



Monthly Statistical Report

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AIRPORT ENDS A YEAR OF RECOVERY

SUMMARY

San Antonio International Airport (SAT) continued to welcome back travelers throughout 2022 as the airport and the community continued to make strides towards recovery. Factors during the beginning of the year resulted in a slow start. The Omicron variant continued to keep potential travelers at home but starting in March, passenger levels began to increase significantly. November 2022 was an important month for the airport's recovery as more passengers traveled through the terminals than during the same month in 2019 for the first time in the airport's recovery. Severe Winter weather and operational issues by the airport's largest carrier, Southwest Airlines (WN), resulted in a slower end to the year than anticipated.

Even with these factors, a total of 9,462,449 passengers flew through SAT during the year, exceeding 2021 levels by 27%. Compared to pre-pandemic, SAT's total passenger counts reached 91.3% of levels seen during the record-breaking year of 2019. Compared to 2019, domestic traffic was down 6%, while international traffic increased by 15%.

During 2022, SAT welcoming its newest carrier, Spirit Airlines (NK), who launched nonstop service to Las Vegas (LAS) and Orlando (MCO). Additionally, the airline announced new service to both Baltimore/Washington (BWI) and Ft. Lauderdale (FLL) both set to launch in March 2023. Frontier Airlines (F9) brought back nonstops to Atlanta (ATL) and Summer-seasonal service to Philadelphia (PHL). Southwest Airlines (WN) launched new nonstops to Oklahoma City (OKC) in addition to expanding seasonal service to both Colorado Springs (COS) and Albuquerque (ABQ). The airport offered more seats to Cancun (CUN) than ever before with both Sun Country Airlines (SY) and Southwest Airlines (WN) expanding nonstop options to the popular destination.



In December 2022, the airport recorded 844,536 total passengers. Originally forecasted to be above 2019 levels, as mentioned above, significant travel disruptions towards the end of the month resulted in passenger levels being slightly under 2019 levels by 5%. However, compared to December 2021, traffic was up at the airport by 11%.

In regard to air cargo, 268,167,283 pounds moved through SAT in 2022, slightly below both 2021 and 2019. For December, air cargo was down 7% compared to 2021 but up 2% compared to 2019. See the charts on the final page of the report for more detailed figures.



Upcoming Changes

After launching service from SAT to both Las Vegas (LAS) and Orlando (MCO) in November, Spirit Airlines (NK) will add new, daily nonstop service to both Baltimore/Washington (BWI) and Ft. Lauderdale (FLL) on March 8th.

Southwest Airlines (WN) will resume seasonal, once-weekly service to Ft. Lauderdale (FLL) on March 11th.

Delta Air Lines (DL) is scheduled to resume daily nonstop service to New York (JFK) on May 8th. The airline will join existing nonstop service to the New York Metro that is currently operated by JetBlue Airways (B6) to New York (JFK) and United Airlines (UA) to Newark (EWR).

Currently served less than daily seasonally, Southwest (WN) will resume daily nonstop service to Kansas City (MCI) on July 11th.



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 slightly above levels seen during December 2019, while domestic passenger numbers reached 94%. As mentioned previously, major disruptions across the country resulted in thousands of canceled flights and delays during the holiday period. Even with this factor, passenger numbers remained strong at SAT during the month of December.

Increased service and larger aircraft on existing routes resulted in several airlines flying more passengers to and from SAT than the same month in 2019. These included Allegiant Air (G4), Delta Air Lines (DL), and Frontier Airlines (F9). While not reaching numbers above 2019, United Airlines (UA) came very close, only down by 1% for the month.

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

- American Airlines (AA) to Charlotte (CLT), Los Angeles (LAX), 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 Denver (DEN), Las Vegas (LAS), and Orlando (MCO)
- Southwest (WN) to Albuquerque (ABQ), Chicago (MDW), Dallas (DAL), Denver (DEN), El Paso (ELP), Houston (HOU), Phoenix (PHX), and Tampa (TPA)
- United Airlines (UA) to Chicago (ORD), Denver (DEN), Newark (EWR), San Francisco (SFO), and Washington (IAD)

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Domestic Traffic

		Passengers		Capacity	
Airline	Airline Code	Vs 2019	Vs 2021	Vs 2019	Vs 2021
Alaska Airlines	AS	-50%	-3%	-47%	5%
Allegiant Air	G4	36%	36%	0%	0%
American Airlines	AA	-9%	4%	-9%	6%
Breeze Airways	MX	0%	-100%	0%	-100%
Delta Air Lines	DL	4%	14%	0%	6%
Frontier Airlines	F9	82%	41%	98%	52%
JetBlue Airways	B6	100%	20%	100%	100%
Spirit Airlines	NK	100%	100%	100%	100%
Southwest Airlines	WN	-17%	8%	-1%	34%
Sun Country Airlines	SY	-82%	100%	-75%	100%
United Airlines	UA	-1%	17%	-3%	13%
Total		-6%	13%	0%	21%

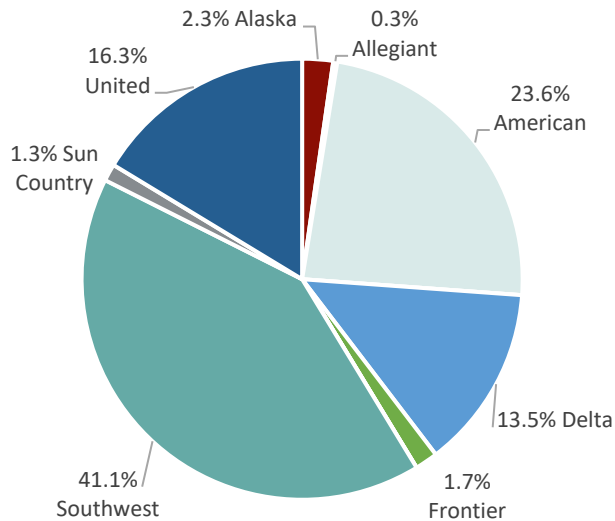
33 Domestic Destinations in December 2022

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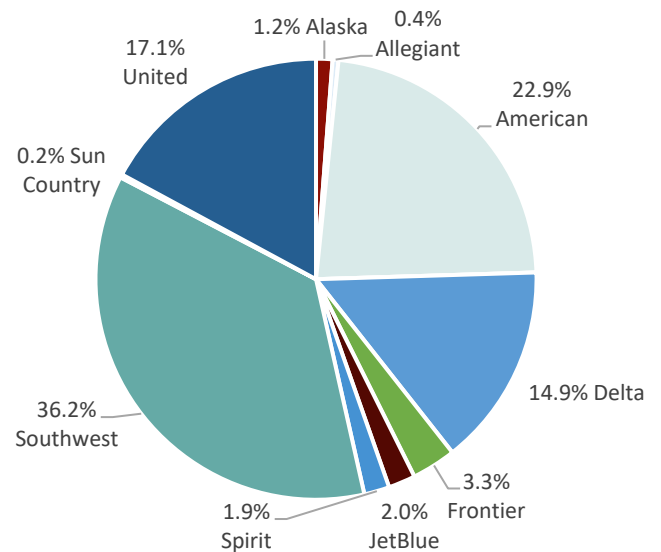
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Domestic Market Share

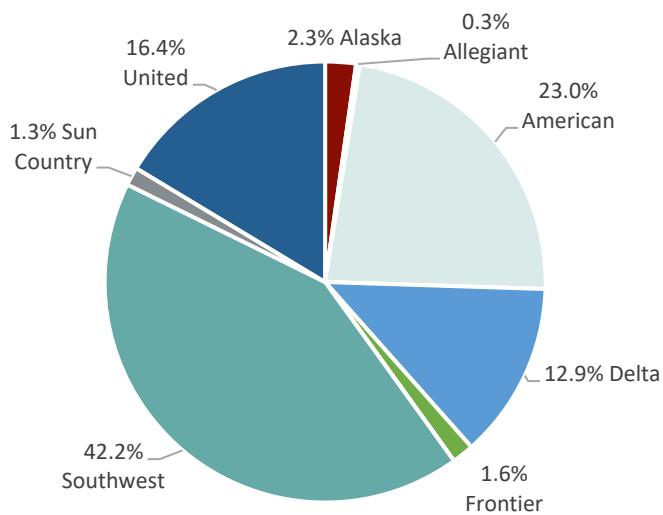
Passengers Carried Dec 2019



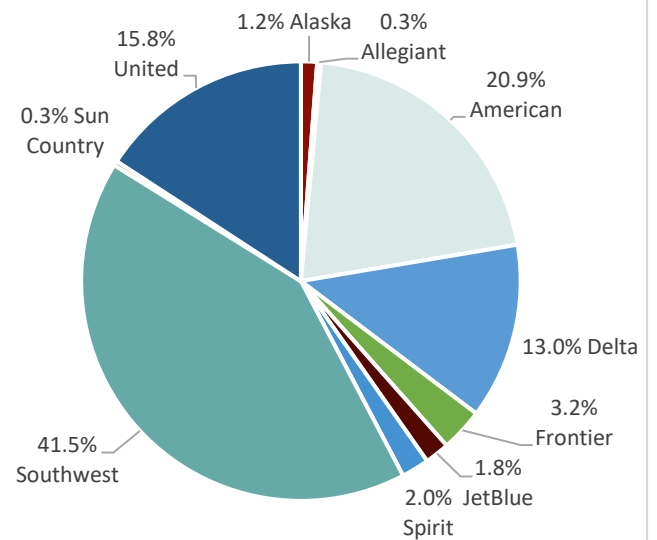
Passengers Carried Dec 2022



Total Scheduled Seats Dec 2019



Total Scheduled Seats Dec 2022





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 29% when compared to December 2019 while international passenger numbers increased by 15%.

All the airlines that operate international service from SAT added more seats to the market than in December 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 higher than pre-pandemic levels at SAT indicating that many travelers have decided to fly rather than drive to and from Mexico.

SAT ranked #1 among all U.S. medium-hub airports in terms of total seats to Mexico for December 2022. When looking at all U.S. airports, SAT ranked #16 between Chicago (MDW) and Las Vegas (LAS). In terms of total international seats, SAT ranked #33 out of all 73 U.S. airports that had international service during December.

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

- Aeromexico (AM) increasing frequency from daily to two/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).

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International Traffic

		Passengers		Capacity	
Airline	Airline Code	Vs 2019	Vs 2021	Vs 2019	Vs 2021
Interjet	40	-100%	0%	-100%	0%
Aeromexico	AM	60%	-2%	71%	-3%
Southwest Airlines	WN	100%	518%	25%	400%
Sun Country Airlines	SY	100%	0%	0%	0%
United Airlines	UA	0%	0%	0%	0%
VivaAerobus	VB	100%	-10%	100%	-20%
Volaris	Y4	53%	-20%	36%	-28%
Total		15%	-10%	29%	-19%

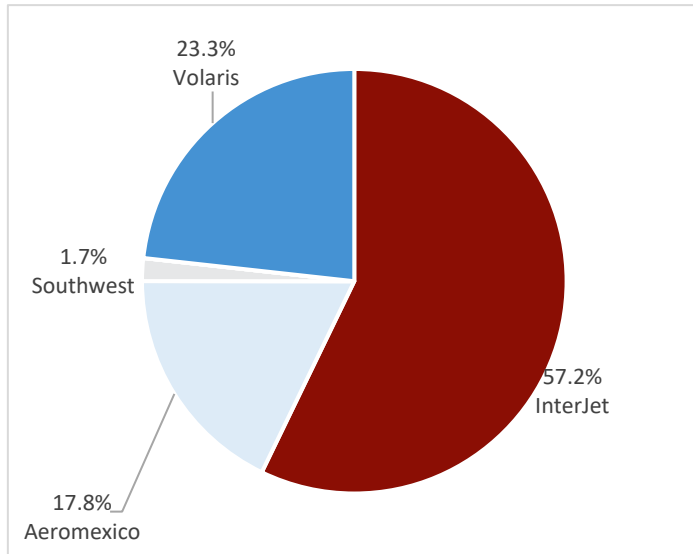
5 International Destinations in December 2022

Destination	Airport Code	AM	WN	SY	VB	Y4
Cancun, Mexico	CUN		X			
Guadalajara, Mexico	GDL					X
Leon/Guanajuato, Mexico	BJX				X	
Mexico City, Mexico	MEX	X			X	X
Monterrey, Mexico	MTY				X	

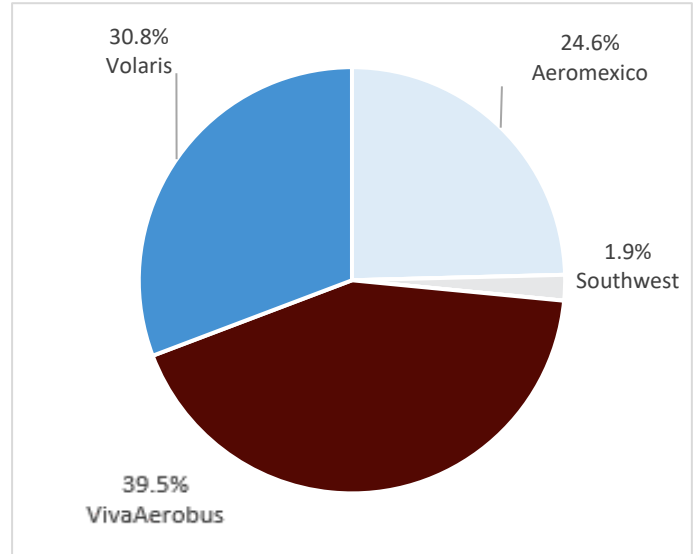
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International Market Share

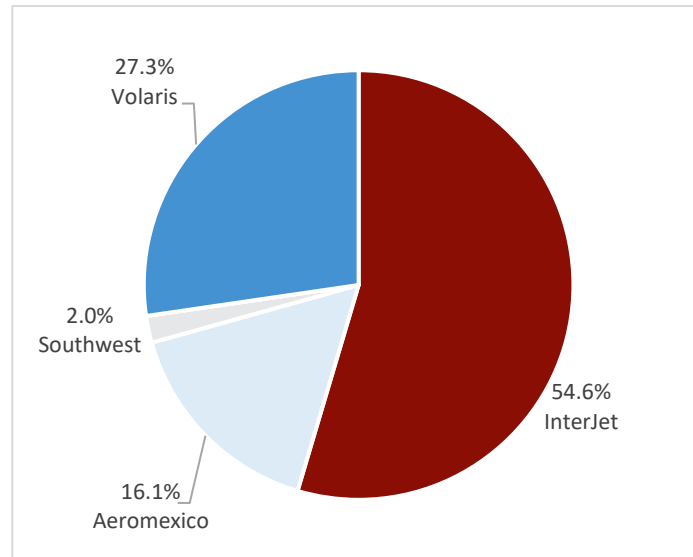
Passengers Carried Dec 2019



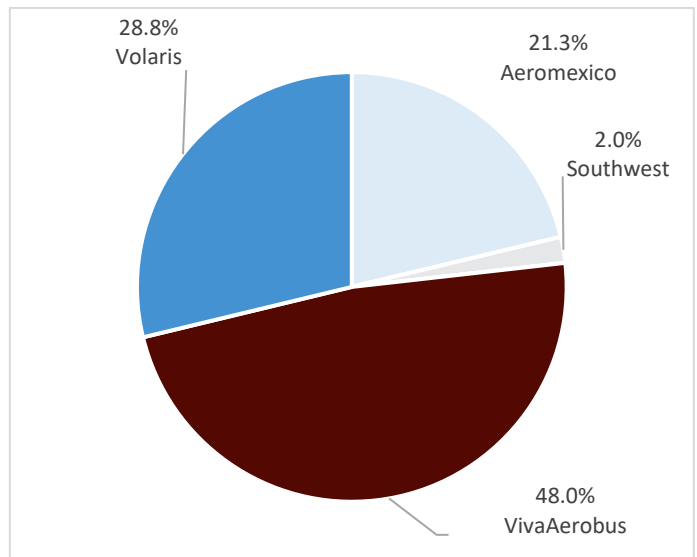
Passengers Carried Dec 2022



Total Scheduled Dec Nov 2019



Total Scheduled Dec Nov 2022



December 2022 Statistics Report						
Compared to 2021						
	December			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2022	2021	% Change	2022	2021	% Change
Passengers						
Domestic Enplanements	414,289	360,805	14.8%	4,558,263	3,399,064	34.1%
Domestic Deplanements	376,091	342,647	9.8%	4,348,378	3,324,026	30.8%
Total Domestic Passengers	790,380	703,452	12.4%	8,906,641	6,723,090	32.5%
International Enplanements	28,529	32,484	-12.2%	278,975	348,046	-19.8%
International Deplanements	25,627	27,670	-7.4%	276,833	393,526	-29.7%
Total International Passengers	54,156	60,154	-10.0%	555,808	741,572	-25.1%
Total All Passengers	844,536	763,606	10.6%	9,462,449	7,464,662	26.8%
Air Cargo (in pounds)						
Domestic Freight Enplaned	8,162,175	8,249,020	-1.1%	84,210,053	82,365,983	2.2%
Domestic Freight Deplaned	10,615,329	10,983,406	-3.4%	108,160,601	111,913,870	-3.4%
Total Domestic Freight	18,777,504	19,232,426	-2.4%	192,370,654	194,279,853	-1.0%
International Freight Enplaned	759,745	905,898	-16.1%	8,339,853	7,902,889	5.5%
International Freight Deplaned	565,973	304,370	85.9%	3,749,873	2,861,041	31.1%
Total International Freight	1,325,718	1,210,268	9.5%	12,089,726	10,763,930	12.3%
Total Freight	20,103,222	20,442,694	-1.7%	204,460,380	205,043,783	-0.3%
Mail Enplaned	1,970,002	2,563,058	-23.1%	24,946,304	27,143,220	-8.1%
Mail Deplaned	2,590,921	3,550,837	-27.0%	38,760,599	45,321,339	-14.5%
Total Mail	4,560,923	6,113,895	-25.4%	63,706,903	72,464,559	-12.1%
Grand Total All Air Cargo	24,664,145	26,556,589	-7.1%	268,167,283	277,508,342	-3.4%

December 2022 Statistics Report						
Compared to 2019						
	December			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2022	2019	% Change	2022	2019	% Change
Passengers						
Domestic Enplanements	414,289	419,357	-1.2%	4,558,263	4,962,724	-8.1%
Domestic Deplanements	376,091	421,423	-10.8%	4,348,378	4,932,841	-11.8%
Total Domestic Passengers	790,380	840,780	-6.0%	8,906,641	9,895,565	-10.0%
International Enplanements	28,529	24,464	16.6%	278,975	230,266	21.2%
International Deplanements	25,627	22,842	12.2%	276,833	237,209	16.7%
Total International Passengers	54,156	47,306	14.5%	555,808	467,475	18.9%
Total All Passengers	844,536	888,086	-4.9%	9,462,449	10,363,040	-8.7%
Air Cargo (in pounds)						
Domestic Freight Enplaned	8,162,175	7,109,468	14.8%	84,210,053	82,525,571	2.0%
Domestic Freight Deplaned	10,615,329	10,552,081	0.6%	108,160,601	112,561,846	-3.9%
Total Domestic Freight	18,777,504	17,661,549	6.3%	192,370,654	195,087,417	-1.4%
International Freight Enplaned	759,745	331,694	129.0%	8,339,853	9,442,286	-11.7%
International Freight Deplaned	565,973	933,110	-39.3%	3,749,873	3,516,106	6.6%
Total International Freight	1,325,718	1,264,804	4.8%	12,089,726	12,958,392	-6.7%
Total Freight	20,103,222	18,926,353	6.2%	204,460,380	208,045,809	-1.7%
Mail Enplaned	1,970,002	1,946,037	1.2%	24,946,304	24,104,125	3.5%
Mail Deplaned	2,590,921	3,364,570	-23.0%	38,760,599	45,429,200	-14.7%
Total Mail	4,560,923	5,310,607	-14.1%	63,706,903	69,533,325	-8.4%
Grand Total All Air Cargo	24,664,145	24,236,960	1.8%	268,167,283	277,579,134	-3.4%