



## November 2021 Statistical Report

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### MAKING STRIDES TOWARDS RECOVERY

#### SUMMARY

San Antonio International Airport (SAT)'s passenger numbers reached 764,396 in November 2021 representing a 128% increase in passengers when compared to the same month in 2020.

SAT's passenger numbers have continued to see a healthy increase and the November numbers continued to push SAT towards recovery. The airport experienced several days in November where they welcomed more travelers than the equivalent dates in 2019. With the public feeling more comfortable traveling, many people returned to the skies this month to travel to be with friends and family during the Thanksgiving holiday. As a result of this increased demand, many of SAT's airlines continue to bring back capacity. Allegiant Air flew more capacity this month than during November 2019 and many other airlines were only down slightly compared to November 2019.

As we monitor our recovery, we continue to compare our monthly numbers to the same month pre-pandemic in 2019. In November, passenger numbers reached 89% of the levels seen during November 2019.

Additionally, a total of 22,671,256 pounds of air cargo moved through SAT in November, up 4% compared to the month prior and up 5% compared with air cargo levels from 2019.

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



## 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 88% of what was flown in November 2019. Total domestic seats from SAT in November totaled 858,535 a 1% increase compared to October 2021.

SAT's airline partners continued to add capacity back to our market during this busy month. Allegiant Air flew both more capacity and more passengers this month than they did during November 2019. Several other airlines reached levels close to pre-pandemic capacity including American Airlines (AA), Delta Air Lines (DL), and United Airlines (UA).

In November, several airlines increased their capacity offering more seats on routes from San Antonio resulting in our increased passenger numbers. American Airlines (AA), Frontier Airlines (F9), and United Airlines (UA) all added larger aircraft on service to key nonstop destinations.

In addition to also increasing capacity on routes to Baltimore (BWI), Las Vegas (LAS), and Tampa (TPA), Southwest (WN) increased frequencies to Chicago (MDW), Los Angeles (LAX), Orlando (MCO), St. Louis (STL), New Orleans (MSY), and San Diego (SAN) giving SAT travelers more options to these cities.

November 2021 vs. 2019		
Airline	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change
Alaska Airlines	(49%)	(42%)
Allegiant Air	2%	63%
American Airlines	(3%)	(4%)
Delta Air Lines	(3%)	(9%)
Frontier Airlines	(41%)	(46%)
Southwest Airlines	(21%)	(18%)
Sun Country	(24%)	(28%)
United Airlines	(9%)	(9%)



## INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS

An impressive increase in both international capacity and passengers to and from SAT have helped fuel our recovery. SAT's scheduled international capacity increased by 51% when compared to November 2019 while passenger numbers increased by 37%.

While both capacity and passenger traffic continue to be much higher than pre-pandemic, both dropped slightly from October to November 2021. One factor being the reopening of the land border to Mexico. Even with this slight reduction, SAT's international passenger numbers continue to break monthly records from 2019 with total international passenger numbers already 62% higher than in 2019 calendar year to date.

SAT ranked #1 among all U.S. medium-hub airports in terms of total seats to Mexico for November. When looking at all U.S. airports, SAT ranked #13 between Seattle (SEA) and Houston (HOU).

When comparing all U.S. airports in terms of total international seats offered, SAT ranked #26. Comparing this with the other large Texas airports, Houston (IAH) ranked at #5, Dallas (DFW) at #8, Houston (HOU) at #24, and Austin at #29 of the 68 U.S. airports that had international service in November 2021.

November 2021 vs. 2019		
Airline	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change
Aeromexico	67%	59%
Southwest	(25%)	(31%)
Sun Country*	-	-
VivaAerobus**	-	-
Volaris	59%	101%

\*Sun Country started service to Cancún, Mexico in May 2021.

\*\*VivaAerobus started service in July 2020



## UPCOMING CHANGES

Southwest Airlines (WN) will begin **new, nonstop** service to Oklahoma City (OKC) on April 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup> and Cancun (CUN) on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Service to Cancun which started last year at twice weekly will be increased to 4x weekly through the summer.

Previously operated around the holidays, Southwest Airlines (WN) will start **new** Saturday service to Albuquerque (ABQ) on June 11<sup>th</sup> operated through the summer.



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

	November			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2021	2020	% Change	2021	2020	% Change
<b>Passengers</b>						
Domestic Enplanements	364,459	152,855	138.4%	3,038,259	1,737,313	74.9%
Domestic Deplanements	346,911	156,689	121.4%	2,975,135	1,752,384	69.8%
<b>Total Domestic Passengers</b>	<b>711,370</b>	<b>309,544</b>	<b>129.8%</b>	<b>6,013,394</b>	<b>3,489,697</b>	<b>72.3%</b>
Intl Enplanements	26,456	11,003	140.4%	315,562	82,168	284.0%
Intl Deplanements	26,570	14,400	84.5%	365,856	95,599	282.7%
<b>Total Intl Passengers</b>	<b>53,026</b>	<b>25,403</b>	<b>108.7%</b>	<b>681,418</b>	<b>177,767</b>	<b>283.3%</b>
<b>Grand Total All Passengers</b>	<b>764,396</b>	<b>334,947</b>	<b>128.2%</b>	<b>6,694,812</b>	<b>3,667,464</b>	<b>82.5%</b>
<b>Air Cargo (in Pounds)</b>						
Domestic Freight Enplaned	6,962,971	6,657,367	4.6%	74,648,237	70,387,053	6.1%
Domestic Freight Deplaned	9,230,071	8,678,494	6.4%	101,119,669	96,390,552	4.9%
<b>Total Domestic Freight</b>	<b>16,193,042</b>	<b>15,335,861</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>175,767,906</b>	<b>166,777,605</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
Intl Freight Enplaned	509,759	684,322	-25.5%	6,465,717	9,278,519	-30.3%
Intl Freight Deplaned	172,215	234,320	-26.5%	2,367,466	3,107,823	-23.8%
<b>Total Intl Freight</b>	<b>681,974</b>	<b>918,642</b>	<b>-25.8%</b>	<b>8,833,183</b>	<b>12,386,342</b>	<b>-28.7%</b>
<b>Total Freight</b>	<b>16,875,016</b>	<b>16,254,503</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>184,601,089</b>	<b>179,163,947</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
Mail Enplaned	2,134,123	2,039,336	4.6%	24,580,162	21,182,786	16.0%
Mail Deplaned	3,662,117	3,536,317	3.6%	41,770,502	38,248,957	9.2%
<b>Total Mail</b>	<b>5,796,240</b>	<b>5,575,653</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>66,350,664</b>	<b>59,431,742</b>	<b>11.6%</b>
<b>Grand Total All Air Cargo</b>	<b>22,671,256</b>	<b>21,830,156</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>250,951,753</b>	<b>238,595,689</b>	<b>5.2%</b>



**Exhibit B**  
**San Antonio International Airport**  
**Passenger & Air Cargo Activity Summary Report**

	November			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2021	2019	% Change	2021	2019	% Change
<b>Passengers</b>						
Domestic Enplanements	364,459	409,456	-11.0%	3,038,259	4,543,367	-33.1%
Domestic Deplanements	346,911	406,060	-14.6%	2,975,135	4,511,418	-34.1%
<b>Total Domestic Passengers</b>	<b>711,370</b>	<b>815,516</b>	<b>-12.8%</b>	<b>6,013,394</b>	<b>9,054,785</b>	<b>-33.6%</b>
Intl Enplanements	26,456	19,153	38.1%	315,562	205,802	53.3%
Intl Deplanements	26,570	19,483	36.4%	365,856	214,367	70.7%
<b>Total Intl Passengers*</b>	<b>53,026</b>	<b>38,636</b>	<b>37.2%</b>	<b>681,418</b>	<b>420,169</b>	<b>62.2%</b>
<b>Grand Total All Passengers</b>	<b>764,396</b>	<b>854,152</b>	<b>-10.5%</b>	<b>6,694,812</b>	<b>9,474,954</b>	<b>-29.3%</b>

<b>Air Cargo (in Pounds)</b>						
Domestic Freight Enplaned	6,962,971	6,211,085	12.1%	74,648,237	75,416,104	-1.0%
Domestic Freight Deplaned	9,230,071	8,799,206	4.9%	101,119,669	102,009,765	-0.9%
<b>Total Domestic Freight</b>	<b>16,193,042</b>	<b>15,010,291</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>175,767,906</b>	<b>177,425,869</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>
Intl Freight Enplaned	509,759	745,041	-31.6%	6,465,717	9,110,592	-29.0%
Intl Freight Deplaned	172,215	337,013	-48.9%	2,367,466	2,582,996	-8.3%
<b>Total Intl Freight</b>	<b>681,974</b>	<b>1,082,054</b>	<b>-37.0%</b>	<b>8,833,183</b>	<b>11,693,588</b>	<b>-24.5%</b>

<b>Total Freight</b>	<b>16,875,016</b>	<b>16,092,345</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>184,601,089</b>	<b>189,119,457</b>	<b>-2.4%</b>
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Mail Deplaned	3,662,117	3,664,001	-0.1%	41,770,502	42,064,630	-0.7%
<b>Total Mail</b>	<b>5,796,240</b>	<b>5,422,145</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>66,350,664</b>	<b>64,222,717</b>	<b>3.3%</b>

<b>Grand Total All Air Cargo</b>	<b>22,671,256</b>	<b>21,514,490</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>250,951,753</b>	<b>253,342,174</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>
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