

# **Monthly Statistical Report**

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## STRIDES TOWARDS RECOVERY

#### SUMMARY

As the airport continues to rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic, San Antonio International Airport (SAT)'s passenger numbers reached 875,945 in July 2022 representing an 8.2% increase compared to the same month in 2021. July 2022 had the highest passenger numbers for the airport since December 2019. Many people took to the skies again during the month on long overdue trips including a resurgence in business travel demand.

Almost all airlines increased their operation from SAT during the month compared not only to the same month in 2021 but to the month prior, June 2022, as well. The airlines with the largest increases in service from June to July included Frontier Airlines (F9), Volaris (Y4), VivaAerobus (VB), Southwest (WN), and United Airlines (UA).

As we monitor our recovery, the airport continues to compare these monthly numbers to the same month pre-pandemic in 2019. That year was a record-breaking one for San Antonio International Airport serving over 10 million passengers. July 2022 passenger numbers reached 91.1% of the levels seen during June 2019 while total capacity reached 92.8%.

Additionally, a total of 21,585,885 pounds of air cargo moved through SAT during the month of July 2022, slightly below the levels seen during both July 2021 and 2019. (Please see Exhibit A (July 2022 vs 2021) & Exhibit B (July 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 89.8% of what was flown in July 2019 while domestic passenger numbers reached 89.4% of 2019 levels.

Most of the domestic service at SAT increased in July 2022 compared to the month prior as peak summer travel continued. While frequencies on some routes have not returned to the levels seen before the pandemic, most routes are being operated on larger aircraft. This results in a significant increase in capacity.

For the first time in our recovery, United Airlines (UA) flew more passengers to and from SAT than they did during the same month in 2019, an increase of 7.8%. Larger aircraft on key routes and more frequencies to their major hubs in Houston (IAH) and Denver (DEN) resulted in this increase.

Airline	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change
Alaska Airlines (AS)	(34.9%)	(35.5%)
Allegiant Air (G4)	(41.8%)	(41.2%)
American Airlines (AA)	(20.5%)	(19.9%)
Delta Air Lines (DL)	(10.1%)	(12.5%)
Frontier Airlines (F9)	(34.1%)	(38.9%)
JetBlue Airways (B6)*	-	-
Southwest Airlines (WN)	(8.9%)	(10.0%)
Sun Country Airlines (SY)	(39.1%)	(19.3%)
United Airlines (UA)	1.0%	7.8%

\*New airline in 2021

While domestic service levels were still down overall for the carriers operating at SAT in July, the following routes had more capacity this month than in July 2019:

- American Airlines (AA) to Charlotte (CLT) and Miami (MIA)
- Delta Air Lines (DL) to Detroit (DTW), Los Angeles (LAX), Minneapolis-St. Paul (MSP), and Salt Lake City (SLC)
- Frontier Airlines (F9) to Las Vegas (LAS) and Orlando (MCO)
- Southwest Airlines (WN) to Atlanta (ATL), Denver (DEN), Houston (HOU), Nashville (BNA), Tampa (TPA), Orlando (MCO), and Phoenix (PHX)
- United Airlines (UA) to Denver (DEN), Newark (EWR), San Francisco (SFO), and Washington D.C. (IAD)



#### 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 43.0% when compared to July 2019 while international passenger numbers increased by 18.6%.

All the airlines that operate international service from SAT added significantly more seats to the market than in July 2019. Much of this increase in capacity was a result of pandemic closures to the land border. Since its reopening last fall, demand and capacity has remained much higher than pre-pandemic levels at SAT indicating that many travelers have decided to fly rather than drive to and from Mexico. Additional international service to Cancun (CUN) by both Southwest (WN) and Sun Country (SY) also bolstered this growth.

SAT ranked #1 among all U.S. medium-hub airports in terms of total seats to Mexico for July. When looking at all U.S. airports, SAT ranked #11 between San Francisco (SFO) and Orlando (MCO). In terms of total international seats, SAT ranked #33 out of all 77 U.S. airports that had international service during July.

Airline	Seat Capacity Change	Passenger Change
Aeromexico (AM)	111.3%	106.0%
Southwest (WN)*	0.0%	2.2%
Sun Country (SY)**	-	-
VivaAerobus (VB)***	-	-
Volaris (Y4)	156.0%	147.4%

\*Southwest offers seasonal service to Cancun, Mexico.

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

\*\*\*VivaAerobus started service in July 2020.

When comparing year-over-two-year international capacity changes, the results were based on the following:

- Aeromexico (AM) increasing frequency from daily to three times daily to Mexico City (MEX).
- Southwest (WN) increasing capacity on Cancun (CUN) nonstops.
- Sun Country (SY) beginning nonstop service to Cancun (CUN) in 2021 and increasing frequencies in 2022.
- VivaAerobus (VB) entering the market with nonstop service to Leon/Guanajuato (BJX), Mexico City (MEX), and Monterrey (MTY).
- Volaris (Y4) nearly doubling their frequencies to both Guadalajara (GDL) and Mexico City (MEX).



#### **Upcoming Changes**

Spirit Airlines (NK) will become the 13<sup>th</sup> air carrier operating from SAT when they launch **<u>NEW</u>** nonstop service to both Las Vegas (LAS) and Orlando (MCO) on November 17<sup>th</sup>. In addition to this nonstop service, connections will be available via both LAS and MCO to cities throughout their network.

Sun Country (SY) will resume seasonal service to Las Vegas (LAS) on September 8<sup>th</sup>. These nonstops operate September through December. Other airlines offering nonstops to Las Vegas (LAS) include Allegiant (G4), Frontier Airlines (F9), and Southwest (WN).

Currently operated twice daily, nonstops to Chicago (ORD) on United Airlines (UA) will increase to three times daily in September. Other airlines offering nonstop service to the Chicago area include American Airlines (AA) and Southwest (WN).

Nonstop service to Colorado Springs (COS) will resume on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Previously operated only on peak days during the holidays, service this season will increase to a consistent Saturday-only operation in addition to the peak days around the holidays.



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

	July			Calendar Year-to-Date			
	2022	2021	% Change	2022	2021	% Change	
Passengers							
Domestic Enplanements	415,480	369,472	12.5%	2,521,761	1,701,755	48.2%	
Domestic Deplanements	395,015	354,198	11.5%	2,409,955	1,658,256	45.3%	
Total Domestic Passengers	810,495	723,670	12.0%	4,931,716	3,360,011	46.8%	
Intl Enplanements	31,377	40,369	-22.3%	163,909	201,387	-18.6%	
Intl Deplanements	34,073	45,165	-24.6%	161,220	232,092	-30.5%	
Total Intl Passengers	65,450	85,534	-23.5%	325,129	433,479	-25.0%	
Grand Total All Passengers	875,945	809,204	8.2%	5,256,845	3,793,490	38.6%	
Air Cargo (in Pounds)							
Domestic Freight Enplaned	6,830,015	7,158,432	-4.6%	47,810,569	47,218,498	1.3%	
Domestic Freight Deplaned	8,427,033	9,517,991	-11.5%	61,867,140	63,877,946	-3.1%	
Total Domestic Freight	15,257,047	16,676,423	-8.5%	109,677,709	111,096,444	-1.3%	
Intl Freight Enplaned	634,089	656,560	-3.4%	5,269,460	4,618,971	14.1%	
Intl Freight Deplaned	261,910	254,046	3.1%	1,814,186	1,755,536	3.3%	
Total Intl Freight	895,999	910,606	-1.6%	7,083,646	6,374,507	11.1%	
Total Freight	16,153,046	17,587,029	-8.2%	116,761,355	117,470,951	-0.6%	
Mail Enplaned	2,215,638	2,193,195	1.0%	15,019,391	15,079,049	-0.4%	
Mail Deplaned	3,217,200	3,746,986	-14.1%	23,450,555	25,505,937	-8.1%	
Total Mail	5,432,839	5,940,181	-8.5%	38,469,946	40,584,986	-5.2%	
Grand Total All Air Cargo	21,585,885	23,527,210	-8.3%	155,231,301	158,055,937	-1.8%	



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

	July			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2022	2019	% Change	2022	2019	% Change
Passengers						
Domestic Enplanements	415,480	456,600	-9.0%	2,521,761	2,898,878	-13.0%
Domestic Deplanements	385,015	450,074	-14.5%	2,409,955	2,861,189	-15.8%
Total Domestic Passengers	810,495	906,674	-10.6%	4,931,716	5,760,067	-14.4%
Intl Enplanements	31,377	26,028	20.6%	163,909	133,086	23.2%
Intl Deplanements	34,073	29,136	16.9%	161,220	139,160	15.9%
Total Intl Passengers*	65,450	55,164	18.6%	325,129	272,246	19.4%
Grand Total All Passengers	875,945	961,838	-8.9%	5,256,845	6,032,313	-12.9%

Air Cargo (in Pounds)						
Domestic Freight Enplaned	6,830,015	7,156,921	-4.6%	47,810,569	49,322,269	-3.1%
Domestic Freight Deplaned	8,427,033	9,556,701	-11.8%	61,867,140	64,117,845	-3.5%
Total Domestic Freight	15,257,047	16,713,622	-8.7%	109,677,709	113,440,114	-3.3%
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Intl Freight Enplaned	634,089	676,936	-6.3%	5,269,460	4,913,231	7.3%
Intl Freight Deplaned	261,910	177,982	47.2%	1,814,186	1,463,447	24.0%
Total Intl Freight	895,999	854,918	4.8%	7,083,646	6,376,678	11.1%

Total Freight	16,153,046	17,568,540	-8.1%	116,761,355	119,816,792	-2.6%
Mail Enplaned	2,215,638	1,852,153	19.6%	15,019,931	14,691,767	2.2%
Mail Deplaned	3,217,200	3,651,098	-11.9%	23,450,555	27,225,731	-13.9%
Total Mail	5,432,839	5,503,251	-1.3%	38,469,946	41,917,498	-8.2%
Grand Total All Air Cargo	21,585,885	23,071,791	-6.4%	155,231,301	161,734,290	-4.0%