

# Navigating an Economic Adventure

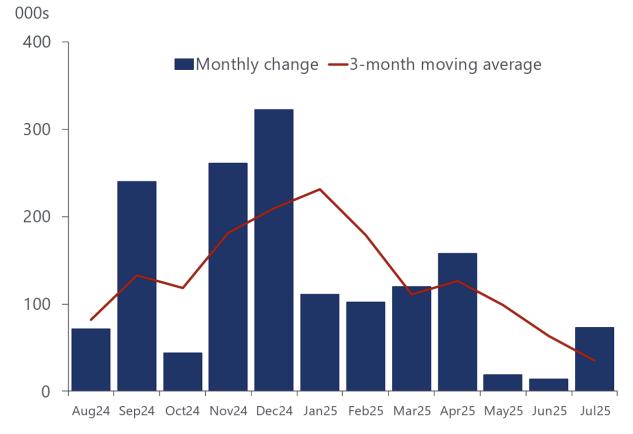
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### Last three months averaged just 35,000 jobs





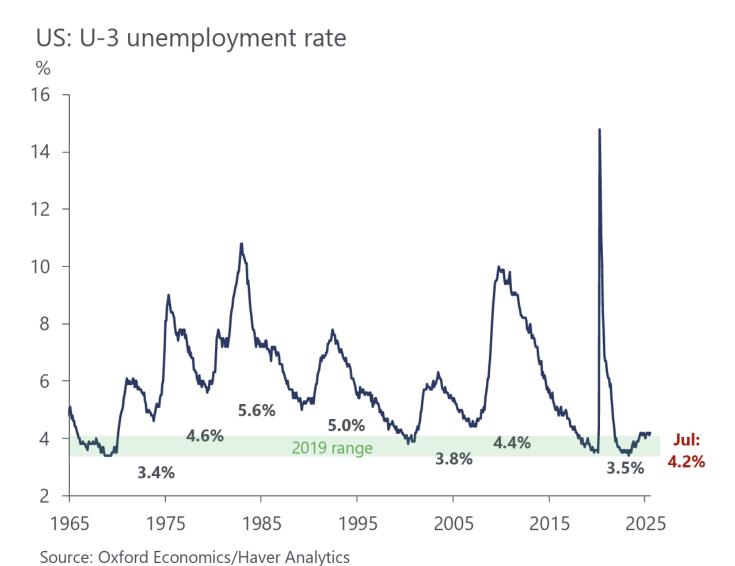
Source: Oxford Economics/Haver Analytics

Weakest since the pandemic.

If not for the health and social services sector, employment would have declined over past three months.

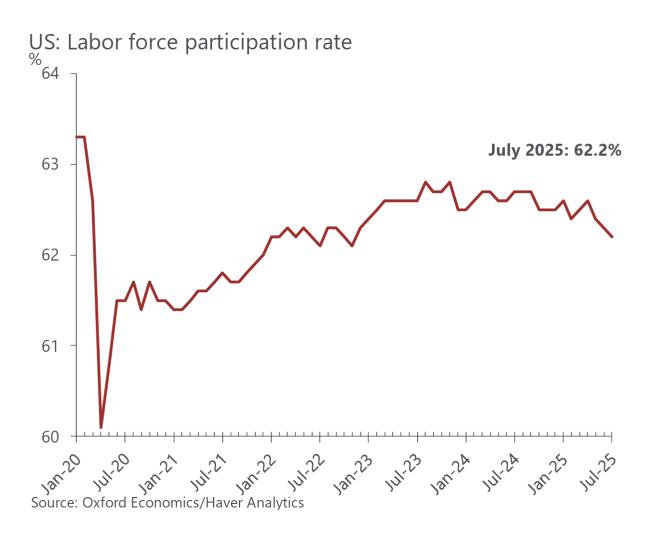


### **Unemployment stands at 4.2%**





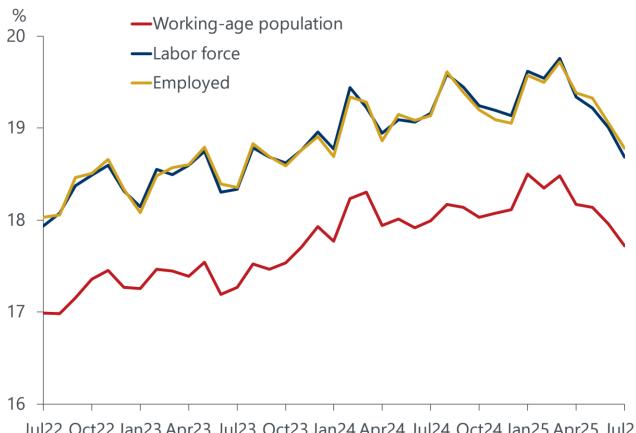
## ...it would be 4.9% except for drop in participation





### Also, 1.2 million have left the labor market

US: Foreign-born shares of the labor market



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## Jobs are becoming more precious





## Evidence of a tight labor market

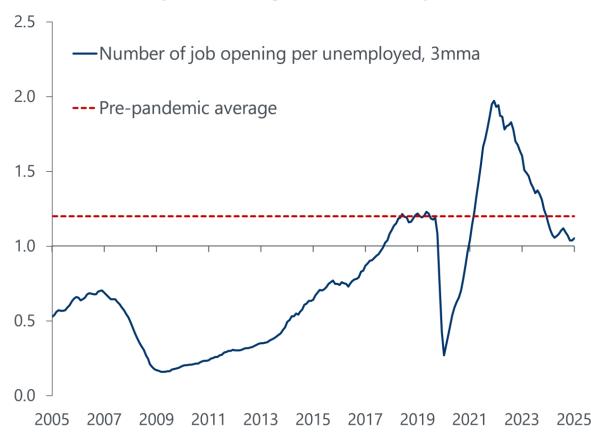
US: Wage growth tracker of job switchers and stayers 12mma of median wage growth, %





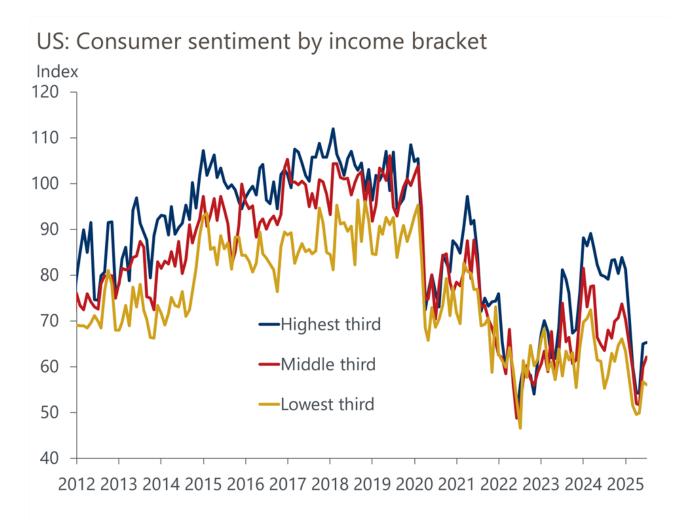
## But the labor supply-demand balance is still ok

US: Number of job openings per unemployed





### **Consumer are worried**

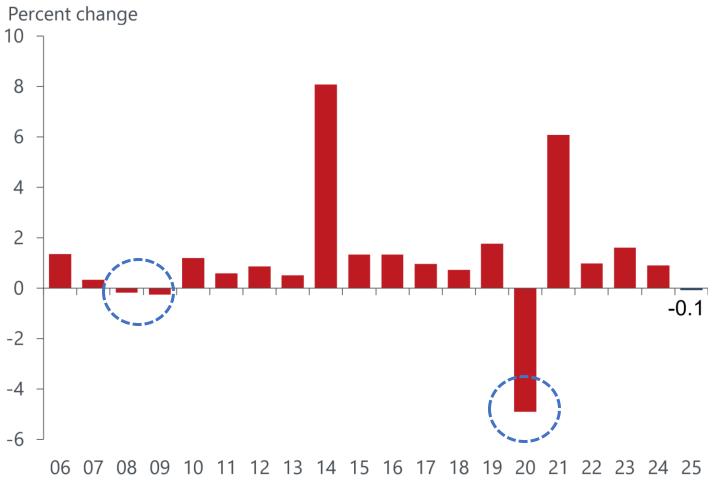


Source: Oxford Economics



## ...and spending is on hold

US: Real consumer spending, January-June



## This stagnation is rare outside a recession

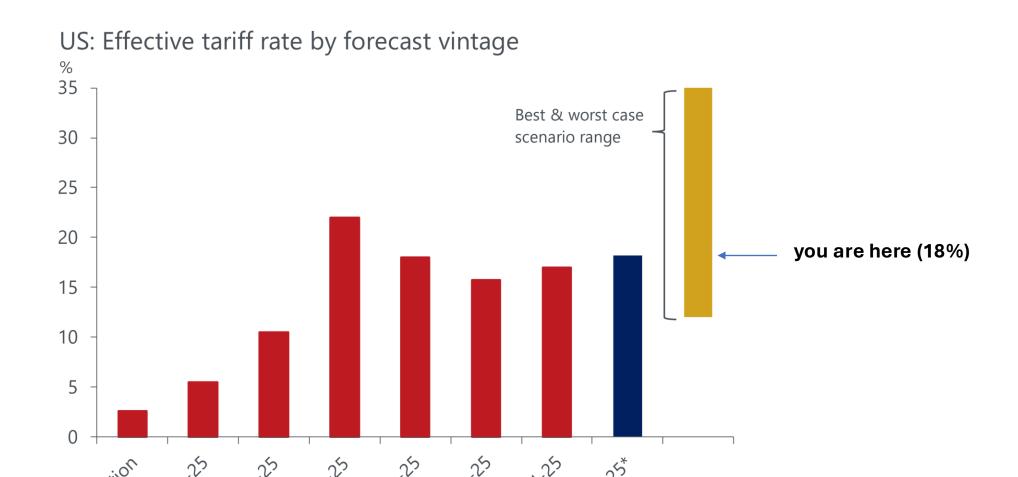
- Last time: 2020
- Time before that: Great Recession



## Why?



### Trade-weighted tariff rate highest in since 1930s





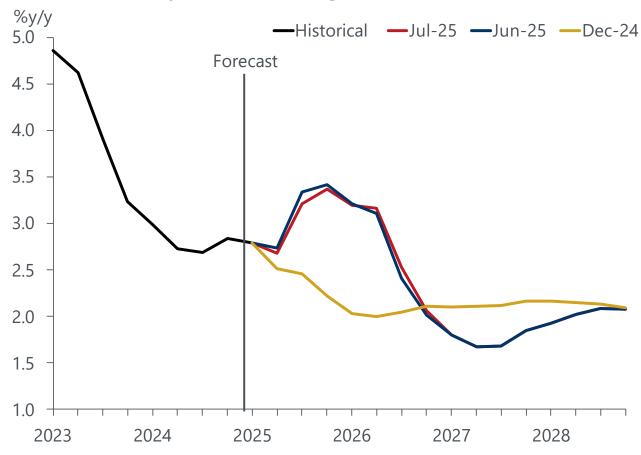
### Observable effects of tariffs so far

- Higher prices
- Weaker dollar
- Manufacturing stress
- High interest rates
- Reduced CAPEX
- Government revenue



## Core inflation will rise to 3.4% this year

US: Core PCE by forecast vintage



Source: Oxford Economics/Haver Analytics

Dollar depreciation will add inflation in the second half of 2025



### Tariffs are proving a hurdle for manufacturers

### US: ISM manufacturing measures



Employment declines for three straight months.

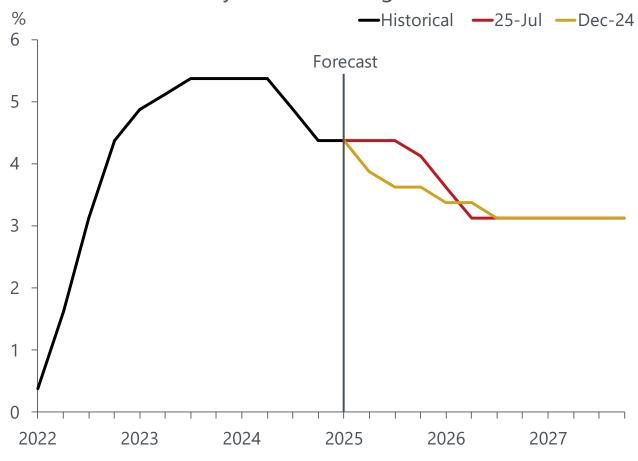
### Reasons:

- higher input costs
- supply disruptions
- customers wary of committing to new orders



### Interest rates: higher for longer

US: Fed funds rate by forecast vintage

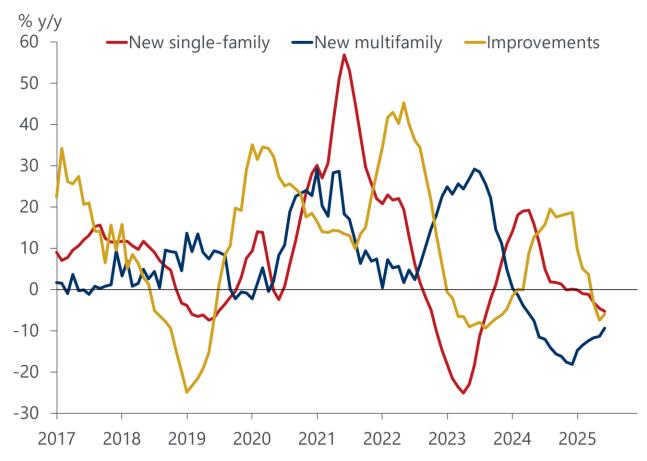






## **Construction is sliding**

US: Private residential construction

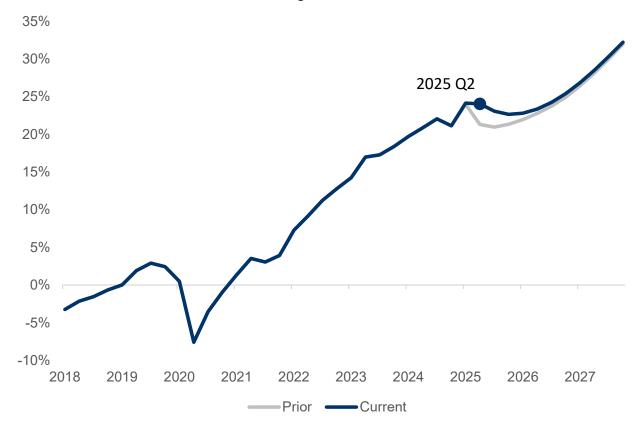




### Businesses are pausing investment

#### **Business investment**

Nonresidential fixed investment, real, growth since 2019 Q1



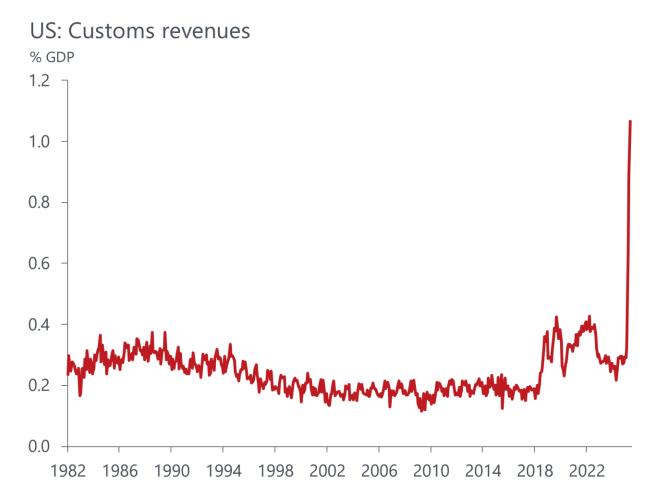
"Second quarter U.S. and Canada select service and extended stay RevPAR declined around 1.5% year over year, primarily due to a decline in government demand ... as well as weaker demand from smaller business customers."

Marriott, Aug 5, 2025

Source: BEA, Oxford Economics



### **But...** tariffs are raising revenues



\$30 billion in July (compared to an average of around \$8B last year)

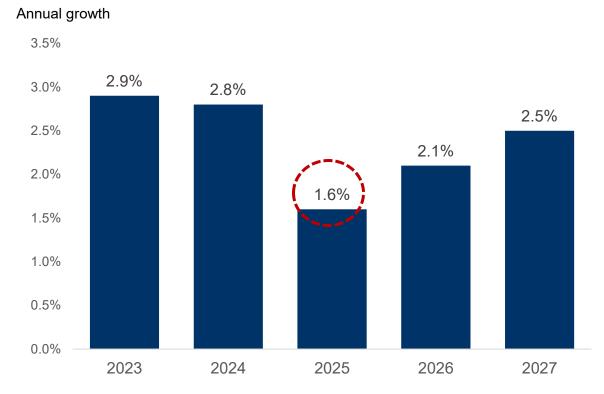
Current tariff rates could generate more than \$3 trillion over the next decade

Source: Oxford Economics



### Economic growth will slow markedly in 2025

#### **US Real GDP**



Source: Oxford Economics

### Unemployment will rise to 4.4% this year

The economy will improve next year, supported by tax cuts/extensions and the fading effects of tariffs on inflation.

~ 35% odds of recession in the next 12 months (compared to 15% normal odds)

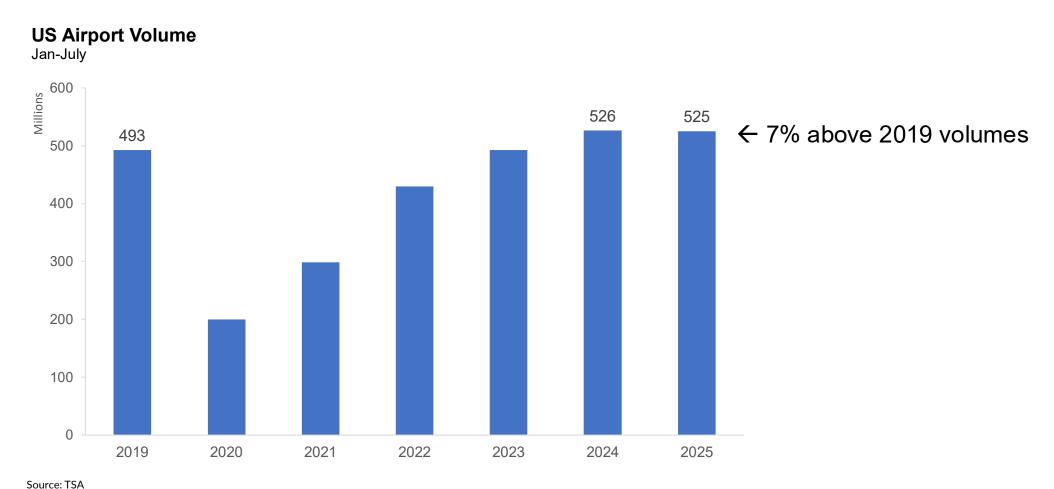
The economy is vulnerable and has little margin for error.



# How are travelers reacting?



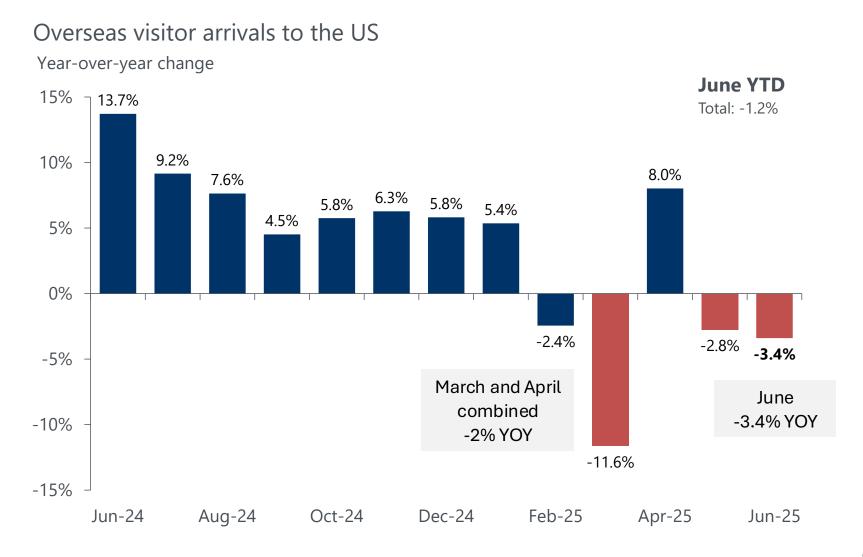
## Air travel is flat compared to last year







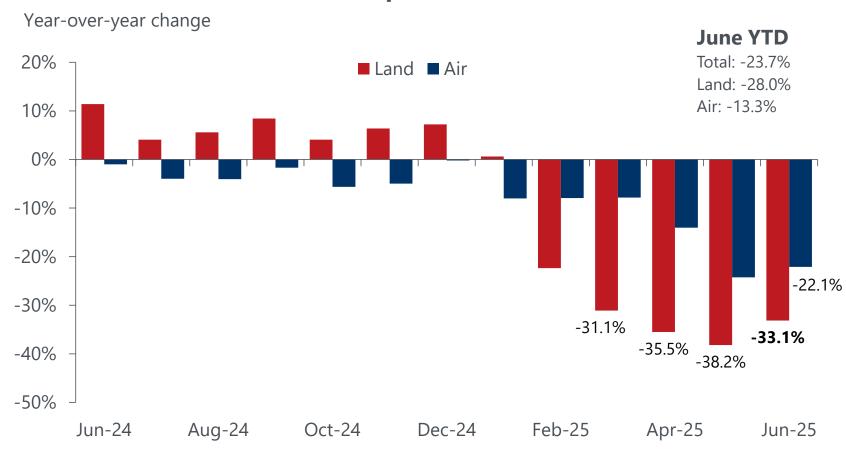
### International visitors to the US in decline





### Canada land travel continues to plummet

### **Canadian-resident US return trips**



Source: Statistics Canada

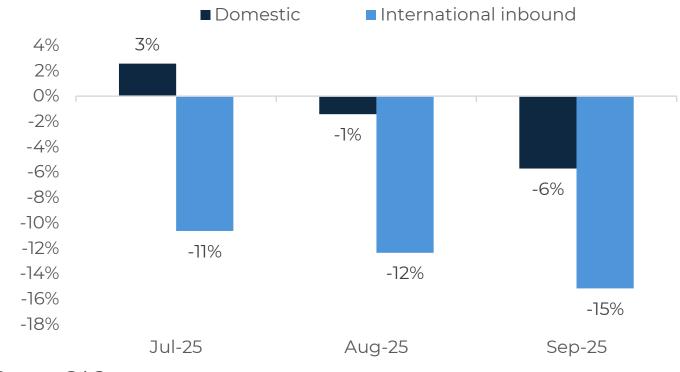
Note: Leading indicators for May and June 2025.



## Forward bookings point to continued declines

### **US Air Travel Booking Pace**

Year-over-year % change (as of June 2025)



Source: OAG



### Not exactly rolling out the welcome mat

### **DOUBLING ESTA FEE TO \$40 'A SELF-IMPOSED** TARIFF', WARNS US TOURISM CHIEF

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## UK holidaymakers face doubling of 'waiver' fee in new ESTA change

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Travelers to the U.S. must pay a new \$250 'visa integrity fee' — what to know



Senate proposal to slash Brand **USA's budget sparks industry** concerns

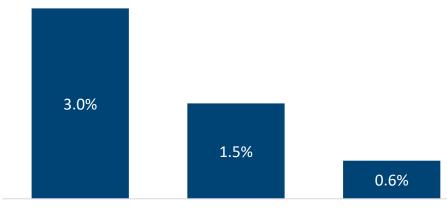
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By Johanna Jainchill Jun 09, 2025

### **Expected impact to US hotel demand**



Domestic and international contributions to total growth



For the past three years, international inbound travel has supported US demand growth.

This year expect a -0.6% headwind.

0.3%

				-0.0%		
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
International	3.0%	1.5%	0.6%	-0.6%	0.3%	
Domestic	7.5%	-0.6%	-0.1%	0.5%	0.3%	
Total	10.6%	1.0%	0.5%	-0.1%	0.6%	

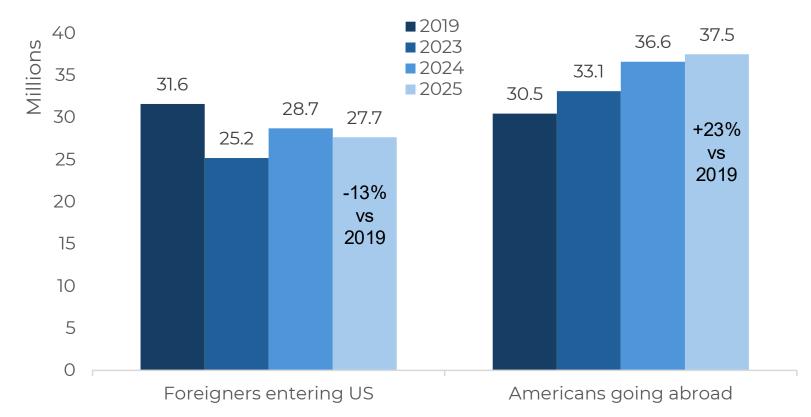
Source: CoStar-STR, Tourism Economics



### Fewer inbound passengers, strong outbound

### **US inbound and outbound air travel (Jan-Jun YTD)**

International passenger flows, in millions



Source: APIS I-92

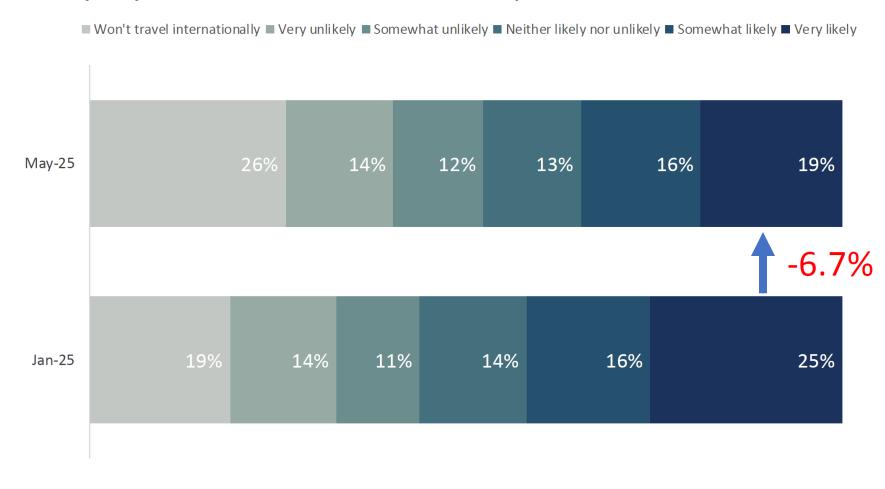


# Do you have anything positive to say?



## **Expected reductions in outbound travel will help**

How likely are you to travel for an international leisure trip in the next 12 months?





### **Tempered optimism from airlines**

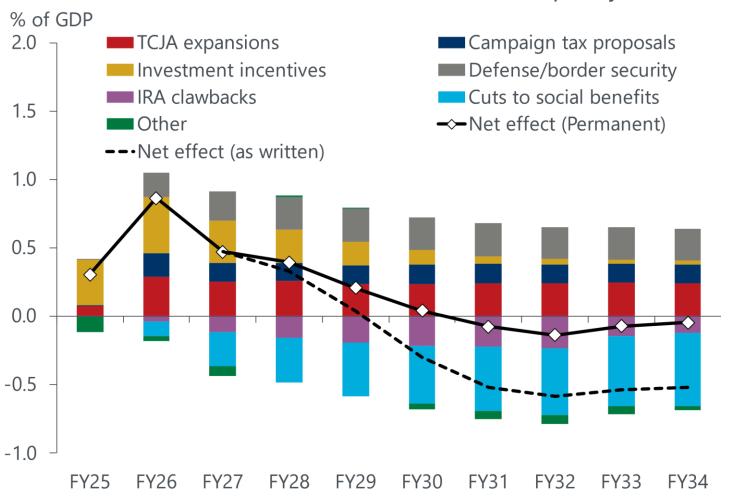
"So this year, obviously, a really tough first half. We think we're going to get some nice tailwinds as we head on into the second half and expect expansion as we head into 2026." - American Airlines (7-24-2025)

"The market and most businesses have a much better read on how they'll manage in a narrower range of outcomes. And encouragingly, that higher level of certainty has translated into a meaningful inflection point in demand." - United (7-17-2025)



### Senate bill will boost growth next year

US: Fiscal effect of Senate OBBB versus current policy



### Positive fiscal stimulus

- tax cut extensions
- tax cuts on tips, overtime, and car loan interest
- more generous state and local tax deduction

"For '26 to '28, we had messaged last time that, that group pace was in the higher single digits. That actually improved slightly from the last quarter.

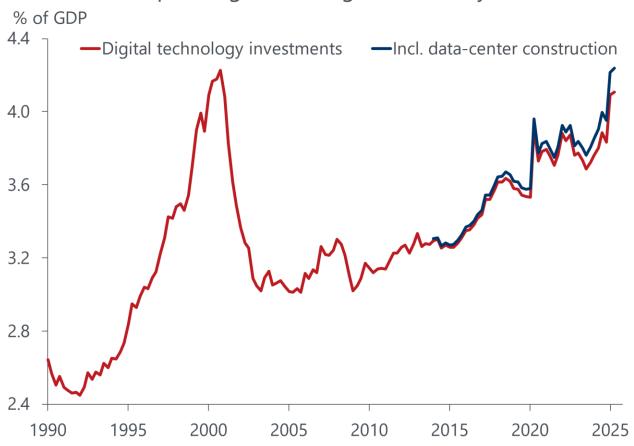
So yes, we see groups continuing to book out into the future."

Host, July 31



### One area of investment is thriving

US: Business spending on the digital economy



"Fourth quarter RevPAR growth is anticipated to accelerate from the third quarter ... group revenues for the third quarter pacing down 2% and pacing up 6% for the fourth quarter."

Marriott, Aug 5



## Usage rates of AI are rising briskly

US: Usage of AI in business operations planned vs. actual



Source: Oxford Economics/Census BTOS



### Income still supports spending growth



"Leisure transient has probably been the surprise outperformer for us. And again, I will point to the luxury and certain parts of the premium segment. ...This desire for experiences over goods continues and the underlying trends that we see are excellent."

Marriott, Aug 5

← 2.4% CPI in May (over 12 months)

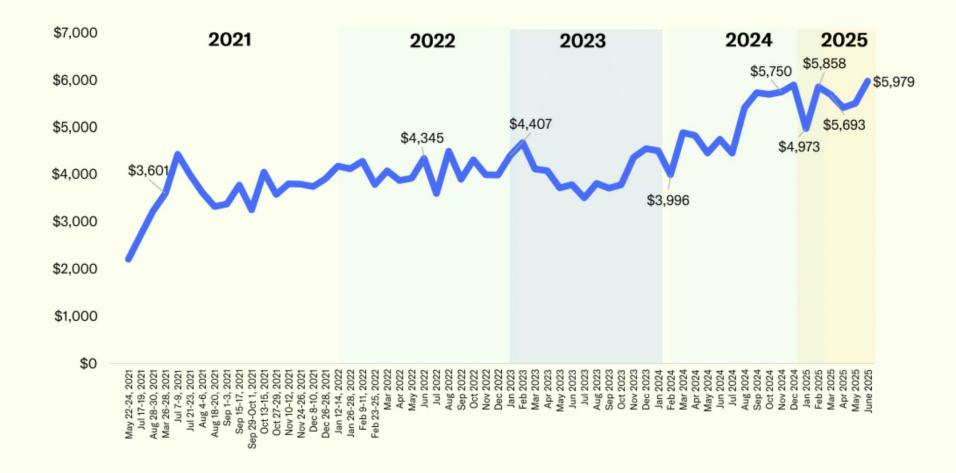


### **Budget for domestic travel remains high**

### Question:

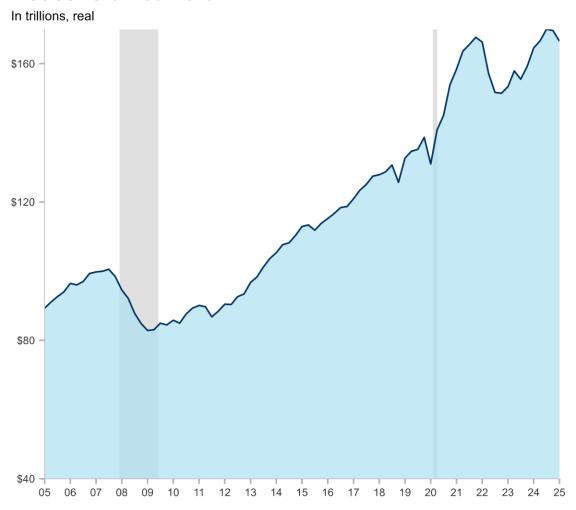
How much IN TOTAL is the maximum you will spend on leisure travel (including airfare, accommodations and all other trip related spending) during the NEXT 12 MONTHS?

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



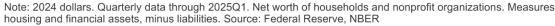
### Strong gains to household balance sheets

#### Household net worth



"High-end resort properties continue to show resilience, no resistance to rate."

Host, July 31

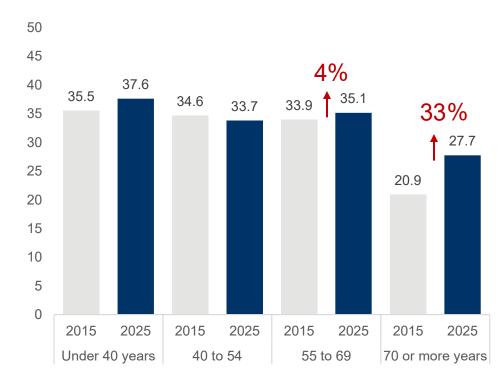




# Older US households (55+) now have \$114 trillion

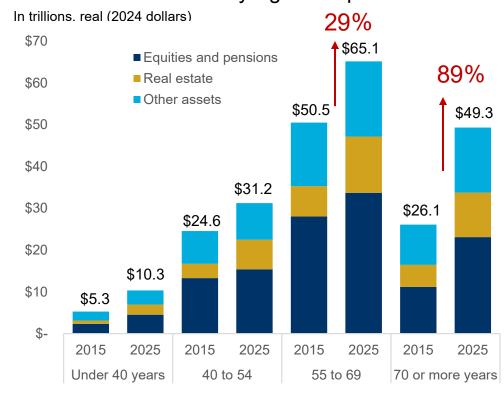
#### Number of Households by Age Group

In millions of households



Source: Federal Reserve

#### Household Net Worth by Age Group



Note: Real estate is shown net of mortgages. Other assets include private businesses, consumer goods and other assets, net of other liabilities.

Source: Federal Reserve



# What about the Dallas Region?

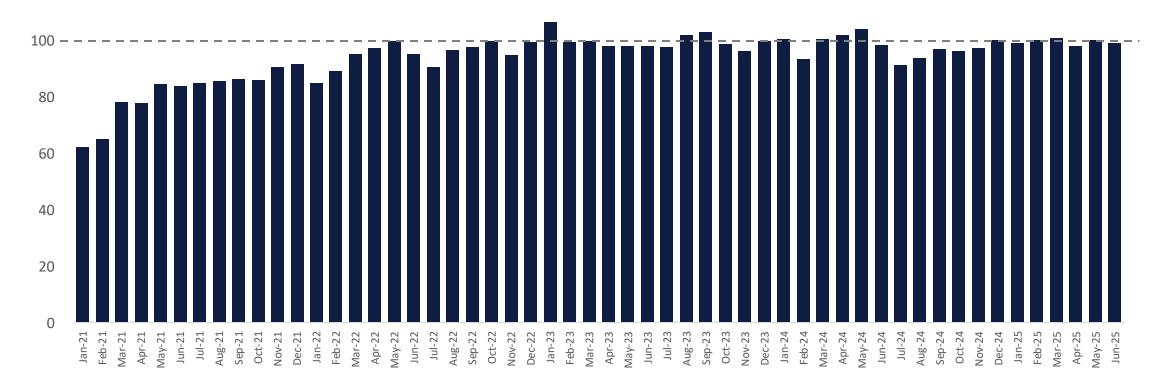


# Hotel demand hovering around 2019 levels

#### **Hotel Demand**

City of Dallas, % recovered vs same period in in 2019 (index, 2019=100)

120



Source: STR



### But Dallas is not immune to national trends

#### **2025 Hotel Performance**

City of Dallas, % change vs prior year



2025 YTD vs 2024 -1.0% 2025 YTD vs 2019 -6.9%

+ 0.8% +22.8% - 0.2% +14.5%

Source: STR

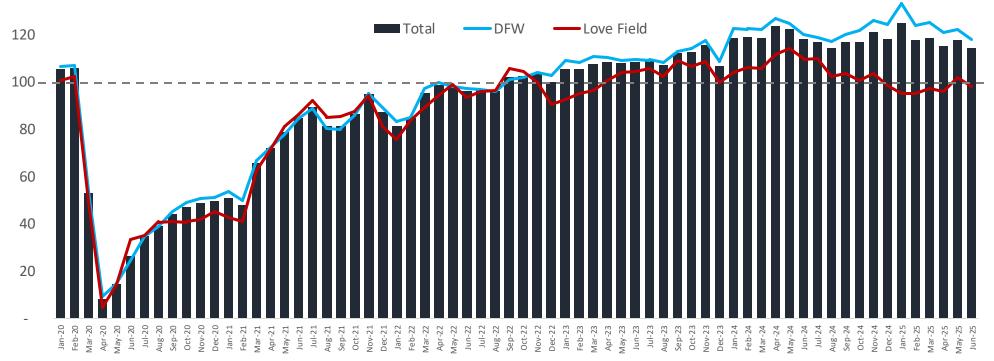


# Air Travel remains elevated vs 2019, but slowing

#### **Dallas Air Travel**

Throughput, % recovered vs 2019 (index, 2019=100)





Source: TSA

#### **2025 YTD**

(YOY % change, thru June)

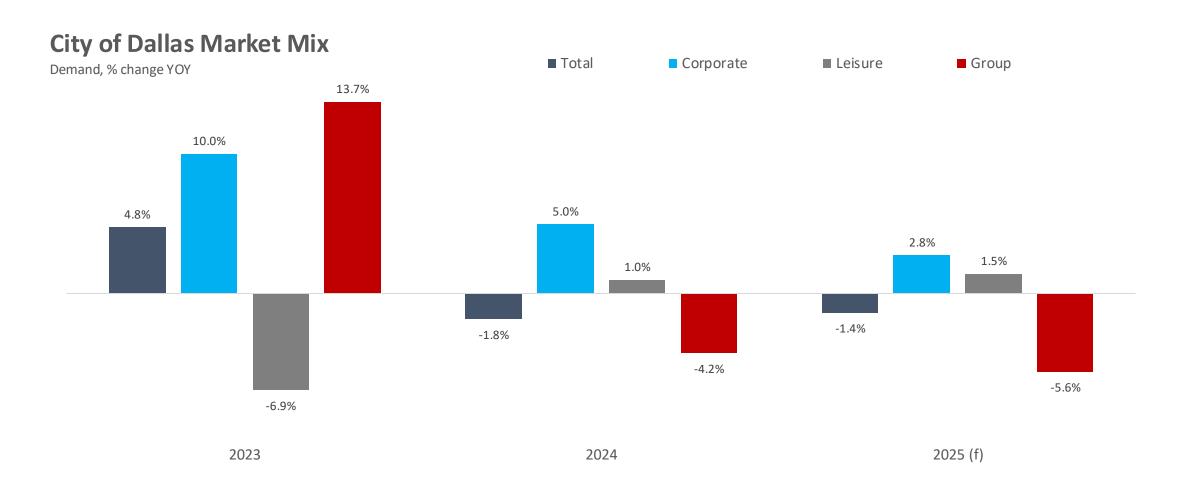
DFW: -0.3%

Love Field: -10.9%

Total: -2.4%



# Convention Center renovation hampering group demand



Source: Tourism Economics (forecast as of July 2025)



# Downtown is – not surprisingly – the most impacted by the renovations

#### **Change in Group Rooms Committed for Future 12 months Compared to STLY**

	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	Total
Dallas	(7,652)	(42,475)	(12,692)	(8,451)	(16,442)	(6,732)	(17,215)	1,020	(24,606)	(46,488)	(22,800)	(3,660)	(208,193)
Downtown Dallas	(2,006)	(39,665)	(25,846)	(10,699)	(13,091)	(6,839)	(11,508)	3,479	(20,523)	(36,302)	(8,891)	(4,799)	(176,690)
Rest of DFW	18,304	20,094	(13,217)	(23,957)	25,678	21,513	24,529	44,865	18,221	39,964	7,393	10,341	193,728

#### **STLY Pace Percentage**

	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	Total
Dallas	-3.7%	-25.3%	-10.5%	-6.7%	<b>-12.6</b> %	-6.6%	-26.0%	1.2%	<b>-27.1</b> %	-41.0%	<b>-27.9</b> %	<b>-7.4</b> %	<b>-15.5</b> %
Downtown Dallas	-2.2%	-46.4%	-34.1%	-17.2%	-22.2%	-13.4%	-36.9%	8.4%	-37.1%	-49.4%	-19.3%	-11.5%	-24.8%
Rest of DFW	5.3%	6.9%	-5.9%	-10.1%	10.6%	12.5%	28.7%	41.2%	<b>17.2</b> %	49.2%	8.8%	18.9%	9.5%

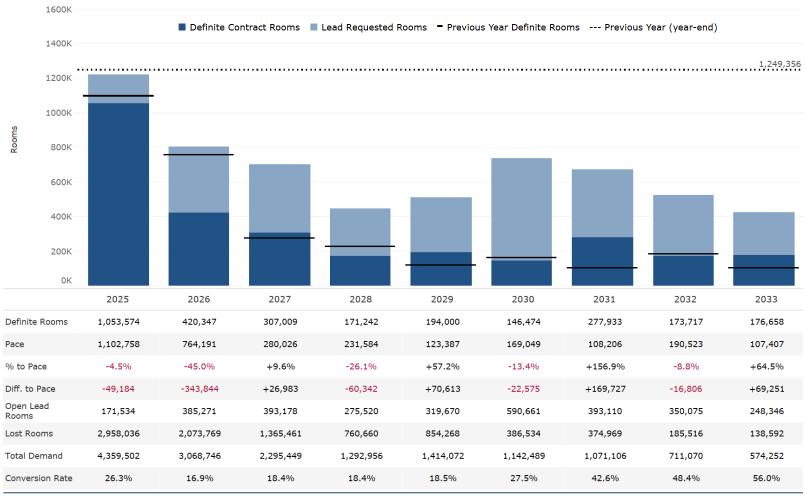
Source: KeyData



# Impacts are evident in 2025 and the next three years

#### **Visit Dallas Booking Pace**

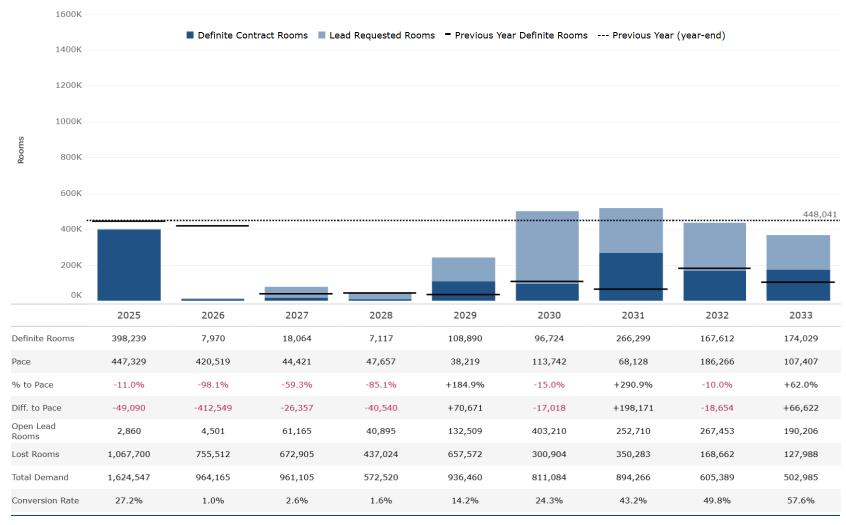
All Visit Dallas-related group business compared to STLY, as of 8/11/2025



# Limited number of citywide events until 2029 due to renovation

#### **Visit Dallas Citywide Booking Pace**

Visit Dallas-related citywide group business compared to STLY, as of 8/11/2025

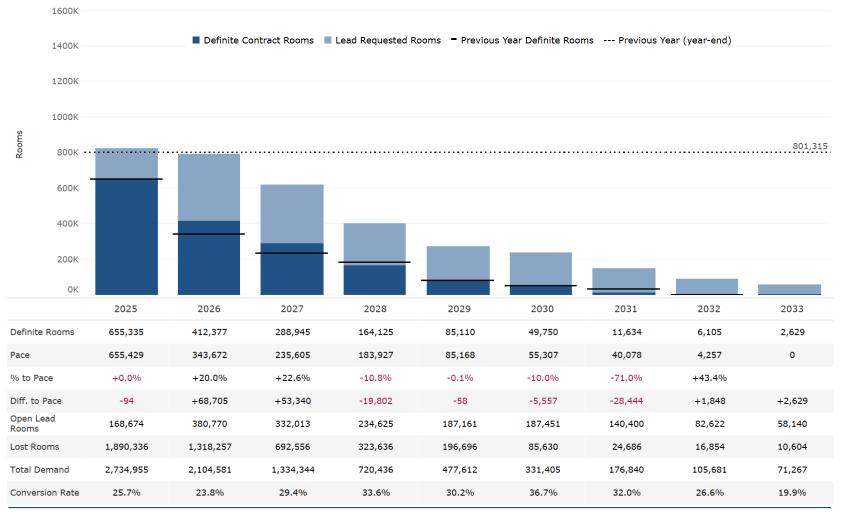




# Hotel sales team is being successful in limiting the impact

#### **Visit Dallas non-citywide Booking Pace**

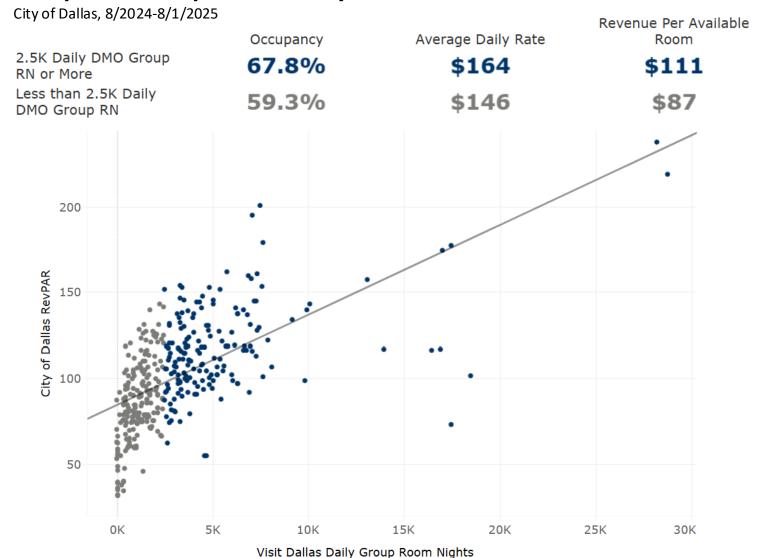
Visit Dallas-related non-citywide group business compared to STLY, as of 8/11/2025





# Citywide events, on average, increases RevPAR by 27.6%

#### **Compression Impact from Citywide Events**



# **Transient driving demand in 2025**

### **City of Dallas Hotel Forecast**

Indicator	2024	2025 (f)	% Chg YOY	% Chg vs 2019
Corporate Transient	2.33M	2.39M	2.8%	6.0%
Leisure Transient	2.87M	2.91M	1.5%	7.0%
Group	2.71M	2.56M	-5.6%	-17.6%
Contract	332K	265K	-20.3%	-19.7%
Total	8.24M	8.12M	-1.4%	-3.4%

Source: STR (history); Tourism Economics (forecast as of July 2025)

# 2025 downgraded, but hotels are expected to bounce back in 2026

City of Dallas Hotel Forecast

Indicator	2024	2025 (f)	% Chg YOY	% Chg vs 2019
Occupancy	63.1%	61.9%	-1.9%	-9.2%
ADR	\$154.18	\$154.10	-0.1%	21.6%
RevPAR	\$97.31	\$95.37	-2.0%	10.5%
Supply (daily)	35,652	35,963	0.6%	6.3%
Demand	8.24M	8.12M	-1.4%	-3.4%
Room Revenue	\$1.270B	\$1.252B	-1.4%	17.5%

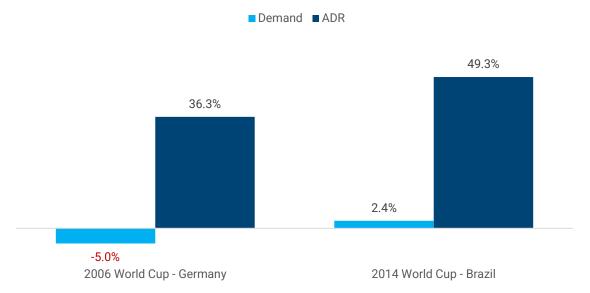
2026 (f)	% Chg YOY	% Chg vs 2019
62.5%	0.9%	-8.3%
\$163.85	6.3%	29.3%
\$102.33	7.3%	18.5%
36,482	1.4%	7.9%
8.37M	2.4%	-1.1%
\$1.363B	8.8%	27.9%

Source: STR (history); Tourism Economics (forecast as of July 2025)

# FIFA World Cup - Historical View

#### **World Cup hotel room revenue lift**

Average market-level impact, June matches only, excludes final



Notes: Market geographies as defined by CoStar-STR. Lift calculated as difference relative to the average performance the same month the year before and the year after the event.

Source: Tourism Economics, CoStar-STR

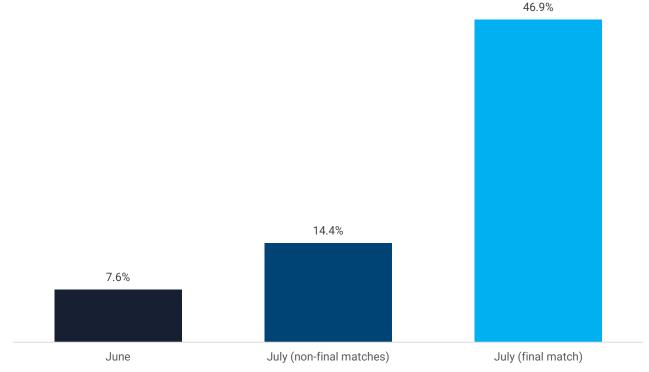
- In both Germany and Brazil World Cups, the large majority of room revenue lift came from ADR with no impact to room demand. This suggests usual traffic may divert away from those higher ADR nights to some extent.
- We expect Dallas to see similar trends in June/July 2026. Our prior forecast assumed room demand growth that historical World Cups did not see. This represents the majority of the change in this forecast update.



# FIFA World Cup - Historical View

#### 2006 FIFA World Cup - Germany

Monthly ADR lift per match, Host Market



Notes: Market geographies as defined by CoStar-STR. Lift calculated as difference relative to the average performance the same month the year before and the year after the event.

Source: Tourism Economics, CoStar-STR

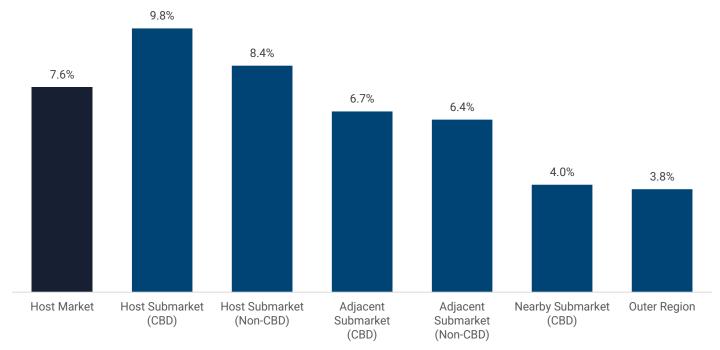
- Later matches created greater ADR lift.
- We expect Dallas to see a similar trend. With five matches in June, we now expect 29% growth in ADR. With four later-stage matches in July, we now expect 42% growth in ADR.



# FIFA World Cup - Historical View

#### 2006 FIFA World Cup - Germany

Monthly ADR lift per match, June only



Notes: Market geographies as defined by CoStar-STR. Lift calculated as difference relative to the average performance the same month the year before and the year after the event. Nearby Submarket (CBD) must be within 20 miles of stadium and not already host or adjacent. Submarkets in Outer Region are surrounding regional areas within the host market.

Source: Tourism Economics, CoStar-STR

- Submarkets throughout the Host Market benefited from the World Cup.
- In the case of the city of Dallas, which incorporates an area that does not include AT&T Stadium (Arlington), we expect ADR in the city of Dallas to perform similarly to a historical Adjacent Submarket (CBD). Five matches in June at a 6.7% ADR lift per match, would theoretically lift June ADR by 33%. This is very close to our new expectation of 29% growth in June ADR.
- The presence of Fort Worth, and the slightly further distance than 'adjacent', the International Broadcasting Centre, and other general differences expected in this World Cup are all additional assumptions included in this forecast update.



# As a short story

### The near-term outlook is soft and risky

- US economy is on a tight rope. Expect higher inflation, slower economic growth, weaker labor markets
- International markets will continue as a drag on performance

### The outlook is more promising, if you look out a little farther

- Domestic travel is resilient
- Higher income households will play an outsized role
- International imbalances will improve
- The economy is very likely to strengthen into 2026 and 2027

