



## May 2021 Statistical Report

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### MAKING STRIDES TOWARDS RECOVERY

#### SUMMARY

San Antonio International Airport (SAT)'s passenger numbers grew 569% to 685,456 when compared to the same month in 2020. This is the first time that passenger numbers have exceeded 600,000 since the pandemic started. When compared to the month prior, April 2021, passenger numbers grew 25%. This growth indicates continued recovery; however, it is important to compare these numbers to the same month in 2019. When compared to May 2019, passenger numbers were down 24%, although current trends show ongoing growth. San Antonio International Airport's strong growth towards recovery in March 2021 has continued through April and May 2021. As San Antonio and the country continue to come out of the pandemic, it is anticipated passenger numbers will continue to grow towards recovery.

Additionally, a total of 23,137,762 pounds of air cargo moved through SAT in May 2021, up 23% compared to May 2020 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 (May 2021 vs 2020) & Exhibit B (May 2021 vs 2019) for a detailed breakdown of all passenger and cargo stats)

Leisure travel to San Antonio continued to help in the recovery of passenger numbers for SAT. May saw continued recovery in this area with many tourist attractions across the city seeing revenue at or above 2019 levels during the Memorial Day holiday weekend.



## DOMESTIC PASSENGERS

SAT continues to compare passenger numbers to 2019 levels to better understand and monitor the recovery. Scheduled domestic capacity, or seats, decreased 21%, or 111,534 seats in May 2021 compared to the same month in 2019, with a total of 424,513 monthly departure seats. When compared to the prior month, April 2021, scheduled domestic capacity increased 17%, or an additional 62,343 seats.

Fueled by pent up demand, multiple routes from SAT saw increases in capacity when compared to May 2019. Service to Salt Lake City (SLC), Phoenix (PHX), Detroit (DTW), Charlotte (CLT), Denver (DEN), and Miami (MIA) all had more capacity from SAT even if the number of flights were down compared to May 2019.

Many routes from SAT saw an increase in frequency and capacity from April 2021 to May 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. May 2021 saw the resumption of service to Los Angeles (LAX) on American Airlines (AA), Orlando-Sanford (SFD) on Allegiant (G4), and Minneapolis-St. Paul (MSP) on Sun Country (SY).

May 2021 vs. May 2019		
Airline	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change
Alaska Airlines	0%	(9%)
Allegiant Air	(39%)	(44%)
American Airlines	(8%)	(15%)
Delta Air Lines	3%	(19%)
Frontier Airlines	(56%)	(58%)
Southwest Airlines	(39%)	(36%)
United Airlines	(51%)	(50%)



## INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS

After a complete halt in international travel from SAT in April 2020, international passengers slowly started returning in May 2020. One year later, 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 134% when comparing May 2021 to May 2019 while passenger numbers increased 107%.

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 May 2021. When looking at all U.S. airports, SAT ranked #10.

SAT saw many flights to Mexico increase both frequency and capacity in May 2021. In addition to these increases, SAT also saw new nonstop service start as well. In May, VivaAerobus (VB) started new service to Leon/Guanajuato (BJX) as well as new service to Cancun (CUN) on Sun Country (SY).

May 2021 vs. May 2019		
Airline	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change
Aeromexico	200%	213%
Southwest*	25%	57%
VivaAerobus**	-	-
Volaris	84%	292%

\*Southwest offers seasonal service to Cancún, Mexico.

\*\*VivaAerobus started service in July 2020



## MAY SCHEDULE CHANGES

America's newest airline, **Breeze Airways (MX)**, announced **new** nonstop service to three previously unserved markets. Service to Oklahoma City (OKC), Tulsa (TUL), and Bentonville/Fayetteville (XNA) start on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Highly anticipated new carrier, **JetBlue Airways (B6)**, will start **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 (AA) resumed twice-daily, nonstop service to Los Angeles (LAX). This link provides greater options to the Los Angeles area as well as increased connectivity throughout the West Coast and Hawaii.

Allegiant (G4) resumed nonstop service to Orlando-Sanford (SFB) this month increasing connectivity between San Antonio and the popular Florida destination.

Sun Country (SY) resumed service in our market in May with nonstop service to Minneapolis-St. Paul (MSP). In addition, they launched new nonstop service to Cancun (CUN).

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.

VivaAerobus started new service to Leon/Guanajuato (BJX) giving SAT nonstop service to this region for the first time.



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

	May			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2021	2020	% Change	2021	2020	% Change
<b>Passengers</b>						
Domestic Enplanements	298,988	51,150	484.5%	986,694	958,965	2.9%
Domestic Deplanements	287,705	51,147	462.5%	980,124	967,609	1.3%
<b>Total Domestic Passengers</b>	<b>586,693</b>	<b>102,297</b>	<b>473.5%</b>	<b>1,966,818</b>	<b>1,926,574</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
Intl Enplanements	47,411	-	0.0%	118,203	47,176	150.6%
Intl Deplanements	51,352	146	35072.6%	143,147	48,232	196.8%
<b>Total Intl Passengers*</b>	<b>98,763</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>67545.9%</b>	<b>261,350</b>	<b>95,408</b>	<b>173.9%</b>
<b>Grand Total All Passengers</b>	<b>685,456</b>	<b>102,443</b>	<b>569.1%</b>	<b>2,228,168</b>	<b>2,021,982</b>	<b>10.2%</b>

<b>Air Cargo (in Pounds)</b>						
Domestic Freight Enplaned	7,088,724	5,902,781	20.1%	34,013,937	31,058,957	9.5%
Domestic Freight Deplaned	9,298,009	8,394,251	10.8%	45,319,631	43,235,610	4.8%
<b>Total Domestic Freight</b>	<b>16,386,733</b>	<b>14,297,032</b>	<b>14.6%</b>	<b>79,333,568</b>	<b>74,294,568</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
Intl Freight Enplaned	617,683	721,691	-14.4%	2,162,076	4,402,379	-50.9%
Intl Freight Deplaned	239,902	445,276	-46.1%	747,024	1,554,844	-52.0%
<b>Total Intl Freight</b>	<b>857,585</b>	<b>1,166,967</b>	<b>-26.5%</b>	<b>2,909,100</b>	<b>5,957,223</b>	<b>-51.2%</b>

<b>Total Freight</b>	<b>17,244,318</b>	<b>15,463,999</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>82,242,668</b>	<b>80,251,791</b>	<b>2.5%</b>
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Mail Enplaned	2,161,078	1,770,101	22.1%	10,813,972	9,121,639	18.6%
Mail Deplaned	3,732,366	1,770,101	110.9%	18,043,896	16,685,718	8.1%
<b>Total Mail</b>	<b>5,893,444</b>	<b>3,540,203</b>	<b>66.5%</b>	<b>28,857,868</b>	<b>25,807,356</b>	<b>11.8%</b>

<b>Grand Total All Air Cargo</b>	<b>23,137,762</b>	<b>19,004,202</b>	<b>21.8%</b>	<b>111,100,536</b>	<b>106,059,147</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
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**EXHIBIT B**  
**San Antonio International Airport**  
**Passenger & Air Cargo Activity Summary Report**

	May			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2021	2019	% Change	2021	2019	% Change
<b>Passengers</b>						
Domestic Enplanements	298,988	436,698	-31.5%	986,694	1,989,905	-50.4%
Domestic Deplanements	287,705	422,688	-31.9%	980,124	1,967,257	-50.2%
<b>Total Domestic Passengers</b>	<b>586,693</b>	<b>859,386</b>	<b>-31.7%</b>	<b>1,966,818</b>	<b>3,957,162</b>	<b>-50.3%</b>
Intl Enplanements	47,411	17,941	164.3%	118,203	82,375	43.5%
Intl Deplanements	51,352	18,827	172.8%	143,147	87,469	63.7%
<b>Total Intl Passengers*</b>	<b>98,763</b>	<b>36,768</b>	<b>168.6%</b>	<b>261,350</b>	<b>169,844</b>	<b>53.9%</b>
<b>Grand Total All Passengers</b>	<b>685,456</b>	<b>896,154</b>	<b>-23.5%</b>	<b>2,228,168</b>	<b>4,127,006</b>	<b>-46.0%</b>

<b>Air Cargo (in Pounds)</b>						
Domestic Freight Enplaned	7,088,724	7,719,173	-8.2%	34,013,937	35,024,544	-2.9%
Domestic Freight Deplaned	9,298,009	9,877,293	-5.9%	45,319,631	45,542,111	-0.5%
<b>Total Domestic Freight</b>	<b>16,386,733</b>	<b>17,596,466</b>	<b>-6.9%</b>	<b>79,333,568</b>	<b>80,566,655</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>
Intl Freight Enplaned	617,683	948,591	-34.9%	2,162,076	3,093,251	-30.1%
Intl Freight Deplaned	239,902	273,302	-12.2%	747,024	1,053,436	-29.1%
<b>Total Intl Freight</b>	<b>857,585</b>	<b>1,221,893</b>	<b>-29.8%</b>	<b>2,909,100</b>	<b>4,146,687</b>	<b>-29.8%</b>

<b>Total Freight</b>	<b>17,244,318</b>	<b>18,818,359</b>	<b>-8.4%</b>	<b>82,242,668</b>	<b>84,713,342</b>	<b>-2.9%</b>
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Mail Enplaned	2,161,078	2,153,184	0.4%	10,813,972	10,972,726	-1.4%
Mail Deplaned	3,732,366	3,875,668	-3.7%	18,043,896	20,050,209	-10.0%
<b>Total Mail</b>	<b>5,893,444</b>	<b>6,028,852</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>	<b>28,857,868</b>	<b>31,022,935</b>	<b>-7.0%</b>

<b>Grand Total All Air Cargo</b>	<b>23,137,762</b>	<b>24,847,211</b>	<b>-6.9%</b>	<b>111,100,536</b>	<b>115,736,277</b>	<b>-4.0%</b>
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