

# AIR TRAFFIC REPORT SUMMARY: CALENDAR YEAR 2021

#### YEAR IN REVIEW



2021 continued to be significantly impacted by COVID-19, though saw improvements compared to 2020. SAN traffic was up 69% from last year, increasing from 9.2M to 15.6M. However, this was still down 38% from 2019, where we saw 25.2M total passengers. Regulations and restrictions remained in place for many international locations. As vaccinations began to roll out at the beginning for 2021, travel restrictions began to ease to a varying degree with vaccination and/or testing requirements. SAN began to rebuild its international network with the first carrier, Japan Airlines, returning in March. In early August, Canada welcomed vaccinated US tourists back. Air Canada resumed service in August, WestJet resumed service in October, and SAN welcomed a new Canadian carrier Swoop in October. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, the US announced it would lift travel restrictions for vaccinated foreign nationals effective November 8<sup>th</sup>. British Airways resumed service to London in October. Due to new COVID variants and evolving restrictions, SAN continued to see a suppressed state of demand throughout much of the year.



Despite a challenging environment, some airlines continued to add new routes.

## 18 New Routes Were Added:

Bozeman (Alaska)
Kalispell (Alaska)
New York-Kennedy (Alaska)
Missoula (Alaska)
Santa Barbara (Alaska)
Dallas/Fort Worth (Frontier)
Mesa/Phoenix (Allegiant)
Bozeman (Allegiant)
Des Moines (Allegiant)
Kalispell (Allegiant)

Pasco (Allegiant)

Bozeman (Southwest)

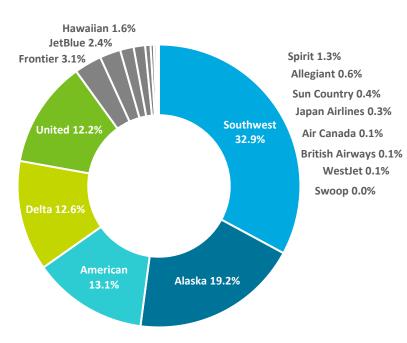
Kona (Southwest)
Lihue (Southwest)

Minneapolis (Southwest)

Kahului/Maui (Southwest)
Norfolk (Southwest)

Edmonton (Swoop)

#### **CY 2021 Airline Seat Share**





**Southwest** continued to be the #1 carrier at SAN, at 33% seat share. Southwest expanded their Hawaii presence with service to 3 additional Hawaiian destinations and 6 new routes



overall. Alaska maintained the #2 spot with 19% of total seats, growing 5 pts from their 14% of total seat share in 2019. They were notable for adding new service to 5 cities this year. Allegiant continued to grow, increasing their capacity at SAN by 77% and adding 5 new SAN routes to their summer seasonal route network. They also connected SAN to Iowa for the first time. Swoop was SAN's newest carrier, adding new service to Edmonton in October.

#### **PASSENGERS**

	CY 2021	CY 2020	CY 2019	% Chg YOY	% Chg YO2Y
<b>Domestic Passengers</b>	15,392,406	8,991,533	24,163,175	71.2%	-36.3%
Int'l Passengers	210,099	247,349	1,053,772	-15.1%	-80.1%
<b>Total Passengers</b>	15,602,505	9,238,882	25,216,947	68.9%	-38.1%
<b>Total Sched Seats</b>	20,226,926	17,344,852	30,872,641	16.6%	-34.5%
Est. Load Factor	78.0%	57.0%	82.8%	21 pts	-4.8 pts

Total passengers increased 68.9% YOY on a 16.6% increase in scheduled seats and a 21 pt. increase in estimated load factor. Passengers were down 38.1% vs 2019 on a 34.5% decrease in scheduled seats and an estimated 4.8 pt decrease in load factor. International passengers declined more than domestic with significant restrictions in place for the majority of the year, and service suspended to many international destinations.

## **OPERATIONS**

	CY 2021	CY 2020	CY 2019	% Chg YOY	% Chg YO2Y
Domestic Ops	127,466	106,528	196,440	19.7%	-35.1%
Int'l Ops	2,142	2,304	7,712	-7.0%	-72.2%
Total Passenger Ops	129,608	108,832	204,152	19.1%	-36.5%
<b>Total Cargo Ops</b>	7,439	7,075	6,661	5.1%	11.7%
<b>Air Carrier Operations</b>	136,430	114,083	208,133	19.6%	-34.5%
Air Taxi Operations	14,133	10,205	12,775	38.5%	10.6%
GA Operations	11,169	7,319	9,682	52.6%	15.4%
Military Operations	1,096	959	764	14.3%	43.5%
Airport Operations	162,828	132,566	231,354	22.8%	-29.6%

Airport Operations increased 22.8% YOY on a 19.1% increase in passenger operations. This was a 29.6% decrease compared to 2019 on a 36.5% decrease in passenger operations. Cargo operations were up 5.1% YOY and up 11.7% vs 2019. Japan Airlines contributed to cargo operations, as they operated cargo only flights certain days of the week.



## **CARGO**

	CY 2021	CY 2020	CY 2019	% Chg YOY	% Chg YO2Y
<b>Domestic Cargo Tons</b>	133,225	137,156	143,073	-2.9%	-6.9%
Int'l Cargo Tons	13,322	6,784	11,425	96.4%	16.6%
Total Cargo Tons	146,547	143,940	154,498	1.8%	-5.1%

Total cargo tons increased 1.8% in 2021 vs 2020, a 5.1% decrease vs 2019. Domestic cargo decreased 2.9% YOY, a 6.9% decrease vs 2019. Conversely, international cargo increased 96.4% YOY, a 16.6% increase vs 2019. Despite overall int'l passenger operations being down, Japan Airlines operated cargo only flights and Fedex began flying an int'l cargo flight, both contributing to int'l cargo tonnage. Cargo tons on dedicated freight carriers was up 0.7% YOY, up 2.3% vs 2019.

