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July Airline Boardings Bring the State Closer to Pre-pandemic Levels

North Dakota's eight commercial service airports posted a total of 92,922 airline passenger boardings during the month of July. This month experienced the highest level of passenger traffic that the state has seen since the Covid-19 pandemic began and continues the monthly positive trend of growing airline passenger demand. Multiple airports within the state have also reached or are close to reaching pre-pandemic passenger demand levels.

One example of the extraordinary ongoing airline passenger recovery can be seen at the Hector International Airport in Fargo which is the state's largest commercial service airport. This past month, the airport provided service for 42,871 passenger boardings which is only 1% lower than their month of July passenger record of 43,437 that was set in 2019.

"The July airline boarding numbers have exceeded our expectations and we are excited to see multiple airports within the state have reached or are close to reaching pre-pandemic demand levels." stated Kyle Wanner, Executive Director of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission. "We hope that the demand for air travel is sustained and continues to trend in a positive direction as we move into the next half of 2021."



July Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports

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	July 2021	July 2020	July 2019	July 2018	July 2017	July 2016	July 2015	July 2014	July 2013	July 2012	Difference 2021/2020	% Change 2020 to 2021	Difference 2021/2019	% Change 2019 to 2021
Bismarck	22,209	11,274	28,876	25,789	27,245	24,085	23,652	21,688	20,038	22,253	10,935	96.99%	(6,667)	-23.09%
Devils Lake	838	431	873	752	680	662	523	442	295	308	407	94.43%	(35)	-4.01%
Dickinson	1,860	847	2,161	2,005	1,650	1,451	3,989	5,692	3,720	2,027	1,013	119.60%	(301)	-13.93%
Fargo	42,871	16,219	43,437	38,760	35,291	35,950	41,255	41,980	37,895	33,142	26,652	164.33%	(566)	-1.30%
Grand Forks	5,913	2,255	9,636	9,525	9,056	10,261	11,812	11,990	12,659	10,798	3,658	162.22%	(3,723)	-38.64%
Jamestown	1,275	488	1,210	1,225	1,297	1,164	802	570	247	218	787	161.27%	65	5.37%
Minot	13,283	6,511	15,954	14,038	13,414	13,244	15,574	19,242	19,158	19,350	6,772	104.01%	(2,671)	-16.74%
Williston	4,673	1,635	8,420	6,639	5,823	5,884	9,133	9,605	8,289	2,593	3,038	185.81%	(3,747)	-44.50%
TOTALS	92,922	39,660	110,567	98,733	94,456	92,701	106,740	111,209	102,301	90,689	53,262	134.30%	(17,645)	-15.96%



YTD Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports

Through July

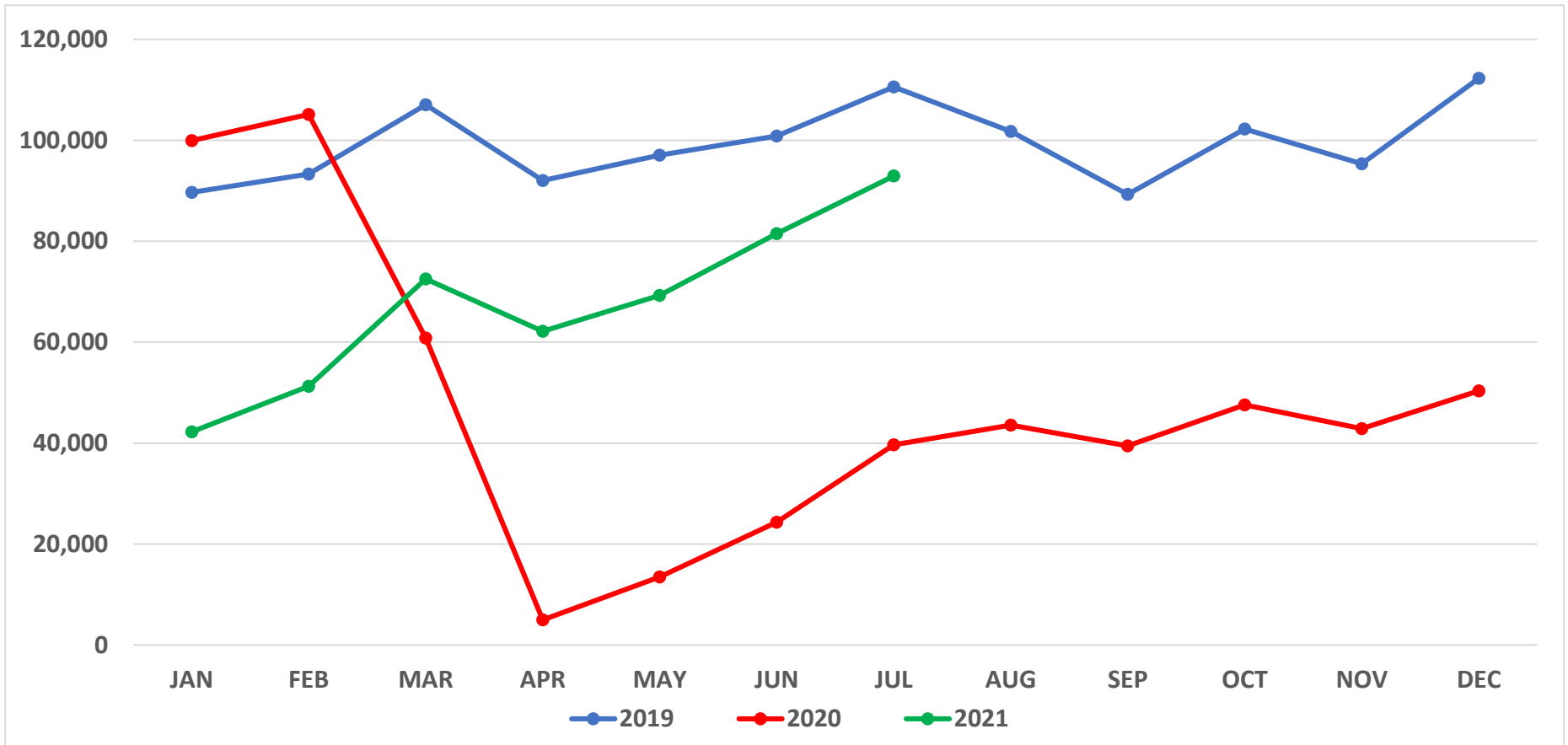
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	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	Difference	% Change
Bismarck	117,673	90,816	179,968	159,787	159,327	152,631	147,303	137,252	140,604	132,110	26,857	29.57%
Devils Lake	3,501	2,217	3,884	3,771	4,127	3,698	2,617	880	1,499	1,632	1,284	57.92%
Dickinson	8,251	7,064	13,096	12,307	10,490	9,386	26,414	31,489	13,918	14,672	1,187	16.80%
Fargo	211,728	146,089	274,303	248,458	234,924	232,720	263,069	268,755	238,423	220,599	65,639	44.93%
Grand Forks	36,916	28,919	67,540	64,186	67,317	78,433	85,633	86,714	87,532	80,234	7,997	27.65%
Jamestown	5,818	3,373	6,344	7,281	7,889	6,486	4,401	1,011	1,468	2,615	2,445	72.49%
Minot	67,819	47,247	95,075	88,394	83,174	88,859	109,038	128,317	126,011	126,213	20,572	43.54%
Williston	20,040	22,576	50,438	41,652	38,845	39,122	67,405	65,346	51,018	19,081	(2,536)	-11.23%
TOTALS	471,746	348,301	690,648	625,836	606,093	611,335	705,880	719,764	660,473	597,156	123,445	35.44%
Commercial (BIS-FAR-GFK-MOT-WIL)	454,176	335,647	667,324	602,477	583,587	591,765	672,448	686,384	643,588	578,237	118,529	35.31%
Regional (DVL-DIK-JMS)	17,570	12,654	23,324	23,359	22,506	19,570	33,432	33,380	16,885	18,919	4,916	38.85%



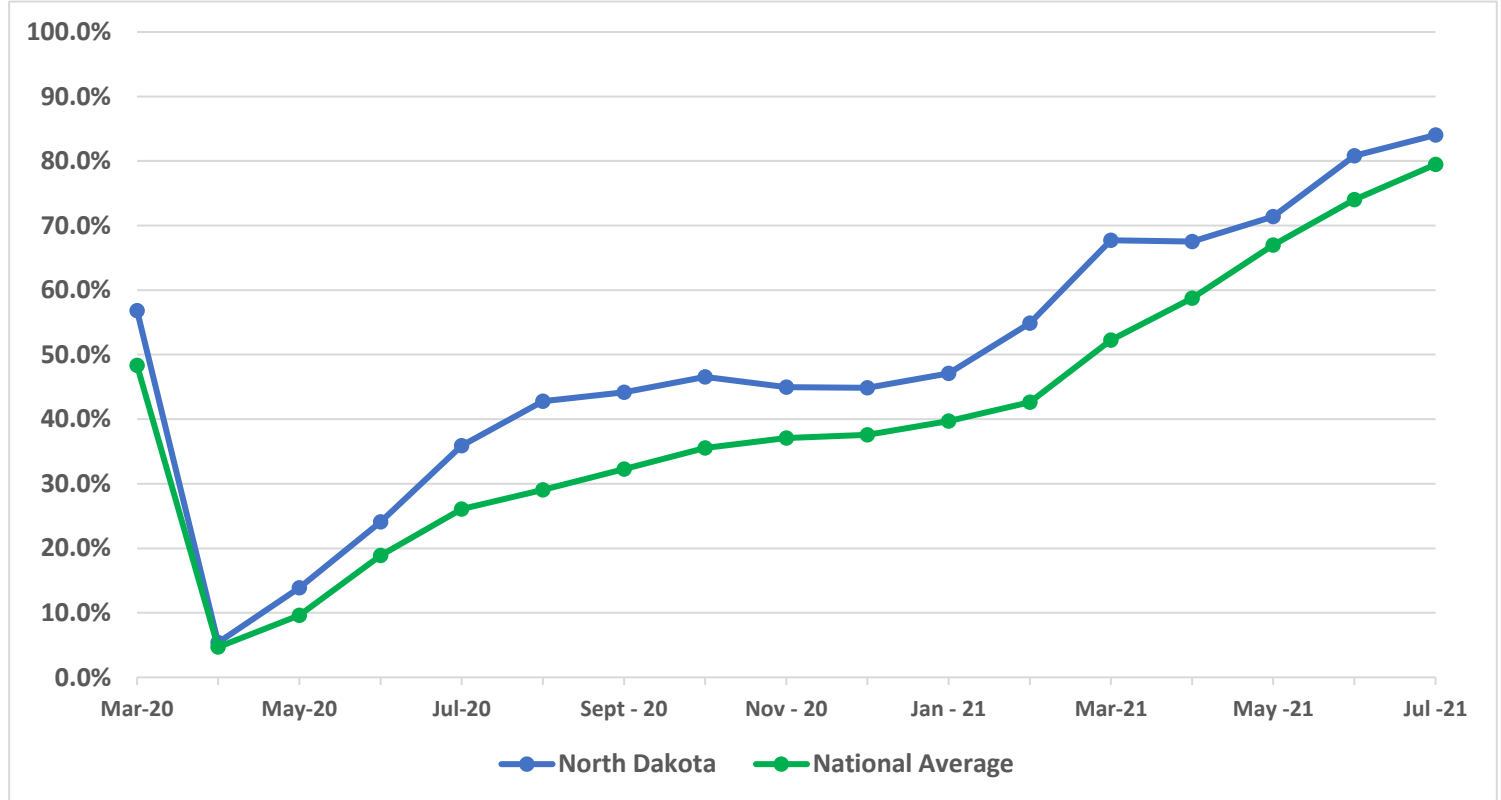
North Dakota Airline Passenger Boarding Trends (2019 - 2021)





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%



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