



April 2021 Statistical Report

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MAKING STRIDES TOWARDS RECOVERY

SUMMARY

One year after most travel grinded to a halt, San Antonio International Airport (SAT)'s passenger numbers grew 1,197.7% to 546,548 when compared to the same month in 2020. This is the first time that passenger numbers have exceeded 500,000 since the pandemic started. When compared to the month prior, March 2021, passenger numbers grew 13.5%. This growth shows great signs towards recovery, however, it is important to compare these numbers to the same month in 2019. When compared to April 2019, passenger numbers were down 36.6%, although current trends show ongoing growth. San Antonio International Airport's strong growth towards recovery in March 2021 continued into April 2021. With increased vaccinations, easing of restrictions, and growth in consumer confidence, demand and capacity are anticipated to continue to grow.

Additionally, a total of 24,408,625 pounds of air cargo moved through SAT in April 2021, up 1.9% compared to April 2019 and in line with air cargo levels from the previous month. The cargo growth SAT has seen further supports the economic resiliency apparent in the San Antonio region.

(Please see Exhibit A (Apr 2021 vs 2020) & Exhibit B (Apr 2021 vs 2019) for a detailed breakdown of all passenger and cargo stats)

While travelers are most likely to be traveling for leisure purposes, business travel is slowly starting to recovery as well. San Antonio's Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, which pre-pandemic hosted approximately 90 conventions and gatherings a year, has over 45 events scheduled now through September. Not only are these events being scheduled but the City has reported no cancellations in scheduled events at the Convention Center in the past month which is a positive sign for the city.



DOMESTIC PASSENGERS

Because of the drastic drop in both passengers and scheduled service due to the pandemic, it is more telling to compare service levels from SAT from April 2021 to April 2019 to better represent the recovery. Scheduled domestic capacity, or seats, decreased 36.7%, or 183,042 seats in April 2021 compared to the same month in 2019, with a total of 315,530 monthly departure seats. When compared to the prior month, March 2021, scheduled domestic capacity increased 2.7%, or an additional 8,346 seats.

Fueled by pent up leisure demand, multiple routes from SAT saw significant increases in capacity when compared to April 2019. Service to Miami (MIA), Salt Lake City (SLC), Denver (DEN), and Phoenix (PHX) all had more capacity from SAT even if the number of flights were down compared to April 2019. These markets follow the trend of outdoor, socially distant destinations being the first to rebound and airlines offering larger aircraft on these routes to meet demand.

Many routes from SAT saw an increase in frequency and capacity from March 2021 to April 2021 as more people returned to traveling. In addition to this, airlines also resumed nonstop service to cities that were suspended due to the pandemic. April 2021 saw the resumption of service to Chicago-O'Hare (ORD) on American Airlines and Tampa (TPA) on Southwest.

April 2021 vs. April 2019		
Airline	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change
Alaska Airlines	(3%)	(15%)
Allegiant Air	(47%)	(55%)
American Airlines	(28%)	(31%)
Delta Air Lines	(6%)	(49%)
Frontier Airlines	(60%)	(64%)
Southwest Airlines	(46%)	(43%)
United Airlines	(47%)	(49%)



INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS

The introduction of strict restrictions halted all international travel to and from San Antonio International Airport in April 2020. Since then, SAT has seen significant increases in both capacity and passenger numbers to and from Mexico since the pandemic started. SAT's scheduled international capacity increased by 70.8% when comparing April 2021 to April 2019 while passenger numbers increased 101.5%.

Due to many factors including the closed land border, demand to and from Mexico from SAT has recovered and increased quickly. SAT ranked #1 among all U.S. medium-hub airports in terms of total seats to Mexico for April 2021. When looking at all U.S. airports, SAT ranked #10.

*there were no international passengers during April 2020 due to COVID-19

April 2021 vs. April 2019		
Airline	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change
Aeromexico	100%	136%
Southwest*	1%	41%
VivaAerobus**	-	-
Volaris	65%	161%

*Southwest offers seasonal service to Cancún, Mexico.

**VivaAerobus started service in July 2020

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

- Interjet suspended all service as a result of financial losses due to many factors including the pandemic.
- VivaAerobus entered the market with nonstop service to Monterrey and Mexico City in July 2020 and, with Volaris, filled the gap left by Interjet.
- Volaris continued to add frequencies from SAT to both Guadalajara (GDL) and Mexico City (MEX).
- Aeromexico continued to offer more capacity and frequencies to Mexico City (MEX) than they did pre-pandemic.



APRIL SCHEDULE CHANGES

JetBlue announced **new** nonstop service to New York (JFK) and Boston (BOS), a city that has long been the largest unserved market from San Antonio. Daily service to these markets will start in October 2021.

This month, American Airlines resumed twice-daily, nonstop service to Chicago-O'Hare (ORD). This link not only provides more access to the Chicagoland area but also to American's extensive network from O'Hare. Top destinations via O'Hare on American in 2019 from SAT included Washington, D.C. (DCA), Dayton (DAY), Indianapolis (IND), and Boston (BOS).

Southwest Airlines resumed nonstop service to Tampa (TPA) this month. This route originally brought back at once weekly on Saturdays, will increase to 5 times weekly in May, and back to once daily starting in June.

In response to increased demand to and from Mexico, both VivaAerobus nonstop service to Monterrey (MTY) and Mexico City (MEX) as well as Volaris nonstop service to Mexico City (MEX) saw increased frequencies compared to March.



EXHIBIT A
San Antonio International Airport
Passenger & Air Cargo Activity Summary Report

	April			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2021	2020	% Change	2021	2020	% Change
Passengers						
Domestic Enplanements	240,547	21,765	1005.2%	687,706	907,815	-24.2%
Domestic Deplanements	231,418	20,353	1037.0%	692,419	916,462	-24.4%
Total Domestic Passengers	471,965	42,118	1020.6%	1,380,125	1,824,277	-24.3%
Intl Enplanements	34,385	-	0.0%	70,792	47,176	50.1%
Intl Deplanements	40,198	-	0.0%	91,795	48,086	90.9%
Total Intl Passengers*	74,583	-	0.0%	162,587	95,262	70.7%
Grand Total All Passengers	546,548	42,118	1197.7%	1,542,712	1,919,539	-19.6%
Air Cargo (in Pounds)						
Domestic Freight Enplaned	7,989,959	5,950,771	34.3%	26,925,213	25,156,177	7.0%
Domestic Freight Deplaned	10,035,297	8,607,631	16.6%	36,021,622	34,841,359	3.4%
Total Domestic Freight	18,025,256	14,558,402	23.8%	62,946,835	59,997,536	4.9%
Intl Freight Enplaned	31,946	864,590	-96.3%	1,544,393	3,680,688	-58.0%
Intl Freight Deplaned	4,849	207,545	-97.7%	507,122	1,109,568	-54.3%
Total Intl Freight	36,795	1,072,135	-96.6%	2,051,515	4,790,256	-57.2%
Total Freight	18,062,051	15,630,537	15.6%	64,998,350	64,787,792	0.3%
Mail Enplaned	2,392,110	1,651,955	44.8%	8,652,894	7,351,537	17.7%
Mail Deplaned	3,954,464	1,651,955	139.4%	14,311,530	13,673,190	4.7%
Total Mail	6,346,574	3,303,909	92.1%	22,964,424	21,024,727	9.2%
Grand Total All Air Cargo	24,408,625	18,934,447	28.9%	87,962,774	85,812,519	2.5%

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EXHIBIT B
San Antonio International Airport
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	April			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2021	2019	% Change	2021	2019	% Change
Passengers						
Domestic Enplanements	240,547	417,997	-42.5%	687,706	1,553,207	-55.7%
Domestic Deplanements	231,418	406,892	-43.1%	692,419	1,544,569	-55.2%
Total Domestic Passengers	471,965	824,889	-42.8%	1,380,125	3,097,776	-55.4%
Intl Enplanements	34,385	17,861	92.5%	70,792	64,434	9.9%
Intl Deplanements	40,198	19,146	110.0%	91,795	68,642	33.7%
Total Intl Passengers*	74,583	37,007	101.5%	162,587	133,076	22.2%
Grand Total All Passengers	546,548	861,896	-36.6%	1,542,712	3,230,852	-52.3%

Air Cargo (in Pounds)						
Domestic Freight Enplaned	7,989,959	7,473,533	6.9%	26,925,213	27,305,370	-1.4%
Domestic Freight Deplaned	10,035,297	9,421,294	6.5%	36,021,622	35,664,817	1.0%
Total Domestic Freight	18,025,256	16,894,827	6.7%	62,946,835	62,970,187	0.0%
Intl Freight Enplaned	31,946	805,418	-96.0%	1,544,393	2,144,660	-28.0%
Intl Freight Deplaned	4,849	266,816	-98.2%	507,122	780,134	-35.0%
Total Intl Freight	36,795	1,072,234	-96.6%	2,051,515	2,924,794	-29.9%

Total Freight	18,062,051	17,967,061	0.5%	64,998,350	65,894,981	-1.4%
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Mail Enplaned	2,392,110	2,146,322	11.5%	8,652,894	8,819,543	-1.9%
Mail Deplaned	3,954,464	3,848,597	2.8%	14,311,530	16,174,542	-11.5%
Total Mail	6,346,574	5,994,919	5.9%	22,964,424	24,994,085	-8.1%

Grand Total All Air Cargo	24,408,625	23,961,980	1.9%	87,962,774	90,889,066	-3.2%
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