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**Positive Trend in Airline Boarding Demand Continues**

North Dakota's eight commercial service airports posted almost 87,000 airline passenger boardings during the month of October. The demand for air travel in North Dakota has seen a steady recovery throughout 2021 and has currently stabilized to approximately 15% below pre-pandemic numbers.

"North Dakota's airports and aviation industry have done an incredible job over the last year in working towards a full recovery while maintaining strong air service options for our communities." Kyle Wanner, Executive Director of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission. "As holiday travel picks up and winter weather begins to arrive to North Dakota, air travel options for the traveling public are incredibly important as it allows for safe, long-range travel to occur while helping to minimize the time spent on roadways."

# October Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports



## 2021 vs 2019

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	October 2021	October 2020	October 2019	October 2018	October 2017	October 2016	October 2015	October 2014	October 2013	October 2012	Difference 2021/2020	% Change 2020 to 2021	Difference 2021/2019	% Change 2019 to 2021
Bismarck	19,089	12,617	26,756	24,743	21,971	24,791	24,177	23,491	19,707	21,424	6,472	51.30%	(7,667)	-28.66%
Devils Lake	651	317	627	633	476	497	472	339	222	264	334	105.36%	24	3.83%
Dickinson	2,052	841	2,107	2,198	1,702	1,417	3,524	5,832	4,822	1,962	1,211	144.00%	(55)	-2.61%
Fargo	38,873	19,591	39,968	35,847	32,394	33,292	33,319	36,633	31,445	28,217	19,282	98.42%	(1,095)	-2.74%
Grand Forks	7,339	3,897	9,889	10,364	9,650	10,341	12,853	12,021	12,697	11,429	3,442	88.32%	(2,550)	-25.79%
Jamestown	1,215	429	896	804	1,042	991	782	489	246	261	786	183.22%	319	35.60%
Minot	11,949	7,845	14,589	12,341	12,162	12,763	15,881	19,699	19,782	20,231	4,104	52.31%	(2,640)	-18.10%
Williston	5,780	2,037	7,408	6,761	6,174	5,859	7,958	11,509	8,784	2,429	3,743	183.75%	(1,628)	-21.98%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>86,948</b>	<b>47,574</b>	<b>102,240</b>	<b>93,691</b>	<b>85,571</b>	<b>89,951</b>	<b>98,966</b>	<b>110,013</b>	<b>97,705</b>	<b>86,217</b>	<b>39,374</b>	<b>82.76%</b>	<b>(15,292)</b>	<b>-14.96%</b>



# YTD Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports

Through October

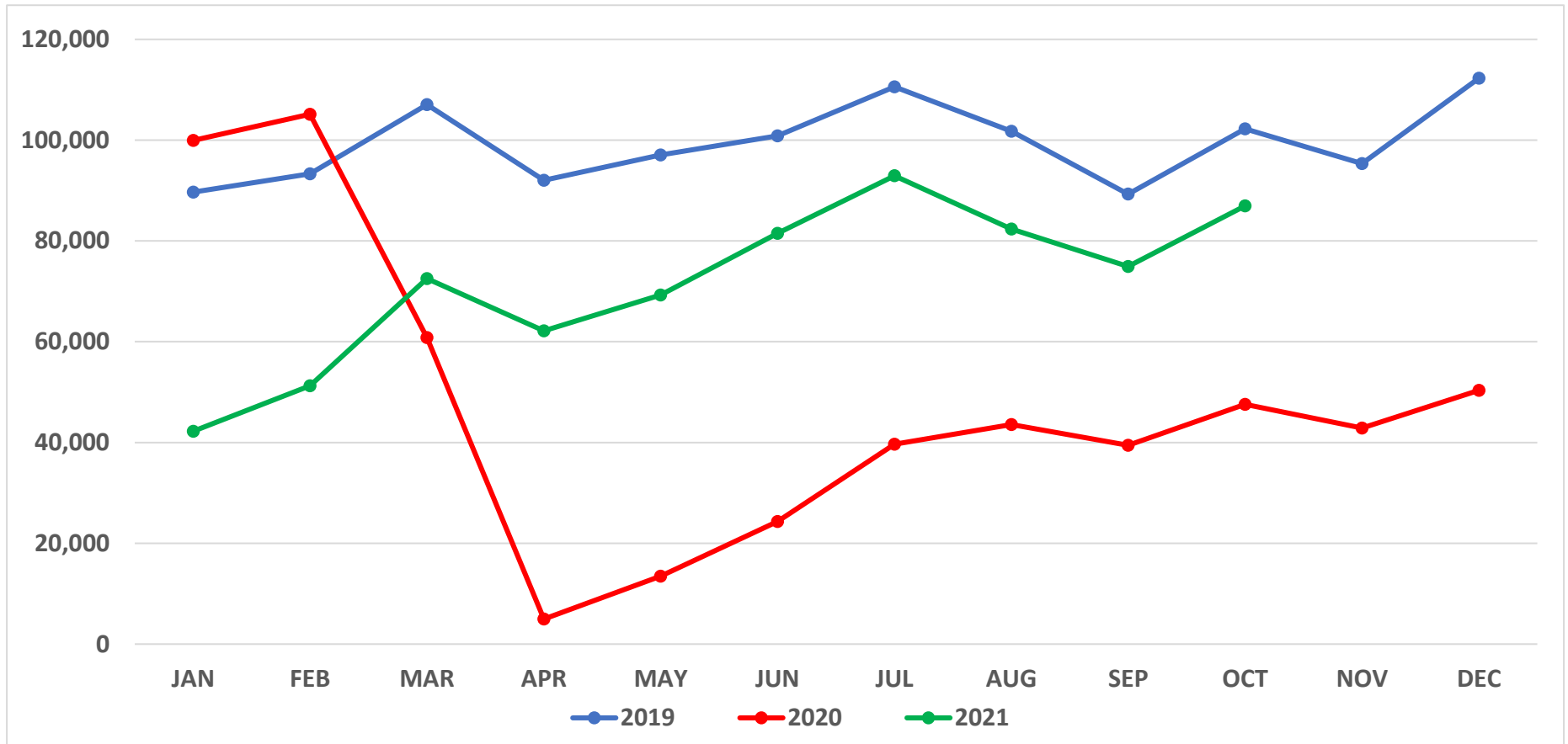
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	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	Difference	% Change
Bismarck	174,264	124,565	256,507	231,487	226,820	221,855	213,477	197,784	197,103	194,536	<b>49,699</b>	<b>39.90%</b>
Devils Lake	5,278	3,201	5,731	5,472	5,581	5,273	3,791	1,780	2,236	2,481	<b>2,077</b>	<b>64.89%</b>
Dickinson	13,627	9,572	19,465	18,392	15,331	13,709	36,869	48,457	27,008	20,437	<b>4,055</b>	<b>42.36%</b>
Fargo	321,348	200,922	387,489	350,085	327,329	329,687	365,562	377,322	332,144	305,232	<b>120,426</b>	<b>59.94%</b>
Grand Forks	55,730	39,139	95,303	92,207	94,527	106,949	118,827	118,067	121,710	111,745	<b>16,591</b>	<b>42.39%</b>
Jamestown	8,936	4,652	9,191	10,050	10,890	9,351	6,397	2,216	2,234	3,310	<b>4,284</b>	<b>92.09%</b>
Minot	101,006	69,507	136,657	125,385	118,730	126,657	152,452	183,019	182,699	186,208	<b>31,499</b>	<b>45.32%</b>
Williston	35,819	27,310	73,616	61,031	56,733	56,706	92,386	97,600	76,342	26,253	<b>8,509</b>	<b>31.16%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>716,008</b>	<b>478,868</b>	<b>983,959</b>	<b>894,109</b>	<b>855,941</b>	<b>870,187</b>	<b>989,761</b>	<b>1,026,245</b>	<b>941,476</b>	<b>850,202</b>	<b>237,140</b>	<b>49.52%</b>
Commercial (BIS-FAR-GFK-MOT-WIL)	688,167	461,443	949,572	860,195	824,139	841,854	942,704	973,792	909,998	823,974	<b>226,724</b>	<b>49.13%</b>
Regional (DVL-DIK-JMS)	27,841	17,425	34,387	33,914	31,802	28,333	47,057	52,453	31,478	26,228	<b>10,416</b>	<b>59.78%</b>



## North Dakota Airline Passenger Boarding Trends (2019 - 2021)

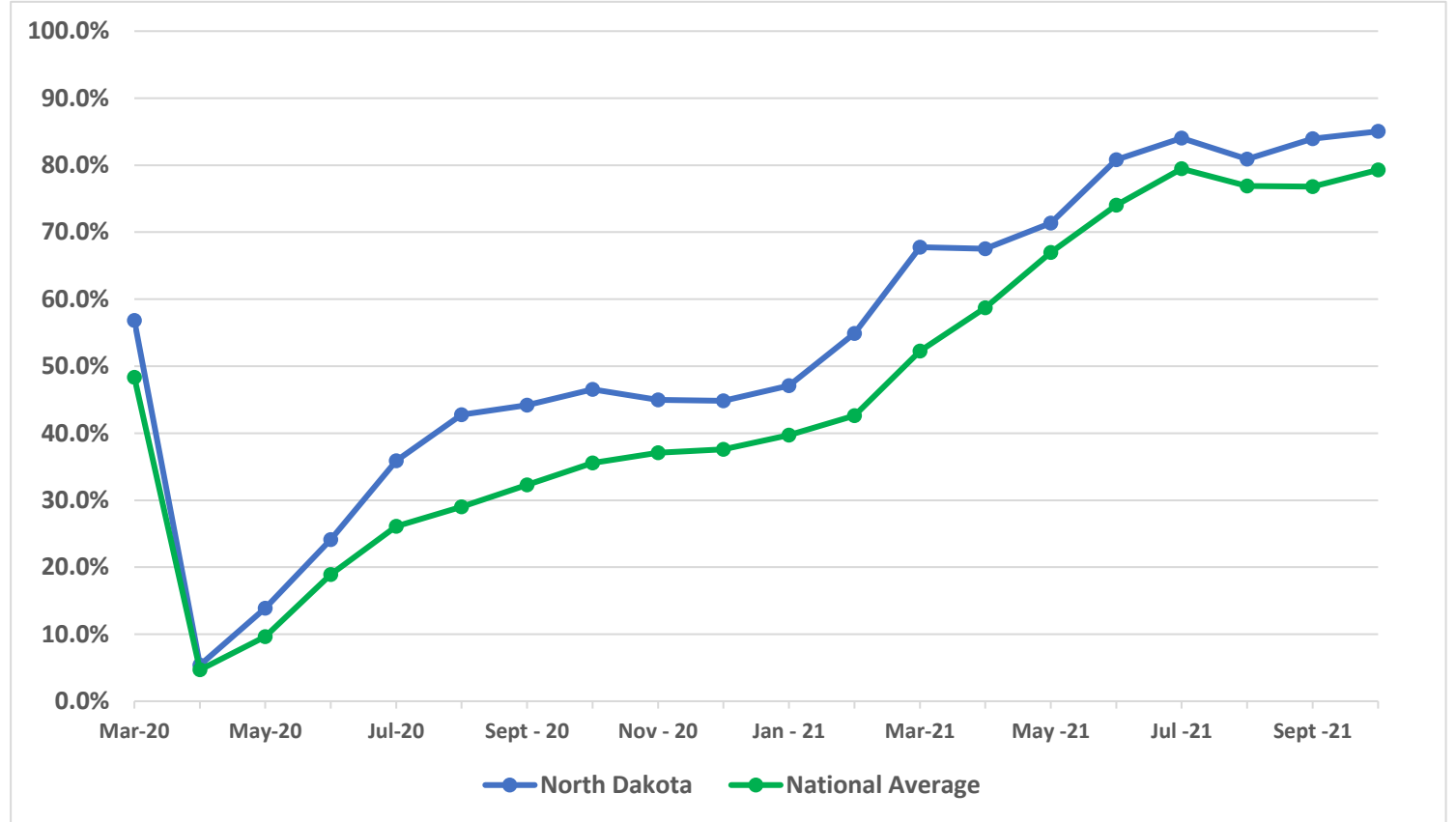




## Airline Enplanement Monthly Retention Rates North Dakota versus National Average *(Comparing each month to the same month in 2019)*

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%



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