

U.S. TRAVEL ANSWER SHEET

FACTS ABOUT A LEADING AMERICAN INDUSTRY THAT'S MORE THAN JUST FUN



LEISURE TRAVEL

- Direct spending on leisure travel by domestic and international travelers totaled **\$597 billion** in 2012.
- Spending on leisure travel generated **\$89 billion** in tax revenue.
- 3 out of 4** domestic trips taken are for leisure purposes (77%).
- U.S. residents logged **1.6 billion** person-trips* for leisure purposes in 2012.
- Top leisure travel activities for U.S. domestic travelers: (1) visiting relatives; (2) shopping; (3) visiting friends; (4) fine dining; and (5) beaches.

BUSINESS TRAVEL

(Including Meetings, Events and Incentive)



- Direct spending on business travel by domestic and international travelers, including expenditures on meetings, events and incentive programs (ME&I), totaled **\$259 billion** in 2012.
- ME&I travel accounted for **\$103 billion** of all business travel spending.
- U.S. residents logged **460 million** person-trips* for business purposes in 2012, with 21% for meetings and events.
- For every dollar invested in business travel, businesses benefit from an average of **\$12.50** in increased revenue and **\$3.80** in new profits (Oxford Economics).

* Person-trip defined as one person on a trip away from home overnight in paid accommodations or on a day or overnight trip to places 50 miles or more [one-way] away from home.



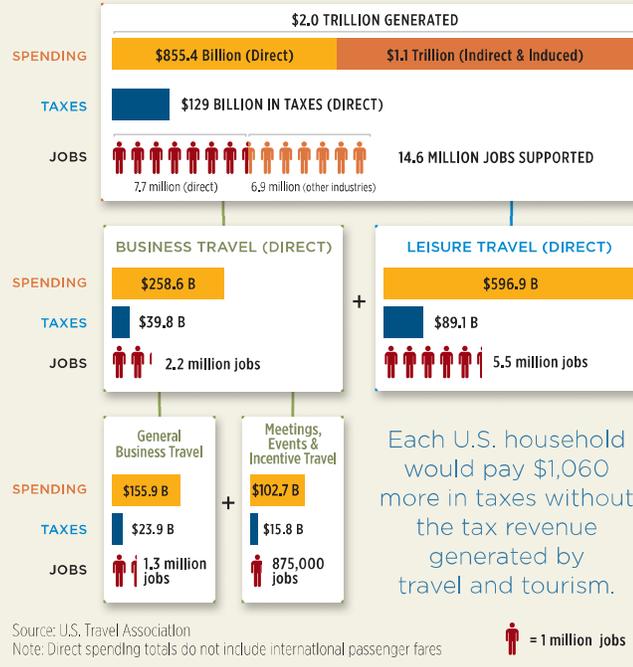
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

- In 2012, international traveler spending (export receipts) totaled **\$128.6 billion** and travel spending abroad by Americans totaled **\$83.7 billion** (travel import payments), creating a trade surplus of **\$45 billion** in favor of the U.S.
- The U.S. received **66.6 million** international arrivals in 2012. Of those, approximately **29.6 million** were from overseas markets and **37 million** were from Canada and Mexico.
- The United States' share of total international arrivals is **6.4%** (down from **7.5%** in 2000).
- International travel spending directly supported about **1.1 million** U.S. jobs and wages of **\$27.7 billion**.
- Each overseas traveler spends approximately **\$4,455** when they visit the U.S. and stay on average more than **18 nights**.
- Overseas arrivals represent **44%** of all international arrivals, yet account for **78%** of total international travel receipts.
- Greatest challenges facing international visitors: burdensome visa process; unwelcoming entry experience.
- Top leisure travel activities for overseas visitors: (1) shopping; (2) dining; (3) city sightseeing; (4) visiting historical places; and (5) amusement/theme parks.



Direct spending by resident and international travelers in the U.S. averaged **\$2.3 billion** a day, **\$97.7 million** an hour, **\$1.6 million** a minute and **\$27,125** a second.

U.S. Travel Industry Impact



SOURCES OF TRAVEL SPENDING



TOTAL: **\$855.4 billion**

Source: U.S. Travel Association

BY THE NUMBERS

(all data 2012)

\$2.0 trillion: Economic output generated by domestic and international visitors (includes \$855.4 billion in direct travel expenditures that spurred an additional \$1.1 trillion in other industries)

14.6 million: Jobs supported by travel expenditures (includes 7.7 million directly in the travel industry and 6.9 million in other industries)

\$200.9 billion: Wages shared by American workers directly employed by travel

\$128.8 billion: Tax revenue generated by travel spending for federal, state and local governments

2.8%: Percentage of nation's gross domestic product (GDP) attributed to travel and tourism

No. 1: Where travel ranks among all U.S. industry exports

1 out of 8: U.S. jobs that depend on travel and tourism

No. 7: Where travel ranks in terms of employment compared to other major private industry sectors

84%: Percentage of travel companies that are considered small businesses

2 billion: Number of person-trips* that Americans took for business and leisure purposes

66.6 million: Number of international arrivals in the U.S. in 2012, including 29.6 million from overseas markets

Travel is among the **top 10 industries** in 48 states and D.C. in terms of employment

TOP 5 INTERNATIONAL MARKETS TO USA (ARRIVALS)

ORIGIN OF VISITOR	2012
Canada	22.5 million
Mexico	14.5 million
United Kingdom	3.8 million
Japan	3.7 million
Germany	1.9 million

TOP 5 HIGH-GROWTH MARKETS THRU 2017 (forecasted)

ORIGIN OF VISITOR	ARRIVALS % CHANGE '17/'12
China	154.7%
Saudi Arabia	87.4%
Brazil	55.1%
Argentina	42.9%
Taiwan	36.4%

Source: U.S. Travel estimates based on U.S. Department of Commerce - Office of Travel and Tourism Industries

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