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Spring Break Travel in Full Swing at ND Airports

North Dakota's eight commercial service airports posted a total of 88,152 airline passenger boardings during the recent month of February. This is a 9% increase from the 80,552 boardings that the state experienced in the same month in 2022.

"Air service activity levels throughout North Dakota remains very healthy as spring break travel is in full swing," stated Kyle Wanner, Executive Director for the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission.

"Recently, this has also translated into near full parking lots at some of our commercial service airports throughout the state."

As we continue to move through March, it's important to note that historically, this month one of the busiest times of the year for air travel in North Dakota as residents go about their spring break plans. Travelers are encouraged to plan ahead and arrive at their airport early to ensure that they can find parking, drop off bags as needed, and successfully make it through the security line.



February Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports

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	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	Difference 2023/2022	% Change	Difference 2023/2019	% Change
Bismarck	19,634	18,636	12,945	26,898	23,880	20,450	20,414	20,308	20,289	19,115	998	5.36%	-4246	-17.78%
Devils Lake	401	438	307	558	454	518	553	612	307	0	(37)	-8.45%	-53	-11.67%
Dickinson	1,738	1,457	569	2,038	1,644	1,607	1,288	1,345	3,386	3,723	281	19.29%	94	5.72%
Fargo	42,028	37,009	23,626	44,946	38,035	36,655	34,647	34,497	37,690	38,869	5,019	13.56%	3993	10.50%
Grand Forks	7,943	7,941	4,449	9,980	9,668	9,460	10,521	12,394	12,998	12,784	2	0.03%	-1725	-17.84%
Jamestown	836	880	545	1,001	894	1,036	1,199	892	746	0	(44)	-5.00%	-58	-6.49%
Minot	10,501	10,596	6,675	13,280	12,732	11,577	10,892	12,922	16,465	17,842	(95)	-0.90%	-2231	-17.52%
Williston	5,071	3,595	2,124	6,443	6,028	5,305	5,055	5,629	9,294	8,991	1,476	41.06%	-957	-15.88%
Totals	88,152	80,552	51,240	105,144	93,335	86,608	84,569	88,599	101,175	101,324	7,600	9.43%	-5183	-5.55%



YTD Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports

Through February

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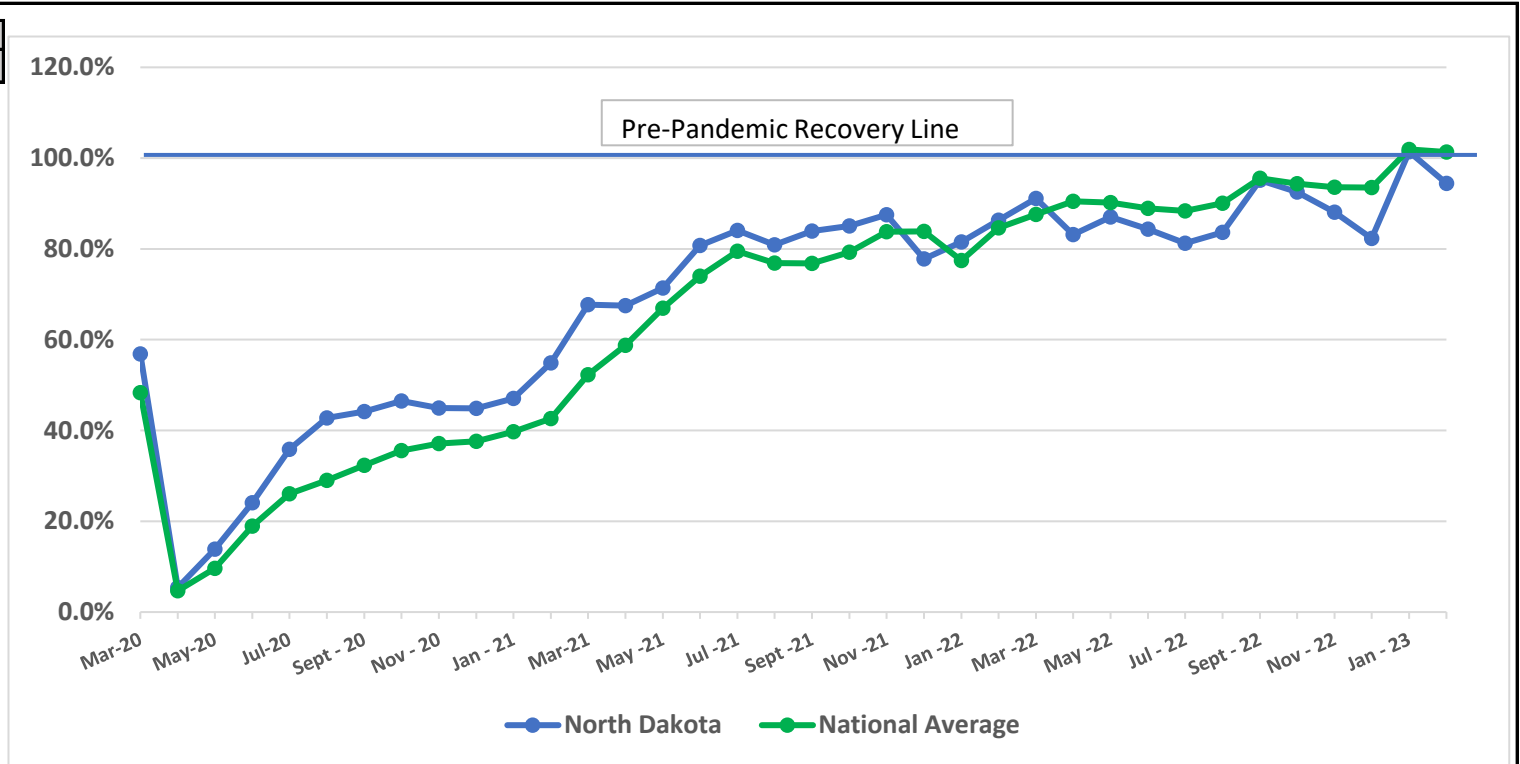
	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	Difference	% Change
Bismarck	39,531	35,398	23,838	51,821	46,182	41,494	41,060	41,702	41,528	38,560	4,133	11.68%
Devils Lake	864	940	573	1,170	929	996	1,144	1,002	615	177	(76)	-8.09%
Dickinson	3,530	3,026	1,187	4,035	3,403	3,262	2,581	2,842	7,308	7,465	504	16.66%
Fargo	85,733	71,479	42,028	88,502	75,035	70,677	68,227	68,325	74,373	75,767	14,254	19.94%
Grand Forks	16,858	13,913	8,266	18,721	18,895	18,732	20,457	23,055	24,374	23,892	2,945	21.17%
Jamestown	1,413	1,732	934	1,824	1,686	1,956	2,061	1,764	1,292	135	(319)	-18.42%
Minot	21,487	20,128	12,520	25,839	24,517	22,330	21,779	24,800	32,387	34,661	1,359	6.75%
Williston	9,715	7,053	4,132	13,157	12,397	10,657	10,003	11,266	19,915	17,470	2,662	37.74%
TOTALS	179,131	153,669	93,478	205,069	183,044	170,104	167,312	174,756	201,792	198,127	25,462	16.57%
Commercial (BIS-FAR-GFK-MOT-WIL)	173,324	147,971	90,784	198,040	177,026	163,890	161,526	169,148	192,577	190,350	25,353	17.13%
Regional (DVL-DIK-JMS)	5,807	5,698	2,694	7,029	6,018	6,214	5,786	5,608	9,215	7,777	109	1.91%



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	47.1%	39.7%
Feb - 21	54.9%	42.6%
Mar-21	67.7%	52.2%
Apr - 21	67.5%	58.7%
May - 21	71.4%	67.0%
Jun - 21	80.8%	74.0%
Jul - 21	84.0%	79.5%
Aug - 21	80.9%	76.9%
Sept - 21	83.9%	76.8%
Oct - 21	85.0%	79.3%
Nov - 21	87.5%	83.8%
Dec - 21	77.8%	83.8%
Jan - 22	81.5%	77.4%
Feb - 22	86.3%	84.6%
Mar - 22	91.2%	87.6%
Apr - 22	83.2%	90.5%
May - 22	87.0%	90.2%
Jun - 22	84.3%	89.0%
Jul - 22	81.3%	88.4%
Aug - 22	83.7%	90.1%
Sept - 22	95.1%	95.6%
Oct - 22	92.5%	94.4%
Nov - 22	88.1%	93.6%
Dec - 22	82.3%	93.5%
Jan - 23	101.4%	101.9%
Feb - 23	94.4%	101.4%



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