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Business flights, budgets seen growing in 2011

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LONDON (Reuters) - Corporate travel will increase in 2011, with budgets for business travel and flights set to grow, an aerospace consultancy said on Friday.

A poll of more than 380 corporate travellers by Ascend found that 49 percent expect to fly more for business in 2011, compared to 35 percent last year. This would result in a 5.5 percent increase in the number of business flights for 2011, the report said.

Ascend said 48 percent of respondents expected to see an increase in 2011 travel budgets, compared to 28 percent last year, while only 8 percent said a decrease in 2011 budgets was likely.

"To get the global economy going again business people have to fly," Peter Morris, Ascend's chief economist said.

"After the challenges of 2009 and 2010, travellers clearly feel now is the time to start rebuilding their businesses."

The poll did not take into account the impact of Friday's earthquake in Japan.

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