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Air Travel Demand Grows in October

During the month of October, North Dakota's eight commercial service airports posted a total of 47,574 passenger boardings which amounts to 47% of the passengers that the airports experienced during the same month last year. This is also the highest monthly demand in airline passengers that North Dakota has experienced since the pandemic began last Spring.

"The positive trend in passenger numbers over the last few months is an encouraging sign that travelers are beginning to once again look at aviation as a safe and cost-effective mode of transportation." stated Kyle Wanner, Executive Director of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission. "Domestic airline fares in our state are currently averaging around a 10-year low which has greatly helped to spur passenger demand. Additionally, the recent news of the successful COVID-19 vaccine trials has helped to provide hope that the recovery in air passenger demand will continue into the near future."



October Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports

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	October 2020	October 2019	October 2018	October 2017	October 2016	October 2015	October 2014	October 2013	October 2012	October 2011	Difference 2020/2019	% Change
Bismarck	12,617	26,756	24,743	21,971	24,791	24,177	23,491	19,707	21,424	18,001	(14,139)	-52.84%
Devils Lake	317	627	633	476	497	472	339	222	264	548	(310)	-49.44%
Dickinson	841	2,107	2,198	1,702	1,417	3,524	5,832	4,822	1,962	2,200	(1,266)	-60.09%
Fargo	19,591	39,968	35,847	32,394	33,292	33,319	36,633	31,445	28,217	27,216	(20,377)	-50.98%
Grand Forks	3,897	9,889	10,364	9,650	10,341	12,853	12,021	12,697	11,429	10,231	(5,992)	-60.59%
Jamestown	429	896	804	1,042	991	782	489	246	261	525	(467)	-52.12%
Minot	7,845	14,589	12,341	12,162	12,763	15,881	19,699	19,782	20,231	14,543	(6,744)	-46.23%
Williston	2,037	7,408	6,761	6,174	5,859	7,958	11,509	8,784	2,429	2,200	(5,371)	-72.50%
TOTALS	47,574	102,240	93,691	85,571	89,951	98,966	110,013	97,705	86,217	75,464	(54,666)	-53.47%

Commercial (BIS-FAR-GFK-MOT-WIL)	45,987	98,610	90,056	82,351	87,046	94,188	103,353	92,415	83,730	72,191	(52,623)	-53.36%
Regional (DVL-DIK-JMS)	1,587	3,630	3,635	3,220	2,905	4,778	6,660	5,290	2,487	3,273	(2,043)	-56.28%



YTD Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports

Through October

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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	124,565	256,507	231,487	226,820	221,855	213,477	197,784	197,103	194,536	160,318	(131,942)	-51.44%
Devils Lake	3,201	5,731	5,472	5,581	5,273	3,791	1,780	2,236	2,481	4,714	(2,530)	-44.15%
Dickinson	9,572	19,465	18,392	15,331	13,709	36,869	48,457	27,008	20,437	14,887	(9,893)	-50.82%
Fargo	200,922	387,489	350,085	327,329	329,687	365,562	377,322	332,144	305,232	292,111	(186,567)	-48.15%
Grand Forks	39,139	95,303	92,207	94,527	106,949	118,827	118,067	121,710	111,745	94,656	(56,164)	-58.93%
Jamestown	4,652	9,191	10,050	10,890	9,351	6,397	2,216	2,234	3,310	4,425	(4,539)	-49.39%
Minot	69,507	136,657	125,385	118,730	126,657	152,452	183,019	182,699	186,208	121,095	(67,150)	-49.14%
Williston	27,310	73,616	61,031	56,733	56,706	92,386	97,600	76,342	26,253	22,347	(46,306)	-62.90%
TOTALS	478,868	983,959	894,109	855,941	870,187	989,761	1,026,245	941,476	850,202	714,553	(505,091)	-51.33%
Commercial (BIS-FAR-GFK-MOT-WIL)	461,443	949,572	860,195	824,139	841,854	942,704	973,792	909,998	823,974	690,527	(488,129)	-51.41%
Regional (DVL-DIK-JMS)	17,425	34,387	33,914	31,802	28,333	47,057	52,453	31,478	26,228	24,026	(16,962)	-49.33%

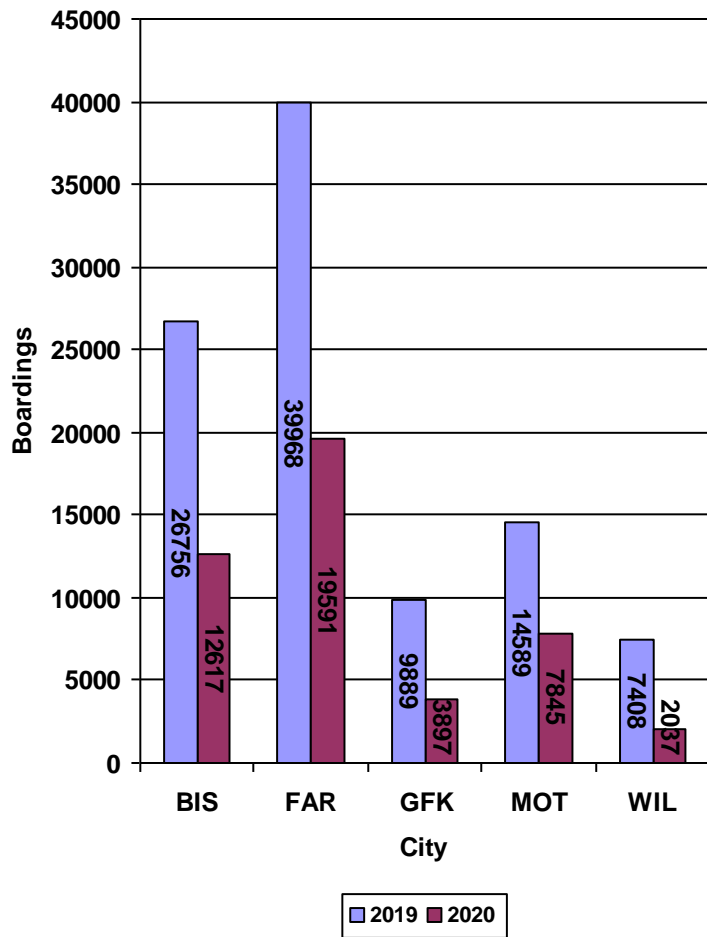


October Boardings Comparison 2020 versus 2019

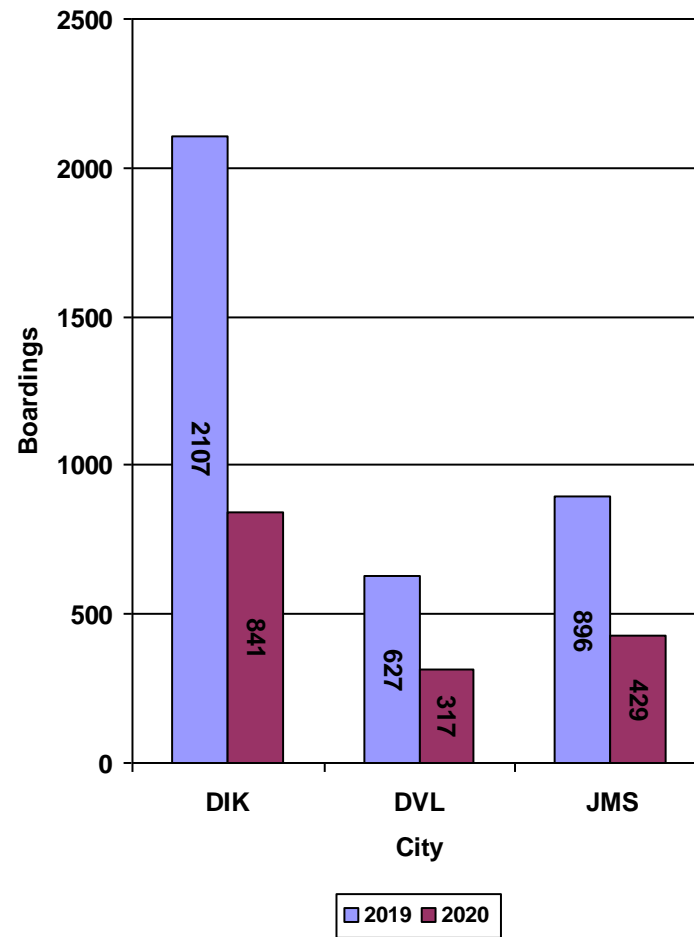
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Big 5



Regional 3



% Difference

BIS	-14,139	-52.84%
DIK	-1,266	-60.09%
DVL	-310	-49.44%
FAR	-20,377	-50.98%
GFK	-5,992	-60.59%
JMS	-467	-52.12%
MOT	-6,744	-46.23%
WIL	-5,371	-72.50%

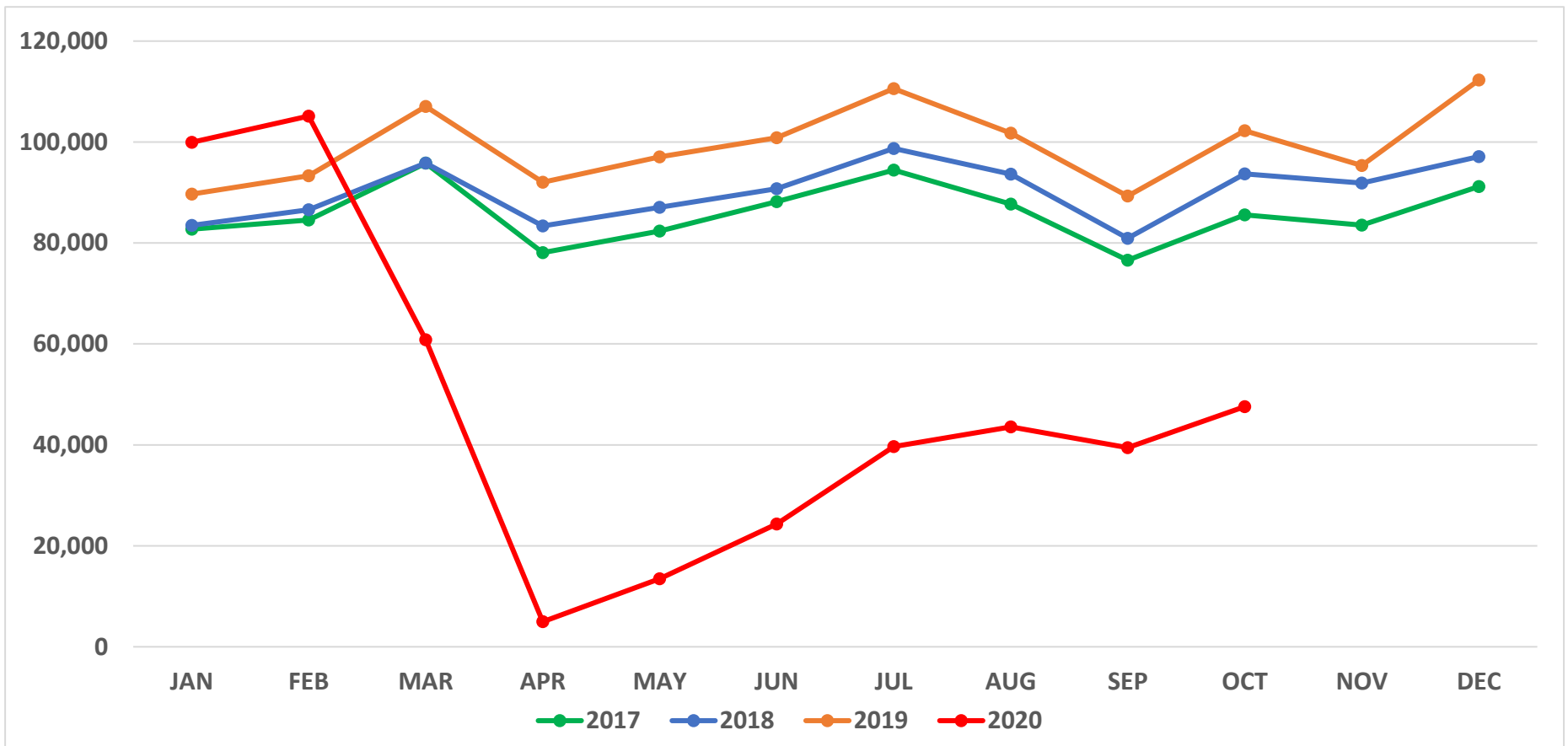
Statewide

2020	47,574
2019	102,240
Diff	-54,666
% Diff	-53.47%



North Dakota Airline Passenger Boardings Trends

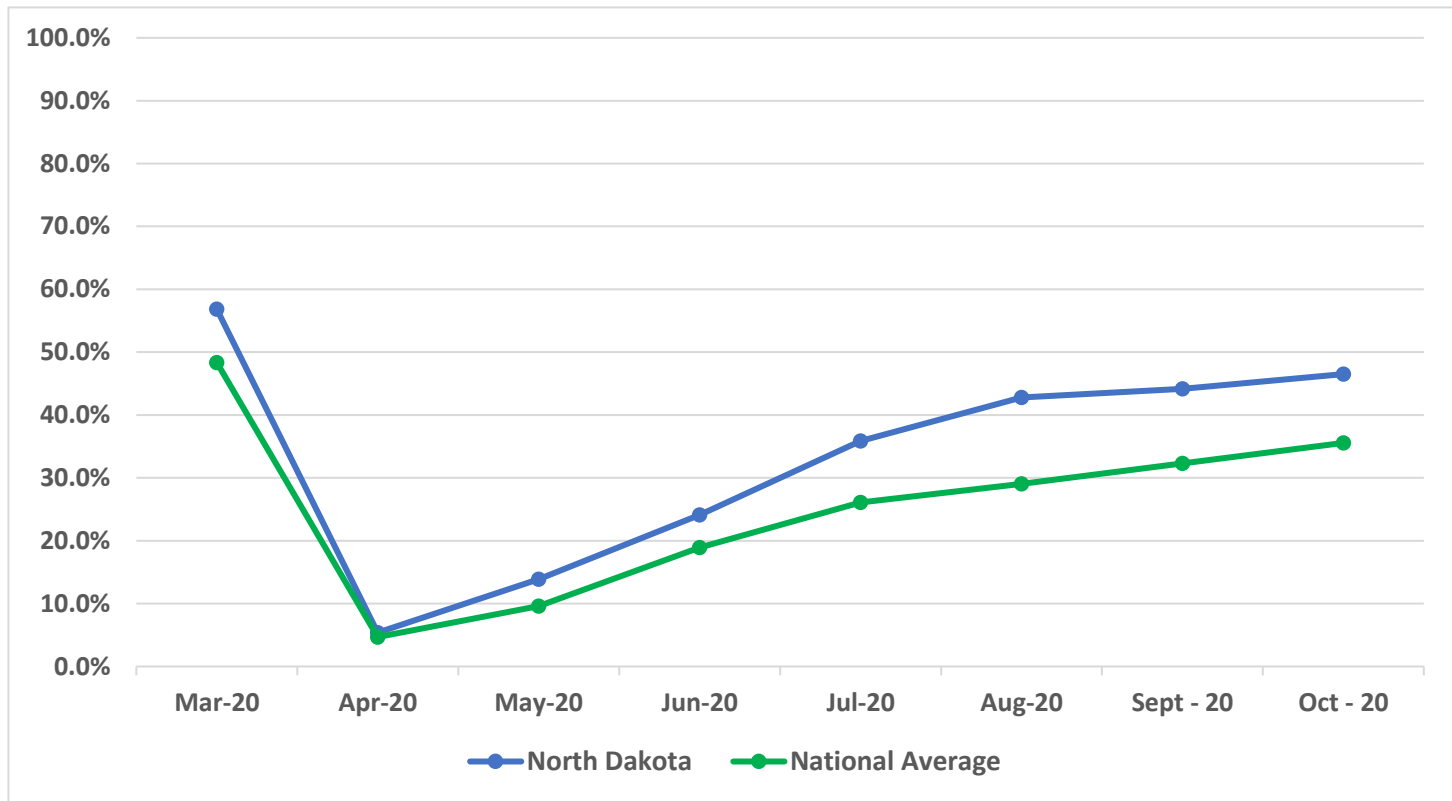
(2017 - 2020)





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%
Oct - 20	46.5%	35.6%



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