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San Antonio International Airport (SAT) Breaks the 11 Million Passenger Mark

SUMMARY

2024 officially becomes SAT's busiest year on record. 11,094,278 passengers flew through SAT beating the previous record by nearly 4% set in 2023 and marking the first time in airport history it served more than 11 million passengers. During the year, SAT broke a monthly passenger record eleven out of twelve months. July officially became the busiest month ever recorded and October broke the one million passenger level for the first time.

During the year, the airport launched several new routes and saw the expansion of existing service. International expansion landed the airport's first-ever nonstop flights to Europe with Condor (DE) and several additional flights to Mexico including a new destination, Torreon (TRC). Domestically, highlights included expansion of service on Spirit Airlines (NK), seasonal nonstops to Philadelphia (PHL) on American Airlines (AA), and daily service to Boston (BOS) on Delta Air Lines (DL).

December 2024 officially became the busiest December on record at SAT with 999,436 passengers. Comparing the numbers to the year prior, the airport experienced a 3% increase in passengers.

SAT welcomed new service during the month of December 2024. Viva (VB) launched nonstop service to Guadalajara (GDL) giving passengers an additional option to the important Mexican city. This service complements existing service offered by Volaris (Y4).

Several airlines flew more seats to San Antonio this month than the same month in 2023. The airlines with the largest increases in service year over year included Volaris (Y4), Viva (VB), and Delta Air Lines (DL).





Additionally, a total of 18,885,551 pounds of air cargo moved through SAT during the month of December 2024. This number was lower than levels seen during the previous year.

For more detailed information, see the included charts.





UPCOMING CHANGES

- **Spirit Airlines (NK)** will launch seasonal nonstop service to **New Orleans (MSY)** on February 20th. This service will operate during the popular Mardi Gras celebrations and complement existing nonstop service currently operated by Southwest Airlines (WN).
- American Airlines (AA) will make history by launching long awaited nonstop service to Washington, D.C. (DCA) on March 3rd. This service will operate daily year-round. With this addition, SAT will now offer nonstop service to all three airports in the Washington, D.C. area including nonstops to Baltimore (BWI) on Southwest Airlines (WN) and Washington, D.C. (IAD) on United Airlines (UA).
- Spirit Airlines (NK) will commence new, nonstop service to San Juan (SJU) on March 5th marking the first time SAT has had nonstops to Puerto Rico. Additionally, they will launch seasonal nonstops to both Miami (MIA) and Tampa (TPA) during Spring Break.
- **United Airlines (UA)** will increase frequencies to **Chicago (ORD)** starting March 7th by adding a third daily flight to their important hub.
- Increases in flights to **Chicago (ORD)** will continue April 4th when **American Airlines** (**AA**) adds a third daily flight from SAT.
- SAT will welcome additional service to **Atlanta (ATL)** on April 9th when **Spirit Airlines** (**NK)** launches nonstop service to the Georgia city. Additionally, **Frontier Airlines** (**F9)** will resume flying to Atlanta on May 23rd.
- Sun Country (SY) will resume seasonal service to both Cancun (CUN) and Minneapolis-St. Paul (MSP) on May 23rd.
- American Airlines (AA) will resume their seasonal, nonstop service to Philadelphia (PHL) on June 5th.
- Southwest Airlines (WN) service to Cancun (CUN) will seasonally increase to daily on June 5th.
- Seasonal service to **Albuquerque (ABQ)** on **Southwest Airlines (WN)** will resume on June 8th with Saturday-only nonstops offered through mid-August





DOMESTIC PASSENGERS

For 2024, total scheduled domestic capacity, or seats, was up by 5% compared to the year prior while domestic passenger numbers were up by 3%.

For December 2024, total scheduled domestic capacity, or seats, were down 4% compared to last December yet domestic passenger numbers were up nearly 2%. This means that even though there was less capacity, the aircraft that were flying were fuller on average.

Several airlines flew more passengers this December compared to last December including Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, American Airlines, and Southwest Airlines.

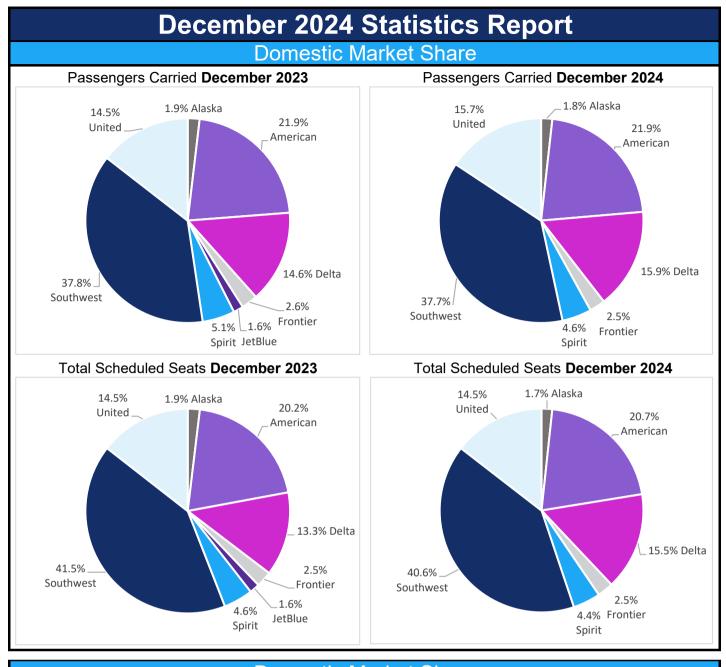
The following domestic routes had more service this year than in December 2023:

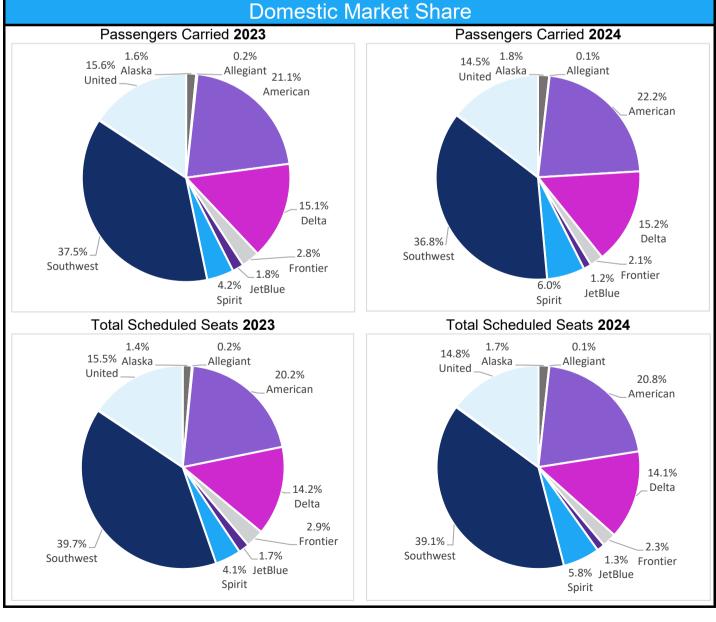
- American Airlines (AA) to Chicago (ORD) and Dallas-Ft. Worth (DFW)
- Delta Air Lines (DL) to Atlanta (ATL), Boston (BOS) **new**, Detroit (DTW), Minneapolis-St. Paul (MSP), New York (JFK), and Salt Lake City (SLC).
- Frontier Airlines (F9) to Denver (DEN)
- Southwest Airlines (WN) to Baltimore (BWI), Burbank (BUR) new, Colorado Springs (COS), El Paso (ELP), Las Vegas (LAS), Los Angeles (LAX), New Orleans (MSY)
- Spirit Airlines (NK) to Ft. Lauderdale (FLL), Los Angeles (LAX)
- United Airlines (UA) to Houston (IAH)



December 2024 Statistics Report							
	Dome	stic Traffic					
		Passengers	Capacity				
Airline	Airline Code	Vs 2023	Vs 2023				
Alaska Airlines	AS	-4%	-14%				
Allegiant Air	G4	-	-				
American Airlines	AA	1%	-1%				
Delta Air Lines	DL	10%	12%				
Frontier Airlines	F9	-2%	-3%				
JetBlue Airways	В6	-100%	-100%				
Spirit Airlines	NK	-8%	-10%				
Southwest Airlines	WN	1%	-6%				
Sun Country Airlines	SY	-	-				
United Airlines	UA	10%	-3%				

35 Domestic Destinations in December 2024											
Destination	Airport Code	AS	G4	AA	DL	F9	B6	NK	WN	SY	UA
Atlanta, GA	ATL				Х				Χ		
Baltimore, MD	BWI								Χ		
Boston, MA	BOS				Х						
Burbank, CA	BUR								Χ		
Charlotte, NC	CLT			Х							
Chicago-Midway, IL	MDW								Χ		
Chicago-O'Hare, IL	ORD			Х							Χ
Colorado Springs, CO	COS								Χ		
Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX	DFW			Х							
Dallas-Love, TX	DAL								Χ		
Denver, CO	DEN					Х			Χ		Χ
Detroit, MI	DTW				Х						
El Paso, TX	ELP								Χ		
Fort Lauderdale, FL, US	FLL							Х	Χ		
Houston-Hobby, TX	HOU								Χ		
Houston-Intercontinental, TX	IAH										Χ
Kansas City, MO	MCI								Χ		
Las Vegas, NV	LAS					Х		Х	Х		
Los Angeles, CA	LAX			Х	Х			Х	Χ		
Miami, FL	MIA			Х							
Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN	MSP				Х						
Nashville, TN	BNA								Х		
New Orleans, LA	MSY								Χ		
New York-JFK, NY	JFK				Χ						
Newark, NJ	EWR										Χ
Oklahoma City, OK	OKC								Χ		
Orlando, FL	MCO					Х		Х	Х		
Phoenix, AZ	PHX			Χ					Х		
Salt Lake City, UT	SLC				Χ						
San Diego, CA	SAN								Χ		
San Francisco, CA	SFO										Χ
Seattle, WA	SEA	Χ									
St. Louis, MO	STL								Χ		
Tampa, FL	TPA								Χ		
Washington-Dulles, VA	IAD										Χ







INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS

For 2024, total scheduled international capacity, or seats, were up 25% while passenger levels were up nearly 19%.

For December 2024, total scheduled international capacity, or seats, were up 23% compared to 2023 levels. Additionally, total international passenger levels were also up compared to 2023 by nearly 25%.

SAT ranked #1 among all U.S. medium-hub airports in terms of total seats to Mexico for December 2024. When looking at all U.S. airports, SAT ranked #12 between Orlando (MCO) and Las Vegas (LAS). This had SAT outranking several major airline hubs like Seattle (SEA), Newark (EWR), Minneapolis-St. Paul (MSP), Charlotte (CLT), and Detroit (DTW) when it comes to total scheduled seats to Mexico.

In terms of total international seats, SAT ranked #28 out of all 74 U.S. airports that had international service in December, including multiple Texas airports like Austin (AUS) and Houston (HOU).

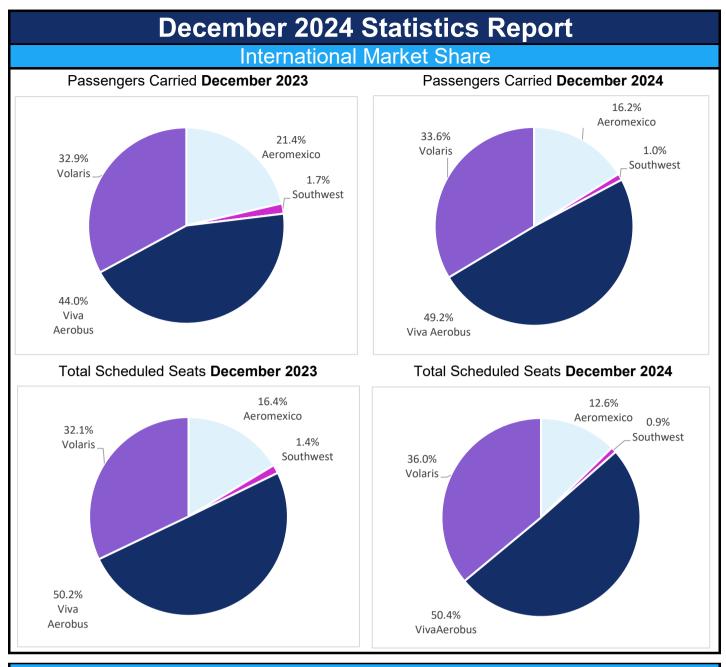
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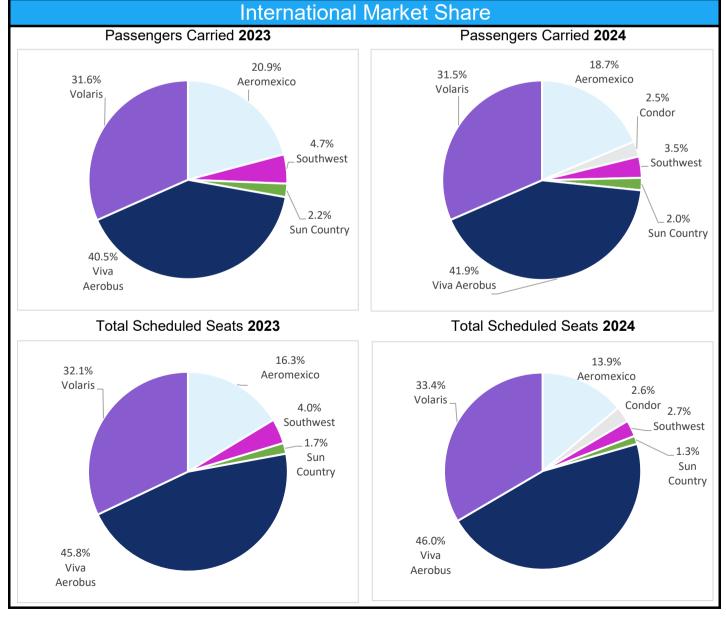
- Viva Aerobus (VB) to Guadalajara (GDL) new, Monterrey (MTY), Queretaro (QRO), Torreon (TRC) new
- Volaris (Y4) to Mexico City (MEX) and Monterrey (MTY) new



December 2024 Statistics Report								
International Traffic								
		Passengers	Capacity					
Airline	Airline Code	Vs 2023	Vs 2023					
Aeromexico	AM	-6%	-5%					
Condor Airlines	DE	-	-					
Southwest Airlines	WN	-22%	-20%					
Sun Country Airlines	SY	-	-					
VivaAerobus	VB	39%	24%					
Volaris	Y4	27%	38%					

7 International Destinations in December 2024								
Destination	Airport Code	AM	DE	WN	SY	VB	Y4	
Cancun, Mexico	CUN			Х				
Guadalajara, Mexico	GDL						X	
Leon/Guanjuato, Mexico	BJX					Х		
Mexico City, Mexico	MEX	Χ				Χ	X	
Monterrey, Mexico	MTY					Х	X	
Queretaro, Mexico	QRO					X		
Torreon, Mexico	TRC					X		





	December 2024 STATISTICS REPORT									
		December		C	Calendar Year-to-Date					
	2024	2023	% Change	2024	2023	% Chang				
Passengers										
Domestic Enplanements	459,653	463,670	-0.9%	5,198,812	5,118,705	1.6%				
Domestic Deplanements	454,715	436,609	4.1%	5,156,613	4,936,544	4.5%				
Total Domestic Passengers	914,368	900,279	1.6%	10,355,425	10,055,249	3.0%				
International Enplanements	45,572	36,329	16.9%	367,894	306,360	20.1%				
International Deplanements	39,496	31,861	22.3%	370,959	314,961	17.8%				
Total International Passengers	85,068	68,190	24.8%	738,853	621,321	18.9%				
Total All Passengers	999,436	968,469	3.2%	11,094,278	10,676,570	3.9%				
Air Cargo (in pounds)										
Domestic Freight Enplaned	4,685,422	6,938,693	-32.5%	66,261,209	75,564,630	-12.3%				
Domestic Fright Deplaned	6,931,733	9,309,243	-25.5%	94,911,717	101,756,239	-6.7%				
Total Domestic Freight	11,617,155	16,247,936	-28.5%	161,172,926	177,320,869	-9.1%				
International Freight Enplaned	1,004,525	798,425	25.8%	8,576,193	6,145,987	39.5%				
International Freight Deplaned	50,830	385,403	-86.8%	3,720,358	3,613,575	3.0%				
Total International Frieght	1,055,355	1,183,828	-10.9%	12,296,551	9,759,562	26.0%				
Total Freight	12,672,510	17,431,764	-27.3%	173,469,477	187,080,431	-7.3%				
Mail Enplaned	2,298,318	1,975,303	16.4%	27,131,800	22,551,330	20.3%				
Mail Deplaned	3,914,723	2,460,102	59.1%	36,980,310	32,078,739	15.3%				
Total Mail	6,213,041	4,435,405	40.1%	64,112,110	54,630,069	17.4%				
Grand Total All Air Cargo	18,885,551	21,867,169	-13.6%	237,581,587	241,710,500	-1.7%				