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North Dakota posts 73,000 Airline Passengers to Start the New Year

North Dakota's eight commercial service airports posted a total of 73,117 airline passenger boardings during the month of January, 2022. This is a 73% increase from the 42,238 boardings that the state experienced in January, 2021.

"Air service demand is significantly stronger than where we were one year ago, however it is also still approximately 18% below 2019's pre-pandemic passenger counts," stated Kyle Wanner, Executive Director of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission. "Airlines continue to cite difficulties with their ability to increase flights and capacity due to workforce shortages and fleet availability. These challenges as well as a sustained lower demand for business travel are all factors that contribute to the difficulty for passenger numbers to fully recover to pre-pandemic levels in the short term. The silver lining is that North Dakota continues to maintain excellent air service options for their communities and has done so throughout the entirety of the pandemic."



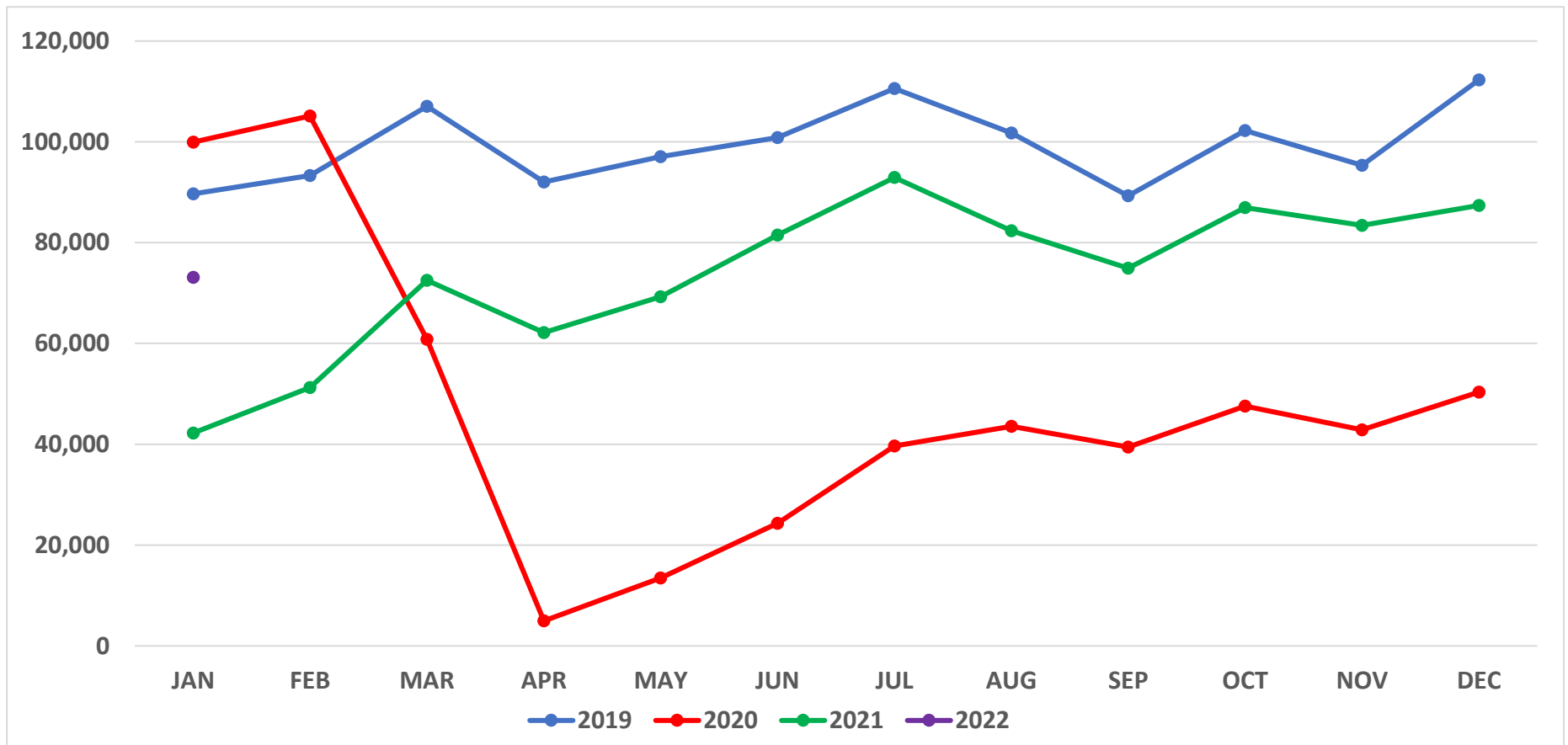
January Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports

2022 v 2019

	JAN 2022	JAN 2021	JAN 2020	JAN 2019	JAN 2018	JAN 2017	JAN 2016	JAN 2015	JAN 2014	JAN 2013	Difference 2022/2021	% Change	Difference 2022/2019	% Change
Bismarck	16,762	10,893	24,923	22,302	21,044	20,646	21,394	21,239	19,445	19,009	5,869	53.88%	-5,540	-24.84%
Devils Lake	502	266	612	475	478	591	390	308	177	194	236	88.72%	27	5.68%
Dickinson	1,569	618	1,997	1,759	1,655	1,293	1,497	3,922	3,742	1,350	951	153.88%	-190	-10.80%
Fargo	34,470	18,402	43,556	37,000	34,022	33,580	33,828	36,683	36,898	32,937	16,068	87.32%	-2,530	-6.84%
Grand Forks	5,972	3,817	8,741	9,227	9,272	9,936	10,661	11,376	11,108	11,460	2,155	56.46%	-3,255	-35.28%
Jamestown	852	389	823	792	920	862	872	546	135	224	463	119.02%	60	7.58%
Minot	9,532	5,845	12,559	11,785	10,753	10,887	11,878	15,922	16,819	16,793	3,687	63.08%	-2,253	-19.12%
Williston	3,458	2,008	6,714	6,369	5,352	4,948	5,637	10,621	8,479	6,260	1,450	72.21%	-2,911	-45.71%
TOTALS	73,117	42,238	99,925	89,709	83,496	82,743	86,157	100,617	96,803	88,227	30,879	73.11%	-16,592	-18.50%



North Dakota Airline Passenger Boarding Trends (2019 - 2021)





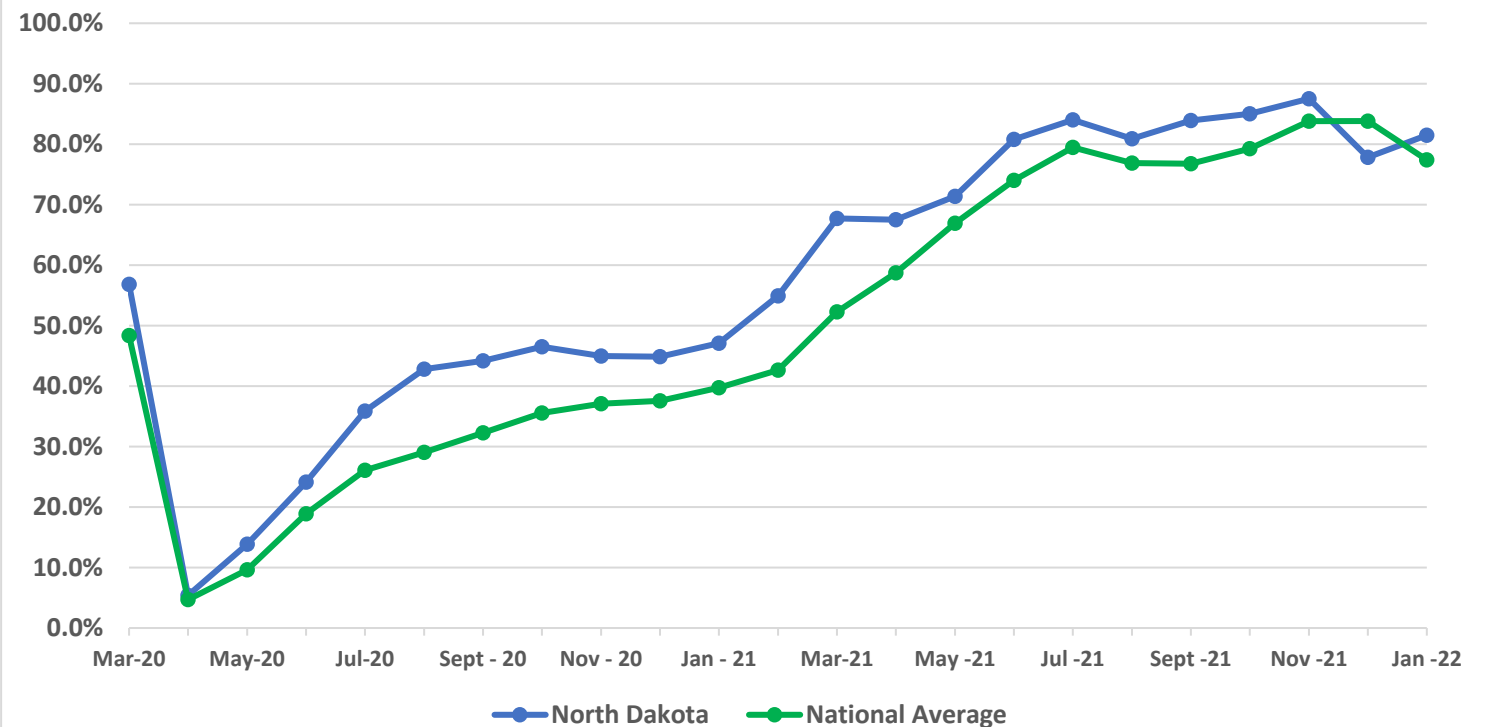
Airline Enplanement Monthly Retention Rates

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	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%



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