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North Dakota Airline Passenger Retention Remains Above the National Average

North Dakota's eight commercial service airports during the month of August posted a total of 43,559 passengers boardings. This is higher than the statewide passenger volume that was seen in each of the last four months and amounts to a 43% retention rate of the passengers that North Dakota experienced during the same month last year.

The recovery in passenger volume continues its positive trend for North Dakota as well as many other airports throughout the country, though the numbers still remain far below pre COVID-19 levels. North Dakota's airline passenger demand has also been recovering faster than the national average which is currently estimated to be at 29% of pre-pandemic levels.

"When comparing current passenger throughput to pre-pandemic levels, North Dakota's airline passenger retention is an estimated 14% higher than the national rate." stated Kyle Wanner, Executive Director of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission. "The higher airline passenger retention in our rural state reflects North Dakota's resilience and shows the importance that air service has to our communities. Our state's ongoing recovery in air travel demand also shows that the travelling public is trusting the safety enhancements that our airports and airlines have put into place to accommodate COVID-19 concerns."



August Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports

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	August 2020	August 2019	August 2018	August 2017	August 2016	August 2015	August 2014	August 2013	August 2012	August 2011	Difference 2020/2019	% Change
Bismarck	10,883	25,892	24,396	24,381	22,631	21,763	19,953	18,986	21,477	16,156	(15,009)	-57.97%
Devils Lake	390	657	658	566	592	312	347	246	281	463	(267)	-40.64%
Dickinson	881	2,242	2,115	1,628	1,523	3,433	5,731	4,246	1,979	1,806	(1,361)	-60.70%
Fargo	18,793	39,083	35,955	32,355	33,428	38,053	38,447	33,851	30,378	29,243	(20,290)	-51.92%
Grand Forks	3,179	9,717	9,493	9,114	9,322	11,020	10,566	11,913	10,720	8,737	(6,538)	-67.28%
Jamestown	465	1,127	1,085	990	944	625	290	267	263	384	(662)	-58.74%
Minot	7,611	14,497	13,310	12,527	13,258	13,665	18,104	19,656	20,743	13,990	(6,886)	-47.50%
Williston	1,357	8,569	6,631	6,127	6,215	8,710	10,327	8,640	2,466	2,926	(7,212)	-84.16%
TOTALS	43,559	101,784	93,643	87,688	87,913	97,581	103,765	97,805	88,307	73,705	(58,225)	-57.20%

Commercial (BIS-FAR-GFK-MOT-WIL)	41,823	97,758	89,785	84,504	84,854	93,211	97,397	93,046	85,784	71,052	(55,935)	-57.22%
Regional (DVL-DIK-JMS)	1,736	4,026	3,858	3,184	3,059	4,370	6,368	4,759	2,523	2,653	(2,290)	-56.88%

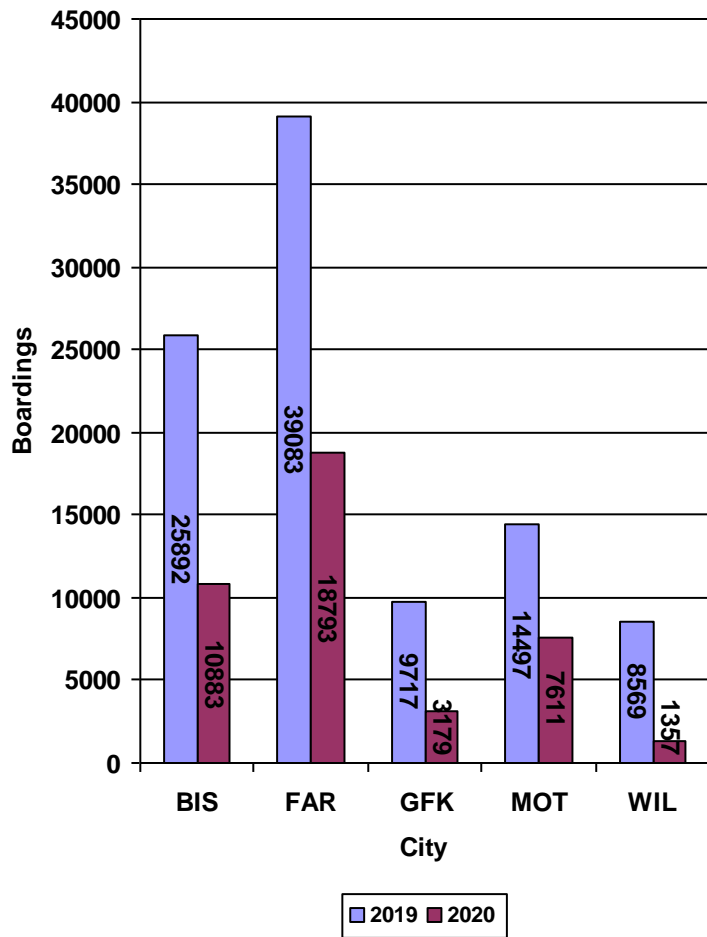


August Boardings Comparison 2020 versus 2019

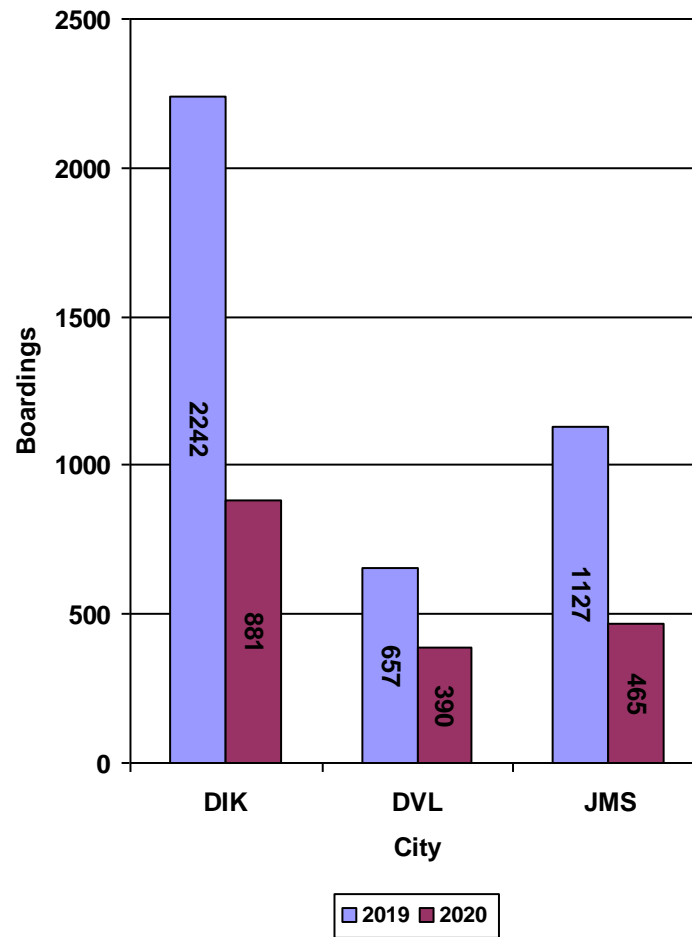
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Big 5



Regional 3



% Difference

BIS	-15,009	-57.97%
DIK	-1,361	-60.70%
DVL	-267	-40.64%
FAR	-20,290	-51.92%
GFK	-6,538	-67.28%
JMS	-662	-58.74%
MOT	-6,886	-47.50%
WIL	-7,212	-84.16%

Statewide

2020	43,559
2019	101,784
Diff	-58,225
% Diff	-57.20%



YTD Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports

Through August

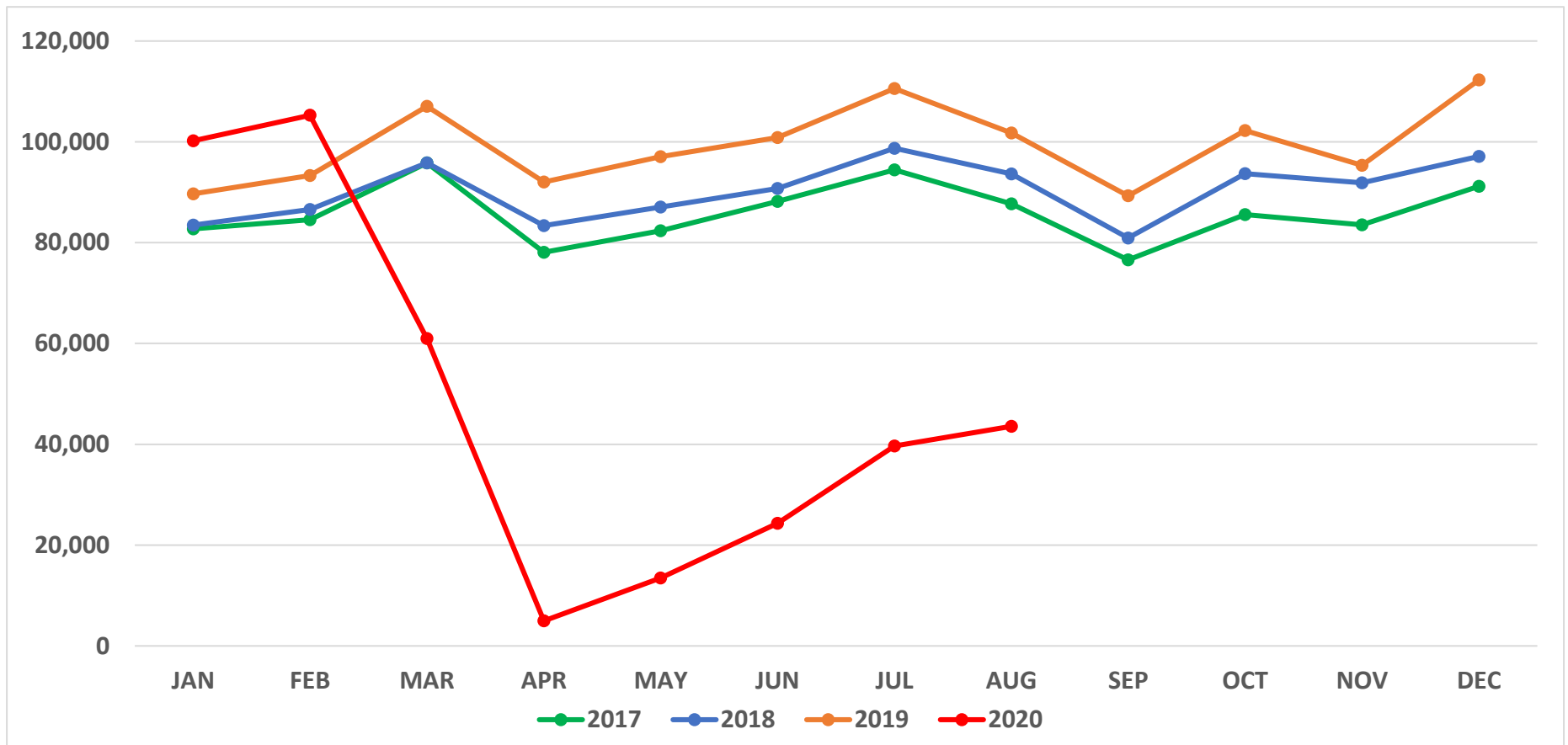
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	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	Difference	% Change
Bismarck	101,699	205,860	184,183	183,708	175,262	169,066	157,205	159,590	153,587	126,170	(104,161)	-50.60%
Devils Lake	2,607	4,541	4,429	4,693	4,290	2,929	1,227	1,745	1,913	3,698	(1,934)	-42.59%
Dickinson	7,945	15,338	14,422	12,118	10,909	29,847	37,220	18,164	16,651	10,791	(7,393)	-48.20%
Fargo	164,882	313,386	284,413	267,279	266,148	301,122	307,202	272,274	250,977	239,709	(148,504)	-47.39%
Grand Forks	32,098	77,257	73,679	76,431	87,755	96,653	97,280	99,445	90,954	75,892	(45,159)	-58.45%
Jamestown	3,838	7,471	8,366	8,879	7,430	5,026	1,301	1,735	2,878	3,458	(3,633)	-48.63%
Minot	55,434	109,572	101,704	95,701	102,117	122,703	146,421	145,667	146,956	93,063	(54,138)	-49.41%
Williston	23,933	59,007	48,283	44,972	45,337	76,115	75,673	59,658	21,547	17,391	(35,074)	-59.44%
TOTALS	392,436	792,432	719,479	693,781	699,248	803,461	823,529	758,278	685,463	570,172	(399,996)	-50.48%
Commercial (BIS-FAR-GFK-MOT-WIL)	378,046	765,082	692,262	668,091	676,619	765,659	783,781	736,634	664,021	552,225	(387,036)	-50.59%
Regional (DVL-DIK-JMS)	14,390	27,350	27,217	25,690	22,629	37,802	39,748	21,644	21,442	17,947	(12,960)	-47.39%



North Dakota Airline Passenger Boardings Trends (2017 - 2020)

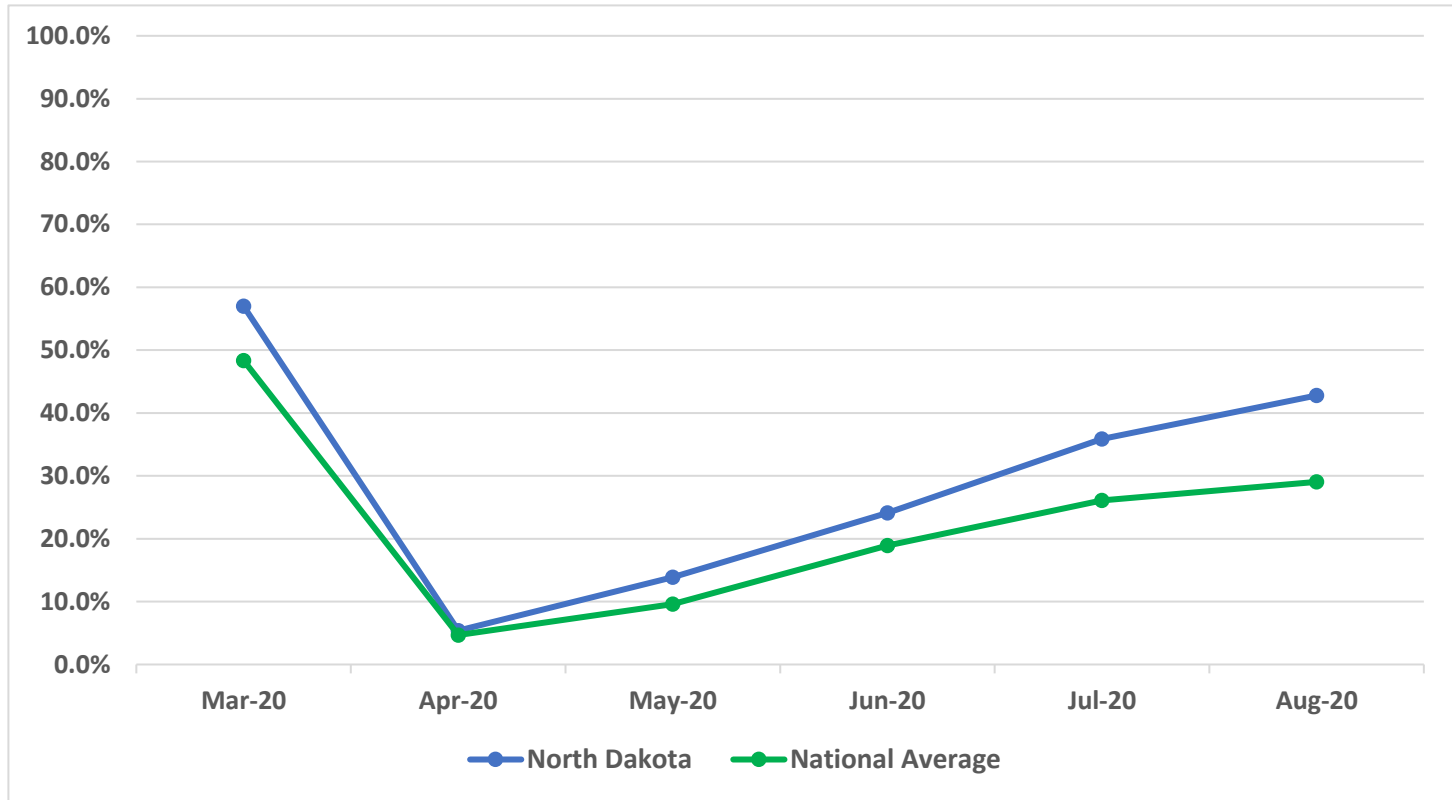




Airline Enplanement Retention (2020 vs. 2019) North Dakota versus National Average

ND vs. TSA Enplanement Retention

Month	ND	TSA
Mar-20	57.0%	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%



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