While the global economy grew by 2.5%, Travel & Tourism grew significantly more at 3.5%.

1 in 4 net new jobs were created by Travel & Tourism over the last five years.

Global GDP impact by sector (2018 data). Share of total economy GDP:
- Mining: 0%
- Automotive: 5%
- Agriculture: 10%
- Travel & Tourism: 15%
- Retail: 0%
- Financial Services: 5%

Total GDP contribution = 10.3% (CRC2,405.3BN USD7,447.1MN)

Total T&T GDP = CRC4,361.4BN (USD7,447.1MN)

12.0% of total economy

256.4 JOBS (000’s)
(11.7% of total employment)

CRC2,405.3BN in visitor spend (19.5% of total exports)
(USD4,107.1MN)

Inbound Arrivals

1. UNITED STATES 42%
2. NICARAGUA 14%
3. CANADA 7%
4. MEXICO 3%
5. PANAMA 3%
REST OF WORLD 31%

Outbound Departures

1. UNITED STATES 29%
2. NICARAGUA 17%
3. MEXICO 9%
4. PANAMA 8%
5. COLOMBIA 7%
REST OF WORLD 30%

Note: Data are average shares over the 2016-2018 period
Source: Oxford Economics, national sources and UNWTO

1. LEISURE SPENDING 78%
2. BUSINESS SPENDING 22%
3. DOMESTIC SPENDING 33%
4. INTERNATIONAL SPENDING 67%

All values are in constant 2019 prices & exchange rates
As reported in March 2020