

## Travel sector to create six million US jobs, reveals WTTC

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The latest Economic Impact Report (EIR) from the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC), which represents the global travel private sector, reveals that the U.S. travel and tourism sector is expected to make up 9.2% of the entire U.S. economy based on an average annual growth rate of 3.9pc.

According to the forecast, produced in partnership with Oxford Economics, between 2022 and 2032, jobs in the U.S. travel and tourism could grow at an average rate of 3.9pc annually, representing a 47pc increase from 2022 expected job levels.

Whilst the global tourism body welcomes the new National Travel and Tourism Strategy, which aims to ensure the future growth of travel and tourism in the U.S. and create new jobs, WTTC says only immediate action now can secure the long-term recovery of the sector and create more than 6.3 million jobs over the next decade.

For 2022, WTTC projects that the sector's GDP contribution will grow by more than 42pc versus 2021, reaching more than \$1.8 billion by the end of this year and

accounting for 7.6pc of the entire U.S. economy. By year-end, the global tourism body forecasts that employment in the sector could increase as much as 28pc, reaching 13.5 million jobs nationwide, from a high of 16.8 million in 2019.

“The long-term recovery of the U.S. travel and tourism sector looks positive, bringing more than 6 million new jobs to the U.S. economy over the next 10 years,” said Julia Simpson, WTTC President & CEO. “But the landscape is highly competitive, and the U.S. is losing out on international visitors.”

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