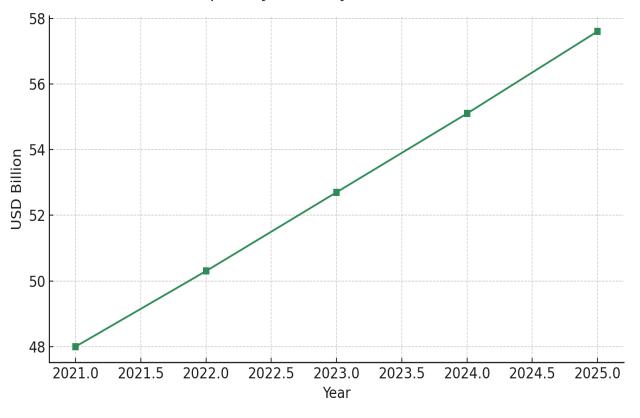
### Market Overview- Hospitality Industry

In 2025, Texas's hospitality sector is experiencing robust growth, driven by a strong economy, population influx, and a diverse range of recreational offerings. The state's expansive geography and favorable climate contribute to a thriving sector encompassing outdoor activities, hospitality, and entertainment.



# Economic Contributions & Employment

The leisure and hospitality sector in Texas is a major economic driver, with outdoor recreation alone contributing \$55.8 billion to the state's economy in 2023, accounting for 2.16% of the state's GDP. Employment in the sector has seen a 2.7% increase, reflecting the industry's resilience and growth potential. Texas Hospitality Industry Revenue (2021–2025)



## **Current Trends & Challenges**

#### **Boom in Travel and Events:**

Major cities like Austin, Dallas, and Houston are experiencing record hotel bookings and event volumes thanks to business conferences, concerts, and sports tourism.

#### Labor Market Gaps:

The industry is struggling to fill roles in housekeeping, food service, and management, driving wage increases and incentives for workers.

#### **Tech-Enhanced Guest Experience:**

Al-powered chatbots, smart room controls, and app-based concierge services are helping Texas hotels meet growing consumer expectations.

#### Luxury and Boutique Growth:

Demand for personalized and high-end accommodations is rising, particularly in Austin and Houston, fueling investments in boutique and lifestyle hotels.

#### Infrastructure Pressure:

Growth in hospitality is putting strain on transportation, waste management, and water supply systems, especially in rapidly growing urban centers.

#### Source: Economic Update: Hospitality Sector Resilient