Trip Friction™

and the

Traveler

Experience





## **Recruiting and Retention Problems**



Companies spend about the **same** on **travel** as they do on **turnover: 1-2%** of revenues<sup>1</sup>

The use of sign-on bonuses is at an all-time high<sup>2</sup>

- 1) "Retention of Key Talent and the Role of Rewards", Scott, Hay Group, June 2012. tClara analysis
- 2) WorldatWork's "Survey of Bonus Programs and Practices 2014"



#### **Traveler Burnout Problems**

U.S. business travelers avoided taking 2.7 trips on average last year due to the hassle of air travel<sup>1</sup>





International travelers submit 80% more health claims than non-travelers<sup>2</sup>

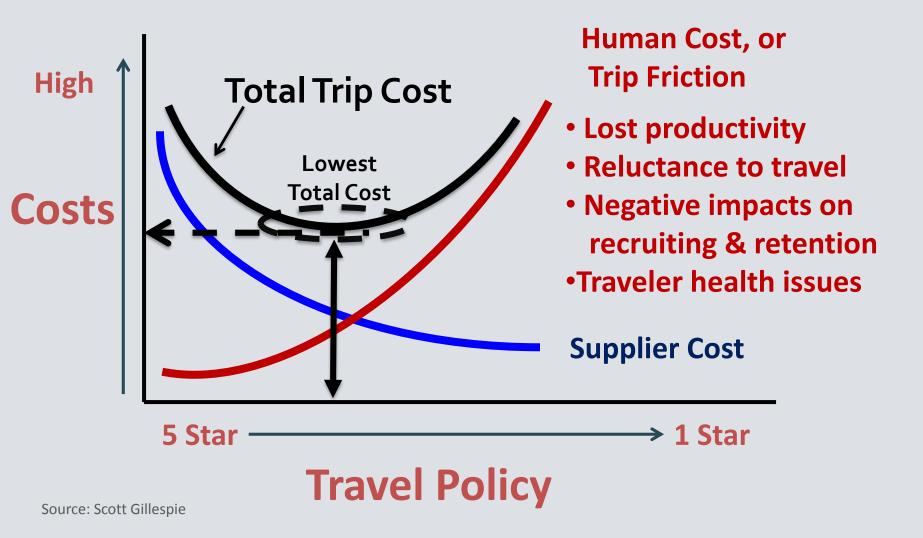
- 1) U.S. Travel Association survey, June 2014
- 2) Occupational and Environmental Medicine, May 2002



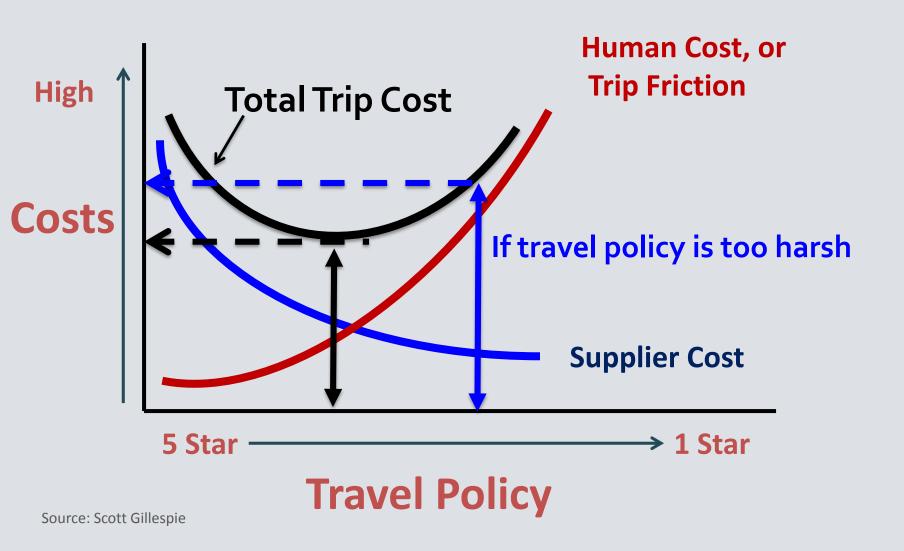
How do you get the right balance between cost and comfort?



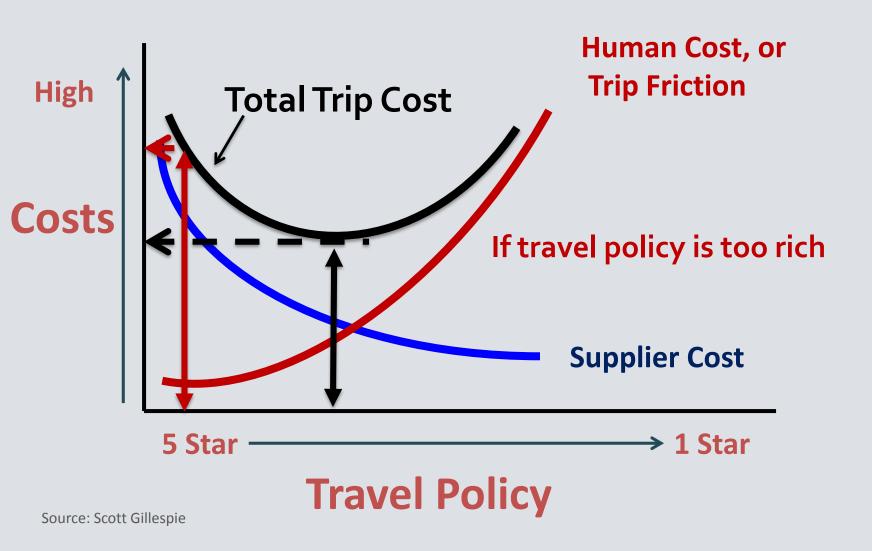
#### The Total Trip Cost Is What Matters



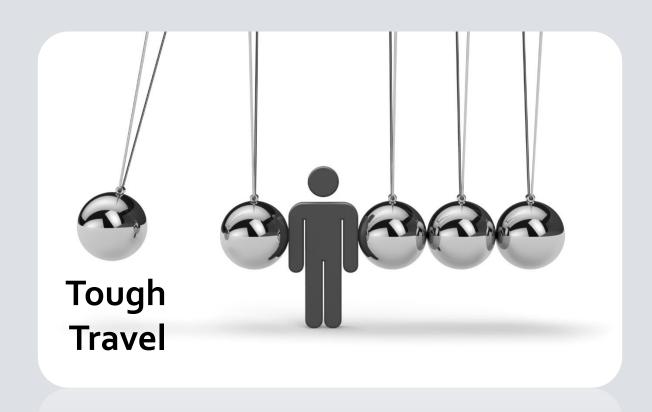
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## **Trip Friction™ Metrics and Findings**





## tClara measures traveler wear and tear with Trip Friction™ points

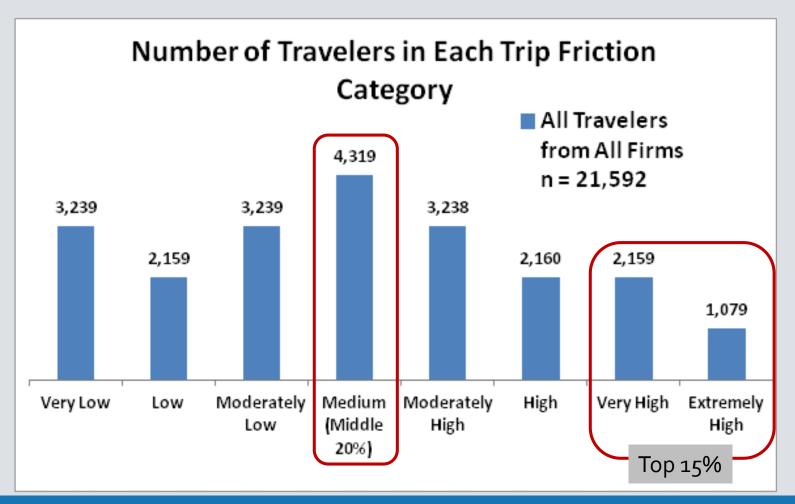
1,000 Points

Trip A
6-hour non-stop in
Business Class,
arriving home on
Friday afternoon,
after 2 nights away

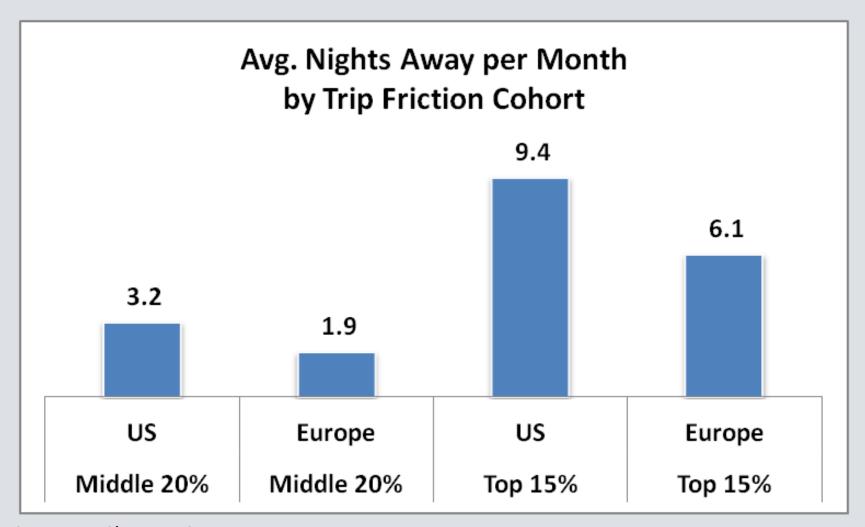
300
Trip Friction
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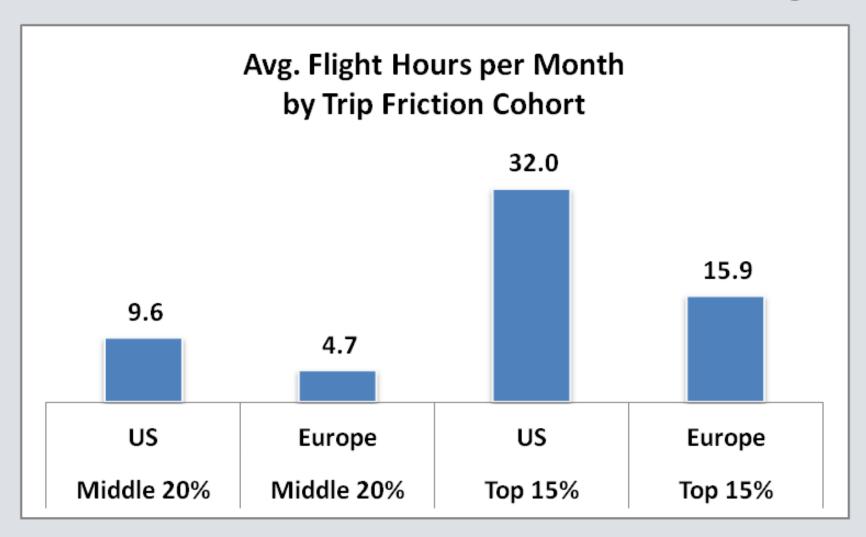
Trip B 6-hour red-eye flight, with a 4-hour layover, connecting on a regional jet, both legs in Coach, arriving home on Saturday afternoon, after 5 nights away

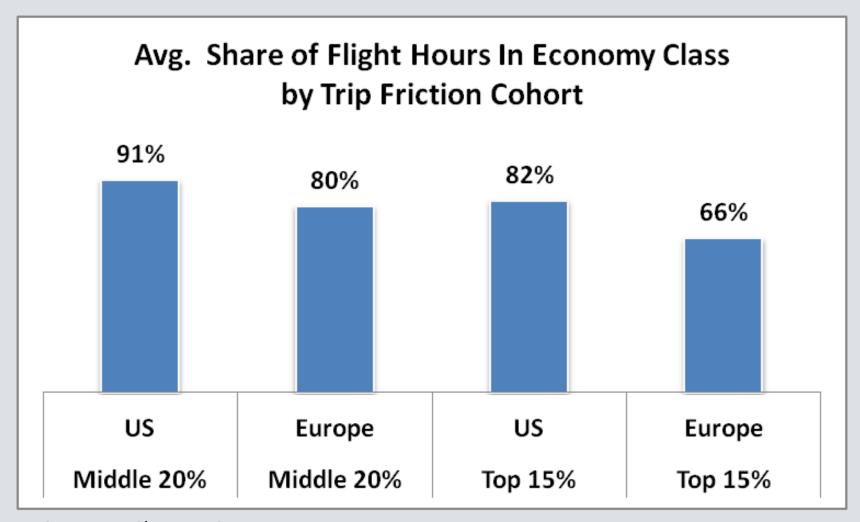
#### Benchmark data for ~60,000 travelers

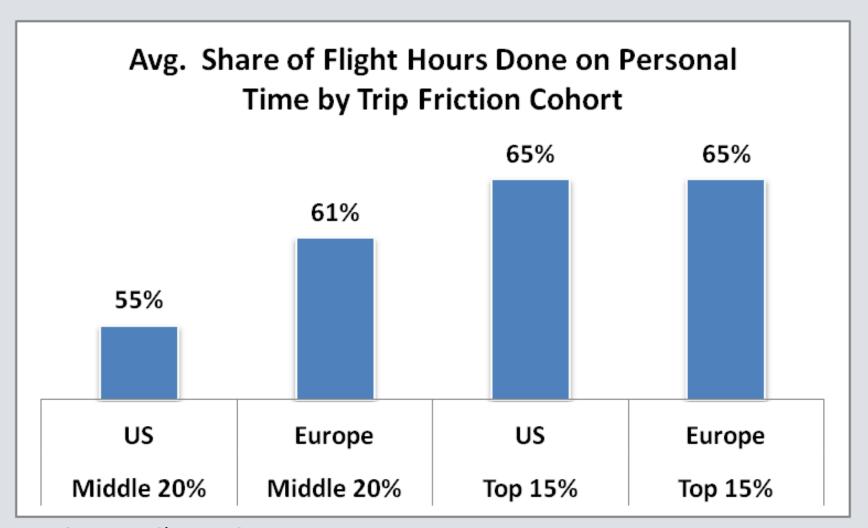












## **Road Warrior\* Benchmarks**

(\*Top 15% of all travelers by Trip Friction™ points)

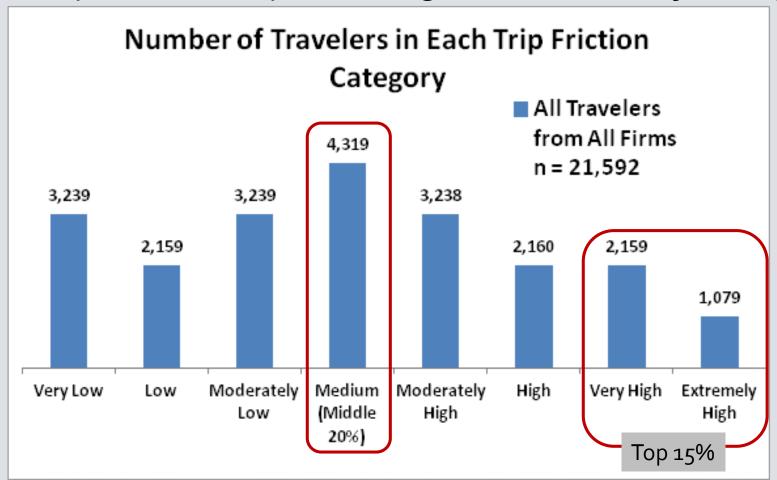
Selected Trip Friction Metric (Averages)	U.S. Travelers	European Travelers
Nights Away per Month	9-4	6.1
Flight Hours per Month	32.0	15.9
Share of Flight Hours Booked in Economy Class	82%	66%
Share of Flight Hours on Personal Time	65%	65%

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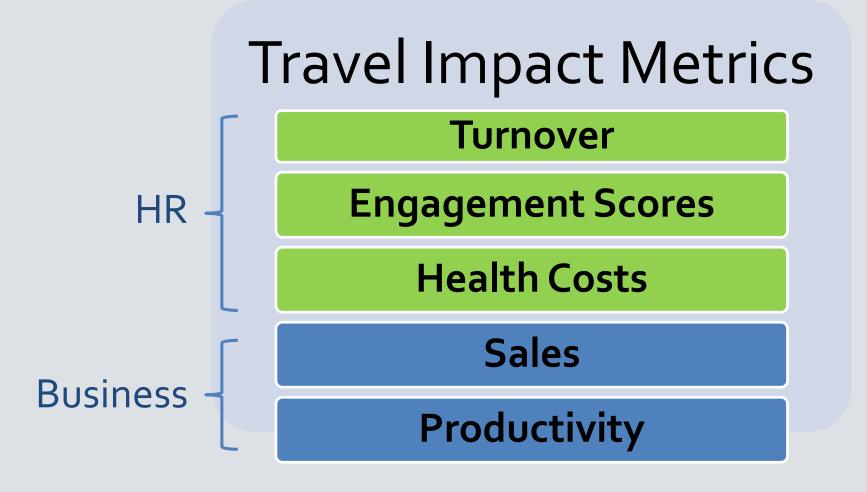
#### Step 1 – Identify two cohorts of travelers

Use Trip Friction analysis to categorize travelers objectively



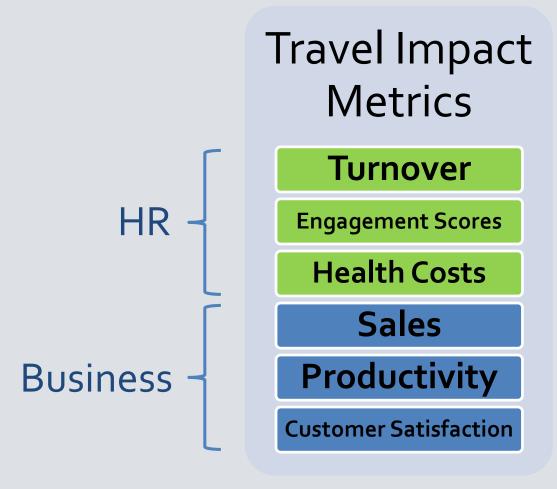


# Step 2 - Choose metrics that matter, and build a fact base from each cohort





# Step 3 - Then test for differences between the two cohorts



High Friction
Travelers'
Differences
+9%

-11%

+7%

-12%

-8%

+15%

# Step 4 - Develop mitigation strategies for this key group of travelers



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**Traveler-specific** 



## **Road Warrior Insights**

- Christopher Hom: Global Real Estate at Dropbox
- Chris McGinnis: Travel correspondent, columnist and consultant at TravelSkills
- Your travel policy environment?
- Your biggest travel friction points:
  - Related to your travel policy?
  - Related to your company culture?
  - Related to your travel suppliers?
    - Advantages of having preferred suppliers?
- Best things your firm could do to make your travel workload easier?





CWT's
Traveler
Stress Index

Source: CWT Solutions Group, Stress Triggers for Business Travelers, Traveler Survey Analysis (2012)

# How should your firm make your travel workload more sustainable?



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