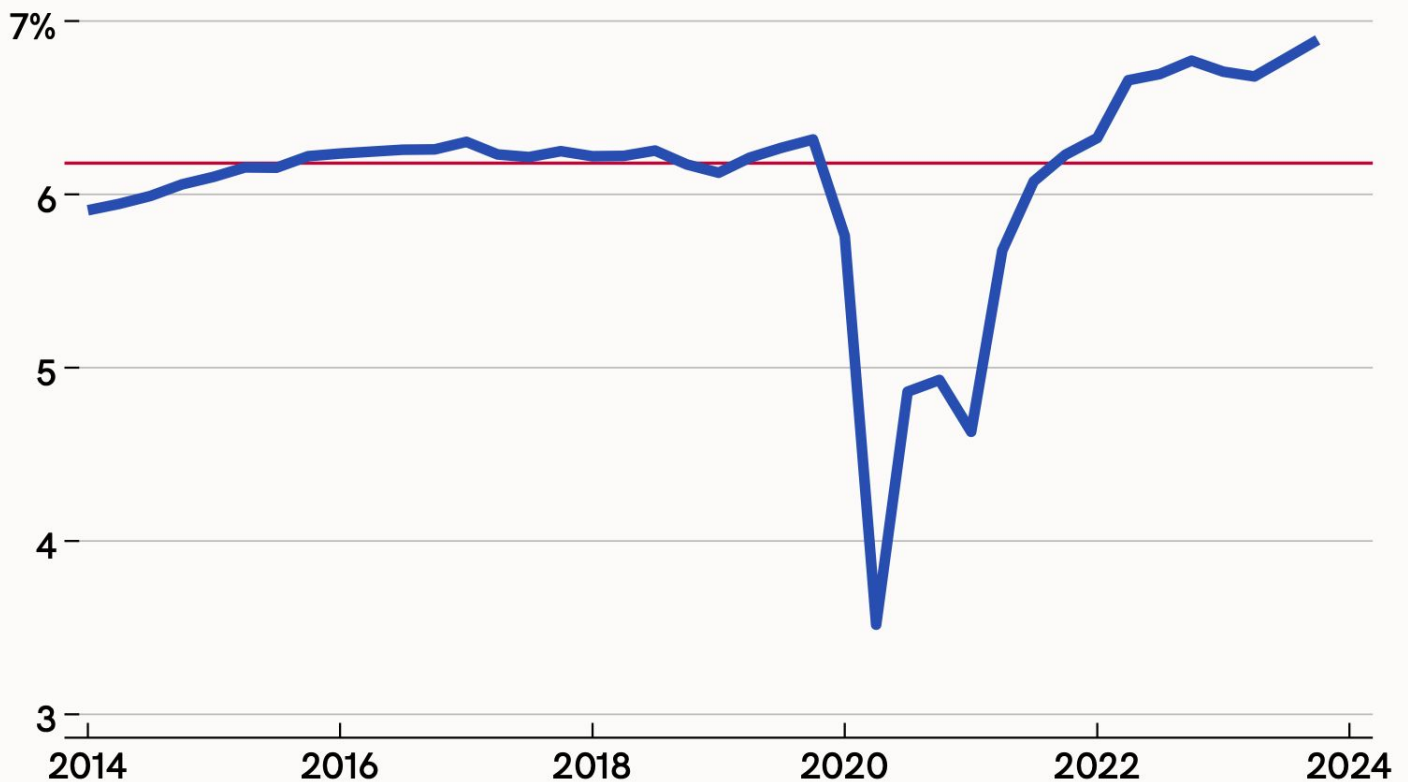


# One more saving-propelled season

## Spending on hospitality is still elevated, but for how long?

Consumer spending on food services and accommodation as a share of disposable income



Source: Instawork calculations from Bureau of Economic Analysis data

Spending on hospitality is still above pre-pandemic norms when measured as a percentage of consumers' disposable income. The red line in the chart above shows the average share of disposable income spent on hospitality between 2014 and 2019, roughly 6.2%. The share in the fourth quarter of last year was close to 7%, more than a tenth higher. Does this represent a change in preferences, or is it still a vestige of pandemic-era trends?

A clue comes in the form of the excess saving that propelled spending when the economy reopened. Economists at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco estimated that [consumers had built up more than \\$2 trillion](#) in extra saving during the pandemic, and about \$400 billion remained at the end of last year. They expect it to vanish in the first half of 2024, so this spring may offer one last hurrah.

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# Hourly pay rates for flexible labor

The rates below are averages of hourly rates paid to Instawork Pros for completed shifts in the 90 days prior to 1 February 2024. All the shifts were at businesses in accommodation and food services.

Metro area	Bartender	Server	Prep cook	Line cook	Dishwasher
Atlanta, GA	\$19.17	\$18.30	\$16.86	\$19.25	\$16.99
Austin, TX	24.19	24.14	20.95	23.29	18.52
Baltimore, MD	19.71	21.14	18.51	19.49	16.91
Bay Area, CA	28.86	27.42	22.88	27.68	21.82
Boston, MA	21.83	24.94	21.48	26.29	20.50
Charlotte, NC	19.69	18.17	15.96	18.46	16.30
Chicago, IL	22.29	22.71	19.08	20.98	18.57
Dallas, TX	20.68	20.71	17.90	19.12	18.21
Denver, CO	21.54	21.25	20.91	21.35	18.27
Detroit, MI	20.08	19.46	17.59	19.19	17.10
Houston, TX	18.57	18.68	15.92	17.30	16.53
Los Angeles, CA	25.89	23.93	22.14	25.22	20.98
Miami, FL	23.38	19.04	20.32	22.25	17.43
Milwaukee, WI	19.07	19.71	20.21	21.55	18.01
Minneapolis, MN	19.84	19.62	19.37	21.69	18.17
Nashville, TN	19.92	20.04	18.87	20.53	17.75
New Orleans, LA	17.24	18.59	18.59	16.32	18.77
New York, NY	24.90	23.17	22.79	24.11	19.88
Orlando, FL	20.80	21.74	16.16	20.06	16.70
Philadelphia, PA	21.84	21.10	21.26	21.47	17.96
Phoenix, AZ	19.94	22.15	20.28	20.27	18.80
Pittsburgh, PA	18.03	18.18	16.16	21.01	15.25
Providence, RI	20.14	20.61	20.72	22.56	20.03
Sacramento, CA	20.41	20.29	18.99	29.46	26.01
San Antonio, TX	19.01	17.74	15.39	16.32	14.78
San Diego, CA	21.60	21.84	20.31	21.31	19.12
Seattle, WA	24.86	24.36	23.59	25.69	21.89
Tampa, FL	18.04	16.85	17.63	18.92	17.32
Tucson, AZ	21.02	20.88	17.45	20.15	17.64
Washington, D.C.	23.61	21.92	21.13	23.87	19.34

[Source: Instawork transaction data](#)

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