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Air Travelers in America
Key Findings of a Survey Conducted by Ipsos

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## Ipsos Research Approach and Poll Accuracy

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between January 9-31, 2023, on behalf of Airlines for America ${ }^{\circledR}$ (A4A). This poll screened a national sample of 11,215 adults (age 18 or older) to identify those who have "ever flown on an airplane," combining samples from the probability-based KnowledgePanel ${ }^{\circledR}$ and a nonprobability sample. Of these, 5,140 respondents qualified for and completed the survey, with 2,078 respondents coming from the KnowledgePanel and 3,062 coming from the non-probability sample.

This survey was partially conducted using the Ipsos KnowledgePanel, the most well-established online probability-based panel that is representative of the adult U.S. population. Panelists are recruited into this invitation-only panel via postal mailings to a random selection of residential addresses. To ensure that noninternet households are included, Ipsos provides an internet-enabled tablet to those who need them. Additional sample was obtained using a non-probability sample with a quota design to increase the overall study sample size and allow for analyses of subpopulation groups of interest.

The study was conducted in English. The data were weighted to adjust for age, race/ethnicity, education, Census region by metropolitan status, and household income. The demographic benchmarks for adults ages 18 and older in the United States came from the 2022 March Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS).

As Air Travel Has Become Safer and More Accessible, More Americans Have Taken to the Skies Almost Nine in Ten Americans Have Flown Commercially


More Than Half of Americans Aged 18-24 Flew in 2022
94\% of Americans Aged 55+ Have Flown in Their Lifetimes

Share (Percent) of U.S. Adult Population That Flew - By Age Group


More Than Half of Americans Report Having Flown Before Their $16^{\text {th }}$ Birthday Nearly Four Out of Five Have Flown Prior to Age 21

How old were you (in years) when you took your first flight?


Nearly 80\% of Americans With Household Incomes Under \$50K Have Flown Commercially Those With a College Degree Are More Likely to Have Flown Than Those Without Degrees
\% Who Flew - By Household Income

\% Who Flew - By Level of Education


Over the Past Five Years, Many Americans Experienced a Low-Cost or Ultra-Low-Cost Carrier 12\% of Americans Flew a Foreign-Flag Carrier on at Least One Personal Trip

> In the past five years (2018-2022), when traveling for personal reasons, which of the following types of airlines* did you fly?

| Airline Group | $\%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| American, Delta, United (U.S. global network airlines) | 72 |
| Alaska, Hawaiian, JetBlue, Southwest (U.S. low-cost or hybrid airlines) | 46 |
| Allegiant, Avelo, Breeze, Frontier, Spirit, Sun Country (U.S. ultra-low-cost airlines) | 19 |
| Silver Airways, Cape Air, or any other U.S. airline | 1 |
| Air Canada, Aeromexico, British Airways, JAL, or other non-U.S. airlines | 12 |

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## In 2022, Among Americans, Three Out of Four Air Trips Were Taken for Personal Reasons

## Approximate Personal* Share (Percent) of Trips



Over One Fourth of Those With Flexible Work Arrangements Said That Flexibility Resulted in Their Taking More Leisure Trips in 2022
(Note: Asked only of those who indicated they had a flexible work arrangement)
Did you take more trips in 2022 for leisure because you had a flexible work arrangement?


Overall, When Choosing Which Flight to Take, Price Is the Dominant Consideration Nearly Half of Those Who Flew in 2022 Ranked Ticket Prices Number One

In choosing among flights, which of the following criteria are most important to you? Please rank the following criteria, with 1 being the most important to you and 6 being the least most important to you?

| Criteria for Choosing Among Flights | Overall <br> Rank | Mean <br> Score | \% of Respondents <br> Ranking \#1 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ticket price/value | 1 | 1.78 | 55 |
| Nonstop flight option (vs. connecting) | 2 | 2.39 | 23 |
| Departure/arrival time | 3 | 2.45 | 17 |
| Percentage of seats that are occupied (fullness) | 4 | 4.62 | 2 |
| Availability/quality of inflight WiFi/entertainment | 5 | 4.82 | 1 |
| Availability/quality of food/beverage service | 6 | 4.92 | 4 |

If you could change anything about commercial air travel over the next two years, how important would you rate each of the following?
\% of Respondents Indicating "Very Important" or "Somewhat Important"


Of Those Flying for Personal Reasons, 70\% Visit One or More Airline Mobile Apps or Websites to Research Air Travel Options Prior to Making a Purchase

When traveling for personal reasons, which of the following options below do you generally consult when researching air travel options before making a final purchase? (select all applicable)


When Traveling for Personal Reasons, Nearly 80\% of Air Travel Consumers Consult More Than One Site/Agency/Company; Two-Thirds Spend an Hour or Less Researching Flight Options

When traveling for personal reasons, how many sites/agencies/companies do you typically visit/call when researching air travel options before making a final purchase?

How much time (in minutes) do you typically spend researching air travel options for personal travel before making a purchase?




In the search results, when you see the advertised prices for each flight, which of the following statements do you think is correct?

| Understanding of Search Results | 2019 <br> Flyers | 2020 <br> Flyers | 2021 <br> Flyers | 2022 <br> Flyers |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The advertised price includes <br> government-imposed taxes and fees | $49 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| The advertised price does not include <br> government-imposed taxes and fees | $51 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $56 \%$ |

More Than Half of Domestic Personal Flyers Book Flights Via Airline Websites International Business Flyers Rely More Than Other Groups on Traditional Airline/Travel Agents

When flying, which resources do you typically use to book your flight?


## In 2022, 80\% of Personal Travelers Typically Used a Credit Card to Purchase Airline Tickets

When traveling for personal reasons, what form of payment do you typically use?


One in Five Air Travelers Typically Uses a Ridesharing Service to Get to the Airport

Assuming all these options were available to you, which is your typical means of getting to the airport?


Flyers Are Increasingly Using Mobile Devices to Check in for Flights In 2022, Among Those Not Checking Bags, 83\% Checked in Electronically

How did you most commonly check in for trips?

|  | Checking a Bag |  | Not Checking a Bag |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Typical Means of Checking In | 2019 \% | 2022 \% | 2019 \% | 2022 \% |
| Mobile device/app | 17 | 22 | 29 | 44 |
| Automated kiosk at the airport | 24 | 28 | 25 | 21 |
| Airline website | 15 | 11 | 23 | 18 |
| Airport ticket counter | 34 | 31 | 18 | 12 |
| Airport skycap (curbside) | 8 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Other | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Electronic (sum of first three) | 56 | 61 | 77 | 83 |

## 41\% of Americans Would Opt for Biometrics to Ensure a Speedier/Touchless Domestic Journey

 $26 \%$ Say No and $33 \%$ Are UnsureIf biometric facial recognition also were available for domestic flights and resulted in a speedier journey (e.g., checking in, going through security, boarding the aircraft) and a touchless experience, would you prefer that to using a traditional boarding pass and identity document (e.g., passport, driver's license)?


## More Than 60\% of Flyers Use Their Mobile Devices to Board the Aircraft

At the gate, which type of boarding pass do you typically use?


Once you've entered the queue for U.S. Customs/Immigration upon returning to the United States, what do you think is a reasonable wait time (in minutes)?


71\% of 2022 Flyers Reported Being Very or Somewhat Satisfied With Their Overall Experience Only 4\% Reported Being Very Dissatisfied

Thinking about your overall experience with air travel in 2022, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you?


## Flyers Give Highest Marks to the Check-In Process

Tied for Second Place Are the Boarding Process and Ticket-Shopping/Purchasing Experience
On a scale of 1 (very dissatisfied) to 5 (very satisfied), how would you rate your overall satisfaction with:


## 59\% of Travelers Value Airline Commitments to Environmentally Friendly Operations

 Females, 25-39-Year-Olds, College Grads Value Environmental Commitments More Than OthersHow important is it to you personally that airlines be committed to environmentally friendly / sustainable practices in their day-to-day operations (e.g., fuel efficiency / eco-friendly planes, recycling, reducing waste / paper usage)?


## Over Half of Travelers Think Airlines Account for More Than 10\% of U.S. GHG Emissions

 Per EPA, U.S. Airlines Account for Less Than 2\% of the Nation's GHG EmissionsWhat portion of U.S. greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions do you think U.S. airlines are responsible for?



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[^0]:    * Check all that apply

