



Monthly Statistical Report

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AIRPORT MAKES STRIDES TOWARDS RECOVERY

SUMMARY

San Antonio International Airport (SAT) continued to welcome back travelers throughout 2021 as the airport and community continues to make strides towards recovery. A total of 7,464,662 passengers flew through SAT during the year, exceeding 2020 levels by 85%. Compared to pre-pandemic, SAT's total passenger counts reached 72% of levels seen during the record-breaking year of 2019. Compared to 2019, domestic traffic was down 32%, while international traffic increased a remarkable 59%.

2021 was not only a year of recovery with all airlines resuming service to markets that were temporarily suspended, but also a year of new service starting from the airport. In May, a new international destination was added when VivaAerobus (VB) launched nonstop service to Leon/Guanajuato (BJX). A couple weeks later, Sun Country (SY) started new, summer-seasonal service to Cancun (CUN). San Antonio was one of the initial launch markets for the country's newest airline, Breeze Airways (MX). The airline currently connects SAT to Northwest Arkansas (XNA), a market that has never been served in the airport's history. On October 31st, the city welcomed its newest airline, JetBlue Airways (B6). The airline launched nonstop service to New York (JFK) and Boston (BOS), the latter being one of the country's largest unserved routes. Southwest Airlines (WN) also started new, holiday-seasonal service to Colorado Springs (COS).

In December 2021, the airport recorded 763,606 total passengers, a 112% increase compared to the same month in 2020 and 86% of the total passengers seen in 2019. Domestic traffic was down slightly at -16% while international traffic increased 27% compared to December 2019.

In regard to air cargo, 277,508,342 pounds moved through SAT in 2021, relatively flat compared to pre-pandemic but up nearly 5% compared to 2020 and approaching YTD levels not experienced since the pre-recession peak in 2008. For December, air cargo was up 2% compared to the year prior and up nearly 10% compared to December 2019.

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

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DOMESTIC PASSENGERS

SAT continues to compare passenger numbers to 2019 levels to better understand and monitor the recovery. Total scheduled domestic capacity, or seats, were at 83% of what was flown in December 2019. Total domestic seats from SAT in December totaled 808,684 down 6% compared to November 2021.

In December 2021, Southwest (WN) offered both more frequencies and more seats on nonstop service to both New Orleans (MSY) and St. Louis (STL) compared to the month prior.

The following routes saw more capacity flown during December 2021 than December 2019:

- Allegiant (G4) to Las Vegas (LAS).
- American Airlines (AA) to Charlotte (CLT) and Miami (MIA).
- Delta Air Lines (DL) to Detroit (DTW), Los Angeles (LAX), and Salt Lake City (SLC).
- Frontier Airlines (F9) to Denver (DEN), Las Vegas (LAS), and Orlando (MCO).
- United Airlines (UA) to Denver (DEN) and Newark (EWR).

In 2021, SAT's domestic carriers resumed numerous routes that had been suspended due to the downturn in demand caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, during 2021, SAT welcoming two new airlines to their portfolio of airlines with the addition of both Breeze Airways (MX) and JetBlue Airways (B6). Southwest (WN) also operated new, holiday-seasonal nonstop service to Colorado Springs (COS).

Airline	December 2021 vs. 2019		YE 2021 vs. 2019	
	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change
Alaska Airlines	(49.9%)	(48.2%)	(25.1%)	(29.0%)
Allegiant Air	4.3%	0.2%	(28.1%)	(29.7%)
American Airlines	(14.1%)	(12.5%)	(16.0%)	(20.6%)
Breeze Airways*	-	-	-	-
Delta Air Lines	(5.0%)	(7.6%)	(9.6%)	(26.1%)
Frontier Airlines	(30.0%)	(29.6%)	(55.6%)	(59.5%)
JetBlue Airways*	-	-	-	-
Southwest Airlines	(26.1%)	(23.4%)	(38.1%)	(37.7%)
Sun Country**	(100.0%)	(100.0%)	(59.4%)	(60.1%)
United Airlines	(14.5%)	(15.7%)	(33.2%)	(33.4%)

*Both Breeze and JetBlue started service to SAT in 2021

**Sun Country doesn't operate service to SAT year-round, in 2019 they operated flights during December but not in 2021



INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS

International traffic grew by 27% in December on a 59% increase in scheduled capacity compared to pre-pandemic, with 89,788 total monthly seats. This was largely due to added capacity on several routes during December including to Guadalajara (GDL) on Volaris (Y4) and Mexico City (MEX) on Aeromexico (AM), VivaAerobus (VB), and Volaris (Y4).

For the year, international passenger numbers grew an incredible 59% compared to the record-breaking year of 2019. This growth is an impressive feat in the current environment. This growth not only helped SAT's recovery but further shows the growing ties between the region and Mexico.

SAT ranked #1 among all U.S. medium-hub airports in terms of total seats to Mexico for the year. When looking at all U.S. airports, SAT ranked #11 between San Francisco (SFO) and Seattle (SEA).

When comparing all U.S. airports in terms of total international seats offered, SAT ranked #21. Comparing this with the other large Texas airports, Houston (IAH) ranked #5, Dallas (DFW) at #6, Houston (HOU) #25, and Austin (AUS) at #35 of the 73 airports that had international service during 2021.

Airline	December 2021 vs. 2019		YE 2021 vs. 2019	
	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change
Aeromexico	76.2%	62.8%	127.2%	123.1%
Southwest*	(75.0%)	(79.0%)	12.8%	5.9%
Sun Country**	-	-	-	-
VivaAerobus**	-	-	-	-
Volaris	90.2%	90.9%	69.4%	118.1%

*Southwest and Sun Country offer seasonal service to Cancun

**VivaAerobus started service in July 2020, Sun Country started international service in May 2021



UPCOMING CHANGES

SAT's airline partners continue to adjust their schedules in response to many factors due to the ongoing pandemic. Adjustments to the summer 2022 schedule are expected, but current schedules do have service levels from SAT at or above the levels seen pre-pandemic. Many routes from SAT are currently scheduled well above what was operated in summer 2019.

Southwest Airlines (WN) will begin **new, nonstop** service to Oklahoma City (OKC) on April 25th. Service will begin at 4x weekly operating on Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays before increasing to 6x weekly in June.

Delta Air Lines (DL) is scheduled to resume nonstop service to New York (JFK) on May 5th. For those looking to fly to New York, nonstop service to the New York metro area is currently being offered by JetBlue Airways (B6) and United Airlines (UA).

Sun Country (SY) will resume seasonal service to both Minneapolis-St. Paul (MSP) on May 20th and Cancun (CUN) on May 27th. Service to Cancun which started last year at twice weekly will be increased to 4x weekly through the summer.

Starting in June, United Airlines (UA) will increase capacity on their popular San Francisco (SFO) route. Currently served on a regional E-175 with 76 seats, the daily flight will switch to an A319 with 126 seats adding 67% more seats daily to the Bay Area.

Previously operated around the holidays, Southwest Airlines (WN) will start **new** Saturday service to Albuquerque (ABQ) on June 11th operated through the summer. While service is less than daily, Southwest (WN) often tests the viability of new markets by offering a limited schedule. If initial performance is positive, additional frequency is likely.



EXHIBIT A

San Antonio International Airport Passenger & Air Cargo Activity Summary Report

	December			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2021	2020	% Change	2021	2020	% Change
Passengers						
Domestic Enplanements	360,805	166,136	117.2%	3,399,064	1,903,449	78.6%
Domestic Deplanements	342,647	165,047	107.6%	3,324,026	1,917,431	73.4%
Total Domestic Passengers	703,452	331,183	112.4%	6,723,090	3,820,880	76.0%
Intl Enplanements	32,484	13,871	134.2%	348,046	96,039	262.4%
Intl Deplanements	27,670	16,046	72.4%	393,526	111,645	252.5%
Total Intl Passengers	60,154	29,917	101.1%	741,572	207,684	257.1%
Grand Total All Passengers	763,606	361,100	111.5%	7,464,662	4,028,564	85.3%
Air Cargo (in Pounds)						
Domestic Freight Enplaned	8,249,020	8,776,523	-6.0%	82,897,257	79,163,576	4.7%
Domestic Freight Deplaned	10,983,406	11,339,065	-3.1%	112,103,075	107,729,617	4.1%
Total Domestic Freight	19,232,426	20,115,588	-4.4%	195,000,332	186,893,193	4.3%
Intl Freight Enplaned	905,898	21,474	4118.6%	7,371,615	9,299,993	-20.7%
Intl Freight Deplaned	304,370	4,674	6412.0%	2,671,836	3,112,497	-14.2%
Total Intl Freight	1,210,268	26,148	4528.5%	10,043,451	12,412,490	-19.1%
Total Freight	20,442,694	20,141,736	1.5%	205,043,783	199,305,683	2.9%
Mail Enplaned	2,563,058	2,442,023	5.0%	27,143,220	23,624,809	14.9%
Mail Deplaned	3,550,837	3,544,968	0.2%	45,321,339	41,793,925	8.4%
Total Mail	6,113,895	5,986,991	2.1%	72,464,559	65,418,733	10.8%
Grand Total All Air Cargo	26,556,589	26,128,727	1.6%	277,508,342	264,724,416	4.8%



EXHIBIT B

San Antonio International Airport Passenger & Air Cargo Activity Summary Report

	December			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2021	2019	% Change	2021	2019	% Change
Passengers						
Domestic Enplanements	360,805	419,357	-14.0%	3,399,064	4,962,724	-31.5%
Domestic Deplanements	342,647	421,423	-18.7%	3,324,026	4,932,841	-32.6%
Total Domestic Passengers	703,452	840,780	-16.3%	6,723,090	9,895,565	-32.1%
Intl Enplanements	32,484	24,464	32.8%	348,046	230,266	51.1%
Intl Deplanements	27,670	22,842	21.1%	393,526	237,209	65.9%
Total Intl Passengers	60,154	47,306	27.2%	741,572	467,475	58.6%
Grand Total All Passengers	763,606	888,086	-14.0%	7,464,662	10,363,040	-28.0%
Air Cargo (in Pounds)						
Domestic Freight Enplaned	8,249,020	7,109,468	16.0%	82,897,257	82,525,571	0.5%
Domestic Freight Deplaned	10,983,406	10,552,081	4.1%	112,103,075	112,561,846	-0.4%
Total Domestic Freight	19,232,426	17,661,549	8.9%	195,000,332	195,087,417	0.0%
Intl Freight Enplaned	905,898	331,694	173.1%	7,371,615	9,442,286	-21.9%
Intl Freight Deplaned	304,370	933,110	-67.4%	2,671,836	3,516,106	-24.0%
Total Intl Freight	1,210,268	1,264,804	-4.3%	10,043,451	12,958,392	-22.5%
Total Freight	20,442,694	18,926,353	8.0%	205,043,783	208,045,809	-1.4%
Mail Enplaned	2,563,058	1,946,037	31.7%	27,143,220	24,104,125	12.6%
Mail Deplaned	3,550,837	3,364,570	5.5%	45,321,339	45,429,200	-0.2%
Total Mail	6,113,895	5,310,607	15.1%	72,464,559	69,533,325	4.2%
Grand Total All Air Cargo	26,556,589	24,236,960	9.6%	277,508,342	277,579,134	0.0%

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