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North Dakota Airline Passenger Retention Rises to 44% in September

North Dakota's eight commercial service airports posted a total of 39,451 passenger boardings during the month of September. This amounts to a 44% retention rate of the passengers that the state experienced during the same month last year and is the highest monthly retention rate that the North Dakota has experienced since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, this is also the first month since April that the state experienced a lower passenger volume than the previous month as there were 4,000 fewer passengers in September than in August.

"September is seasonally one of our slowest months for air travel in the state of North Dakota and so as expected, we experienced a small dip in passenger volume from August" stated Kyle Wanner, Executive Director of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission. "Our commercial service airports have now been successfully operating during the COVID-19 pandemic for seven months and during that time they have worked hard to ensure that a safe environment exists for the traveling public. Since air transportation is also one of the safest modes of transportation, it is critical that it continues to remain a viable option for our travelers."



September Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports

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	September 2020	September 2019	September 2018	September 2017	September 2016	September 2015	September 2014	September 2013	September 2012	September 2011	Difference 2020/2019	% Change
Bismarck	10,249	23,891	22,561	21,141	21,802	20,234	17,088	17,806	19,525	16,147	(13,642)	-57.10%
Devils Lake	277	563	410	412	486	390	214	269	304	468	(286)	-50.80%
Dickinson	786	2,020	1,772	1,511	1,383	3,498	5,405	4,022	1,824	1,896	(1,234)	-61.09%
Fargo	16,449	34,135	29,825	27,656	30,247	31,121	33,487	28,425	26,038	25,186	(17,686)	-51.81%
Grand Forks	3,144	8,157	8,164	8,446	8,853	9,321	8,766	9,568	9,362	8,533	(5,013)	-61.46%
Jamestown	385	824	880	969	930	589	426	253	171	442	(439)	-53.28%
Minot	6,821	12,496	11,340	10,867	11,777	13,868	16,899	17,250	19,021	13,489	(5,675)	-45.41%
Williston	1,340	7,201	5,987	5,587	5,510	8,313	10,418	7,900	2,277	2,756	(5,861)	-81.39%
TOTALS	39,451	89,287	80,939	76,589	80,988	87,334	92,703	85,493	78,522	68,917	(49,836)	-55.82%

Commercial (BIS-FAR-GFK-MOT-WIL)	38,003	85,880	77,877	73,697	78,189	82,857	86,658	80,949	76,223	66,111	(47,877)	-55.75%
Regional (DVL-DIK-JMS)	1,448	3,407	3,062	2,892	2,799	4,477	6,045	4,544	2,299	2,806	(1,959)	-57.50%

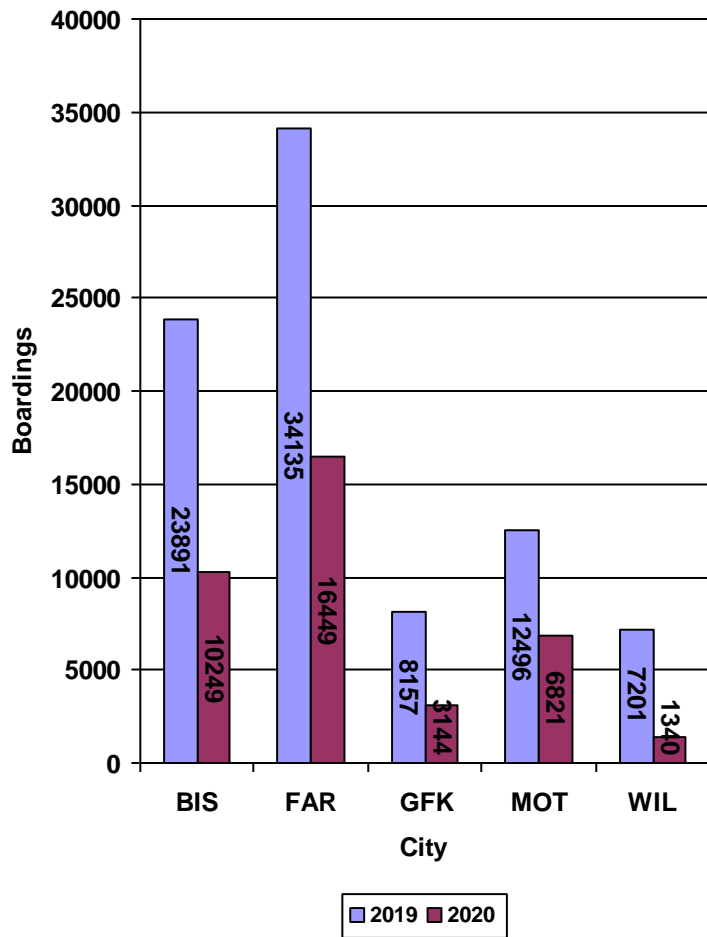


September Boardings Comparison 2020 versus 2019

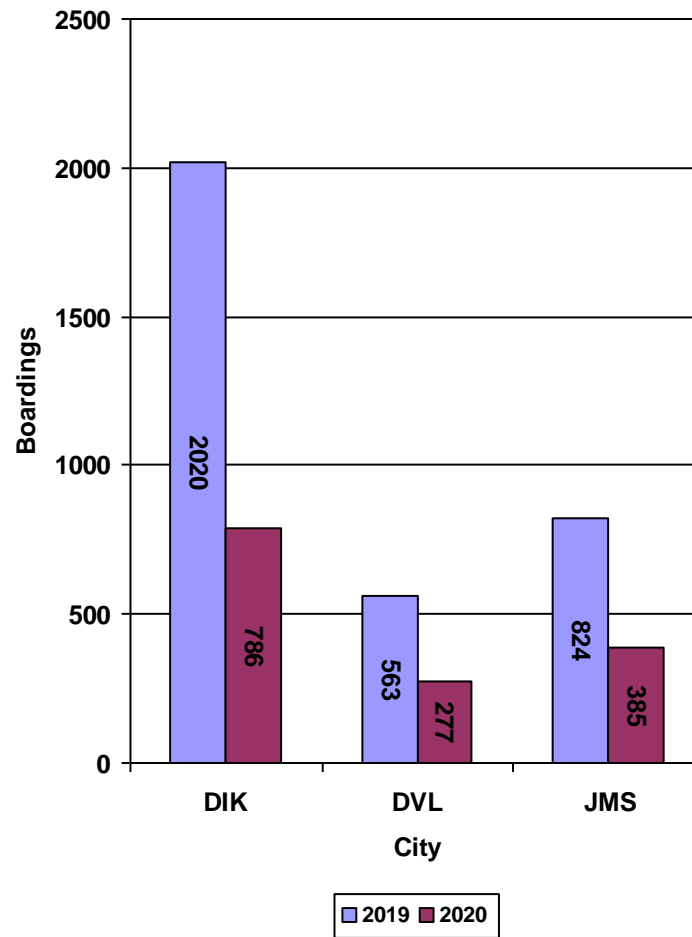
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	<u>% Difference</u>	
BIS	-13,642	-57.10%
DIK	-1,234	-61.09%
DVL	-286	-50.80%
FAR	-17,686	-51.81%
GFK	-5,013	-61.46%
JMS	-439	-53.28%
MOT	-5,675	-45.41%
WIL	-5,861	-81.39%

<u>Statewide</u>	
2020	39,451
2019	89,287
Diff	-49,836
% Diff	-55.82%



YTD Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports

Through September

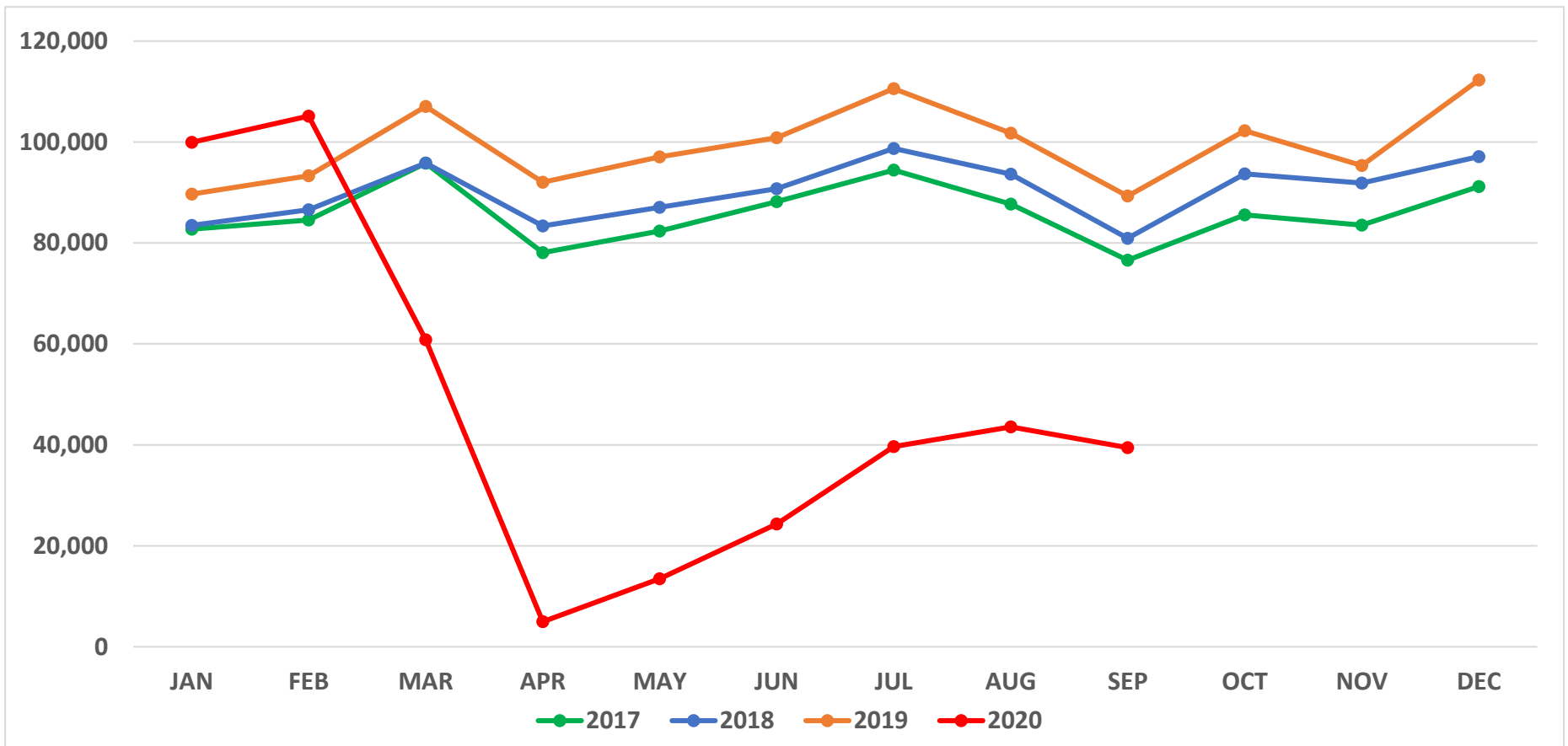
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	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	Difference	% Change
Bismarck	111,948	229,751	206,744	204,849	197,064	189,300	174,293	177,396	173,112	142,317	(117,803)	-51.27%
Devils Lake	2,884	5,104	4,839	5,105	4,776	3,319	1,441	2,014	2,217	4,166	(2,220)	-43.50%
Dickinson	8,731	17,358	16,194	13,629	12,292	33,345	42,625	22,186	18,475	12,687	(8,627)	-49.70%
Fargo	181,331	347,521	314,238	294,935	296,395	332,243	340,689	300,699	277,015	264,895	(166,190)	-47.82%
Grand Forks	35,242	85,414	81,843	84,877	96,608	105,974	106,046	109,013	100,316	84,425	(50,172)	-58.74%
Jamestown	4,223	8,295	9,246	9,848	8,360	5,615	1,727	1,988	3,049	3,900	(4,072)	-49.09%
Minot	61,662	122,068	113,044	106,568	113,894	136,571	163,320	162,917	165,977	106,552	(60,406)	-49.49%
Williston	25,273	66,208	54,270	50,559	50,847	84,428	86,091	67,558	23,824	20,147	(40,935)	-61.83%
TOTALS	431,294	881,719	800,418	770,370	780,236	890,795	916,232	843,771	763,985	639,089	(450,425)	-51.08%
Commercial (BIS-FAR-GFK-MOT-WIL)	415,456	850,962	770,139	741,788	754,808	848,516	870,439	817,583	740,244	618,336	(435,506)	-51.18%
Regional (DVL-DIK-JMS)	15,838	30,757	30,279	28,582	25,428	42,279	45,793	26,188	23,741	20,753	(14,919)	-48.51%



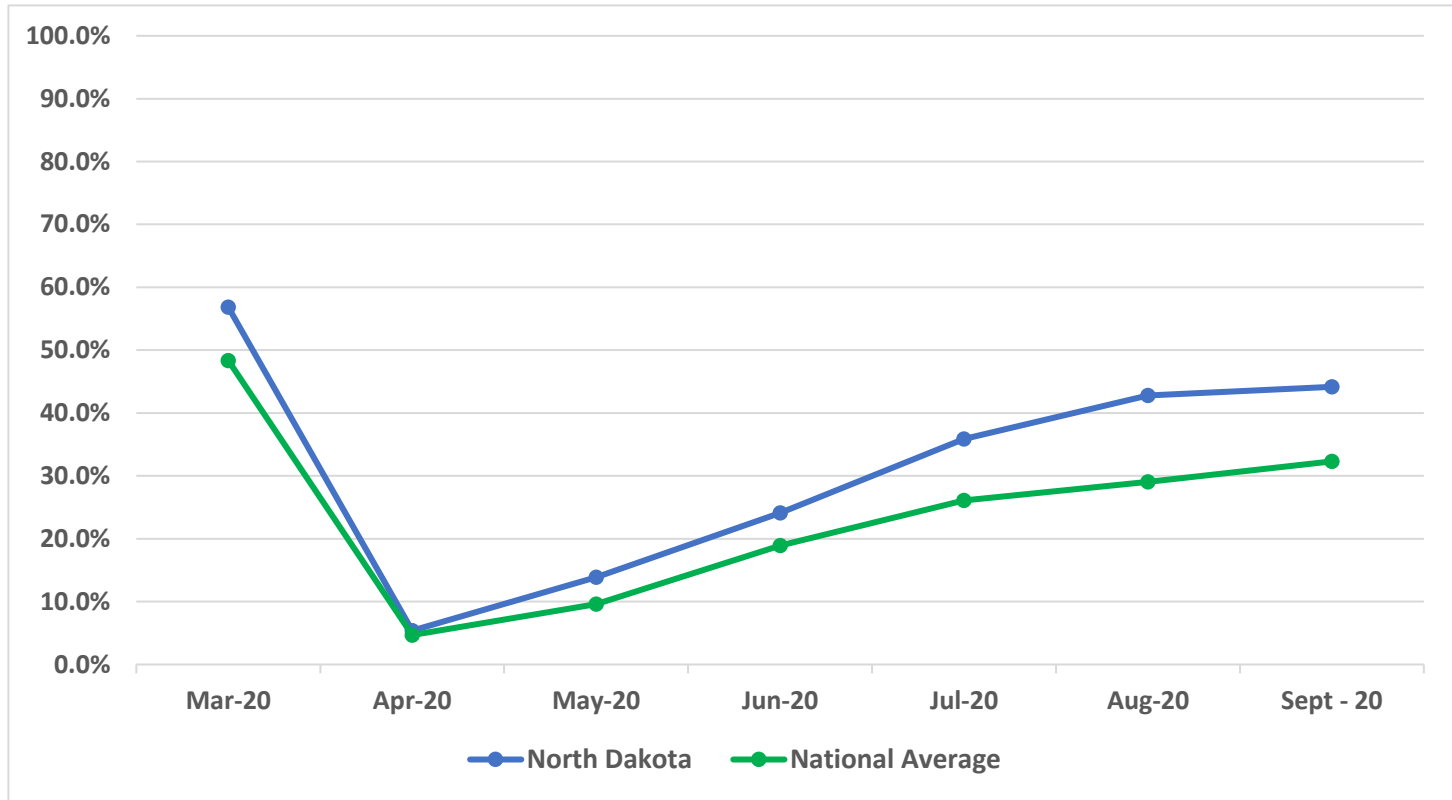
North Dakota Airline Passenger Boardings Trends (2017 - 2020)





Airline Enplanement Retention (2020 vs. 2019) North Dakota versus National Average

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%



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