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**North Dakota Airports Post a Strong Start to the New Year**

North Dakota's eight commercial service airports posted a total of 90,979 airline passenger boardings during the recent month of January. This is a 24% increase from the 73,117 boardings that the state experienced in the same month in 2022.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, calendar year 2019 has been utilized as a baseline to gauge when a full recovery of airline boardings has been achieved to pre-pandemic levels. The recent statewide numbers for the month of January are approximately 1.5% above 2019's pre-pandemic passenger counts of 89,709. This is the first month since the pandemic began where the passenger counts have been higher than the compared month in 2019. If this trend continues, 2023 should be the year that the industry will achieve a full recovery in airline passenger numbers.

"Air service demand throughout North Dakota is a significantly stronger than one year ago and we are excited to see that the numbers are beginning to track above 2019's pre-pandemic passenger counts." stated Kyle Wanner, Executive Director of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission.



# January 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	19,897	16,762	10,893	24,923	22,302	21,044	20,646	21,394	21,239	19,445	<b>3,135</b>	<b>18.70%</b>	<b>-2,405</b>	<b>-10.78%</b>
Devils Lake	463	502	266	612	475	478	591	390	308	177	<b>(39)</b>	<b>-7.77%</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-2.53%</b>
Dickinson	1,792	1,569	618	1,997	1,759	1,655	1,293	1,497	3,922	3,742	<b>223</b>	<b>14.21%</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1.88%</b>
Fargo	43,705	34,470	18,402	43,556	37,000	34,022	33,580	33,828	36,683	36,898	<b>9,235</b>	<b>26.79%</b>	<b>6,705</b>	<b>18.12%</b>
Grand Forks	8,915	5,972	3,817	8,741	9,227	9,272	9,936	10,661	11,376	11,108	<b>2,943</b>	<b>49.28%</b>	<b>-312</b>	<b>-3.38%</b>
Jamestown	577	852	389	823	792	920	862	872	546	135	<b>(275)</b>	<b>-32.28%</b>	<b>-215</b>	<b>-27.15%</b>
Minot	10,986	9,532	5,845	12,559	11,785	10,753	10,887	11,878	15,922	16,819	<b>1,454</b>	<b>15.25%</b>	<b>-799</b>	<b>-6.78%</b>
Williston	4,644	3,458	2,008	6,714	6,369	5,352	4,948	5,637	10,621	8,479	<b>1,186</b>	<b>34.30%</b>	<b>-1,725</b>	<b>-27.08%</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>90,979</b>	<b>73,117</b>	<b>42,238</b>	<b>99,925</b>	<b>89,709</b>	<b>83,496</b>	<b>82,743</b>	<b>86,157</b>	<b>100,617</b>	<b>96,803</b>	<b>17,862</b>	<b>24.43%</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>1.42%</b>

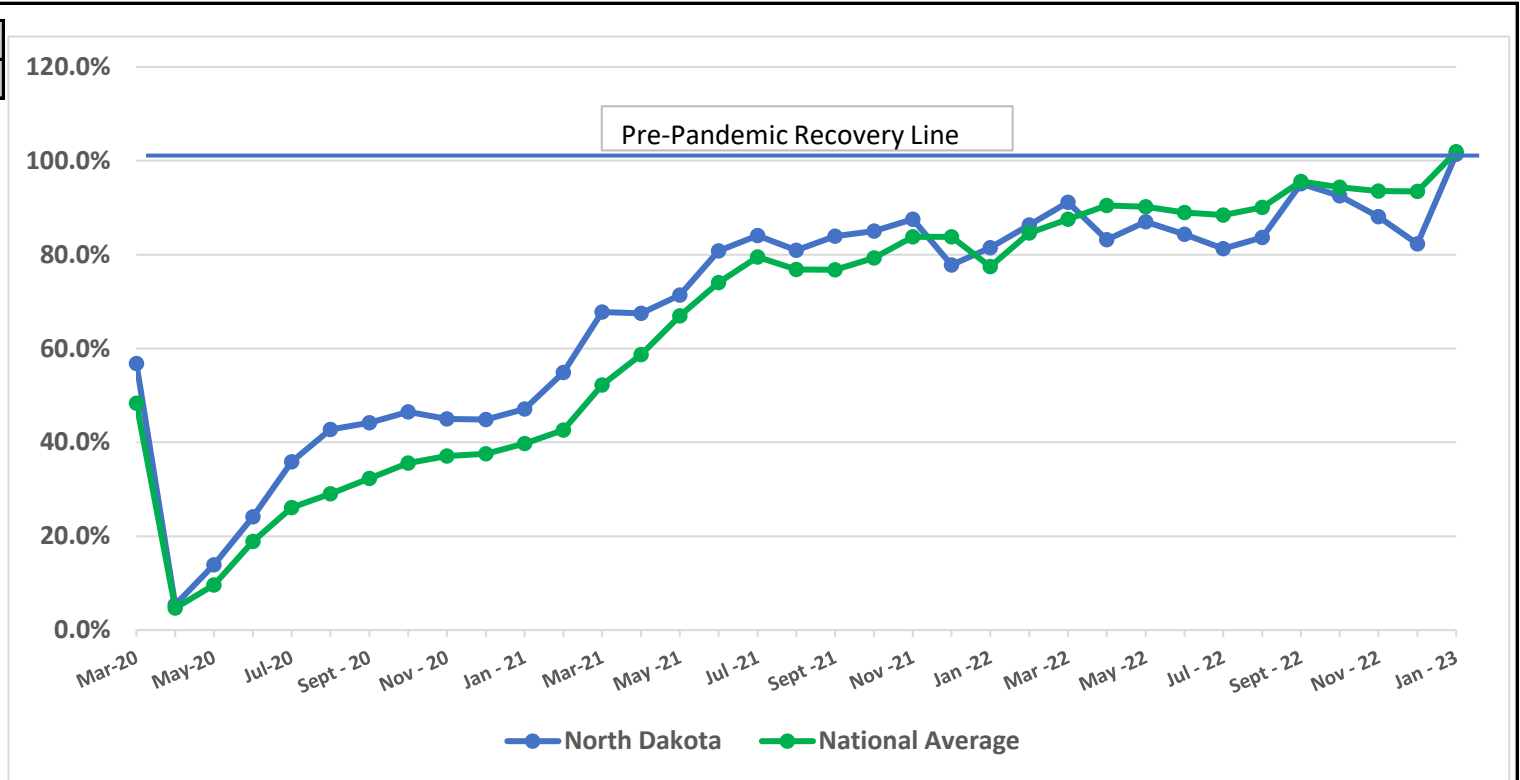




## Airline Enplanement Monthly Retention Rates North Dakota versus National Average *(Comparing each month to the same month in 2019)*

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%



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