

# What Can Last Year's **Travel and Expense Spend Teach Us About This Year?**





## **Spending is returning** to pre-pandemic levels.

73% jump in overall spending from 2021 to 2022.

#### Where's the money going?

The top six spend categories in 2022:













\$1.5B No MCC (Cash Out of Pocket)

Hotels and Motels

\$620M **Airlines** 

\$591M Restaurants

**\$226M** Transportation

**\$137M Business** Services

#### What exceptions should you look out for?

With more than 15 exception types (transactions flagged for something out of the ordinary), five float to the top for sheer volume of violations:

- **Expense Excessive Out of Pocket**
- Travel Fraud Risk
- **Expense Line Suspicious Keyword**
- Expense Duplicate Same Employee
- **Travel Card Policy Misuse**



**Violations rose** in 2022, as well.

157,531 individual violations, up 7.9%

from 2021

\$91,321,505

in added costs to companies, up

9.83%

from 2021

### What's causing these violations?



**Employee Awareness,** Policy Awareness, and **Policy Reminder** 

Employees forget or choose to forget policies. **VIOLATION COST:** 

\$24.3M

Misclassified **Expense and Missing** or Invalid Receipt

People make mistakes...

**VIOLATION COST:** \$5.2M

Incorrect **Expense Entry** 

...expensive mistakes.

**VIOLATION** COST:

\$6.76M

**Policy Override** by Manager

Often it's an oversight, sometimes it's collusion.

**VIOLATION COST:** 

\$4M





