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North Dakota Airline Passenger Boardings up 31% in First Half of 2022

North Dakota's air travel demand during the summer months remains strong as our residents and visitors take advantage of the state's air service opportunities. During the first half of calendar year 2022, North Dakota's eight commercial service airports provided a total of 497,322 passenger boardings. This is a growth of 118,498 passengers or a 31% increase when comparing the statewide passenger counts to the first six months of 2021.

During the recent month of June, North Dakota also posted a total of 84,630 airline passenger boardings which is a 4.5% increase from June of 2021.

North Dakota's overall passenger counts remain approximately 15% below the pre-pandemic passenger numbers that were last experienced in 2019. The available seats and flights available to the traveling public throughout North Dakota are also still below pre-pandemic levels as airlines continue to communicate difficulties in adding capacity into the system.

Cancellations and delays in airline flights have also risen throughout the country during the busy summer travel season. Most of the negative impacts are being seen at large hub airports outside of the state as departures from within North Dakota have been dependable with an overall low cancellation rate. Current estimates show that less than 2% of all planned flight departures from within North Dakota were cancelled during the month of June.

"Throughout the summer months, our airports continue to show strong passenger demand while also providing travelers with reliable departures to our non-stop destinations outside of North Dakota," stated Kyle Wanner, Executive Director of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission. "As the industry continues to work to train additional staff and adjust flight schedules, we hope to see reductions in the amount of flight cancellations and delays that are currently being experienced throughout the country."



YTD Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports

Through June

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	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	Difference	% Change
Bismarck	118,070	95,464	79,542	151,092	133,998	132,082	128,546	123,651	115,564	120,566	22,606	23.68%
Devils Lake	3,257	2,663	1,786	3,011	3,019	3,447	3,036	2,094	438	1,204	594	22.31%
Dickinson	9,943	6,391	6,217	10,935	10,302	8,840	7,935	22,425	25,797	10,198	3,552	55.58%
Fargo	220,680	168,857	129,870	230,866	209,698	199,633	196,770	221,814	226,775	200,528	51,823	30.69%
Grand Forks	46,564	31,003	26,664	57,904	54,661	58,261	68,172	73,821	74,724	74,873	15,561	50.19%
Jamestown	5,916	4,543	2,885	5,134	6,056	6,592	5,322	3,599	441	1,221	1,373	30.22%
Minot	67,057	54,536	40,736	79,121	74,356	69,760	75,615	93,464	109,075	106,853	12,521	22.96%
Williston	25,835	15,367	20,941	42,018	35,013	33,022	33,238	58,272	55,741	42,729	10,468	68.12%
TOTALS	497,322	378,824	308,641	580,081	527,103	511,637	518,634	599,140	608,555	558,172	118,498	31.28%
Commercial (BIS-FAR-GFK-MOT-WIL)	478,206	365,227	297,753	561,001	507,726	492,758	502,341	571,022	581,879	545,549	112,979	30.93%
Regional (DVL-DIK-JMS)	19,116	13,597	10,888	19,080	19,377	18,879	16,293	28,118	26,676	12,623	5,519	40.59%



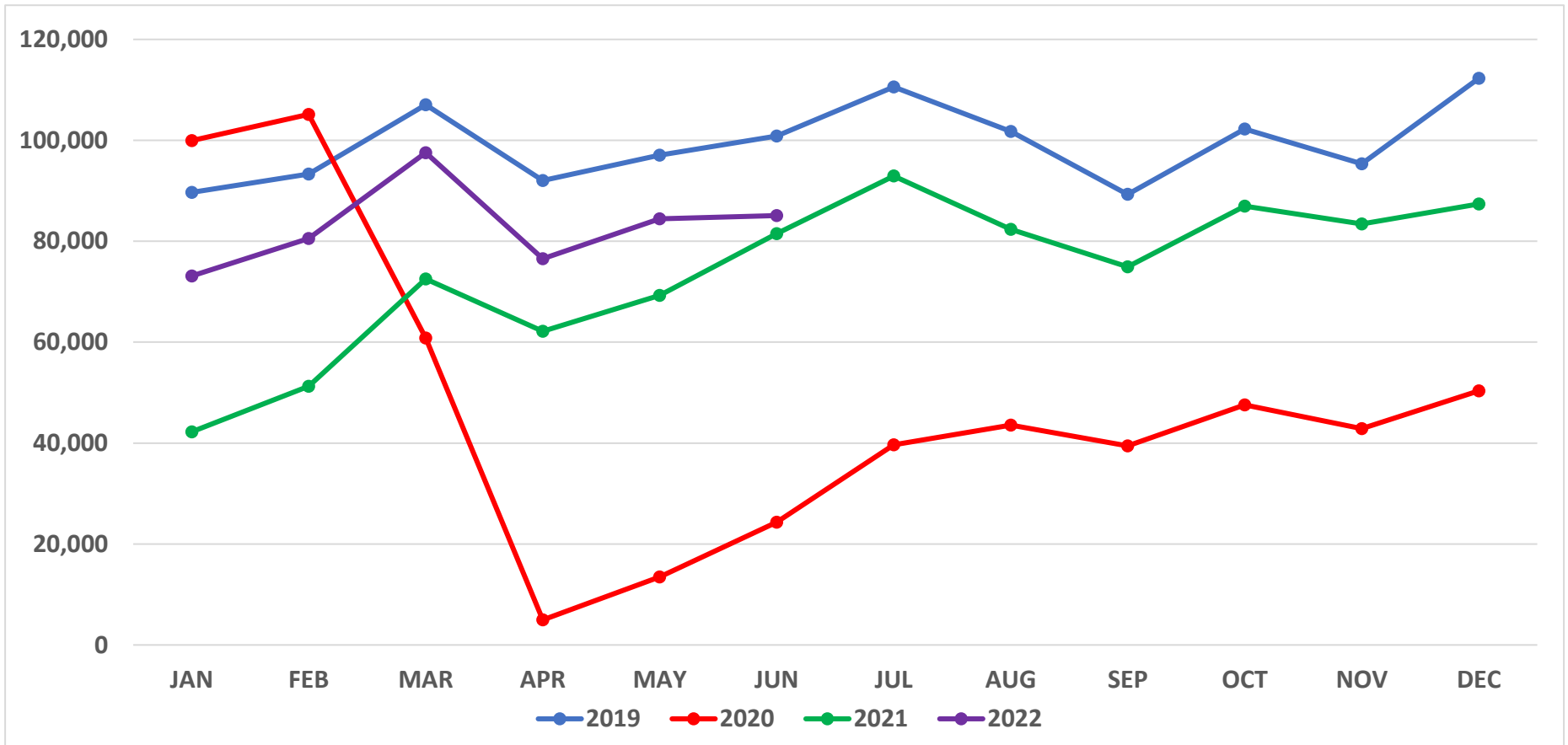
June Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports

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	June 2022	June 2021	June 2020	June 2019	June 2018	June 2017	June 2016	June 2015	June 2014	June 2013	Difference 2022/2021	% Change	Difference 2022/2019	% Change
Bismarck	21,631	20,244	7,833	26,531	24,570	24,607	22,354	21,478	19,962	19,991	1387	6.85%	-4900	-18.47%
Devils Lake	596	587	181	564	551	652	605	408	261	231	9	1.53%	32	5.67%
Dickinson	1,834	1,735	579	2,057	1,920	1,671	1,334	3,742	5,116	3,103	99	5.71%	-223	-10.84%
Fargo	36,552	36,715	9,005	40,003	34,897	32,670	32,987	36,359	37,019	33,891	(163)	-0.44%	-3451	-8.63%
Grand Forks	6,502	5,576	1,232	9,123	8,648	9,036	10,255	11,381	10,026	11,082	926	16.61%	-2621	-28.73%
Jamestown	1,015	1,088	251	957	1,073	1,220	999	671	306	218	(73)	-6.71%	58	6.06%
Minot	11,373	12,033	3,912	13,632	12,796	12,469	12,063	14,186	17,735	17,567	(660)	-5.48%	-2259	-16.57%
Williston	5,562	3,411	1,320	8,009	6,273	5,865	5,826	8,942	9,642	7,581	2,151	63.06%	-2447	-30.55%
TOTALS	85,065	81,389	24,313	100,876	90,728	88,190	86,423	97,167	100,067	93,664	3,676	4.52%	-15811	-15.67%



North Dakota Airline Passenger Boarding Trends (2019 - 2022)

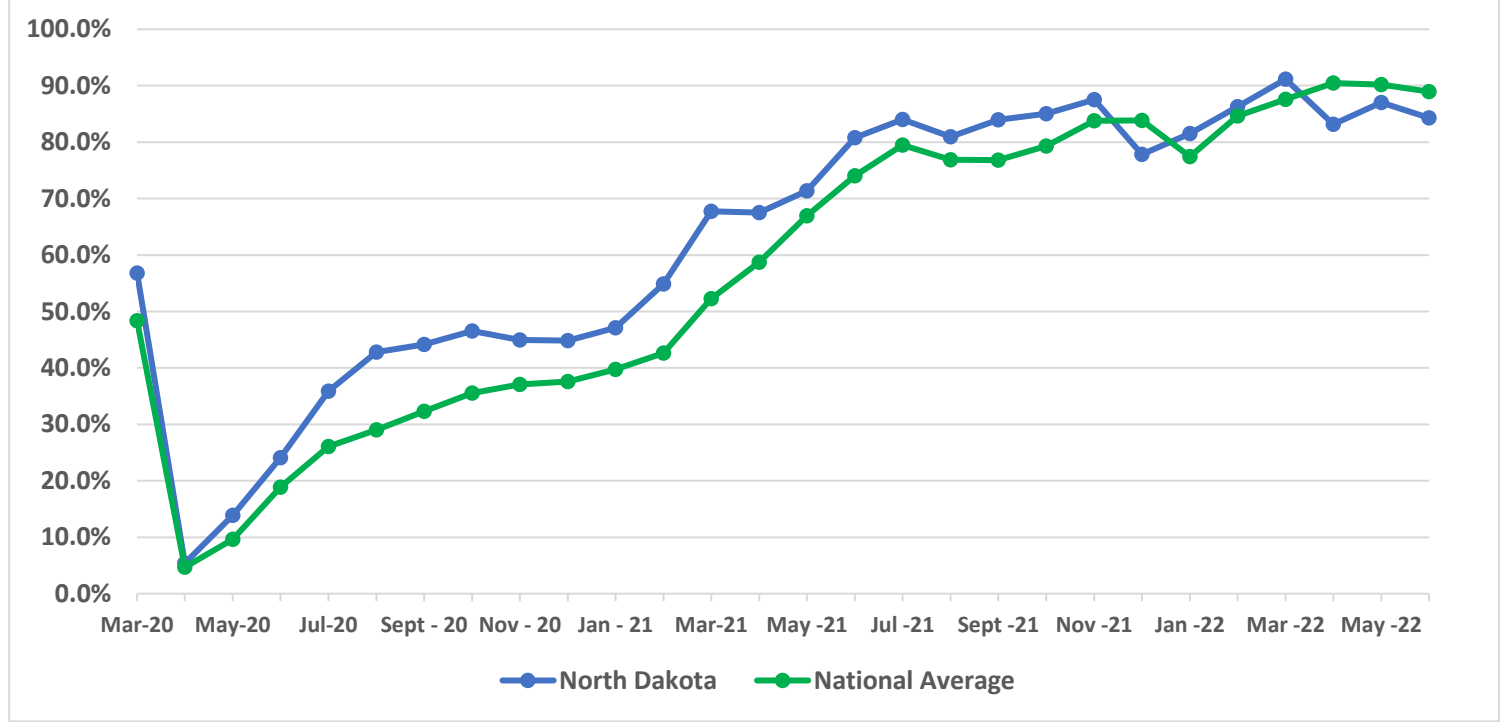




Airline Enplanement Monthly Retention Rates North Dakota versus National Average *(Comparing each month to the same month in 2019)*

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%



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