Coronavirus Recovery Poll Results
February 28, 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 February 7 through February 14, 2022
- An email invitation was sent to 15,970 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, 461 companies responded to the poll
- Note: Some totals might not add to 100% because of rounding; each percentage is rounded to the nearest whole number
The State of Business Travel
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February 2022

- 71% of companies have resumed domestic travel – or plan to in near future
- 33% of companies have canceled or suspended most or all international business trips

If canceled or suspended most or all trips:
- 58% plan to resume domestic business travel in the near future (1-3 months)
- 33% plan to resume international business travel in the near future (1-3 months)
The State of Domestic Business Travel

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

Note: The GBTA Coronavirus Poll wasn't conducted in November and December, 2021
Note: Small sample size for Latin America-based respondents in recent polls (n<30)
The State of Domestic Business Travel (Cont.)

**% of companies that plan to resume domestic business travel in the near future (next 1-3 months)**

- **All companies**: 58% (+23 percentage points from last poll)
- **U.S.-based companies**: 45% (45% average over last 6 polls)
- **Canada-based**: 25%
- **Europe-based companies**: 35%
- **Latin America-based companies**: 20%

*Figures are among those that indicated their company has canceled or suspended most or all domestic business trips within their country.

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The State of International Business Travel

% of companies allowing some or more international business travel

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The State of International Business Travel (Cont.)

% of companies that plan to resume international business travel in the near future (next 1-3 months)*

- All companies
- U.S.-based companies
- Canada-based companies
- Europe-based companies
- Latin America-based companies

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As Omicron Wanes, Future Business Travel Bookings Tick Back Up

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

- Our bookings have decreased
- Our bookings have remained the same
- Our bookings have increased

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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=137-158) Note: Before September 2021, this question asked how about how bookings changed in the past week.
Employee Willingness to Travel Bounces Back

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

- Not willing at all
- Not willing
- Neither willing nor unwilling
- Somewhat willing
- Very willing
- Not sure

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=244-448)
Business Travel Remains Considerably Below Pre-Pandemic Peak

On average, travel buyers say their company’s business travel bookings are at 33% of the pre-pandemic level.

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: This average is an estimate. Respondents were given ranges in 10-point intervals and the average was calculated using the midpoints of these ranges.

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- 30% or less of our pre-pandemic bookings
- 31-50% of our pre-pandemic bookings
- 51-70% of our pre-pandemic bookings
- 71-100% of our pre-pandemic bookings
- Exceeded our pre-pandemic bookings
- Not sure
Business Travel Remains Considerably Below Pre-Pandemic Peak (Continued)

Travel Suppliers

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

- 30% or less of our pre-pandemic bookings
- 31-50% of our pre-pandemic bookings
- 51-70% of our pre-pandemic bookings
- 71-100% of our pre-pandemic bookings
- Exceeded our pre-pandemic bookings
- Not sure

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.

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Key Highlights
Respondents Feel Worst of Omicron Is Behind Us – But Business Travel Might Recover Slowly

Q. Thinking about the Omicron variant, which of the following best describes your near-term expectations for business travel over the next three months? (n=436)

- The worst of the Omicron variant is behind us and business travel will quickly pick up in the next three months (29%)
- The worst of the Omicron variant is behind us but business travel will pick up slowly in the next three months (5%)
- The Omicron variant will continue to weigh on business travel recovery in the next three months (17%)
- Not sure (50%)
While Some Wish to Travel Less Post-Pandemic, Most Hope to Return to Their Pre-Pandemic Frequency of Business Travel

How much would you prefer to travel for business in the future?

- Much less than I did before the pandemic
- Somewhat less
- The same amount
- Somewhat more
- Much more than I did before the pandemic
- Not sure

Q. How much would you prefer to travel for business in the future? (n=430)

- 8% Much less than I did before the pandemic
- 22% Somewhat less
- 55% The same amount
- 7% Somewhat more
- 6% Much more than I did before the pandemic
- 6% Not sure

68% of respondents prefer the same amount or more travel for business in the future.
## In Europe, Greater Appetite to Travel Less for Business

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<th>How much would you prefer to travel for business in the future?</th>
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<td>Much more/Somewhat more than before the pandemic</td>
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Q. How much would you prefer to travel for business in the future? (n=430)
Has the Pandemic Created Greater Interest in “Bleisure” Trips? Not Necessarily

Are business travelers at your company more interested in traveling for “bleisure” than they were before the pandemic?

Note: Question only displayed to travel buyers/procurement professionals

- Less interested/Much less interested: 18%
- Equally interested: 53%
- More interested/Much more interested: 29%

Q. Compared to before the pandemic, do you think employees at your company are more or less interested in extending work trips for leisure (i.e., taking "bleisure" trips)? Note: Question only displayed to travel buyers/procurement professionals (n=254)
After Layoffs and Furloughs, Many Business Travel Companies Have a Smaller Employee Base

Q. Thinking about your company, which of the following best describes its employee base currently? 

Note: If your company acquired another company—or was acquired—during the pandemic, please do not include the employees from the acquired subsidiary or parent.

Note: Results filtered to only show travel suppliers/TMC employees (n=150)

- Somewhat smaller/Much smaller than before the pandemic: 13%
- The same size as before the pandemic: 19%
- Somewhat larger/Much larger than before the pandemic: 66%
- Not sure: 2%
Will the Labor Shortage Make It Difficult for Travel Companies to Re-Staff?

Do travel suppliers agree…?
Note: Question only displayed to travel suppliers/TMC employees

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<td>It is difficult to retain qualified employees in the current environment</td>
<td>23%</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<td>We need to offer additional pay or incentives to hire or retain qualified employees in the current environment</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>17%</td>
<td>67%</td>
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Q. Thinking about your company specifically, please rate your agreement with the following.
Note: Question only displayed to travel managers/procurement professionals (n=150)
Labor Shortages Might Be a Bigger Issue in North America

Do travel suppliers agree…?
% “agree” or “strongly agree” by region

- It is difficult to hire qualified employees in the current environment
  - North America (n=116): 70%
  - Europe (n=23*): 65%

- It is difficult to retain qualified employees in the current environment
  - North America (n=116): 64%
  - Europe (n=23*): 43%

- We need to offer additional pay or incentives to hire or retain qualified employees in the current environment
  - North America (n=116): 72%
  - Europe (n=23*): 57%

Q. Thinking about your company specifically, please rate your agreement with the following.

Note: Question only displayed to travel suppliers/TMC professionals

*indicates small sample size for Europe (n<30)
One-Third of Respondents Feel Their Country’s Entry Requirements for International Visitors Are Too Strict

How would you rate your country’s entry requirements for international visitors (non-citizens)?

- 8% Too lenient/Much too lenient
- 46% Just right
- 34% Too strict/Much too strict
- 12% Not sure

Q. How would you rate your country’s entry requirements for international visitors (non-citizens)? (n=419)
Canada-Based Respondents Overwhelmingly Feel Their Country’s Entry Requirements Are Too Strict

How would you rate your country’s entry requirements for international visitors (non-citizens)?
by region/country

Europe (n=93)
United States (n=264)
Canada (n=38)

11% 6% 3%
Too lenient/Much too lenient

68% 42% 29%
Just right

16% 35% 66%
Too strict/Much too strict

Q. Thinking about your company specifically, please rate your agreement with the following.

Note: Question only displayed to travel suppliers/TMC professionals
*Indicates small sample size for Europe (n<30)
Travel Bans Disrupt Business – and It Can Take Months to Recover

Which best describes your view?
travel managers/procurement professionals only

- Government travel restrictions have not disrupted our business operations
- Government travel restrictions have somewhat disrupted our business operations
- Government travel restrictions have greatly disrupted our business operations

79% somewhat disrupted + greatly disrupted
23%
56%

How Long Will It Take to Return to Normal?

- Less than one month
- 1-2 months
- 3-4 months
- 5-6 months
- More than 6 months
- Not sure

After restrictions are lifted, 51% say it would take 3 months or longer for their company’s operations to return to normal

Q. Thinking about your company specifically, which of the following best describes your view? Note: Question only displayed to travel managers/procurement professionals (n=247)

Q. You mentioned travel bans have hurt business operations. After travel bans have been lifted, how long would it take for your company’s business operations to return to normal? Note: Question only displayed to travel managers/procurement professionals who say travel bans have greatly or somewhat disrupted their company’s business operations (n=247)
Respondents Support Vaccine Requirements for International Visitors – But Oppose Travel Bans

Q. How do you feel about the following country-level entry requirements for international visitors (non-citizens)? (n=408-410)

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<td>International visitors need to quarantine upon arrival</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>International visitors need to take a COVID-19 test prior to departure</td>
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Support for Various Requirements Roughly Consistently Across Regions

Do respondents support different requirements for international visitors (non-citizens)?

% “support” + “strongly support” by region

Q. How do you feel about the following country-level entry requirements for international visitors (non-citizens)?
Most Respondents Expect Their Company Will Require Reporting to the Office at Least Some Days

When your company fully reopens its office(s), which of the following is most likely to apply?

- Our company will require most employees to report to the office at least some days (56%)
- Our company will prefer that employees report to the office but not require it; however, it might incentivize reporting to the office (e.g., free lunch or other benefits) (19%)
- Our company will not care if employees report to the office or work from home (15%)
- Our company will prefer that employees work from home (6%)
- Our company will never fully reopen its office (5%)

Q. When your company fully reopens its office(s), which of the following is most likely to apply? (n=415)
Only One-Third of Travel Programs Have Canceled or Suspended Most or All Domestic Business Trips

Q. Thinking about your company, how has the coronavirus impacted business travel to…? (n=363-)

- 71% of companies have canceled or suspended most (55%) or all (17%) international trips
- 33% of companies have canceled or suspended most (30%) or all (4%) domestic travel within their own country

Are companies planning to resume travel to…?
- 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

Domestic
- 5% Do not plan to resume travel in near future
- 33% Have considered resuming travel in near future, but no definite plans
- 58% Plan to resume travel in near future (1-3 months)
- 3% Not sure

All international
- 9% Do not plan to resume travel in near future
- 50% Have considered resuming travel in near future, but no definite plans
- 33% Plan to resume travel in near future (1-3 months)
- 8% 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=129-257)