



## Monthly Statistical Report

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### STRIDES TOWARDS RECOVERY

#### SUMMARY

San Antonio International Airport (SAT)'s passenger numbers reached 584,247 in February 2022 representing a 157.2% increase compared to the same month in 2021.

February is historically a slower time of year for air travel demand especially in the leisure sector as most people have just traveled for the holidays and will again in March or April for Spring Break. The historically slow travel period combined with the continuation of rising cases of COVID-19 in San Antonio and around the world due to the Omicron variant, resulted in lower passenger numbers and a continued slow recovery of business travel demand. Although domestic passenger numbers continue to remain below pre-pandemic levels, SAT's international passenger numbers continue to outperform numbers seen in 2019 even as the land border between the U.S. and Mexico had reopened.

As we monitor our recovery, we continue to compare our monthly numbers to the same month pre-pandemic in 2019. In February, passenger numbers reached 82.7% of the levels seen during February 2019 while total capacity reached 87.4% seen during that month.

Additionally, a total of 20,931,992 pounds of air cargo moved through SAT during the month, representing a 23.9% increase compared to February 2021, and in line with the levels seen during 2019.

(Please see Exhibit A (February 2022 vs 2021) & Exhibit B (February 2022 vs January 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 85.4% of what was flown in February 2019.

Multiple routes from SAT saw increases in both capacity and frequency in February 2022 compared to January 2022. These routes include Atlanta (ATL), Chicago (MDW), El Paso (ELP), and San Diego (SAN) on Southwest Airlines (WN), Newark (EWR), Houston (IAH), and Washington (IAD) on United Airlines (UA), and Chicago (ORD) and Phoenix (PHX) on American Airlines (AA).

Some of the airlines serving SAT continued to experience operational difficulties during the month of February due to crew and aircraft constraints including American Airlines (AA). As result, service network-wide, including SAT, was reduced which can be seen in the chart below.

Airline	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change
Alaska Airlines (AS)	0.0%	11.1%
Allegiant Air (G4)	(4.7%)	16.3%
American Airlines (AA)	(25.4%)	(31.4%)
Breeze Airways (MX)*	-	-
Delta Air Lines (DL)	1.0%	(2.3%)
Frontier Airlines (F9)	(46.4%)	(54.4%)
JetBlue Airways (B6)*	-	-
Southwest Airlines (WN)	(18.6%)	(21.1%)
Sun Country Airlines (SY)**	-	-
United Airlines (UA)	(4.3%)	(5.5%)

\*New airline in 2021

\*\*Sun Country Airlines operates seasonal service from SAT and didn't operate flights during February



## INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS

An impressive increase in both international capacity and passengers to and from SAT has helped recovery at the airport. SAT's scheduled international capacity increased by 28.4% when compared to February 2019 while international passenger numbers increased by 24.1%.

February also represents a slower travel period to Mexico being between the busy holiday travel period and the Spring which includes both Holy Week and Spring Break. Reductions in capacity by all Mexican carriers resulted in total seats being down 38.9% compared to January 2022 but still well above 2019 levels as indicated above.

SAT ranked #2 among all U.S. medium-hub airports in terms of total seats to Mexico for February only behind Houston (HOU). When looking at all U.S. airports, SAT ranked #18 between Las Vegas (LAS) and Salt Lake City (SLC). In terms of total international seats, SAT ranked #31 out of all 70 U.S. airports that had international service during February.

Airline	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change
Aeromexico (AM)	100.0%	124.6%
Southwest (WN)*	-	-
Sun Country (SY)**	-	-
VivaAerobus (VB)***	-	-
Volaris (Y4)	61.6%	121.2%

\*Southwest offers seasonal service to Cancun, Mexico.

\*\*Sun Country started service to Cancun, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. Service will be 6x weekly operating all days besides Saturdays.

In May, American Airlines (AA) will add an additional frequency on nonstop service to Miami (MIA). This will bring service from SAT to twice daily giving travelers more options to South Florida and beyond to the airline's extensive Caribbean and Latin American network.

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 increase to 4x weekly through the summer.

Frontier Airlines (F9) will launch new, nonstop service twice weekly to Atlanta (ATL) on May 26<sup>th</sup> and 3x weekly service to Philadelphia (PHL) on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

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 a mix of A319 and B737-800 aircraft representing an increase of 70% more seats daily to the Bay Area.

Operated 5x weekly last summer, Southwest Airlines (WN) will increase service to daily on their Cancun (CUN) nonstops.

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. 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.

Delta Air Lines (DL) is scheduled to resume nonstop service to New York (JFK) on September 13<sup>th</sup>. For those looking to fly to New York, nonstop service is currently being offered by JetBlue Airways (B6) and United Airlines (UA).



## EXHIBIT A

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

	February			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2022	2021	% Change	2022	2021	% Change
<b>Passengers</b>						
Domestic Enplanements	278,136	104,034	167.4%	544,344	232,439	134.2%
Domestic Deplanements	275,100	104,140	164.2%	529,778	237,307	123.2%
<b>Total Domestic Passengers</b>	<b>553,236</b>	<b>208,174</b>	<b>165.8%</b>	<b>1,074,122</b>	<b>469,746</b>	<b>128.7%</b>
Intl Enplanements	15,556	7,948	95.7%	37,210	18,262	103.8%
Intl Deplanements	15,455	11,037	40.0%	39,220	26,519	47.9%
<b>Total Intl Passengers</b>	<b>31,011</b>	<b>18,985</b>	<b>63.3%</b>	<b>76,430</b>	<b>44,781</b>	<b>70.7%</b>
<b>Grand Total All Passengers</b>	<b>584,247</b>	<b>227,159</b>	<b>157.2%</b>	<b>1,150,552</b>	<b>514,527</b>	<b>123.6%</b>

<b>Air Cargo (in Pounds)</b>						
Domestic Freight Enplaned	6,321,446	4,916,788	28.6%	12,187,009	11,318,746	7.7%
Domestic Freight Deplaned	8,434,513	6,872,551	22.7%	16,871,555	15,854,627	6.4%
<b>Total Domestic Freight</b>	<b>14,755,958</b>	<b>11,789,339</b>	<b>25.2%</b>	<b>29,058,563</b>	<b>27,173,373</b>	<b>6.9%</b>
Intl Freight Enplaned	786,443	559,701	40.5%	1,502,013	1,158,113	29.7%
Intl Freight Deplaned	229,502	200,956	14.2%	507,790	434,081	17.0%
<b>Total Intl Freight</b>	<b>1,015,945</b>	<b>760,657</b>	<b>33.6%</b>	<b>2,009,803</b>	<b>1,592,194</b>	<b>26.2%</b>

<b>Total Freight</b>	<b>15,771,903</b>	<b>12,549,996</b>	<b>25.7%</b>	<b>31,068,366</b>	<b>28,765,567</b>	<b>8.0%</b>
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Mail Enplaned	1,980,019	1,568,167	26.3%	3,711,318	3,842,343	-3.4%
Mail Deplaned	3,180,069	2,771,388	14.7%	6,210,268	6,523,172	-4.8%
<b>Total Mail</b>	<b>5,160,089</b>	<b>4,339,555</b>	<b>18.9%</b>	<b>9,921,587</b>	<b>10,365,515</b>	<b>-4.3%</b>

<b>Grand Total All Air Cargo</b>	<b>20,931,992</b>	<b>16,889,551</b>	<b>23.9%</b>	<b>40,989,953</b>	<b>39,131,082</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
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**EXHIBIT B**  
**San Antonio International Airport**  
**Passenger & Air Cargo Activity Summary Report**

	February			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2022	2019	% Change	2022	2019	% Change
<b>Passengers</b>						
Domestic Enplanements	278,136	341,658	-18.6%	544,344	698,773	-22.1%
Domestic Deplanements	275,100	339,803	-19.0%	529,778	704,489	-24.8%
<b>Total Domestic Passengers</b>	<b>553,236</b>	<b>681,461</b>	<b>-18.8%</b>	<b>1,074,122</b>	<b>1,403,262</b>	<b>-23.5%</b>
Intl Enplanements	15,556	12,166	27.9%	37,210	27,979	33.0%
Intl Deplanements	15,455	12,823	20.5%	39,220	30,366	29.2%
<b>Total Intl Passengers*</b>	<b>31,011</b>	<b>24,989</b>	<b>24.1%</b>	<b>76,430</b>	<b>58,345</b>	<b>31.0%</b>
<b>Grand Total All Passengers</b>	<b>584,247</b>	<b>706,450</b>	<b>-17.3%</b>	<b>1,150,552</b>	<b>1,461,607</b>	<b>-21.3%</b>

<b>Air Cargo (in Pounds)</b>						
Domestic Freight Enplaned	6,321,446	5,877,083	7.6%	12,187,009	12,255,797	-0.6%
Domestic Freight Deplaned	8,434,513	7,857,720	7.3%	16,871,555	16,763,758	0.6%
<b>Total Domestic Freight</b>	<b>14,755,958</b>	<b>13,734,804</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>29,058,563</b>	<b>29,019,555</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
Intl Freight Enplaned	786,443	561,772	40.0%	1,502,013	1,284,920	16.9%
Intl Freight Deplaned	229,502	217,365	5.6%	507,790	509,056	-0.2%
<b>Total Intl Freight</b>	<b>1,015,945</b>	<b>779,137</b>	<b>30.4%</b>	<b>2,009,803</b>	<b>1,793,976</b>	<b>12.0%</b>

<b>Total Freight</b>	<b>15,771,903</b>	<b>14,513,941</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>31,068,366</b>	<b>30,813,531</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
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Mail Enplaned	1,980,019	2,166,557	-8.6%	3,711,318	4,446,070	-16.5%
Mail Deplaned	3,180,069	3,926,098	-19.0%	6,210,268	8,238,399	-24.6%
<b>Total Mail</b>	<b>5,160,089</b>	<b>6,092,654</b>	<b>-15.3%</b>	<b>9,921,587</b>	<b>12,684,469</b>	<b>-21.8%</b>

<b>Grand Total All Air Cargo</b>	<b>20,931,992</b>	<b>20,606,595</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>40,989,953</b>	<b>43,498,000</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>
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