

## **Monthly Statistics Report**

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#### **ANOTHER RECORD MONTH IN MAY 2017**

#### SUMMARY

San Antonio International Airport continues to have positive passenger growth with yet another record month of passenger traffic in May with 777,005 total passengers, a 3.0% increase over May 2016. This represents the highest level of traffic for the month of May on record. Year-to-date traffic totaled 3,537,385 passengers, representing a 4.0% increase YOY. Finally, the May growth represents the 11<sup>th</sup> straight month of passenger growth, as well as twelve of the past thirteen months.

Domestic traffic for the month was up 3.3% compared to May 2016, primarily due to capacity increases by most of our domestic carriers as well as new routes from Frontier and Southwest. International traffic experienced a decline of (4.0%). While scheduled seat reductions were seen on Aeromexico to Monterrey and adjustments by Interjet to Guadalajara, total international seats were up 9.4% primarily due to Air Canada's new daily flight to Toronto.

With respect to air cargo, a total of 20,806,406 pounds moved through San Antonio International Airport in May 2017, an increase of 9.1%.

Please see Exhibit A for a detailed breakdown.

As part of our expanded efforts towards air service development, the San Antonio International Airport has developed a robust, broad air service marketing and advertising program. This program is intended to heighten awareness of options, including carriers and destinations, throughout San Antonio and the surrounding region.

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#### **DOMESTIC PASSENGERS**

Scheduled domestic capacity increased 5.5% or 23,834 seats in May 2017 versus May 2016 with 458,554 total monthly departure seats. Airlines routinely make monthly or seasonal adjustments to the number of flights and seats available to match market demand trends.

Alaska Airlines increased capacity in May by 7.0% by using a larger aircraft on their Seattle route while American Airlines increased capacity by 4.5% with an added daily frequency to Charlotte and increase aircraft gauge to Phoenix. As a result of an earlier seasonal resumption date to Fort Lauderdale, Allegiant increased capacity by 9.9% in May while Southwest Airlines increased capacity by 8.7% with new nonstop service to Kansas City (began Nov 2016) and increases to Chicago-Midway, Dallas, Houston and St. Louis. In addition, Frontier Airlines initiated weekly service to Chicago O'Hare in April 2017, resumed seasonal weekly service to Atlanta and Philadelphia and continued year-round service to both Denver and Las Vegas, all which began mid-May 2016.

United Airlines decreased capacity by 6.1% primarily due to reduced aircraft gauge to Chicago O'Hare, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Airline	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change	
Alaska Airlines	7.0%	7.7%	
Allegiant Air*	9.9%	15.6%	
American Airlines	4.5%	2.9%	
Delta Air Lines	0.6%	(-1.7%)	
Frontier Airlines**	83.5%	70.4%	
Southwest Airlines	8.7%	6.2%	
United Airlines	(6.1%)	(-7.2%)	

<sup>\*</sup>Allegiant Air shifted service from SAT to FLL to seasonal service; \*\*Frontier service to/from ATL, DEN, LAS and PHL began mid-May 2016 and ORD began Apr 2017.

When comparing year-over-year domestic capacity changes, the results were based on the following:

- American Airlines: increased MIA service back to near daily in March during peak times. A fourth frequency was added to CLT in late August 2016 and an increased aircraft gauge to PHX in April 2017
- Frontier Airlines: started new service to ATL, DEN, LAS and PHL mid-May 2016 and began ORD in April 2017
- Southwest Airlines: commenced daily nonstop service to MCI effective November 6<sup>th</sup> and added a fifth daily flight to HOU that same day
- United Airlines: reduced aircraft gauge to ORD in January 2017, LAX in June 2016 and SFO in September 2016

#### **INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS**

Scheduled international capacity, or seats, increased in May 2017 YOY to 19,470 monthly departure seats or 9.4%. This increase was primarily due to Air Canada's inaugural service to Toronto which began May 1 adding nearly 2,300 seats to the international market. In addition, Volaris added a third weekly flight to Guadalajara. Although seats were up in May, total international passengers remained down (4.0%). While the valuation of the Peso to the U.S. Dollar improved during Q217, the value of the Peso still saw a decrease YOY. In May 2017, the Peso had 7% less value than the same time in 2016, and 18% less value than two years prior to that. As the Peso continues to gain value, leisure traffic between Mexico and the U.S. is also expected to recover.

Airline	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change	
Air Canada	100%	100%	
Aeromexico*	(27.3%)	(28.0%)	
Interjet	0.0%	(5.3%)	
United (International)**	16.2%	12.5%	
Volaris	33.3%	(-31.1%)	

<sup>\*</sup>Aeromexico ceased service from SAT to MTY in January 2017 \*\*Southwest and United offer seasonal service to Cancun, Mexico.

When comparing year-over-year international capacity changes, the results were based on the following:

- Aeromexico: increased to 2 daily flights to MEX on select dates
- Air Canada: new daily service to YYZ began May 2017
- Southwest & United: offers service to CUN on a seasonal basis
- Volaris: increased seasonal capacity to GDL in April.

#### RECENT SCHEDULE CHANGES

Frontier Airlines launched new nonstop service to four destinations in May 2016. Two markets, Atlanta and Philadelphia, are served on a seasonal basis. These two markets returned April 23<sup>rd</sup>. In addition, effective April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Frontier added a new market to their portfolio of services from SAT, launching 3x weekly service to Chicago O'Hare.

Southwest Airlines added **NEW** daily nonstop service to Kansas City, MO on November 6<sup>th</sup> and added a fifth daily flight to Houston-Hobby on the same day.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, San Antonio International Airport welcomed a **NEW** international carrier with Air Canada's daily nonstop service to Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Volaris recently announced **NEW** daily nonstop service to Mexico City scheduled to begin September 15<sup>th</sup>. The service will be flown on a 179-seat Airbus A320 aircraft.

In November 2017, Southwest will launch seasonal Saturday service to New York's La Guardia Airport.

### **EXHIBIT A**

# San Antonio International Airport Passenger & Air Cargo Activity Summary Report

	May			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2017	2016	% Change	2017	2016	% Change
Passengers						
Domestic Enplanements	378,823	366,765	3.3%	1,703,869	1,626,593	4.8%
Domestic Deplanements	370,631	358,787	3.3%	1,712,207	1,625,529	5.3%
Total Domestic Passengers	749,454	725,552	3.3%	3,416,076	3,252,122	5.0%
Intl Enplanements	14,274	14,437	-1.1%	61,404	74,058	-17.1%
Intl Deplanements	13,277	14,268	-6.9%	59,905	74,742	-19.9%
Total Intl Passengers	27,551	28,705	-4.0%	121,309	148,800	-18.5%
Grand Total All Passengers	777,005	754,257	3.0%	3,537,385	3,400,922	4.0%
Air Cargo (in Pounds)						
Total Domestic Freight	13,847,121	12,440,941	11.3%	64,077,565	61,461,735	4.3%
Total Intl Freight	720,346	823,487	-12.5%	3,882,965	3,984,084	-2.5%
Total Freight	14,567,467	13,264,428	9.8%	67,960,530	65,445,819	3.8%
Total Mail	6,238,939	5,799,634	7.6%	29,741,759	28,379,270	4.8%
Grand Total All Air Cargo	20,806,406	19,064,062	9.1%	97,702,289	93,825,089	4.1%

## San Antonio International Airport Total Air Freight (000 lbs)

		Мау		Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2017	2016	% Change	2017	2016	% Change
Air Carrier	7,801	7,538	3.5%	36,245	36,055	0.5%
Air Taxi	1,677	1,631	2.8%	8,093	8,475	-4.5%
General Aviation	3,829	3,869	-1.0%	18,757	20,787	-9.8%
Military	386	358	7.8%	1,855	2,228	-16.7%
Total Itinerant	13,693	13,396	2.2%	64,950	67,545	-3.8%