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**Holiday Travel provides Boost to Aviation Demand**

North Dakota's eight commercial service airports posted 83,429 airline passenger boardings during the recent month of November. This amounts to a 95% increase from November 2020 and a 12.5% decrease from the November 2019 pre-pandemic airline boarding counts. Additional travel demand seen during the Thanksgiving weekend was reminiscent of pre-pandemic levels in North Dakota and throughout the rest of the country. The mild winter weather has also helped to ensure that airline flights have been able to proceed with minimal disruptions.

All of the commercial service airports throughout North Dakota have shown an incredible recovery in passenger demand throughout 2021 and some have even eclipsed pre-pandemic demand. The Jamestown and Devils Lake airports have both experienced a full recovery and North Dakota's largest commercial service airport in Fargo's Hector International airport just set its best November on record with 37,911 passenger enplanements. This is .2% higher than the previously best November on record for the airport that was set in 2019 and helps to showcase how close North Dakota is to coming to achieve a full recovery in the airline passenger market.

"It's wonderful to once again see certain airports experience pre-pandemic levels of passengers as the traveling public continues to look to aviation as a safe and comfortable way to bring friends and family together," stated Kyle Wanner, Executive Director of the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission. "This year, our airports and airlines are working particularly hard to accommodate passengers during this busy holiday travel season. We hope to end the year on a high note that provides for positive travel experiences and a continuation of the recovery in passenger demand."



## November Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports

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	Nov 2021	Nov 2020	Nov 2019	Nov 2018	Nov 2017	Nov 2016	Nov 2015	Nov 2014	Nov 2013	Nov 2012	Difference 2021/2020	% Change 2020 to 2021	Difference 2021/2019	% Change 2019 to 2021
<b>Bismarck</b>	18,610	11,059	23,821	24,022	22,148	24,283	21,178	21,924	18,088	19,979	7,551	68.28%	(5,211)	-21.88%
<b>Devils Lake</b>	622	287	586	580	523	470	373	362	181	251	335	116.72%	36	6.14%
<b>Dickinson</b>	1,646	871	1,938	1,943	1,644	1,418	3,095	5,289	4,191	1,617	775	88.98%	(292)	-15.07%
<b>Fargo</b>	37,911	17,766	37,823	35,683	31,404	31,086	29,640	33,583	30,199	28,214	20,145	113.39%	88	0.23%
<b>Grand Forks</b>	6,349	3,453	9,735	10,095	9,488	10,260	11,356	11,959	12,249	11,186	2,896	83.87%	(3,386)	-34.78%
<b>Jamestown</b>	993	399	865	851	1,051	932	703	602	224	251	594	148.87%	128	14.80%
<b>Minot</b>	11,679	7,055	13,613	12,365	11,420	12,424	14,502	18,360	18,556	18,690	4,624	65.54%	(1,934)	-14.21%
<b>Williston</b>	5,619	1,978	6,945	6,340	5,836	5,689	7,291	10,438	8,973	4,916	3,641	184.07%	(1,326)	-19.09%
<b>TOTALS</b>	83,429	42,868	95,326	91,879	83,514	86,562	88,138	102,517	92,661	85,104	40,561	94.62%	(11,897)	-12.48%



# YTD Boardings Comparison of Commercial Service Airports

Through November

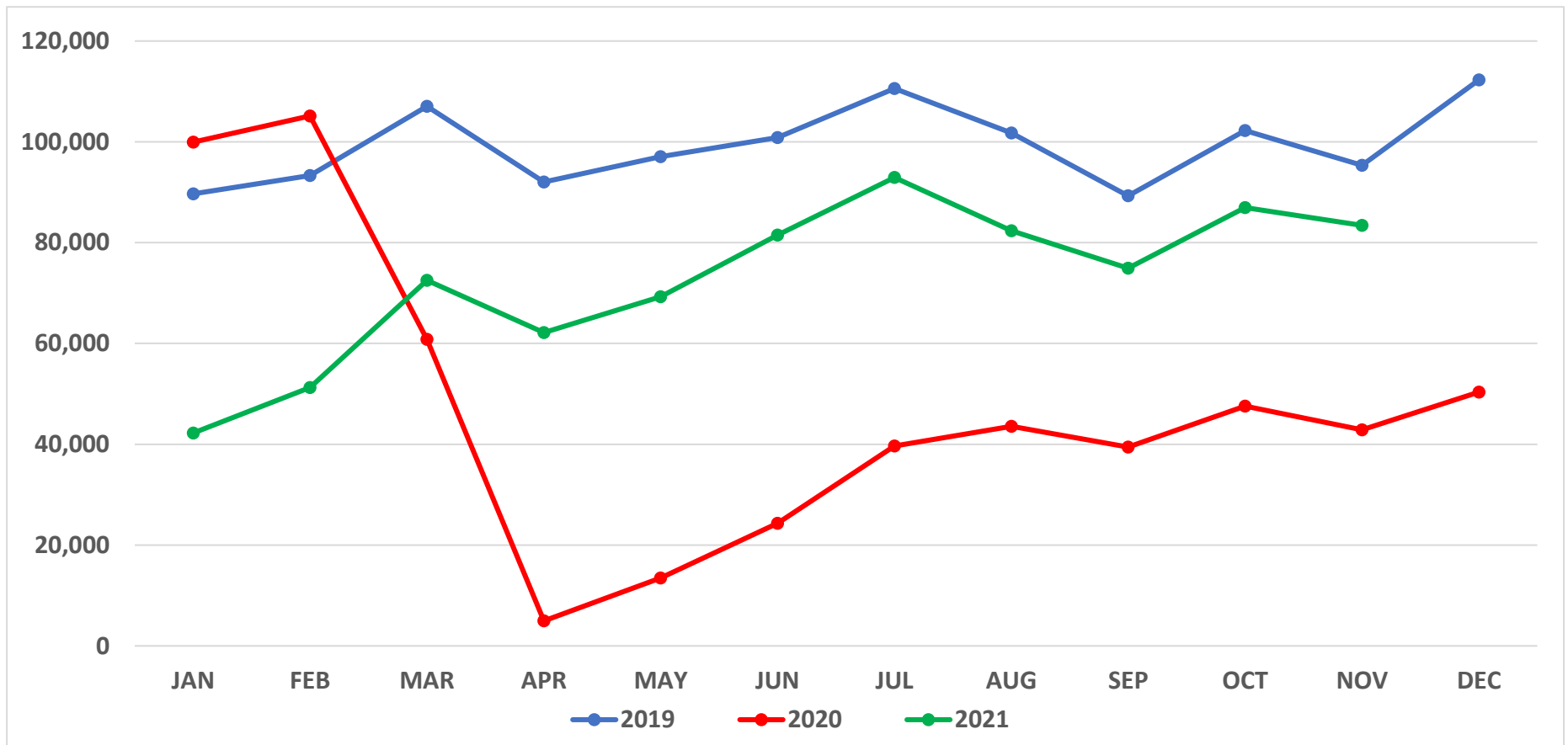
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	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	Difference	% Change
Bismarck	192,874	135,624	280,328	255,509	248,968	246,138	234,655	219,708	215,191	214,515	57,250	42.21%
Devils Lake	5,900	3,488	6,317	6,052	6,104	5,743	4,164	2,142	2,417	2,732	2,412	69.15%
Dickinson	15,273	10,443	21,403	20,335	16,975	15,127	39,964	53,746	31,199	22,054	4,830	46.25%
Fargo	359,259	218,688	425,312	385,768	358,733	360,773	395,202	410,905	362,343	333,446	140,571	64.28%
Grand Forks	62,079	42,592	105,038	102,302	104,015	117,209	130,183	130,026	133,959	122,931	19,487	45.75%
Jamestown	9,929	5,051	10,056	10,901	11,941	10,283	7,100	2,818	2,458	3,561	4,878	96.57%
Minot	112,685	76,562	150,270	137,750	130,150	139,081	166,954	201,379	201,255	204,898	36,123	47.18%
Williston	41,438	29,288	80,561	67,371	62,569	62,395	99,677	108,038	85,315	31,169	12,150	41.48%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>799,437</b>	<b>521,736</b>	<b>1,079,285</b>	<b>985,988</b>	<b>939,455</b>	<b>956,749</b>	<b>1,077,899</b>	<b>1,128,762</b>	<b>1,034,137</b>	<b>935,306</b>	<b>277,701</b>	<b>53.23%</b>
Commercial (BIS-FAR-GFK-MOT-WIL)	768,335	502,754	1,041,509	948,700	904,435	925,596	1,026,671	1,070,056	998,063	906,959	265,581	52.83%
Regional (DVL-DIK-JMS)	31,102	18,982	37,776	37,288	35,020	31,153	51,228	58,706	36,074	28,347	12,120	63.85%



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



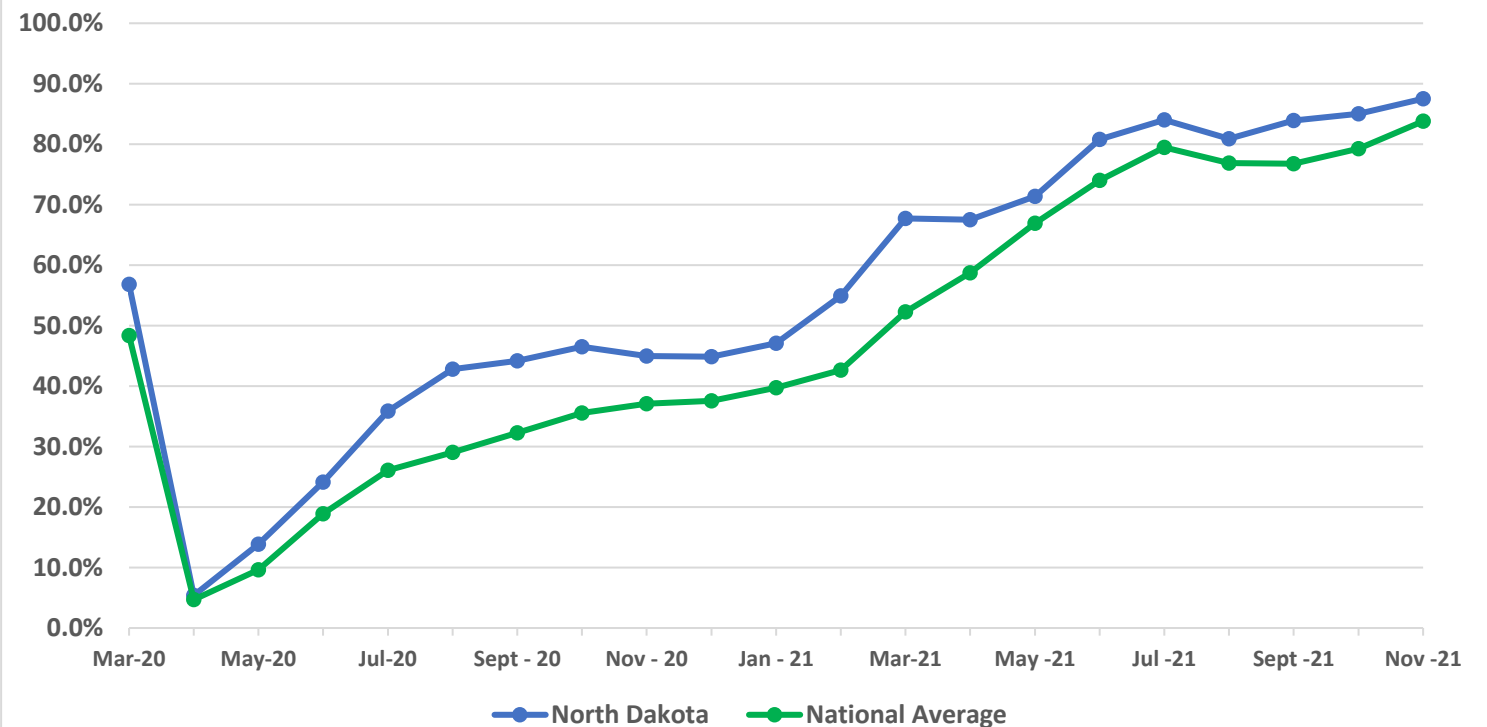


## Airline Enplanement Monthly Retention Rates

### 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%
Aug - 21	80.9%	76.9%
Sept - 21	83.9%	76.8%
Oct - 21	85.0%	79.3%
Nov - 21	87.5%	83.8%



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