



Monthly Statistical Report

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Airport Recovery Continues into 2023

SUMMARY

San Antonio International Airport (SAT) continues to see passenger numbers rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic. In February 2023, the airport's passenger numbers reached 699,082. This represents an increase of 20% compared to the same month in 2022.

The airport continues to compare its numbers to those in 2019 to better understand its recovery. 2019 was a record year for the airport with more than 10 million passengers flying through the terminals. During February 2023, passenger levels were just shy of those seen during the same month in 2019. The airport saw 99% of February 2019's passenger levels during February 2023.

Airlines continue to add capacity to the San Antonio market. Several airlines flew more seats to San Antonio this month than the same month in 2019. The airlines with the largest increases in service included Aeromexico (AM), Volaris (Y4), Alaska Airlines (AS), Delta Air Lines (DL), Frontier Airlines (F9), and United Airlines (UA). Additionally, new airlines began flying from San Antonio since 2019 including JetBlue Airways (B6), Spirit Airlines (NK), and VivaAerobus (VB).

Additionally, a total of 18,649,833 pounds of air cargo moved through SAT during the month of February 2023. This is slightly below levels seen during the same month in both 2022 and 2019. For more detailed information see the included charts.



Upcoming Changes

Spirit Airlines **will continue to expand** from SAT with new, daily nonstop service to Los Angeles (LAX) scheduled to launch on May 5th.

Delta Air Lines (DL) will 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).

Delta Air Lines (DL) will add a third daily flight to Detroit (DTW) on May 8th. This not only will provide more options to the city of Detroit but open additional connections throughout the world via Delta's hub.

Sun Country Airlines (SY) will resume seasonal service to both Cancun (CUN) and Minneapolis-St. Paul (MSP) before Memorial Day Weekend. Flights to Cancun (CUN) will operate 4x per week on Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays through mid-August.

Southwest Airlines (WN) will increase nonstop service to Cancun (CUN) to daily beginning on June 3rd for the summer season.

Delta Air Lines (DL) will add a third daily flight to Minneapolis-St. Paul (MSP) on June 20th providing more options to the Twin Cities and additional connecting opportunities throughout the world.

Southwest Airlines (WN) will increase nonstop service to Baltimore/Washington (BWI) to 3x daily (weekend service will remain at 2x daily) beginning on July 11th.

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

Nonstop service to San Diego (SAN) on Southwest Airlines (WN) will increase to 2x daily beginning on October 5th.



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 2019 levels while domestic passenger numbers were down 2% compared to February 2019.

Several airlines flew more passengers during February 2023 than the same month in 2019 showing not only recovery but significant growth in our market. These include Alaska Airlines (AS), Allegiant Air (G4), and Delta Air Lines (DL).

While not above 2019 levels, both Frontier Airlines (F9) and United Airlines (UA) reached 99% of passenger levels seen pre-pandemic.

New airlines have contributed to these numbers including both JetBlue Airways (B6) and Spirit Airlines (NK) which both have launched nonstop service from SAT to various cities since the pandemic.

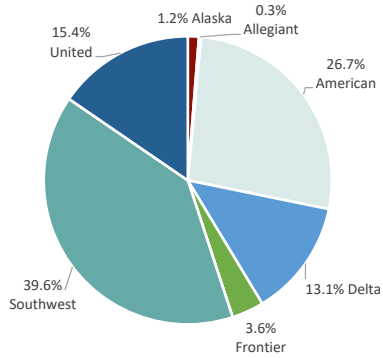
While domestic service levels were still slightly down at SAT in February, the following routes had more capacity this month than in February 2019:

- Alaska Airlines (AS) to Seattle (SEA)
- American Airlines (AA) to Miami (MIA), Phoenix (PHX)
- Delta Air Lines (DL) 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 (WN) to Atlanta (ATL), Denver (DEN), Houston (HOU), Nashville (BNA), New Orleans (MSY), Orlando (MCO), and Phoenix (PHX)
- United Airlines (UA) to Denver (DEN), Newark (EWR), San Francisco (SFO), and Washington (IAD)

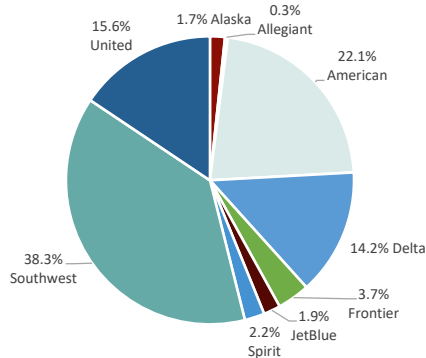
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Domestic Market Share

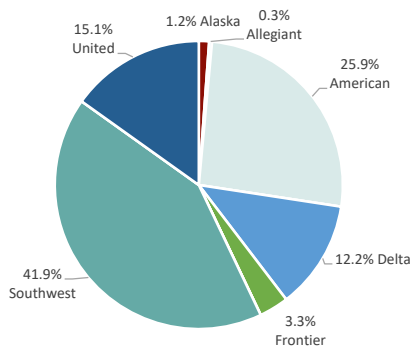
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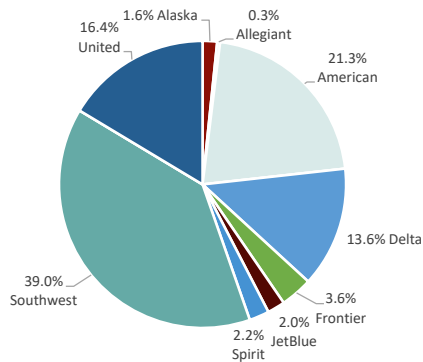
Passengers Carried Feb 2023



Total Scheduled Seats Feb 2019

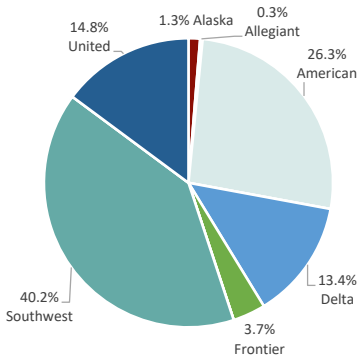


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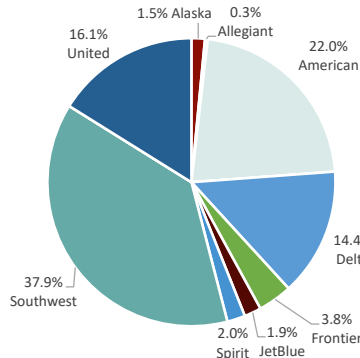


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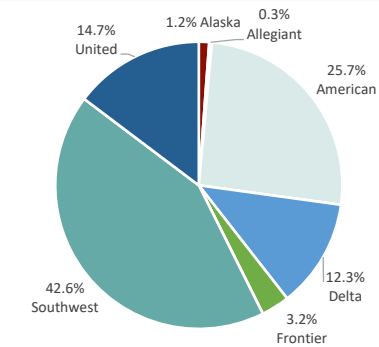
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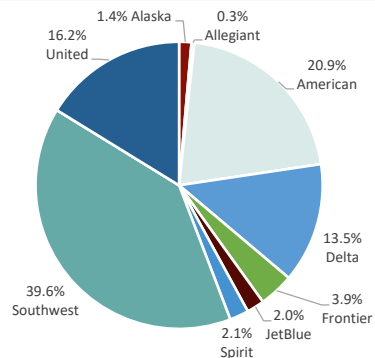
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Total Scheduled Seats YTD 2019



Total Scheduled Seats YTD 2023





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 36% when compared to February 2019 while international passenger numbers increased by 38%.

All the airlines that operate international service from SAT added more seats to the market than in February 2019. Much of this increase in capacity was a result of pandemic closures to the land border. Since its reopening, 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 February 2023. When looking at all U.S. airports, SAT ranked #19 between Philadelphia (PHL) and Houston (HOU). In terms of total international seats, SAT ranked #36 out of all 74 U.S. airports that had international service during February.

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 and expanding the service year-round.
- 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 2022	Vs 2019	Vs 2022
Interjet	40	-100%	0%	-100%	0%
Aeromexico	AM	94%	-14%	96%	-2%
Southwest Airlines	WN	100%	100%	100%	100%
Sun Country Airlines	SY	0%	0%	0%	0%
United Airlines	UA	0%	0%	0%	0%
VivaAerobus	VB	100%	38%	100%	18%
Volaris	Y4	121%	0%	49%	-8%

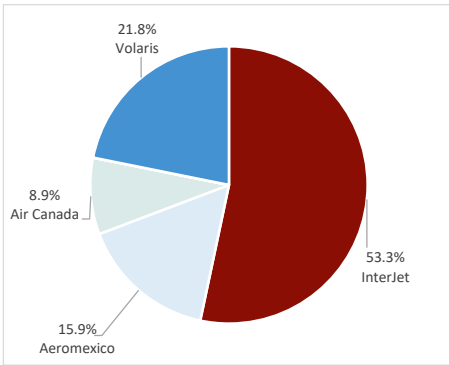
5 International Destinations in February 2023

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	

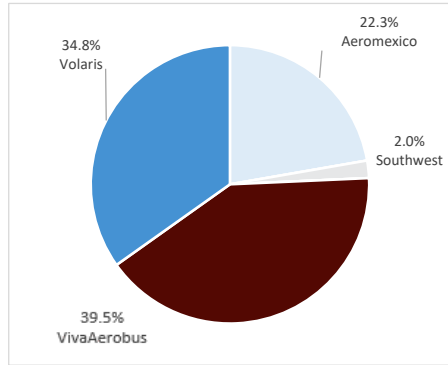
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International Market Share

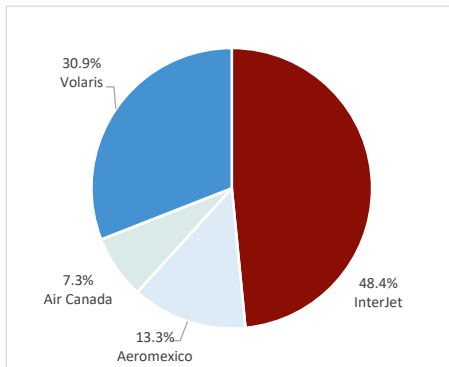
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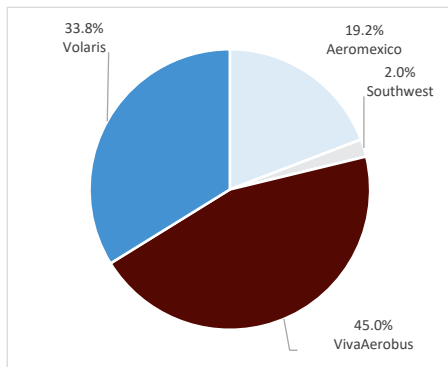
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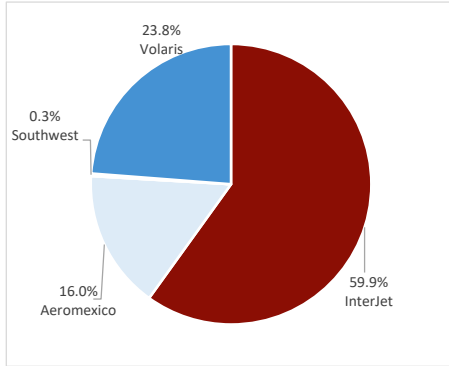


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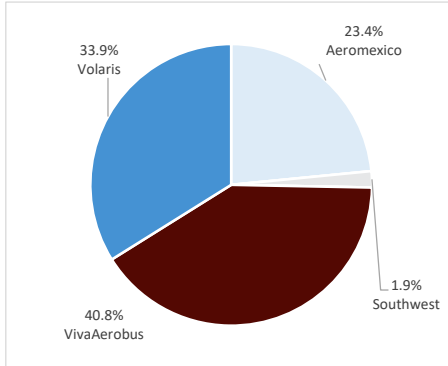


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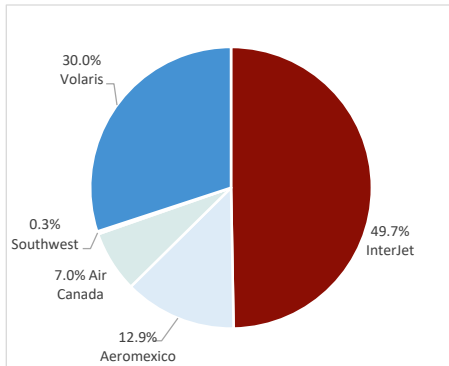
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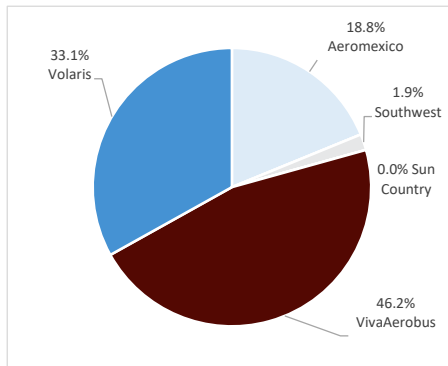
Passengers Carried YTD 2023



Total Scheduled Seats YTD 2019



Total Scheduled Seats YTD 2023



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Compared to 2022

	February			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2023	2022	% Change	2023	2022	% Change
Passengers						
Domestic Enplanements	333,215	278,136	19.8%	685,200	544,344	25.9%
Domestic Deplanements	331,556	275,100	20.5%	674,835	529,778	27.4%
Total Domestic Passengers	664,771	553,236	20.2%	1,360,035	1,074,122	26.6%
International Enplanements	16,666	15,556	7.1%	37,822	37,210	1.6%
International Deplanements	17,645	15,455	14.2%	42,353	39,220	8.0%
Total International Passengers	34,311	31,011	10.6%	80,175	76,430	4.9%
Total All Passengers	699,082	584,247	19.7%	1,440,210	1,150,552	25.2%
Air Cargo (in pounds)						
Domestic Freight Enplaned	5,725,389	6,321,446	-9.4%	11,575,738	12,187,009	-5.0%
Domestic Freight Deplaned	7,631,914	8,434,513	-9.5%	15,584,774	16,871,555	-7.6%
Total Domestic Freight	13,357,303	14,755,959	-9.5%	27,160,512	29,058,564	-6.5%
International Freight Enplaned	420,980	786,443	-46.5%	1,054,377	1,502,013	-29.8%
International Freight Deplaned	266,035	229,502	15.9%	654,656	507,790	28.9%
Total International Freight	687,015	1,015,945	-32.4%	1,709,033	2,009,803	-15.0%
Total Freight	14,044,318	15,771,904	-11.0%	28,869,545	31,068,367	-7.1%
Mail Enplaned	1,620,984	1,980,019	-18.1%	3,322,595	3,711,318	-10.5%
Mail Deplaned	2,984,531	3,180,069	-6.1%	5,861,665	6,210,268	-5.6%
Total Mail	4,605,515	5,160,088	-10.7%	9,184,260	9,921,586	-7.4%
Grand Total All Air Cargo	18,649,833	20,931,992	-10.9%	38,053,805	40,989,953	-7.2%

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Compared to 2019

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Passengers						
Domestic Enplanements	333,215	341,658	-2.5%	685,200	698,773	-1.9%
Domestic Deplanements	331,556	339,803	-2.4%	674,835	704,489	-4.2%
Total Domestic Passengers	664,771	681,461	-2.4%	1,360,035	1,403,262	-3.1%
International Enplanements	16,666	12,166	37.0%	37,822	27,979	35.2%
International Deplanements	17,645	12,823	37.6%	42,353	30,366	39.5%
Total International Passengers	34,311	24,989	37.3%	80,175	58,345	37.4%
Total All Passengers	699,082	706,450	-1.0%	1,440,210	1,461,607	-1.5%
Air Cargo (in pounds)						
Domestic Freight Enplaned	5,725,389	5,877,083	-2.6%	11,575,738	12,255,797	-5.5%
Domestic Freight Deplaned	7,631,914	7,857,720	-2.9%	15,584,774	16,763,758	-7.0%
Total Domestic Freight	13,357,303	13,734,803	-2.7%	27,160,512	29,019,555	-6.4%
International Freight Enplaned	420,980	561,772	-25.1%	1,054,377	1,284,920	-17.9%
International Freight Deplaned	266,035	217,365	22.4%	654,656	509,056	28.6%
Total International Freight	687,015	779,137	-11.8%	1,709,033	1,793,976	-4.7%
Total Freight	14,044,318	14,513,940	-3.2%	28,869,545	30,813,531	-6.3%
Mail Enplaned	1,620,984	2,166,557	-25.2%	3,322,595	4,446,070	-25.3%
Mail Deplaned	2,984,531	3,926,098	-24.0%	5,861,665	8,238,399	-28.8%
Total Mail	4,605,515	6,092,655	-24.4%	9,184,260	12,684,469	-27.6%
Grand Total All Air Cargo	18,649,833	20,606,595	-9.5%	38,053,805	43,498,000	-12.5%