

### **Monthly Statistical Report**

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#### STRIDES TOWARDS RECOVERY

#### **SUMMARY**

San Antonio International Airport (SAT)'s passenger numbers reached 787,611 in March 2022 representing a 63.5% increase compared to the same month in 2021.

The Spring Break period has historically been a very strong time of year for passenger activity at SAT. The combination of both local residents traveling and the influx of tourists to our region contributed towards a busy March for the airport. COVID-19 numbers falling, and related regulations being retired throughout most of the country resulted in impressive recovery for both SAT and the country's airlines. Almost all air carriers operating from SAT saw large increases in service from the airport compared to the same month in 2021 with Volaris (Y4), United Airlines (UA), and Southwest Airlines (WN) adding the most seats compared to the same month a year ago.

As we monitor our recovery, we continue to compare our monthly numbers to the same month pre-pandemic in 2019. In March, passenger numbers reached 86.8% of the levels seen during March 2019 while total capacity reached 82.4% seen during that month.

Additionally, a total of 25,364,338 pounds of air cargo moved through SAT during the month, representing an 8.3% increase compared to March 2019, and up 3.9% compared to March 2021.

(Please see Exhibit A (March 2022 vs 2021) & Exhibit B (March 2022 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 79.4% of what was flown in March 2019.

During March 2022, Delta Air Lines (DL) flew over 9% more passengers than they did during the same month in 2019 representing strong recovery in the San Antonio market by the carrier. Alaska Airlines (AS) also flew more passengers than March 2019 up over 4% in 2022.

Some of the airlines serving SAT continued to experience operational difficulties during the month of March 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)	(0.7%)	4.1%		
Allegiant Air (G4)	(53.4%)	(44.5%)		
American Airlines (AA)	(27.7%)	(22.5%)		
Breeze Airways (MX)*	-	-		
Delta Air Lines (DL)	(0.4%)	9.3%		
Frontier Airlines (F9)	(52.6%)	(60.1%)		
JetBlue Airways (B6)*	-	-		
Southwest Airlines (WN)	(26.8%)	(19.8%)		
Sun Country Airlines (SY)**	-	-		
United Airlines (UA)	(12.4%)	(7.3%)		

<sup>\*</sup>New airline in 2021

<sup>\*\*</sup>Sun Country Airlines operates seasonal service from SAT and didn't operate flights during March



#### 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 41.6% when compared to March 2019 while international passenger numbers increased by 14.9%.

All the airlines that operate international service from SAT added significantly more seats to the market than in both March 2019 and 2021. In addition to more service from Aeromexico (AM), VivaAerobus (VB), and Volaris (Y4), Southwest Airlines (WN) resumed seasonal service to Cancun (CUN) during March. The service operated once weekly on Saturdays during the month.

SAT ranked #1 among all U.S. medium-hub airports in terms of total seats to Mexico for March. When looking at all U.S. airports, SAT ranked #14 between Orlando (MCO) and Newark (EWR). In terms of total international seats, SAT ranked #31 out of all 70 U.S. airports that had international service during March.

Airline	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change		
Aeromexico (AM)	125.8%	114.3%		
Southwest (WN)*	-	-		
Sun Country (SY)**	-	-		
VivaAerobus (VB)***	-	-		
Volaris (Y4)	79.4%	92.2%		

<sup>\*</sup>Southwest offers seasonal service to Cancun, Mexico.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Sun Country started service to Cancun, Mexico in May 2021.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>VivaAerobus started service in July 2020.



### **Upcoming Changes**

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 nonstop service twice weekly to Atlanta (ATL) on May 26<sup>th</sup> and 3x weekly service to Philadelphia (PHL) on June 10<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 <u>new</u> 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

	March			Calendar Year-to-Date			
	2022	2021	% Change	2022	2021	% Change	
Passengers							
Domestic Enplanements	377,566	214,720	75.8%	921,910	447,159	106.2%	
Domestic Deplanements	366,708	223,694	63.9%	896,486	461,001	94.5%	
Total Domestic Passengers	744,274	438,414	69.8%	1,818,396	908,160	100.2%	
Intl Enplanements	21,551	18,145	18.8%	58,761	36,407	61.4%	
Intl Deplanements	21,786	25,078	-13.1%	61,006	51,597	18.2%	
Total Intl Passengers	43,337	43,223	0.3%	119,767	88,004	36.1%	
Grand Total All Passengers	787,611	481,637	63.5%	1,938,163	996,164	94.6%	
Air Cargo (in Pounds)							
Domestic Freight Enplaned	7,795,304	7,085,234	10.0%	19,982,313	18,403,980	8.6%	
Domestic Freight Deplaned	10,008,180	9,942,493	0.7%	26,879,735	25,797,120	4.2%	
Total Domestic Freight	17,803,485	17,027,727	4.6%	46,862,048	44,201,100	6.0%	
Intl Freight Enplaned	940,833	885,608	6.2%	2,442,846	2,043,721	19.5%	
Intl Freight Deplaned	260,140	257,397	1.1%	767,930	691,478	11.1%	
Total Intl Freight	1,200,973	1,143,005	5.1%	3,210,776	2,735,199	17.4%	
Total Freight	19,004,458	18,170,732	4.6%	50,072,824	46,936,299	6.7%	
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Mail Enplaned	2,463,536	2,418,441	1.9%	6,174,854	6,260,784	-1.4%	
Mail Deplaned	3,896,345	3,833,894	1.6%	10,106,613	10,357,066	-2.4%	
Total Mail	6,359,880	6,252,335	1.7%	16,281,467	16,617,850	-2.0%	
Grand Total All Air Cargo	25,364,338	24,423,067	3.9%	66,354,291	63,554,149	4.4%	
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# Exhibit B San Antonio International Airport Passenger & Air Cargo Activity Summary Report

	March			Calendar Year-to-Date			
	2022	2019	% Change	2022	2019	% Change	
Passengers							
Domestic Enplanements	377,566	436,577	-13.5%	921,910	1,135,210	-18.8%	
Domestic Deplanements	366,708	433,048	-15.3%	896,486	1,137,677	-21.2%	
Total Domestic Passengers	744,274	869,625	-14.4%	1,818,396	2,272,887	-20.0%	
Intl Enplanements	21,551	18,594	15.9%	58,761	46,573	26.2%	
Intl Deplanements	21,786	19,130	13.9%	61,006	49,496	23.3%	
Total Intl Passengers*	43,337	37,724	14.9%	119,767	96,069	24.7%	
Grand Total All Passengers	787,611	907,349	-13.2%	1,938,163	2,368,956	-18.2%	
Air Cargo (in Pounds)							
Domestic Freight Enplaned	7,795,304	7,576,041	2.9%	19,982,313	19,831,838	0.8%	
Domestic Freight Deplaned	10,008,180	9,479,765	5.6%	26,879,735	26,243,523	2.4%	
Total Domestic Freight	17,803,485	17,055,806	4.4%	46,862,048	46,075,361	1.7%	
Intl Freight Enplaned	940,833	54,322	1632.0%	2,442,846	1,339,242	82.4%	
Intl Freight Deplaned	260,140	4,262	6003.7%	767,930	513,318	49.6%	
Total Intl Freight	1,200,973	58,584	1950.0%	3,210,776	1,852,560	73.3%	
Total Freight	19,004,458	17,114,390	11.0%	50,072,824	47,927,921	4.5%	
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Mail Enplaned	2,463,536	2,227,150	10.6%	6,174,854	6,673,220	-7.5%	
Mail Deplaned	3,896,345	4,087,546	-4.7%	10,106,613	12,325,945	-18.0%	
Total Mail	6,359,880	6,314,696	0.7%	16,281,467	18,999,165	-14.3%	