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Airline Passenger Boardings Continue Positive Trend

North Dakota's eight commercial service airports posted a total of 69,285 airline passenger boardings during the month of May. The demand for air travel has seen a steady recovery in recent months and has currently leveled to approximately 30% below pre-pandemic numbers. The industry has attributed the recent passenger growth to a recovery in leisure travel that has been ongoing due to warmer weather and a release of penned up demand.

"We hope that the current trends continue and that our state maintains and grows in its demand for airline services as we move into the summer months," stated Kyle Wanner, Executive Director of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission. "Aviation is one of the safest ways to travel and I encourage everyone to consider their local airport as an option as they make any future travel plans."



May Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports

Prepared by: N.D. Aeronautics Commission

| | May 2021 | May 2020 | May 2019 | May 2018 | May 2017 | May 2016 | May 2015 | May 2014 | May 2013 | May 2012 | Difference 2021/2020 | % Change 2020 to 2021 | Difference 2021/2019 | % Change 2019 to 2021 |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Bismarck | 17,656 | 4,222 | 26,066 | 23,273 | 22,028 | 21,265 | 20,460 | 19,880 | 21,744 | 19,854 | 13,434 | 318.19% | (8,410) | -32.26% |
| Devils Lake | 496 | 64 | 548 | 520 | 466 | 466 | 423 | 0 | 187 | 263 | 432 | 675.00% | (52) | -9.49% |
| Dickinson | 1,502 | 268 | 2,088 | 1,912 | 1,712 | 1,327 | 3,828 | 5,092 | 1,572 | 2,360 | 1,234 | 460.45% | (586) | -28.07% |
| Fargo | 29,503 | 5,190 | 37,796 | 32,088 | 30,412 | 29,976 | 34,561 | 35,077 | 30,786 | 29,727 | 24,313 | 468.46% | (8,293) | -21.94% |
| Grand Forks | 5,389 | 334 | 8,742 | 8,776 | 8,722 | 9,781 | 11,252 | 12,428 | 12,484 | 10,802 | 5,055 | 1513.47% | (3,353) | -38.36% |
| Jamestown | 924 | 179 | 839 | 1,122 | 1,176 | 945 | 502 | 0 | 206 | 193 | 745 | 416.20% | 85 | 10.13% |
| Minot | 11,046 | 1,966 | 13,122 | 12,885 | 12,015 | 12,223 | 13,614 | 18,813 | 18,298 | 18,356 | 9,080 | 461.85% | (2,076) | -15.82% |
| Williston | 2,769 | 1,251 | 7,868 | 6,509 | 5,833 | 5,628 | 9,638 | 9,099 | 7,889 | 2,869 | 1,518 | 121.34% | (5,099) | -64.81% |
| TOTALS | 69,285 | 13,474 | 97,069 | 87,085 | 82,364 | 81,611 | 94,278 | 100,389 | 93,166 | 84,424 | 55,811 | 414.21% | (27,784) | -28.62% |



YTD Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports

Through May

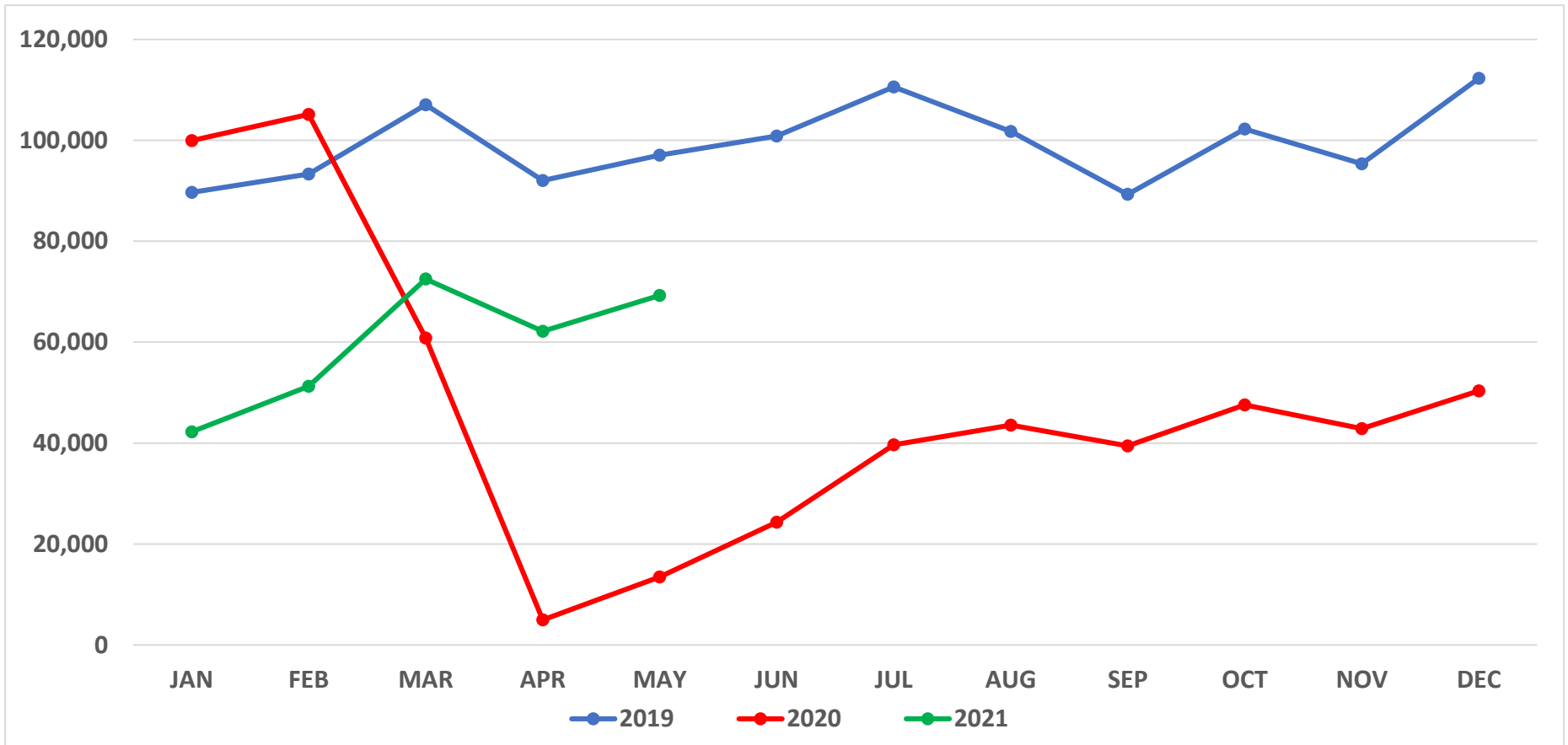
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| | YTD 2021 | YTD 2020 | YTD 2019 | YTD 2018 | YTD 2017 | YTD 2016 | YTD 2015 | YTD 2014 | YTD 2013 | YTD 2012 | Difference | % Change |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Bismarck | 75,220 | 71,709 | 124,561 | 109,428 | 107,475 | 106,192 | 102,173 | 95,602 | 100,575 | 88,717 | 3,511 | 4.90% |
| Devils Lake | 2,076 | 1,605 | 2,447 | 2,468 | 2,795 | 2,431 | 1,686 | 177 | 973 | 1,104 | 471 | 29.35% |
| Dickinson | 4,656 | 5,638 | 8,878 | 8,382 | 7,169 | 6,601 | 18,683 | 20,681 | 7,095 | 10,591 | (982) | -17.42% |
| Fargo | 132,142 | 120,865 | 190,863 | 174,801 | 166,963 | 163,783 | 185,455 | 189,756 | 166,637 | 157,005 | 11,277 | 9.33% |
| Grand Forks | 25,427 | 25,432 | 48,781 | 46,013 | 49,225 | 57,917 | 62,440 | 64,698 | 63,791 | 59,900 | (5) | -0.02% |
| Jamestown | 3,455 | 2,634 | 4,177 | 4,983 | 5,372 | 4,323 | 2,928 | 135 | 1,003 | 2,222 | 821 | 31.17% |
| Minot | 42,503 | 36,824 | 65,489 | 61,560 | 57,291 | 63,552 | 79,278 | 91,340 | 89,286 | 88,319 | 5,679 | 15.42% |
| Williston | 11,956 | 19,621 | 34,009 | 28,740 | 27,157 | 27,412 | 49,330 | 46,099 | 35,148 | 14,005 | (7,665) | -39.07% |
| TOTALS | 297,435 | 284,328 | 479,205 | 436,375 | 423,447 | 432,211 | 501,973 | 508,488 | 464,508 | 421,863 | 13,107 | 4.61% |
| Commercial (BIS-FAR-GFK-MOT-WIL) | 287,248 | 274,451 | 463,703 | 420,542 | 408,111 | 418,856 | 478,676 | 487,495 | 455,437 | 407,946 | 12,797 | 4.66% |
| Regional (DVL-DIK-JMS) | 10,187 | 9,877 | 15,502 | 15,833 | 15,336 | 13,355 | 23,297 | 20,993 | 9,071 | 13,917 | 310 | 3.14% |



North Dakota Airline Passenger Boarding Trends (2019 - 2021)

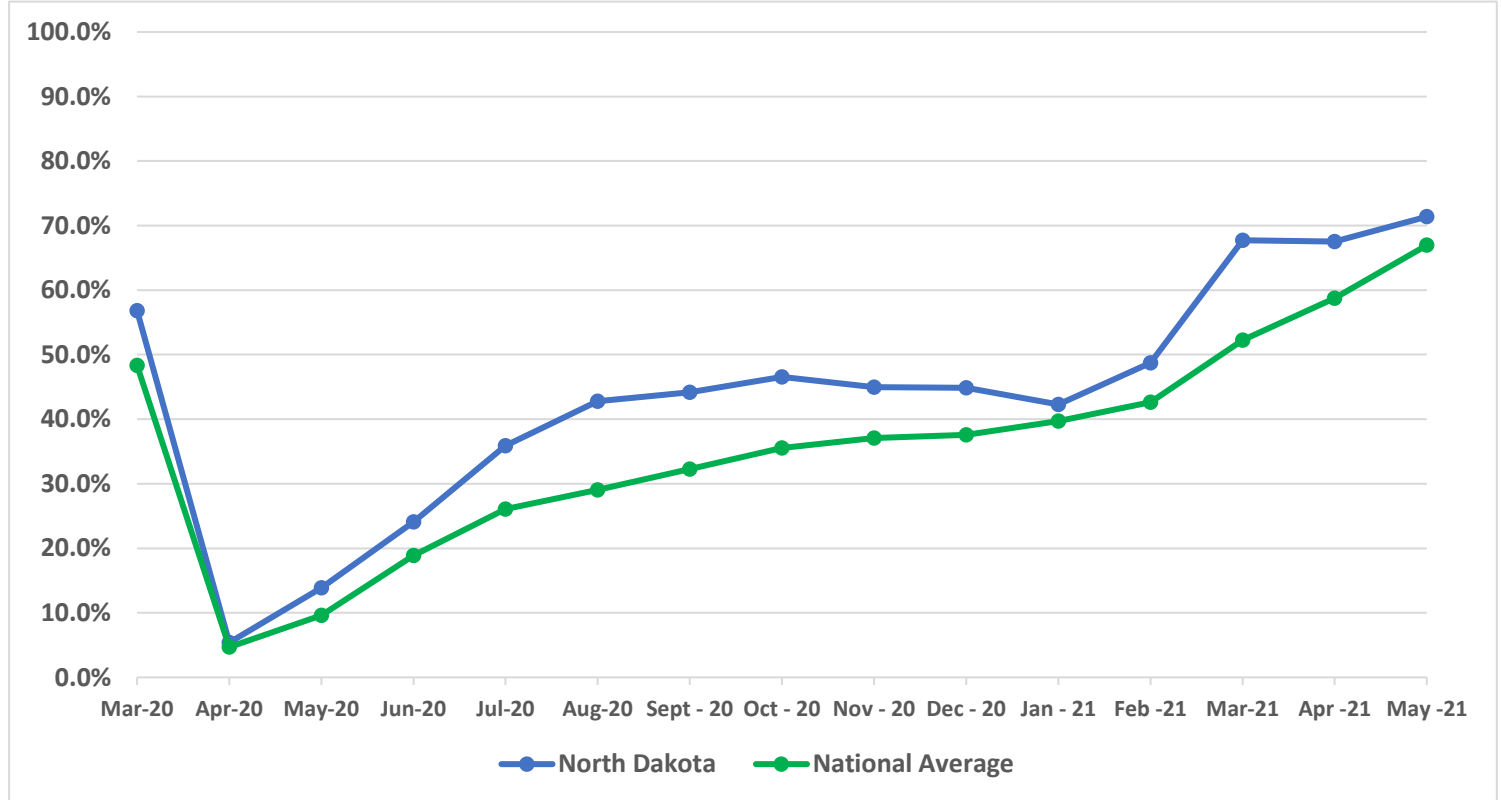




Airline Enplanement Monthly Retention Rates North Dakota versus National Average *(Comparing each month to the same month in 2019)*

ND vs. TSA Enplanement Retention

| Month | ND | TSA |
|-----------|-------|-------|
| Mar-20 | 56.8% | 48.3% |
| Apr-20 | 5.4% | 4.7% |
| May-20 | 13.9% | 9.6% |
| Jun-20 | 24.1% | 18.9% |
| Jul-20 | 35.9% | 26.1% |
| Aug-20 | 42.8% | 29.0% |
| Sept - 20 | 44.2% | 32.3% |
| Oct - 20 | 46.5% | 35.6% |
| Nov - 20 | 45.0% | 37.1% |
| Dec - 20 | 44.8% | 37.6% |
| Jan - 21 | 42.3% | 39.7% |
| Feb -21 | 48.7% | 42.6% |
| Mar-21 | 67.7% | 52.2% |
| Apr -21 | 67.5% | 58.7% |
| May -21 | 71.4% | 67.0% |



National statistics were retrieved from TSA website: <https://www.tsa.gov/coronavirus/passenger-throughput>