## **Business Travel Recovery Poll Results**

**April 21, 2022** 



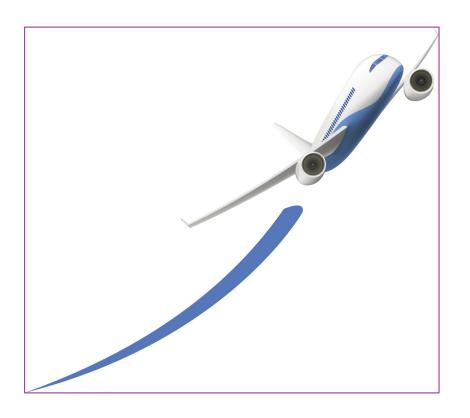
### Methodology

An online flash poll was conducted of GBTA members and non-members worldwide, including corporate travel managers and travel suppliers

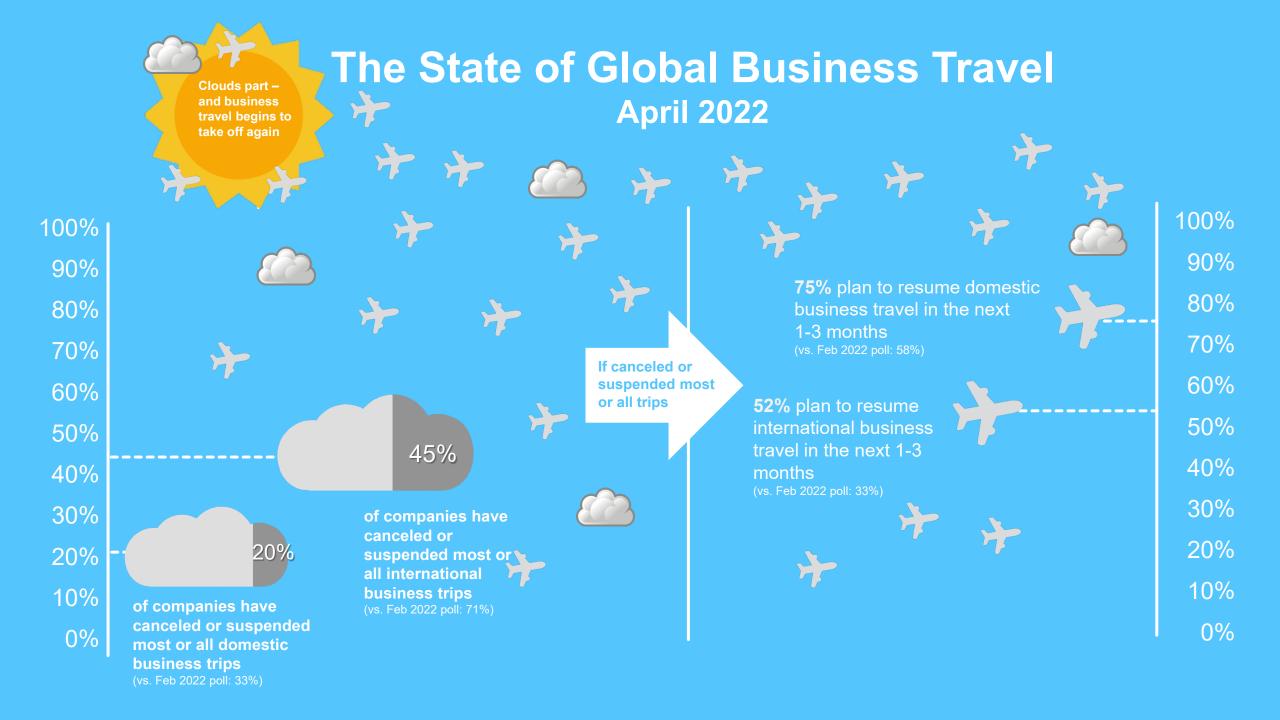
- Fielding took place from April 4 through April 12, 2022
- An email invitation was sent to 10,526 travel professionals including current and inactive members of GBTA; a link to the survey was also included in GBTA's *Daily News Brief* sent to travel professionals worldwide
- In total, 520 business travel professionals responded
- Note: Some totals might not add to 100% because of rounding; each percentage is rounded to the nearest whole number



### The State of Global Business Travel

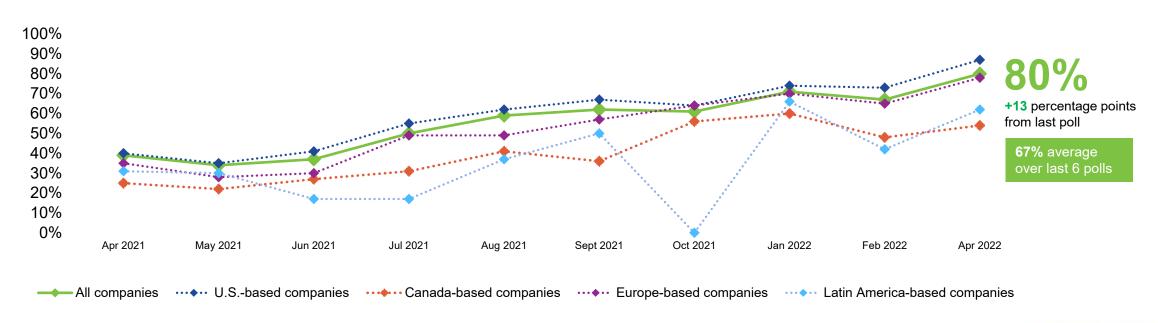






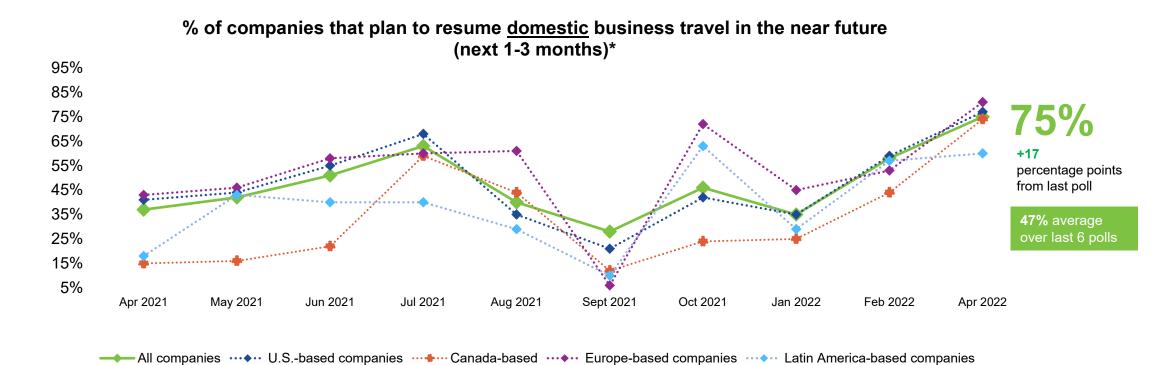
### The State of Domestic Business Travel

% of companies allowing some or more domestic business travel within their country





## The State of Domestic Business Travel (Cont.)



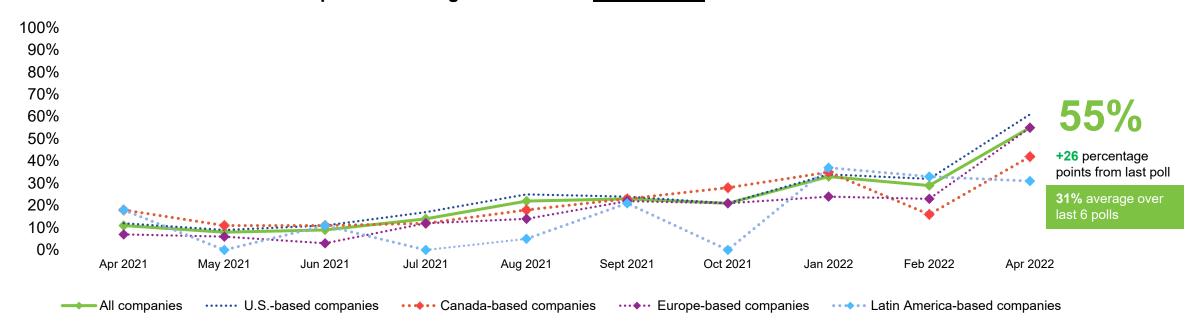


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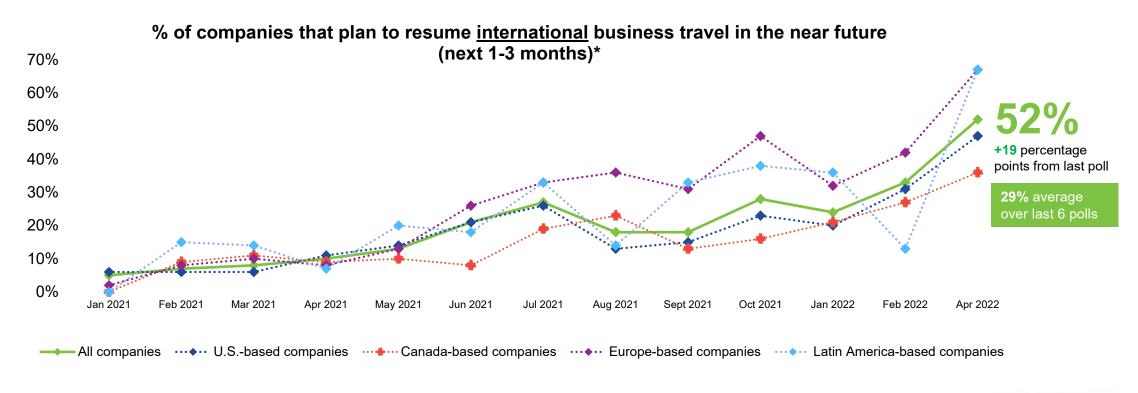
### The State of International Business Travel

% of companies allowing some or more international business travel





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### **Corporate Travel Bookings Soar**

#### How have bookings from your corporate customers changed in the past month?

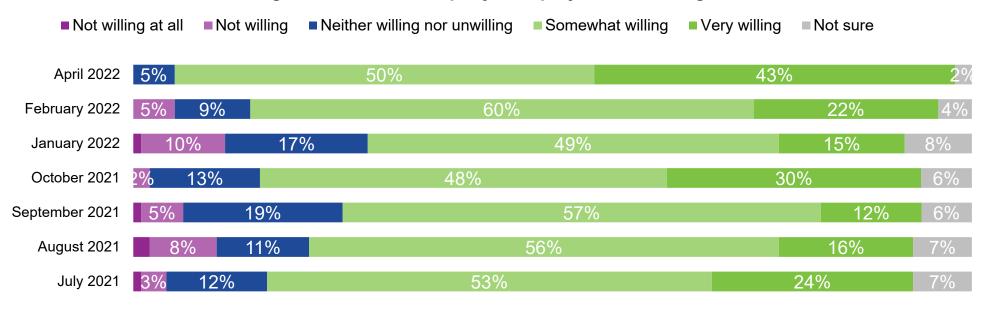


Note: Question only displayed to respondents who work for an airline, hotel chain, hotel property, TMC, or ground transportation company

Q. You mentioned you work for a travel supplier. Thinking about your company, how have your bookings from corporate customers changed in the past month? (n=137-218) Note: Before September 2021, this question asked how about how bookings changed in the past week.

### More Than 9 in 10 Travel Managers Say Their Company's Employees Are Willing to Travel for Work

#### Do Travel Managers think their company's employees are willing to travel?



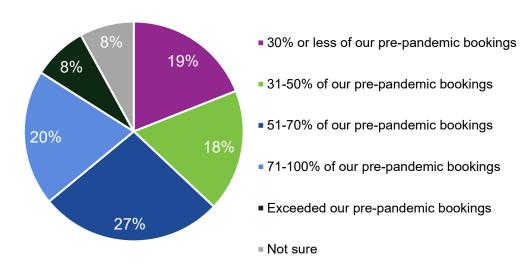
Q. Thinking about your company's employees, please rate their willingness to travel for business in the current environment? Note: Only displayed to travel managers/ procurement professionals (n=191-448)



### **Bookings Continue to Return to Pre-Pandemic Levels**



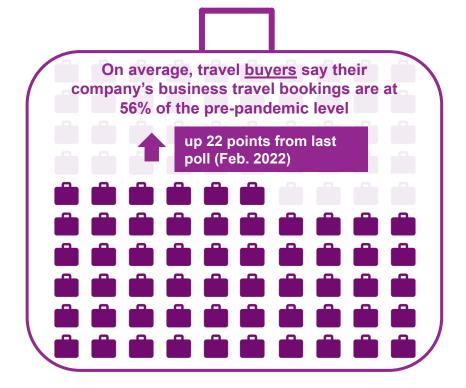
#### Would you say your company is currently at ...?



Q. Thinking about your company's current business travel bookings, how do they compare to the pre-pandemic (2019) level? Would you say your company is currently at...?

Note: Only displayed to travel buyers/procurement professionals (n=225)

Note: Respondents were given ranges in 10-point intervals; these were combined into groups to make interpretation easier

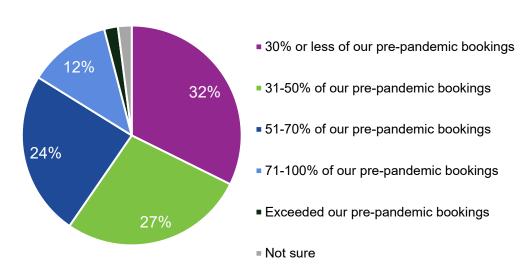


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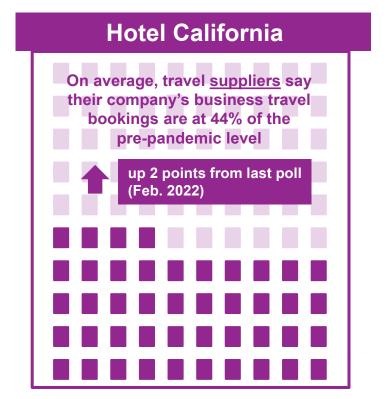
Travel Suppliers

#### Would you say your company is currently at ...?



Q. Thinking about your company's current bookings from business travel, how do they compare to the pre- pandemic (2019) level? Would you say your company is currently at...? Your best estimate is fine. Note: Only displayed to travel supplier/TMC professionals (n=189)

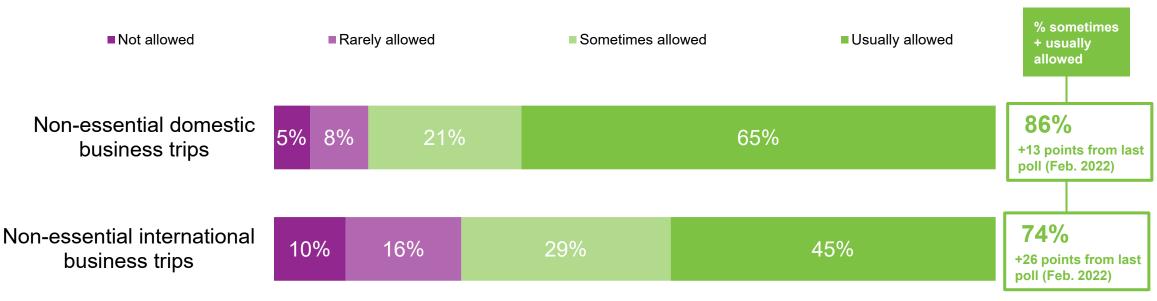
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### **Companies Resume International Business Travel**





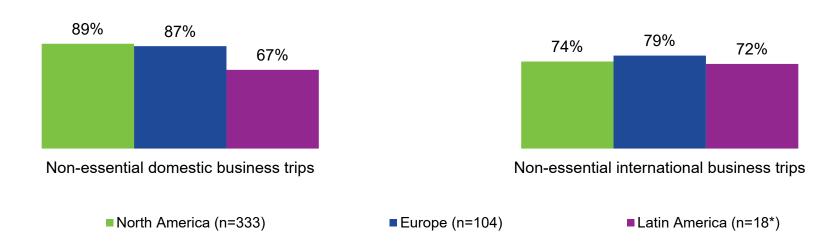
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Q. Which of the following best describes your company's current position on employees traveling for business? (n=689-737) Note: Some respondents indicated "Not applicable/Not sure." These responses were excluded from calculations.

# Most Companies Allow Employee Travel Regardless of Region

#### Company's current position on employees traveling for business

% "usually" or "sometimes" allowed by region



Q. Which of the following best describes your company's current position on employees traveling for business? (n=689-737) \*indicates small sample size in Latin America (n<30)



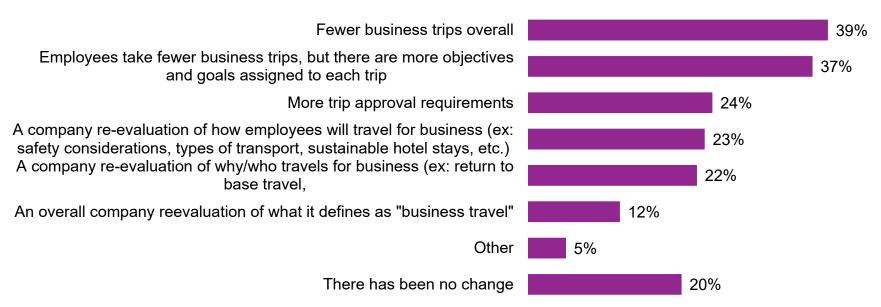
## **Key Highlights**





## **Companies Have Made Changes to Their Travel Program During the Pandemic**

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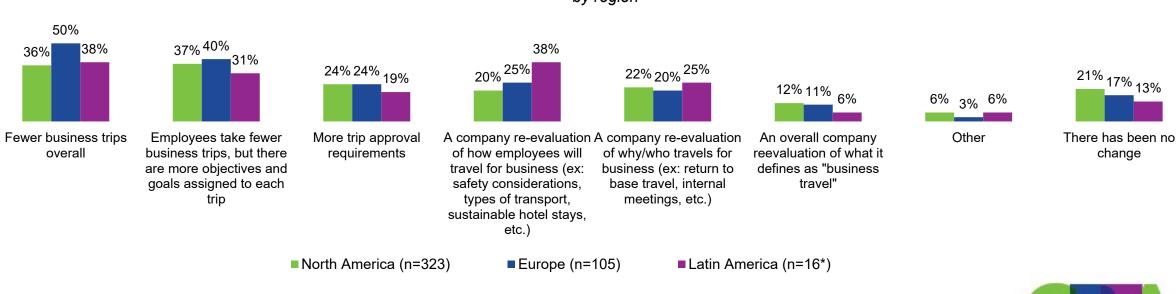


Q. To what extent have business travel policies evolved or changed at your company due to the pandemic? Please select all that apply (n=456)



## Companies Have Made Changes to Their Travel Program During the Pandemic (Cont.)

### What travel policy changes have companies made during the pandemic? by region

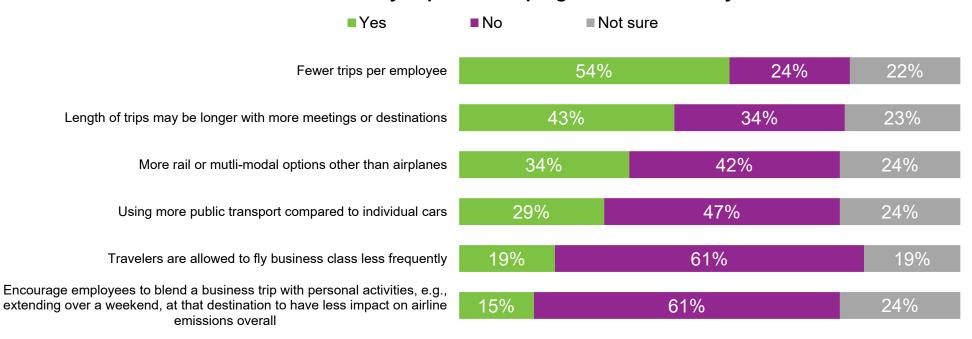


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## **How Will Sustainability Transform Travel Programs?**

#### Will sustainability impact travel program in various ways?



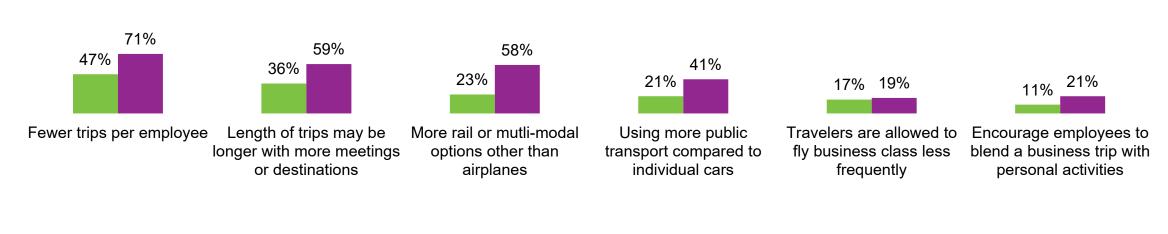
Q. Thinking about your company, to what extent do you think sustainability considerations will have an impact on...? Note: Question only displayed to travel managers/procurement professionals (n=188-190)



## **European Companies Appear More Likely to Reduce Business Travel**

### Will sustainability impact travel program in various ways? by region

■ Europe (n=62-63)



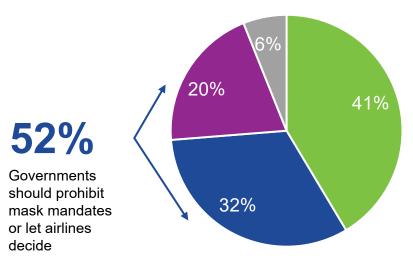
Q. Thinking about your company, to what extent do you think sustainability considerations will have an impact on...? Note: Question only displayed to travel managers/procurement professionals

■ North America (n=116-118)



# More Than Half of Respondents Don't Support Government Mask Mandates on Commercial Flights

### How do you feel about the continuation of mask mandates on commercial flights?



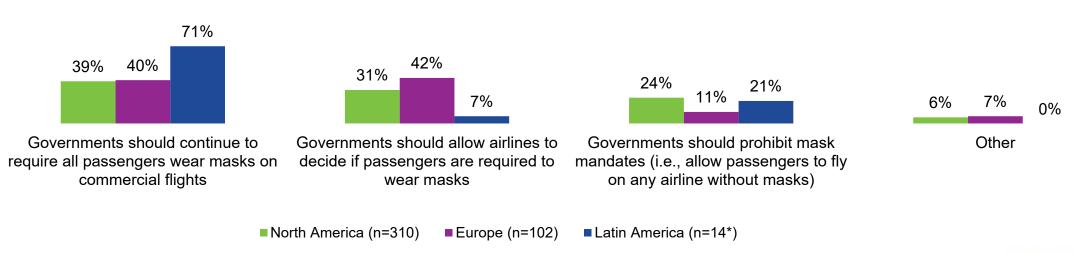
- Governments should continue to require all passengers wear masks on commercial flights
- Governments should allow airlines to decide if passengers are required to wear masks
- Governments should prohibit mask mandates (i.e., allow passengers to fly on any airline without masks)
- Other



# Mask Mandate Sentiment Aligns in North America and Europe, Differs in Latin America

How do you feel about the continuation of mask mandates on commercial flights?

by region



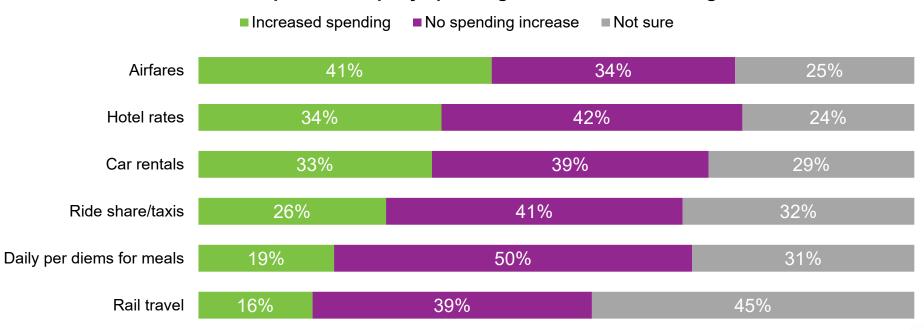
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# How Has Inflation Impacted Travel Program Spending?

#### Has inflation impacted company spending on various travel categories?



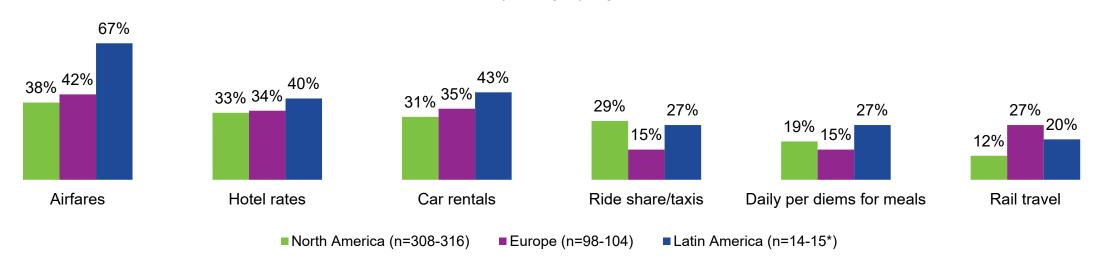
Q. How has inflation impacted your company's business travel spending on the following expenses? (n=431-445)



# Few Regional Differences When It Comes to Impact of Inflation on Travel Spending



% increased spending" by region



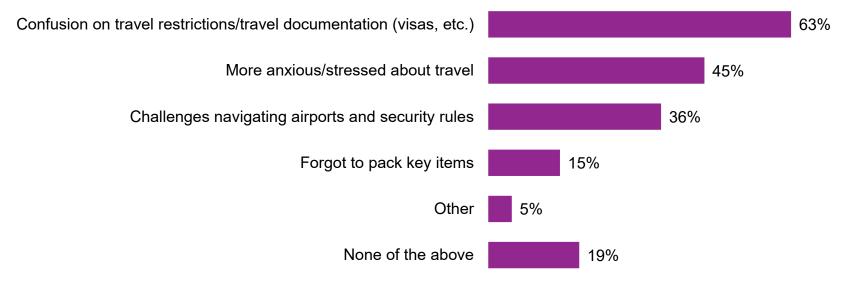


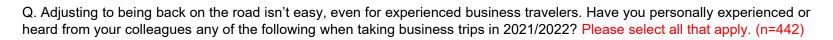
Q. How has inflation impacted your company's business travel spending on the following expenses? \*indicates small sample size for Latin America (n<30)

### **Are Some Business Travelers More Stressed Today?**

Have you personally experienced or heard from your colleagues any of the following when taking business trips in 2021 and 2022?

(multiple answers allowed)

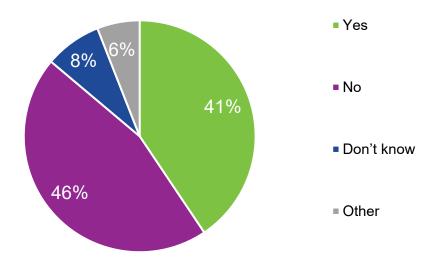






## Is There a Correlation Between "Return to Travel" and "Return to Office"?

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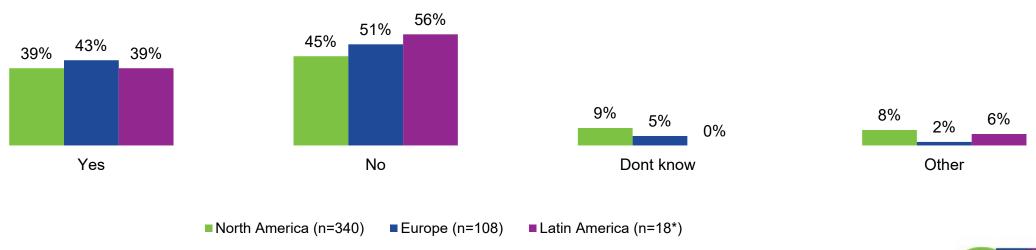




## By Region, Return to Travel May or May Not Correlate to Return to Office

Do company's "return to office" plans directly correlate with "return to travel" plans?

by region

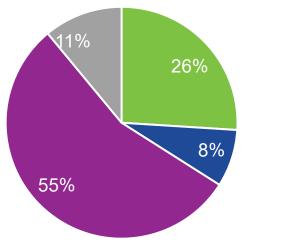


Q. Does your company's "Return to the Office" plans directly correlate with "Return to Business Travel?" \*indicates small sample size for Latin America (n<30)



# Most Companies Have Implemented Their Permanent Return to Office/Work From Home Policy

Which best describes permanent return to office/work-from-home policy?



- Our company has not yet determined/announced a permanent policy
- Our company has announced a permanent policy but has not yet implemented it because of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Our company has implemented its permanent policy
- Other

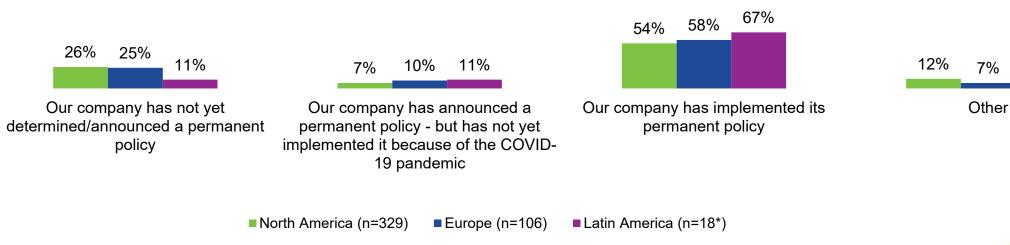


Q. Which of the following best describes your company's permanent return to office/work from home policy? This addresses if employees need to return to the office or can work from home all of the time or some of the time. (n=465)

# Most Companies Have Implemented Their Permanent Return to Office/Work From Home Policy (Cont.)

Which best describes permanent return to office/work-from-home policy?

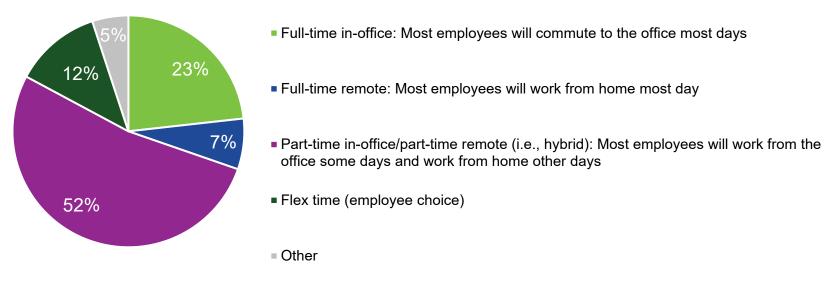
by region





## Most Companies Provide Employees Flexibility to Work From Home Post-COVID

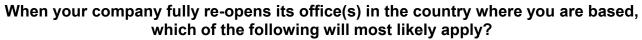
When your company fully re-opens its office(s) in the country where you are based, which of the following will most likely apply?

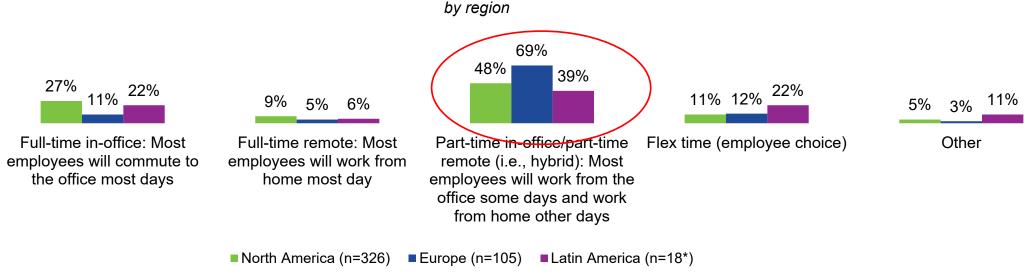


Q. When your company fully re-opens its office(s) in the country where you are based, which of the following will most likely apply? (n=461)



## Will Europeans Have More Flexibility to Work From Home?





Q. When your company fully re-opens its office(s) in the country where you are based, which of the following will most likely apply? \*indicates small sample size for Latin America (n<30)



## Only 1 in 5 Travel Programs Have Canceled or Suspended **Most or All Domestic Business Trips**

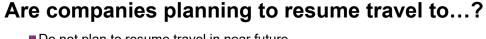


of companies have canceled or suspended most (32%) or all (13%) international trips

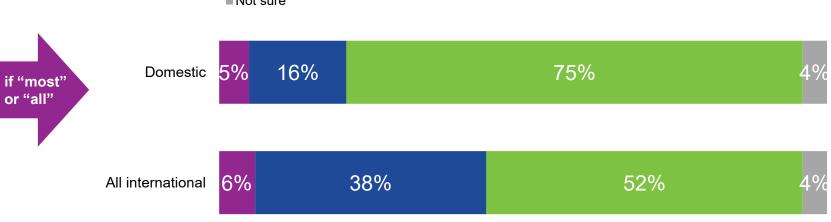


of companies have canceled or suspended most (16%) or all (4%) domestic travel within their own country

Q. Thinking about your company, how has the coronavirus impacted business travel to...? (n=341-389)



- Do not plan to resume travel in near future
- Have considered resuming travel in near future, but no definite plans
- Plan to resume travel in near future (1-3 months)
- Not sure



Q. You mentioned your company has canceled or suspended most or all trips to the following regions or countries. Thinking about each region or country, which best describes your company's position? Note: Respondents only asked about countries/regions where they indicated their company has canceled or suspended most or all business travel (n=77-153)

### Where Are We Heading?

### 2022

On average, respondents expect to return to **59%** of their prepandemic travel spend in 2022...

### 2023

...and expect to return to **79%** of their pre-pandemic spend in 2023

Q. Thinking about your company's spending on business travel, how do you expect it will compare to what business travel spend was in 2019? Your best estimate is fine. - 2022 expected spending is approximately; 2023 expected spending is approximately. . . (n=348)