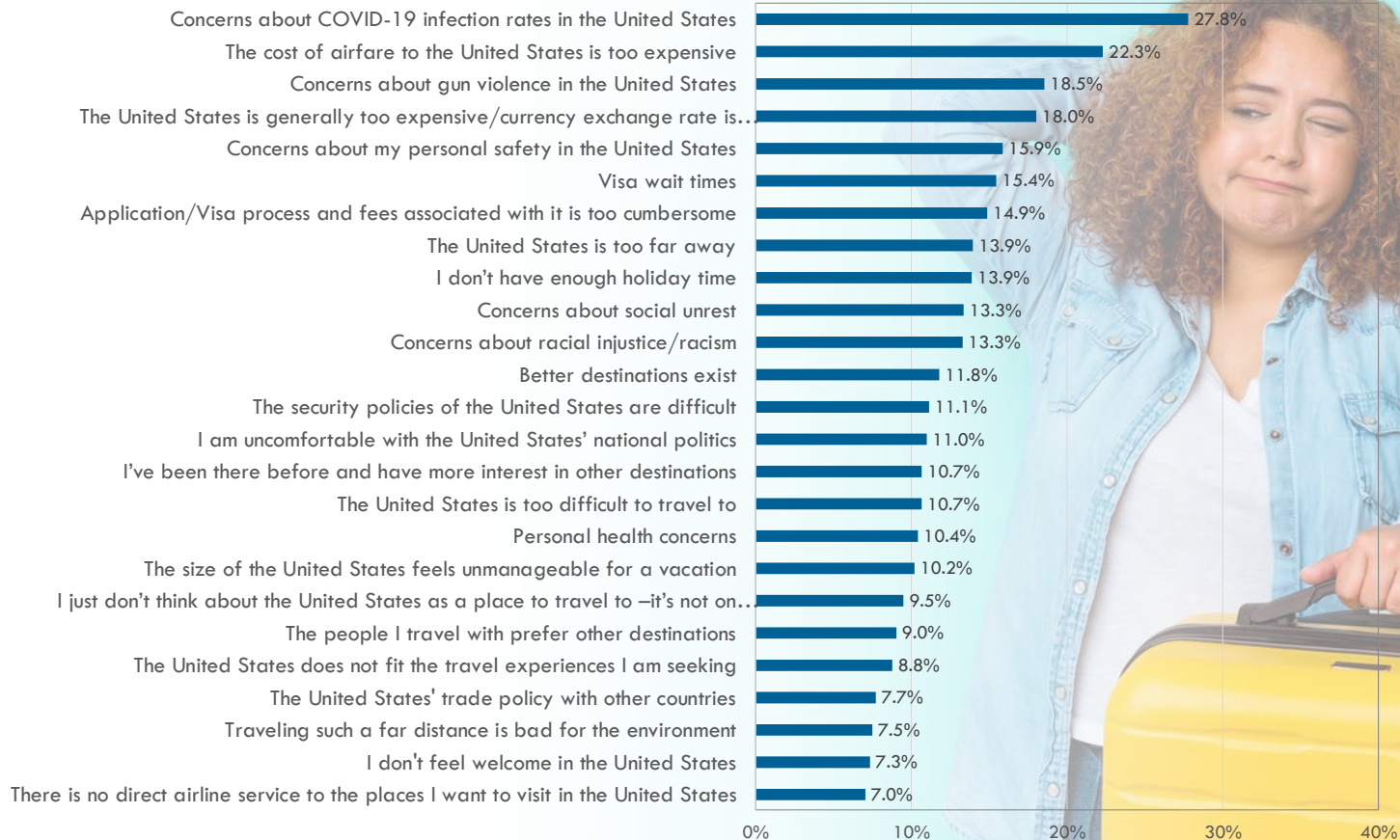






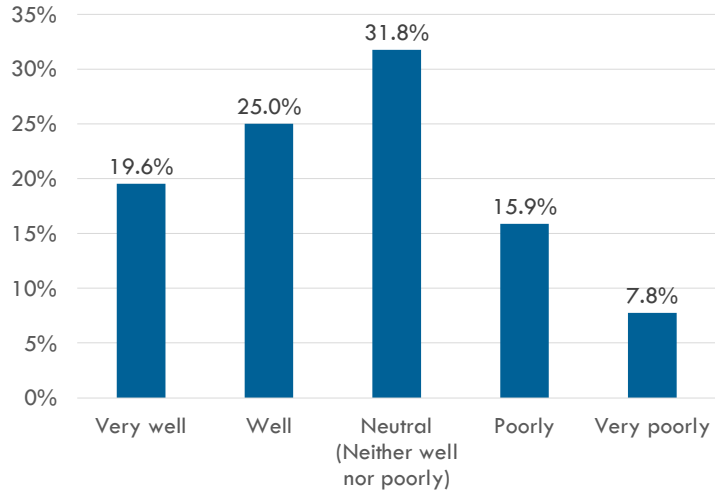
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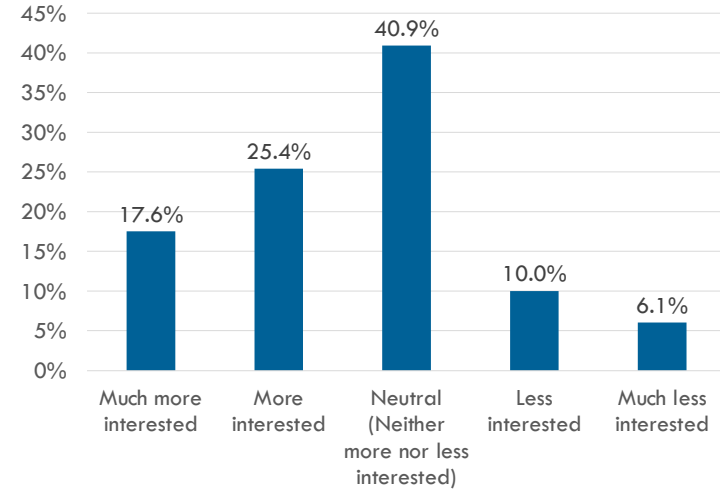


# PERCEPTIONS OF THE US HANDLING OF THE PANDEMIC

### Handling of the COVID-19 Pandemic

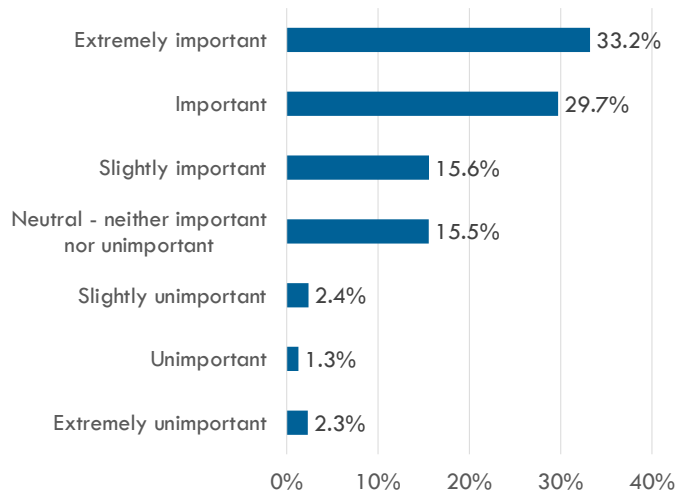


### Effects of Handling of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Interest to Visit the U.S.



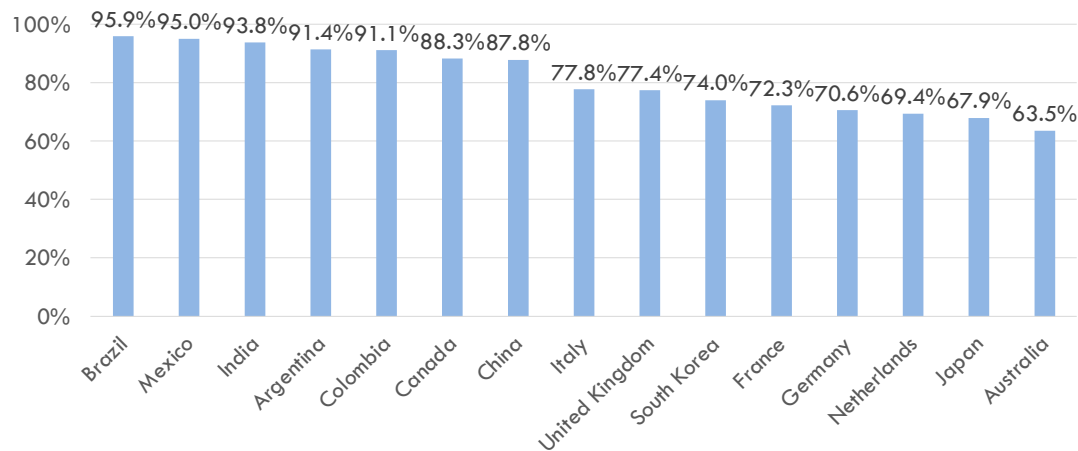
# IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS

**Importance of Continuing COVID-19 Protocols**

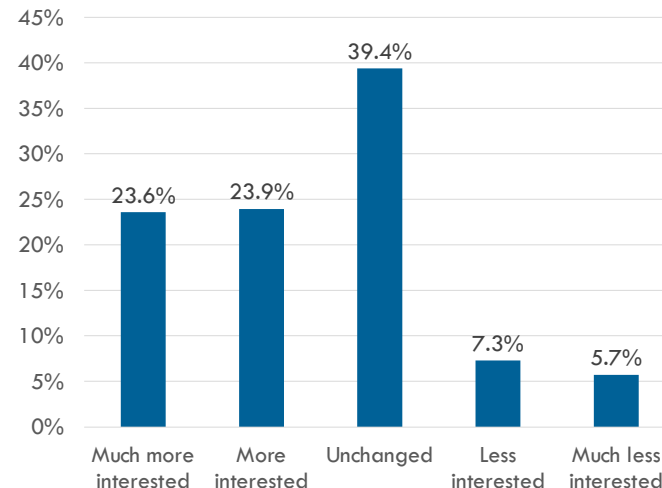


# AWARENESS OF & SENTIMENT ON COVID ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO USA

**Awareness of COVID-19 Requirements to Travel to USA**  
(% who said yes to being aware of requirements to travel to USA)

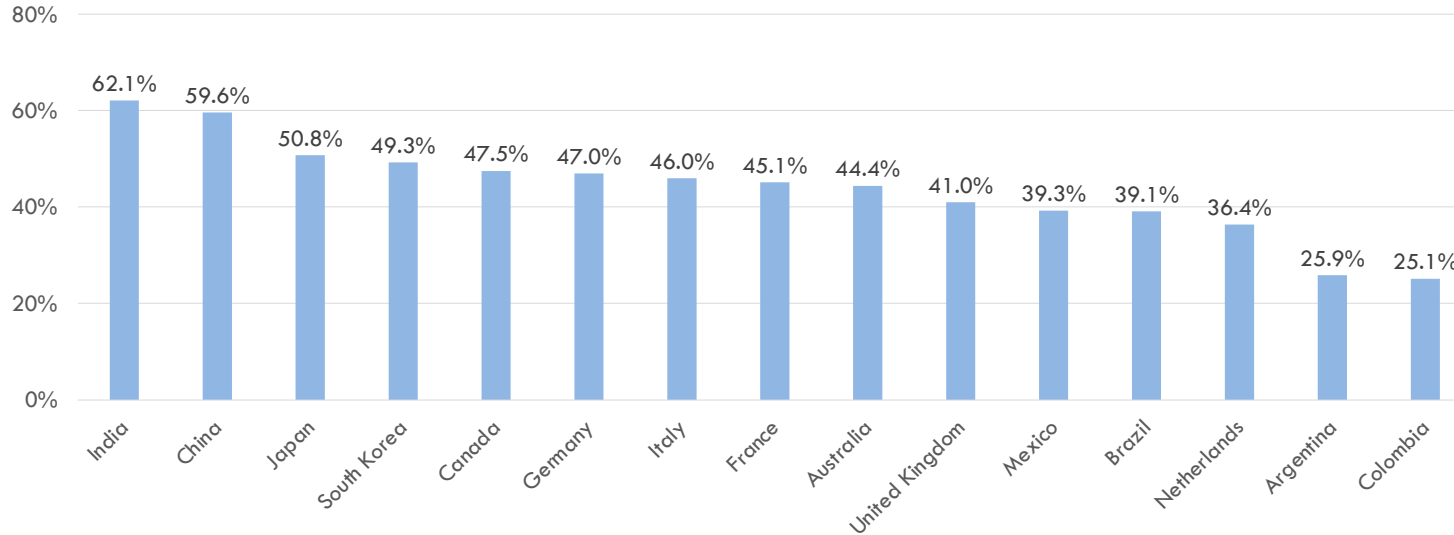


**Sentiment on Entry Requirements to USA**



# IMPACT OF THE CURRENT AMERICAN POLITICAL CLIMATE

Impact of Political Climate on Desire to Visit U.S.  
(% who said yes to Political Climate impacting their desire to visit)

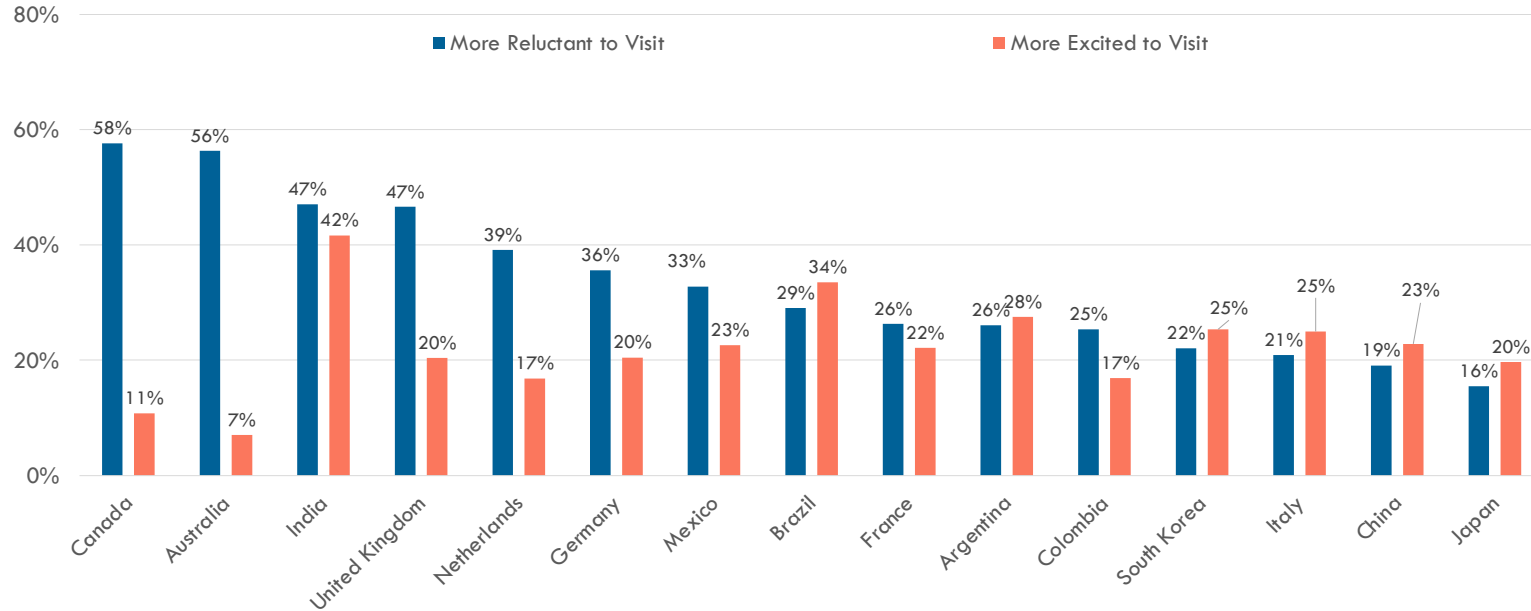


# IMPACT OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL CLIMATE ON DESIRE TO VISIT



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## Impact of American Political Climate: Reluctance vs Excitement to Visit



**Question:** Which of the following statements describe the impact the current political climate in the United States has on your desire to visit—if any?



# LIKELIHOOD TO VISIT THE USA

## Overall Likelihood of Visiting the USA in Next Two Years

(All Countries)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% CHNG 2020-2021
<b>Top 2 Box Score</b>	<b>45.9%</b>	<b>44.1%</b>	<b>44.2%</b>	<b>47.2%</b>	<b>51.0%</b>	<b>8.1%</b>
Will certainly visit	22.4%	21.6%	21.4%	22.3%	23.9%	7.2%
Very likely	23.5%	22.5%	22.8%	24.8%	27.0%	8.8%
Somewhat likely	26.2%	25.2%	27.4%	25.7%	24.0%	-6.5%
Somewhat unlikely	13.8%	14.6%	14.4%	12.7%	11.5%	-9.0%
Very unlikely	8.3%	8.6%	8.1%	7.3%	6.6%	-9.7%
Will not visit	5.7%	7.5%	5.9%	7.2%	6.9%	-3.9%

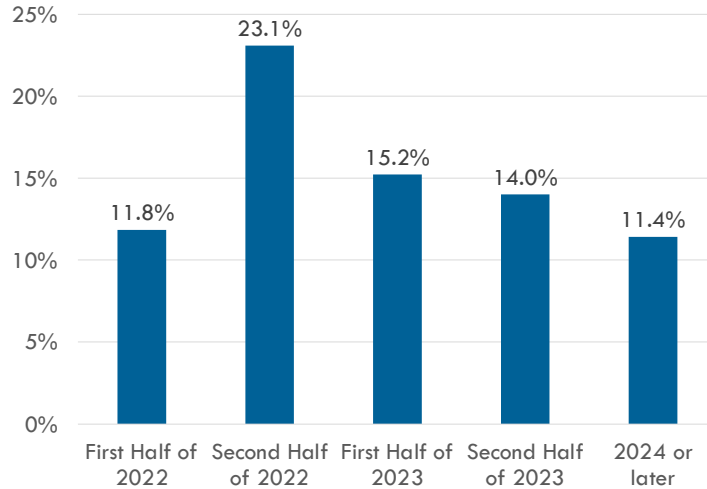
## Likely to Visit the USA – by Market

(% “very likely” or “certain” to visit the USA in next 2 years)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% CHNG 2020- 2021
India	76.4%	74.1%	71.3%	81.5%	82.4%	1.1%
Brazil	65.4%	66.1%	68.2%	78.8%	82.0%	4.1%
Mexico	69.2%	70.0%	63.0%	71.3%	75.0%	5.3%
China	68.9%	58.6%	54.5%	48.1%	63.9%	32.7%
Canada	57.6%	54.3%	56.9%	47.6%	60.8%	27.6%
Colombia	-	-	-	-	56.6%	-
Argentina	31.3%	31.4%	34.6%	57.5%	55.5%	-3.5%
Italy	39.1%	37.6%	35.6%	44.1%	49.6%	12.5%
United Kingdom	38.7%	38.4%	41.9%	32.8%	46.5%	42.0%
Germany	44.4%	38.1%	36.8%	39.5%	43.5%	10.1%
France	30.6%	28.9%	29.8%	32.4%	41.1%	27.0%
South Korea	34.0%	32.0%	33.9%	39.0%	38.3%	-1.9%
Japan	26.8%	33.7%	29.5%	31.6%	28.9%	-8.7%
Netherlands	21.4%	18.3%	26.2%	24.1%	22.5%	-6.7%
Australia	37.3%	34.2%	34.3%	32.0%	18.0%	-43.8%

# TIMING OF FUTURE VISIT TO USA

Timing of Future Visit to the USA



Timing of Future Visit to the USA – by Market

	First Half of 2022	Second Half of 2022	First Half of 2023	Second Half of 2023	2024 or later
India	29.0%	36.8%	15.1%	8.1%	3.8%
Mexico	23.5%	39.1%	13.6%	13.0%	4.9%
China	22.3%	27.8%	16.8%	10.1%	7.4%
Canada	20.6%	30.3%	13.0%	10.6%	4.4%
Brazil	16.4%	35.1%	18.6%	13.6%	8.8%
United Kingdom	10.6%	21.4%	16.5%	12.6%	9.1%
Argentina	10.0%	22.8%	16.8%	18.4%	16.9%
Italy	8.0%	21.8%	16.1%	20.3%	14.1%
Colombia	7.8%	21.3%	15.5%	18.0%	16.9%
France	7.4%	18.1%	15.8%	18.3%	13.5%
Germany	6.3%	14.1%	15.8%	15.8%	16.0%
South Korea	5.0%	20.5%	21.6%	20.3%	15.5%
Netherlands	4.8%	11.5%	12.0%	12.9%	15.8%
Japan	3.8%	17.1%	13.5%	11.1%	13.0%
Australia	2.4%	8.9%	7.9%	7.3%	11.4%

# DESTINATION TYPE EXCITEMENT INDEX








**Question:** Please think about the United States destinations you are MOST EXCITED TO VISIT. Use the 10-point scale where 10 = "Very excited" and 1 = "Not at all excited" to state how generally excited you are to visit each.)

Legend:

Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3
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## Destination Types Most Excited to Visit

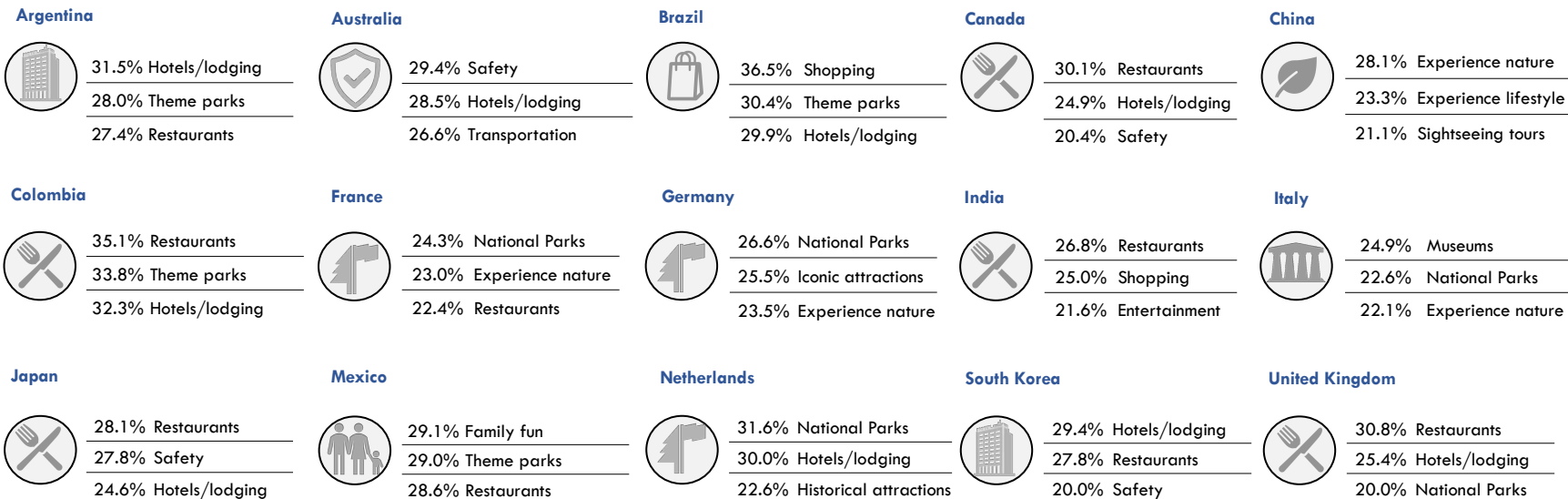
(Avg. excitement score out of a possible 10 for each destination type)

	ARGENTINA	AUSTRALIA	BRAZIL	CANADA	CHINA	COLOMBIA	FRANCE	GERMANY	INDIA	ITALY	JAPAN	MEXICO	NETHERLANDS	SOUTH KOREA	UNITED KINGDOM
 U.S. National Parks	7.8	6.4	8.6	6.8	7.8	8.2	7.5	7.5	8.4	7.6	6.7	8.4	7.3	7.3	7.1
 Cities or metropolitan areas	7.9	6.0	8.6	7.0	7.9	8.1	7.2	7.5	8.7	8.1	6.0	8.4	6.9	7.4	7.2
 Beach destinations/resorts	7.9	5.3	8.2	7.3	7.9	8.0	6.7	7.3	8.5	7.2	6.2	8.0	6.4	7.6	6.8
 Theme or amusement parks	7.9	4.8	8.7	6.2	7.8	8.4	6.6	6.4	8.4	7.1	6.2	8.6	5.7	7.3	6.1
 Small towns, villages or rural destinations/attractions	6.7	6.1	7.4	6.6	7.5	7.1	6.8	6.4	8.2	7.2	5.9	7.8	6.6	6.5	6.6
 Mountain destinations/resorts (including ski resorts)	7.4	5.2	7.9	6.2	7.4	7.4	6.5	6.1	8.5	6.7	5.6	8.1	6.2	6.3	6.4
 Desert destinations/resorts	6.5	5.2	7.5	6.4	7.2	6.8	6.8	6.3	8.1	7.1	5.1	7.6	6.0	6.3	6.3

# MOST COMPELLING CONTENT FOR PLANNING USA TRIP

## Content Important to Destination Decisions

(Top 3 content types that are most important to their decision to visit the U.S., by country)



# DESIRED FEELINGS ON A UNITED STATES VACATION



# TOP 10 MOST APPEALING AMERICAN DESTINATIONS

	APPEALING	EXTREMELY APPEALING	TOP 3 BOX SCORE*
New York City, New York	29.9%	34.5%	<b>79.4%</b>
San Francisco, California	32.1%	28.3%	<b>77.3%</b>
<b>Los Angeles, California</b>	27.7%	32.7%	<b>76.7%</b>
Hawaii (anywhere in the state)	28.7%	30.1%	<b>75.3%</b>
Washington, DC	30.4%	24.8%	<b>73.8%</b>
Miami, Florida	27.1%	28.8%	<b>73.7%</b>
Niagara Falls, New York	28.8%	26.7%	<b>73.5%</b>
Orlando, Florida	26.0%	24.9%	<b>69.5%</b>
Boston, Massachusetts	28.2%	20.2%	<b>68.9%</b>
Las Vegas, Nevada	27.1%	24.0%	<b>68.8%</b>



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DATA ANALYTICS & INSIGHTS

## **MAIN OBSERVATIONS:**

**RECOVERY DESPITE  
WORRIES**

**UNDERPININGS OF  
ECONOMY REMAIN STRONG**

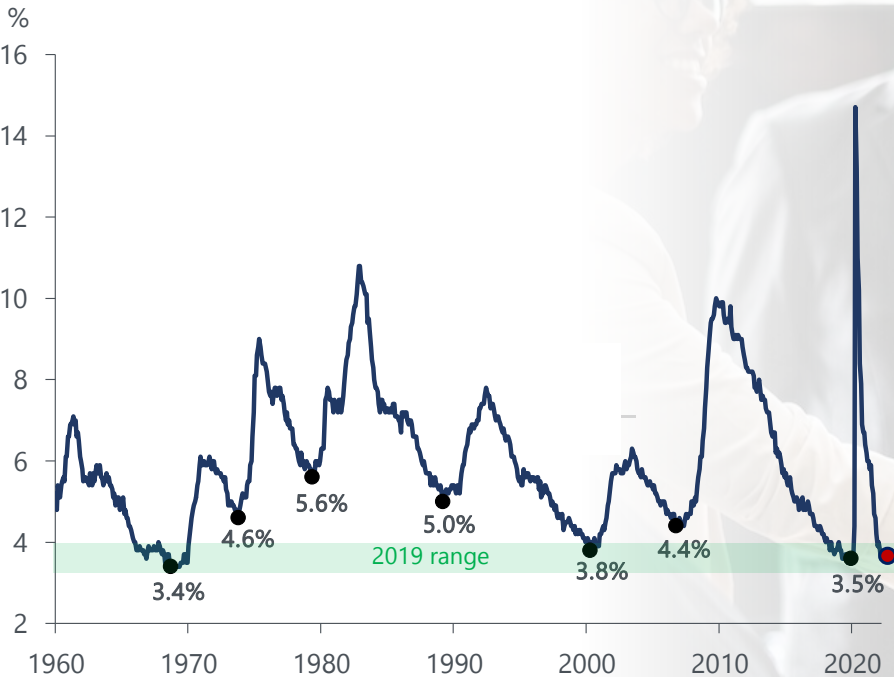
**BUT, INFLATION, GAS  
PRICES, LABOR  
CONSTRAINTS, AND  
EXTENDED COVID-19...**

**ALL PRESENT HEADWINDS  
AND RISKS**



# Unemployment rate from 14.7% to 3.6% in record time

US: U-3 unemployment rate



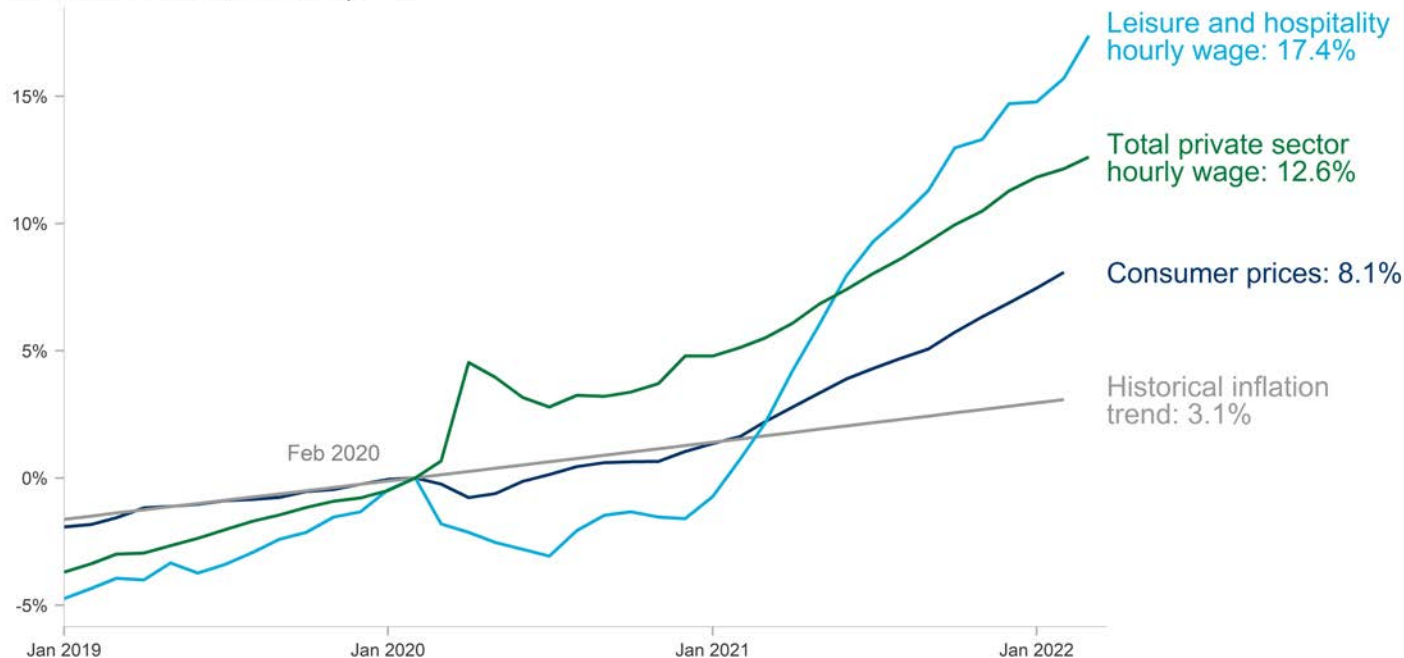
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# So... wages are rising fast

## Wage growth comparison

Cumulative increase since February 2020



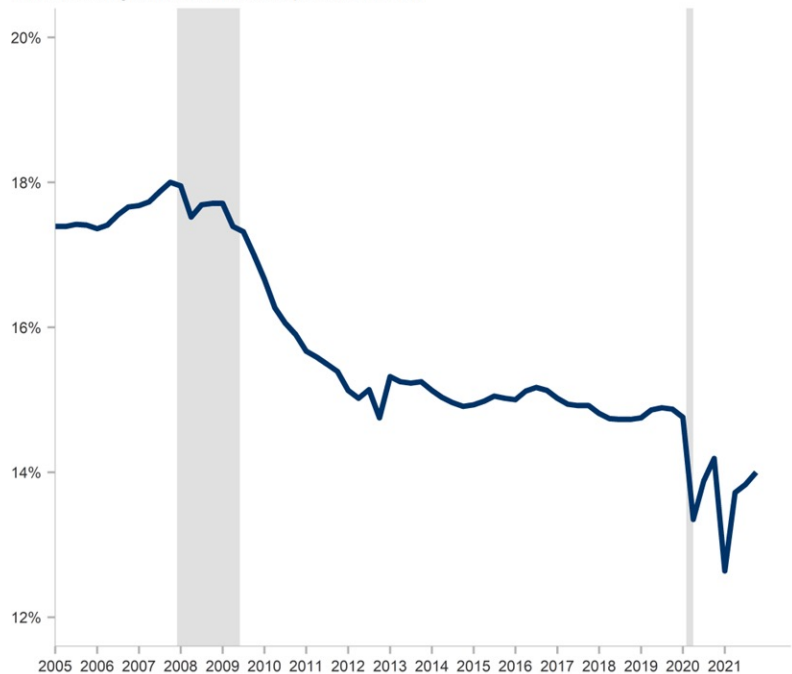
Note: Data shown through March 2022. Historical inflation trend measured since 2008. Consumer price inflation measured by PCE price deflator. Wage rates measure nonsupervisory positions. Source: BLS, BEA



# Historically low debt burden...household net worth in good shape

## Household debt service

Financial obligations as ratio to disposable income



Note: Quarterly data through 2021Q4. Financial obligations ratio is the ratio of household debt payments, and payments such as rent and auto leases, to disposable income. Source: Federal Reserve, NBER



## But persistent inflation

### U.S. Inflation Surges to a 4-Decade High

Year-over-year change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers in the U.S.\*

— Actual    ··· 3-year average\*\*



\* not seasonally adjusted

\*\* average annual increase of the CPI-U over the previous three years

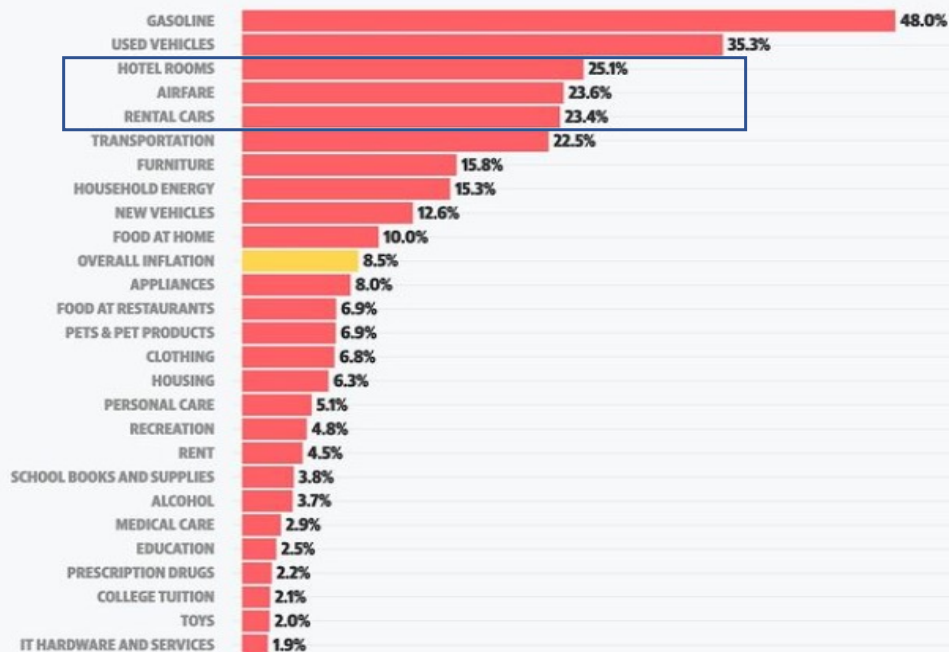
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



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### WHERE INFLATION IS... AND ISN'T

12-month change in the price of:



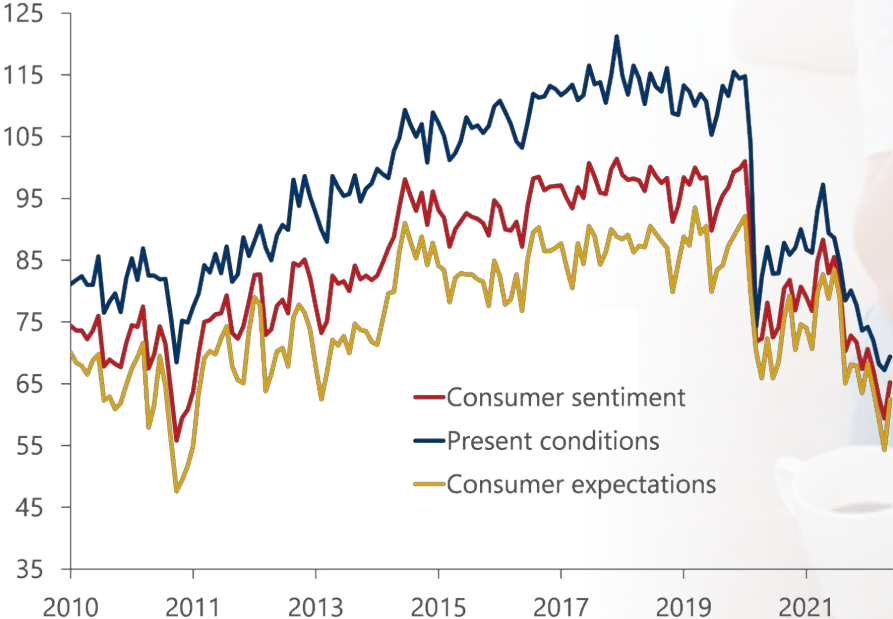
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# Consumers feeling uneasy

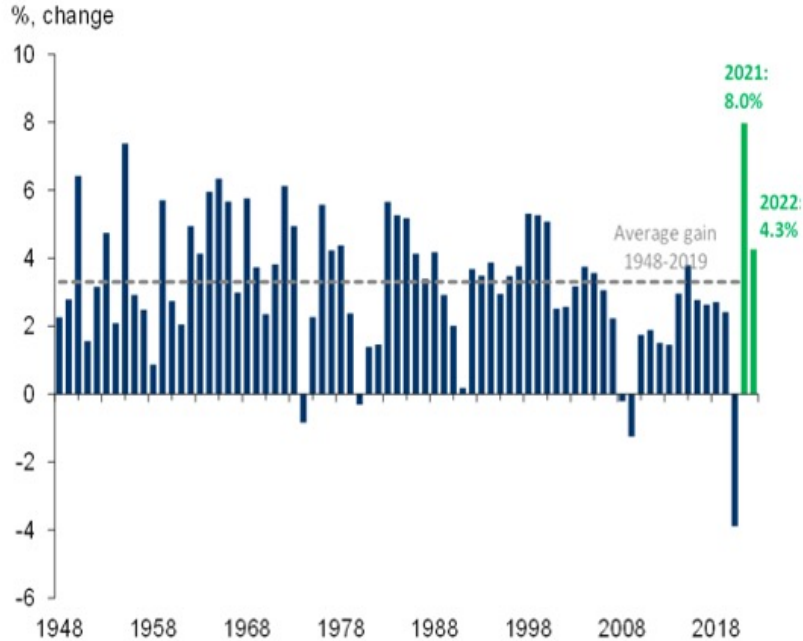
US: Consumer sentiment

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## But having little bearing on their behavior

### Strongest consumer spending growth since WWII



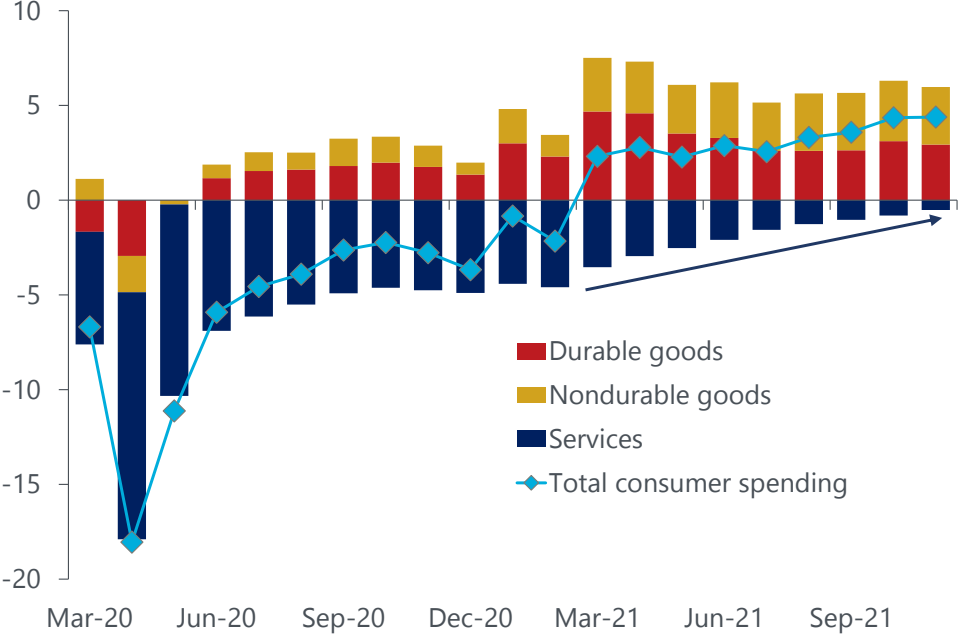
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# Services are rapidly gaining ground

## US: Great consumer spending rotation

Percent difference from February 2020

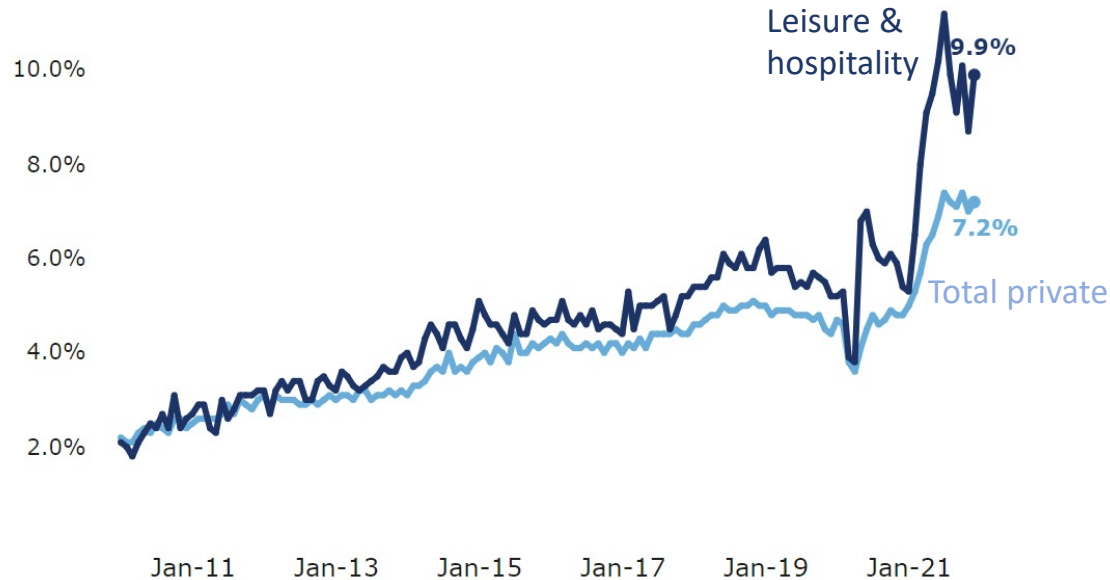


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# Recovery constraint: Labor shortages

## Job Openings Rate

Job openings as a percent of total private positions



Source: BLS

# No immediate sign of easing (1.9 job openings per unemployed)

US: Historic struggle to attract and retain workers

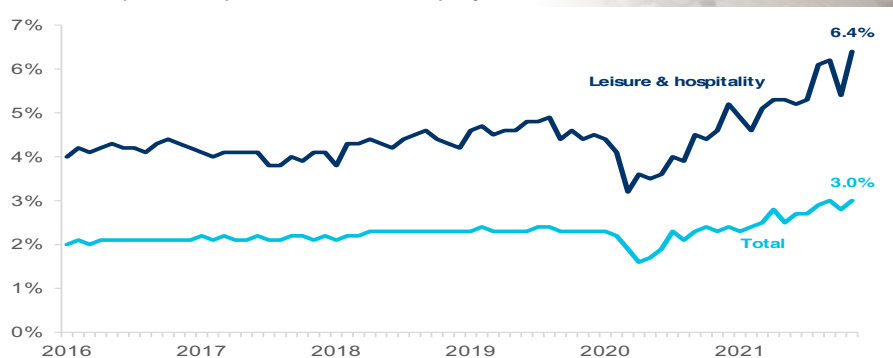


# The Great “Shift” - people switching jobs

- **4.5 million Americans quit** in November 2021 – highest rate in two decades
  - Top reasons given – low pay, no advancement opportunities, and minimal flexibility
  - 78% now employed, suggesting they quickly obtained new jobs
  - Travel industry employees disproportionately switched industry

## Job quits rate

Share of quits as a percent of total employment



Source: BLS





# Culmination of several labor constraints

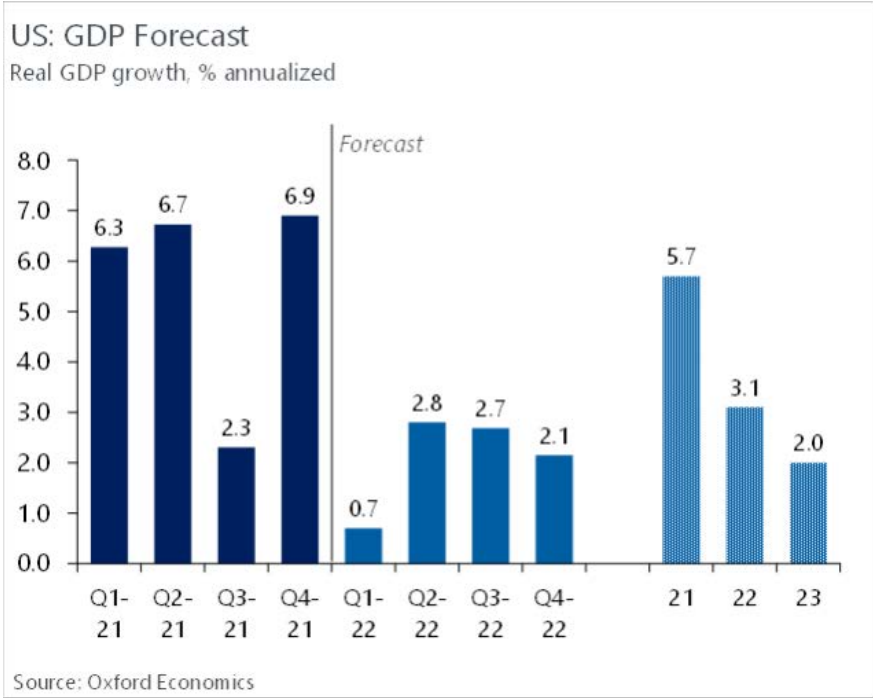
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- **Slowing immigration** – 2.4 million fewer immigrants of working age vs pre-2017 trends
- **Lack of seasonal workers** – H-2B visa has reached the cap until the Biden administration increases it
- **Record number of early retirements** – more people leaving the labor force than entering it
- **Lack of childcare** - Many, especially women, forced out of the workplace to care for children. Some by choice or necessity will not return
- **Entrepreneurs** – blossoming of “cottage industries” – new businesses started and grown from home
- **Drug crisis** – 860,000 prime working age men out of the work force due to opioid addiction



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# A slowing but deliberate economic outlook



**GDP growth:**  
**2021: 5.7%**  
**2022: 3.1%**  
**2023: 2.0%**

**Have a wonderful summer!**

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**Thank you!**





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# **The Santa Monica Story** **Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow**



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# Welcome; “Whales Watching” in Santa Monica...

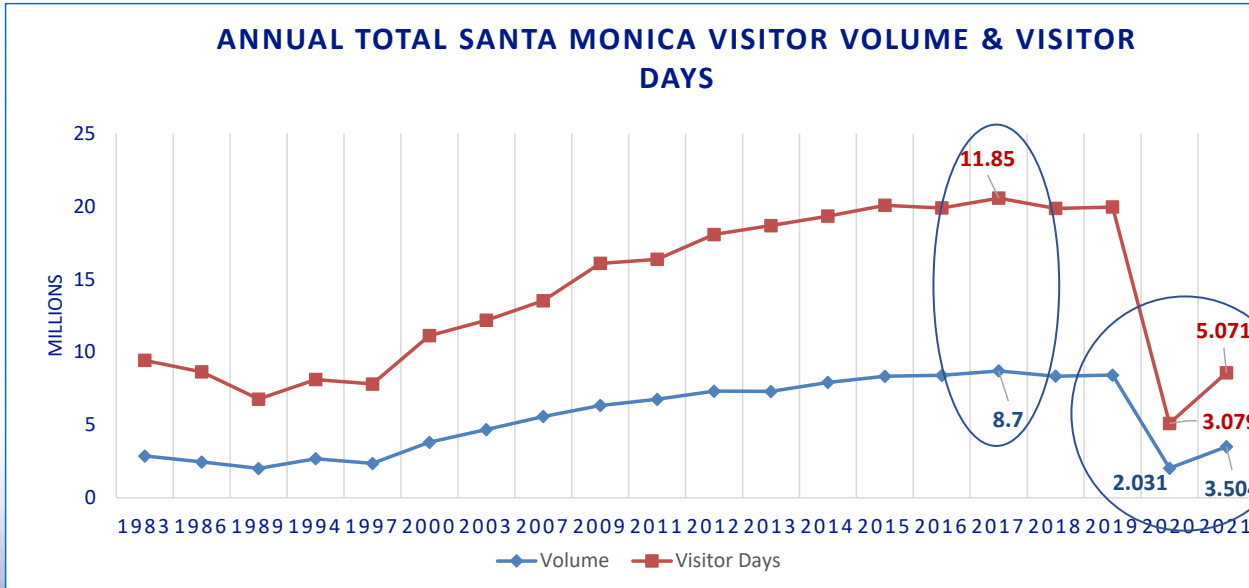


“I guess we’ll never know why they beach themselves?”

# Context is Key

## Comparing Current to Recent Years

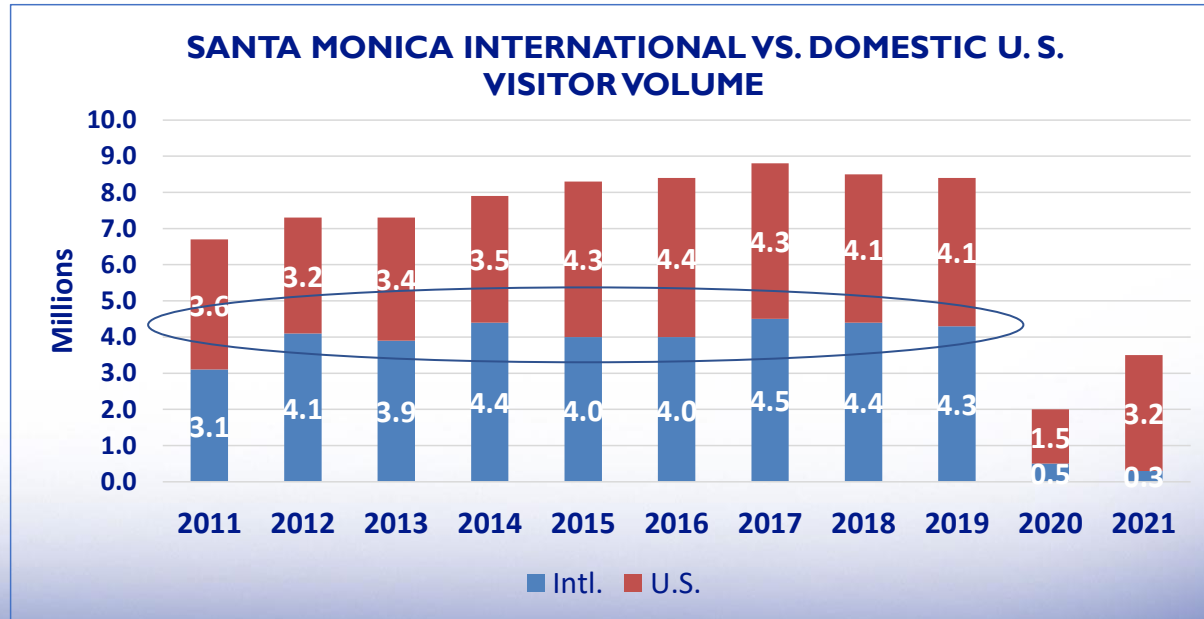
- Santa Monica visitation peaked in 2017 with 8.7 million visitors and 11.9 visitor days.
- Softening evidenced in 2018 and 2019, especially international
- COVID plunged visitation in 2020, recovery starting in 2021





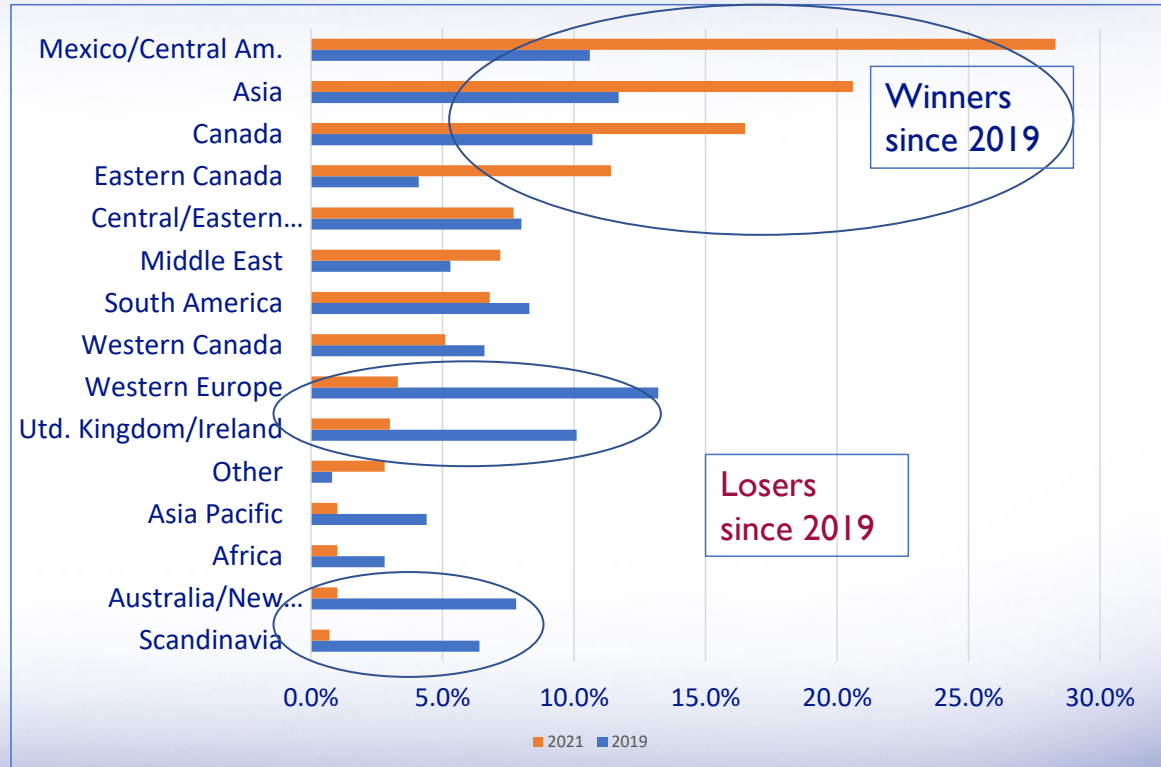
# International of Key Importance to Santa Monica

- International visitors historically account for 50%+ of Santa Monica volume, days and spending, but was 25% of visitation in 2020 and 9% for 2021.
- That compares to 6% of visitor volume for California and 22% for Los Angeles County in 2019.



# Santa Monica Top International Markets

- In 2021 top international feeder markets: Mexico, Asia Canada.
  - Asia mainly India
  
- They displaced Western Europe, UK, So. America and AUS/NZ from 2019.
  - Asia mainly Japan, & Asia Pacific



# Santa Monica in Recovery (“off life support”)

- Visitor Volume and Days Up from 2020, still well below 2019
- 2021 visitor length of stay between 2019 and 2020 length
- During the pandemic Santa Monica the *main destination* for more visitors; therefore a higher share stayed overnight and a bit longer.

Indicator	2021		2020	2019
	Indicator	% Change Fr 2020		
Total Number of Visitors	<b>3,504,048</b>	72.5%	2,031,100	8,413,100
Average Days Length of Stay (all visitors)	<b>1.45</b>	-4.7%	1.52	1.37
Total Visitor Days	<b>5,071,296</b>	64.7%	3,079,900	11,528,200
Percent of Day (only) vs. Overnight Visitors	<b>72% / 28%</b>		71% / 29%	86% / 14%

Historically  
day visitors =  
80%+ of total

# Tourism Generated Spending & Taxes are Key to Santa Monica's Economy & Employment Base

- 2021 spending reached \$750 million, +65%, still 60% below 2019
  - 2019 visitor spending approached \$2.0 billion
- 2021 the City realized \$45 million in visitor lodging and sales taxes
  - 2019 the City realized \$72 million in visitor paid lodging and sales taxes
- These taxes pay for equivalent services to local households, averaging \$937 in 2021
- Visitor activity and spending supported nearly 5,800 local jobs in 2021

Indicator	2021		2020	2019
	Number	% Change Fr 2020		
Total Annual Visitor Spending	<b>\$750,259,292</b>	65.3%	\$453,820,900	\$1.89 billion
Per-capita Daily Visitor Spending	<b>\$148</b>	.7%	\$147	\$164
Hotel Tax Revenue to City (from non-local visitors)	<b>\$41,927,620</b>	124.2%	\$18,698,400	\$58,315,740
Visitor Retail Sales Tax Revenue to City	<b>\$3,730,376</b>	20.7%	\$3,090,100	\$13,875,500
Equivalent tax per SM household from visitor spend	<b>\$937</b>	106.8%	\$453	\$1,496
Santa Monica Jobs Supported by Tourism	<b>5,747</b>	85.7%	3,095	12,010

# Hotels Seeing Moderate Growth in Occupancy (Demand) with Surging Room Rates

- Hotels essentially closed as of April 2020; many, not all reopened in August
  - At first, demand shift to younger guests, on leisure/vacation trips, from L A region, California, western states
  - During this period (and still), hotel demand stronger than short term rentals (STR)
- With vaccinations as of January 2021, demand building, shifting to broader long-haul U. S. markets, older and higher income travelers.
- 2021 occupancy up 25% from 2020 with all hotels operating; some business and group demand
- Rates surging! 2021 Record ADR = \$312 (unlike 2008-2010 recession when hotels discounted)
- With higher ADRs, hotel tax growing much faster than demand and visitor spending

Indicator	2021		2020	2019
	Number	% Change Fr 2020		
Hotel Occupancy Rate	51%	24.4%	41%	82.5%
Average Hotel Daily Room Rate	\$312	20.9%	\$258	\$274
Hotel Tax to City (non-local visitors)	\$41,927,620	124.2%	\$18,698,400	\$58,315,740

SM hotel occpy. at 80%+ for years.

# Visitors Have Changed!

## Shift to:

- More from U.S.
- SM main destination
- Not flying to arrive in So. Cal.
- Fewer for pleasure/vacation or business purposes
- More staying overnight
- More staying in SM hotels
- Shorter overnight stays
- Lower per-capita spending
- More people per group (families)
- Younger
- Lower household income

Visitor Profile Characteristic	2021	2020	2019
International Visitor share (of total visitors)	<b>9.2%</b>	24.9%	51%
U.S. Resident visitor share (of total visitors, excl. CA)	<b>60.8%</b>	42.6%	30%
California Resident share (of total visitors)	<b>30.0%</b>	32.6%	19%
Mainly visiting Santa Monica for pleasure/vacation	<b>48%</b>	42%	56%
Mainly visiting Santa Monica for business/meeting	3%	3%	4%
Santa Monica <i>main</i> trip destination	<b>31%</b>	30%	16%
Arrived in Southern California by commercial air	<b>34%</b>	47%	68%
Day Visitor / Overnight Visitor Share in Santa Monica	<b>72% / 28%</b>	71% / 29%	86% / 14%
Staying in a Santa Monica hotel: all visitors / overnight visitors	<b>23% / 80%</b>	24% / 83%	10% / 69%
Avg. stay in Santa Monica - overnight visitors (nights)	<b>2.6</b>	2.8	3.6
Avg. daily per-person spending in SM (all visitors)	<b>\$148</b>	\$147	\$164
Average travel group size (persons)	<b>3.5</b>	2.5	2.5
Median age (respondent)	32	35	40
Median annual household income	<b>\$81,400</b>	\$76,000	\$96,500

# What to Expect Where Do We Go

## Expect in 2022

- Continued popularity of Santa Monica destination worldwide
- Continued recovery from strong U.S. visitation, international slowly recovering (uneven, dep. on country policies and COVID situation)
  - LAX reported first 1 million Int'l. arrivals last month since COVID
  - Potential plateauing of U.S. visitation as more U.S. residents traveling out of country
- International marketing will accelerate and be increasingly competitive as destinations seeking international visitors will also be marketing to rebuild share and volume
- Steady recovery in business transient and group travel
- Continued rise in hotel room rates; slower *rate* of growth

## Where to Go From Here

- Shift the paradigm from *volume* to *yield*, i.e., visitors who stay longer, do more activities and spend more in Santa Monica
  - Emphasis on overnight, longer-haul visitors
- Growing attention to *quality of destination experience* for both residents and visitors
  - Recognizing the importance the intersection between visitors and residents

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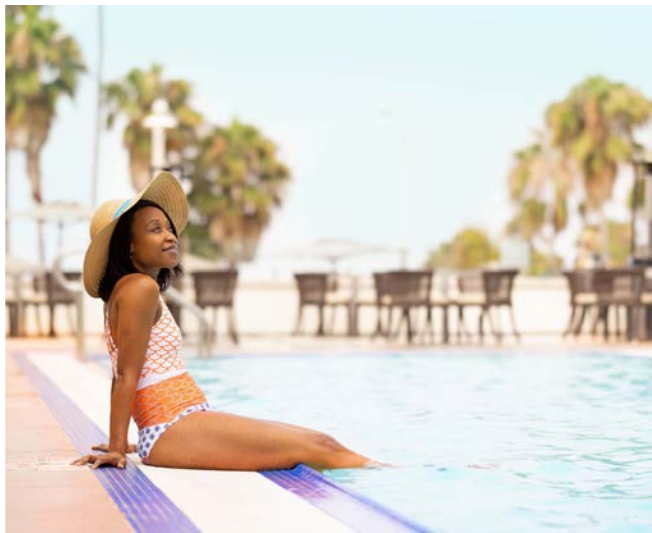
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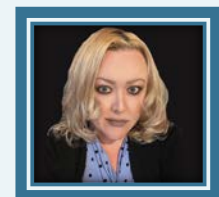
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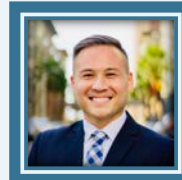
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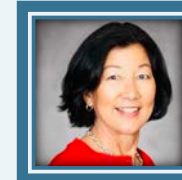
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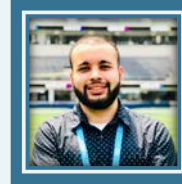
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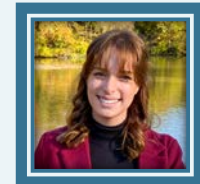
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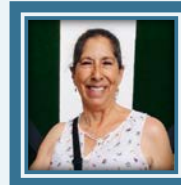
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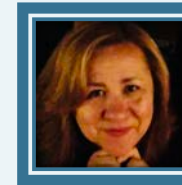
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