



Monthly Statistical Report

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SAT Continues to Break Monthly Passenger Records

SUMMARY

In September 2023, the airport's passenger numbers reached 850,932. SAT once again broke a monthly passenger record with this September being the busiest in the airport's history. The previous record was set in September 2019. Compared to the year prior, 2022, passenger numbers for September were up over 6%.

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. Passenger levels seen during September 2023 were 4% higher than the same month in 2019.

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), Delta Air Lines (DL), United Airlines (UA), and Volaris (Y4). Additionally, new airlines began flying from San Antonio since 2019 including JetBlue Airways (B6), Spirit Airlines (NK), and VivaAerobus (VB).

Additionally, a total of 19,180,551 pounds of air cargo moved through SAT during the month of September 2023. This is below levels seen during the same month in both 2022 and 2019. For more detailed information see the included charts.



Upcoming Changes

Southwest Airlines (WN) seasonal service to Colorado Springs (COS) will resume on November 21st. Service will operate on Saturdays through December and daily on days around the holidays.

VivaAerobus (VB) will start new, nonstop service to Queretaro (QRO) on December 1st with two weekly frequencies operating on Mondays and Fridays.

History will be made on May 17, 2024, as Condor Airlines (DE) launches San Antonio's first-ever trans-Atlantic service to Frankfurt (FRA). Service will operate seasonally until September 6, 2024 during this first season, and will operate on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

VivaAerobus (VB) will launch nonstop service to Torreon (TRC) starting on June 1st with two weekly frequencies on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

New nonstop service to Burbank (BUR) on Southwest Airlines (WN) begins on June 4th.

American Airlines (AA) will launch daily, nonstop service to Philadelphia (PHL) starting June 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 up 3% compared to 2019 levels while domestic passenger numbers were also up 3% compared to September 2019.

Several airlines flew more passengers during September 2023 than the same month in 2019 showing not only recovery but significant growth in our market. These include Delta Air Lines (DL) and United Airlines (UA) who both experienced double-digit passenger growth compared to September 2019. While not exceeding 2019 levels, both American Airlines (AA) and Southwest Airlines (WN) flew 97% of their 2019 levels.

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.

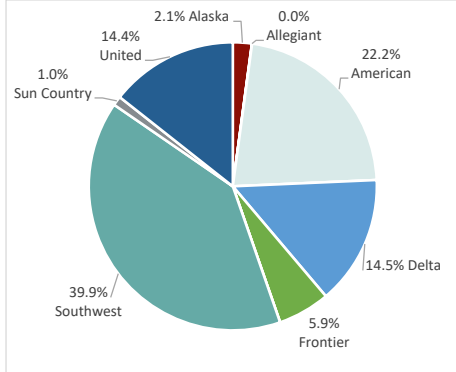
The following routes had more capacity this month than in September 2019:

- 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 Baltimore (BWI), Denver (DEN), El Paso (ELP), Nashville (BNA), Orlando (MCO), and Phoenix (PHX)
- United Airlines (UA) to Denver (DEN), Houston (IAH), Newark (EWR), San Francisco (SFO), and Washington (IAD)

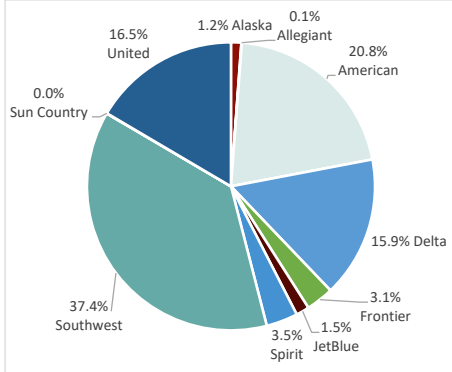
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Domestic Market Share

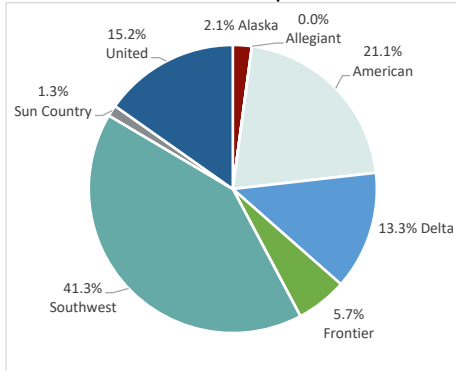
Passengers Carried September 2019



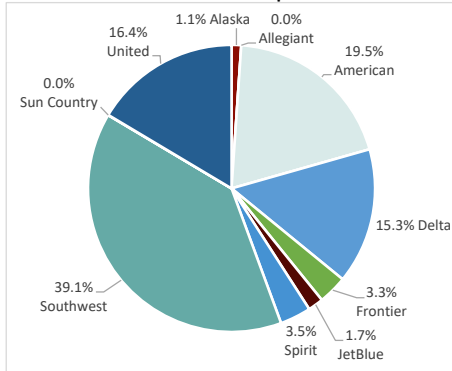
Passengers Carried September 2023



Total Scheduled Seats September 2019

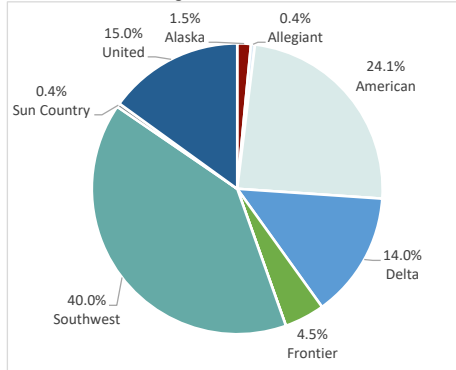


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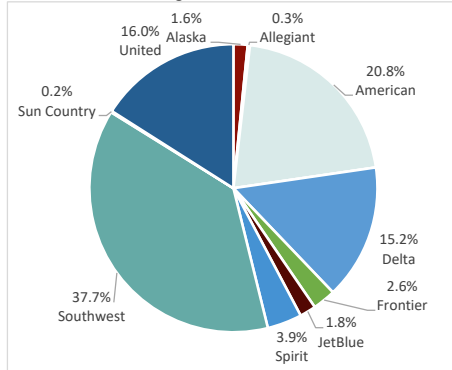


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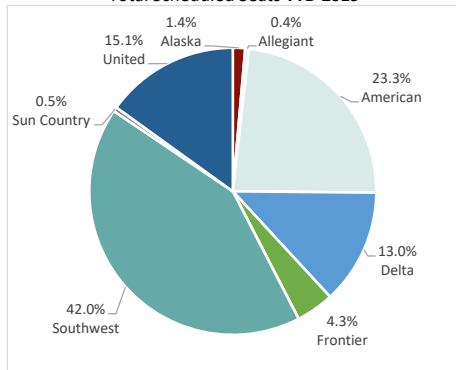
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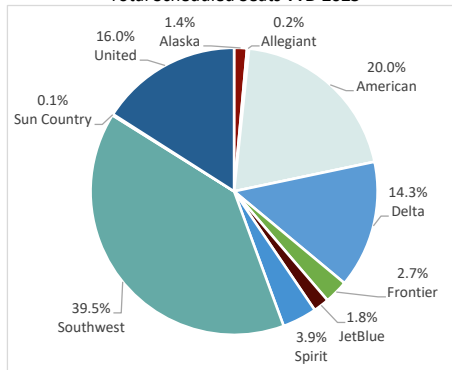
Passengers Carried YTD 2023



Total Scheduled Seats YTD 2019



Total Scheduled Seats YTD 2023





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 55% when compared to September 2019 while international passenger numbers increased by 33%.

All the airlines that operate international service from SAT added more seats to the market than in September 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 September 2023. When looking at all U.S. airports, SAT ranked #12 between Orlando (MCO) and Chicago (MDW). In terms of total international seats, SAT ranked #33 out of all 65 U.S. airports that had international service during September.

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	102%	18%	100%	18%
Southwest Airlines	WN	0%	-91%	0%	-85%
Sun Country Airlines	SY	100%	-100%	100%	-100%
United Airlines	UA	0%	0%	0%	0%
VivaAerobus	VB	100%	37%	100%	46%
Volaris	Y4	147%	22%	108%	47%

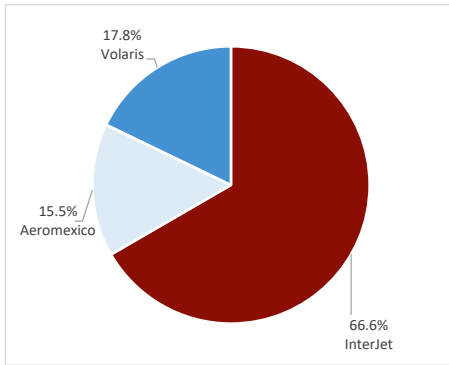
4 International Destinations in September 2023

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

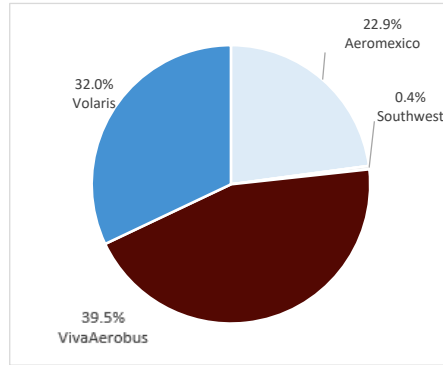
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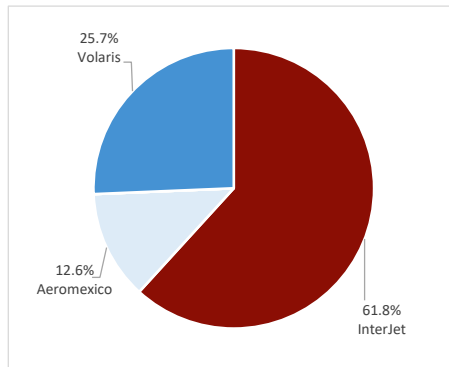
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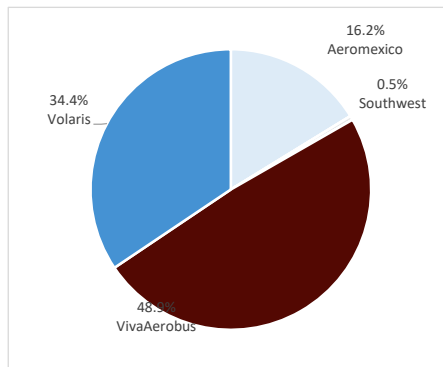
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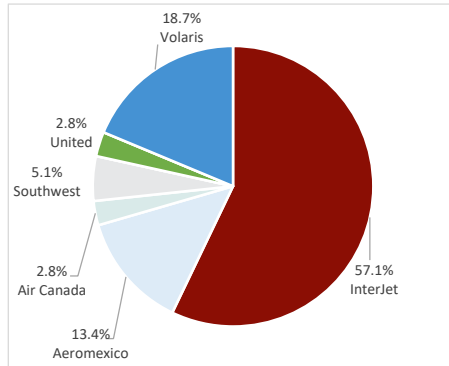


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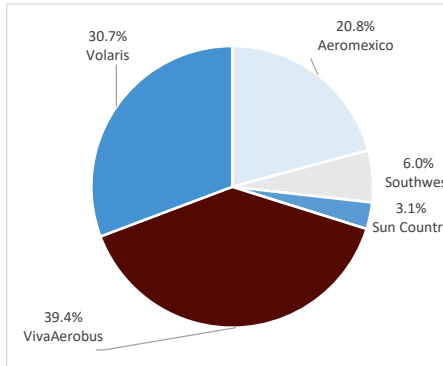


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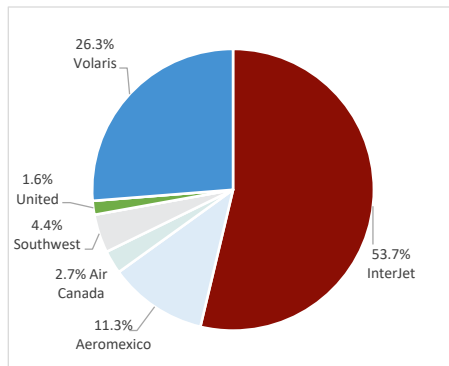
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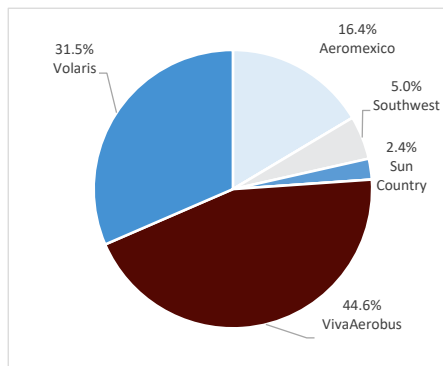
Passengers Carried YTD 2023



Total Scheduled Seats YTD 2019



Total Scheduled Seats YTD 2023



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Compared to 2022

	September			Calendar Year-to-Date		
	2023	2022	% Change	2023	2022	% Change
Passengers						
Domestic Enplanements	415,317	393,633	5.5%	3,733,508	3,296,953	13.2%
Domestic Deplanements	392,432	369,828	6.1%	3,597,086	3,154,898	14.0%
Total Domestic Passengers	807,749	763,461	5.8%	7,330,594	6,451,851	13.6%
International Enplanements	21,130	18,076	16.9%	215,316	208,307	3.4%
International Deplanements	22,053	18,028	22.3%	228,955	209,021	9.5%
Total International Passengers	43,183	36,104	19.6%	444,271	417,328	6.5%
Total All Passengers	850,932	799,565	6.4%	7,774,865	6,869,179	13.2%
Air Cargo (in pounds)						
Domestic Freight Enplaned	5,787,363	7,267,206	-20.4%	56,937,173	62,112,546	-8.3%
Domestic Freight Deplaned	8,386,053	8,831,835	-5.0%	75,408,111	79,697,941	-5.4%
Total Domestic Freight	14,173,416	16,099,041	-12.0%	132,345,284	141,810,486	-6.7%
International Freight Enplaned	423,955	571,184	-25.8%	4,251,992	6,408,366	-33.6%
International Freight Deplaned	257,080	327,119	-21.4%	2,594,997	2,456,241	5.6%
Total International Freight	681,035	898,303	-24.2%	6,846,989	8,864,607	-22.8%
Total Freight	14,854,451	16,997,344	-12.6%	139,192,273	150,675,093	-7.6%
Mail Enplaned	1,845,339	2,067,894	-10.8%	17,041,763	19,146,988	-11.0%
Mail Deplaned	2,480,761	3,265,791	-24.0%	25,029,368	30,054,216	-16.7%
Total Mail	4,326,100	5,333,685	-18.9%	42,071,131	49,201,205	-14.5%
Grand Total All Air Cargo	19,180,551	22,331,029	-14.1%	181,263,404	199,876,298	-9.3%

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Compared to 2019

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	2023	2019	% Change	2023	2019	% Change
Passengers						
Domestic Enplanements	415,317	394,190	5.4%	3,733,508	3,706,271	0.7%
Domestic Deplanements	392,432	391,821	0.2%	3,597,086	3,671,869	-2.0%
Total Domestic Passengers	807,749	786,011	2.8%	7,330,594	7,378,140	-0.6%
International Enplanements	21,130	15,990	32.1%	215,316	169,233	27.2%
International Deplanements	22,053	16,419	34.3%	228,955	177,481	29.0%
Total International Passengers	43,183	32,409	33.2%	444,271	346,714	28.1%
Total All Passengers	850,932	818,420	4.0%	7,774,865	7,724,854	0.6%
Air Cargo (in pounds)						
Domestic Freight Enplaned	5,787,363	6,096,427	-5.1%	56,937,173	62,292,064	-8.6%
Domestic Freight Deplaned	8,386,053	9,047,537	-7.3%	75,408,111	83,121,581	-9.3%
Total Domestic Freight	14,173,416	15,143,964	-6.4%	132,345,284	145,413,645	-9.0%
International Freight Enplaned	423,955	1,057,604	-59.9%	4,251,992	7,203,232	-41.0%
International Freight Deplaned	257,080	299,860	-14.3%	2,594,997	1,892,369	37.1%
Total International Freight	681,035	1,357,464	-49.8%	6,846,989	9,095,601	-24.7%
Total Freight	14,854,451	16,501,428	-10.0%	139,192,273	154,509,246	-9.9%
Mail Enplaned	1,845,339	1,766,548	4.5%	17,041,763	18,407,849	-7.4%
Mail Deplaned	2,480,761	3,415,895	-27.4%	25,029,368	34,367,395	-27.2%
Total Mail	4,326,100	5,182,443	-16.5%	42,071,131	52,775,244	-20.3%
Grand Total All Air Cargo	19,180,551	21,683,871	-11.5%	181,263,404	207,284,490	-12.6%