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# Flagstaff Pulliam Airport Updates

## **Brian Gall, Airport Director**

July 10, 2023



GRAND DESTINATIONS

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# About FLG -Flagstaff Pulliam Airport







# Flagstaff Pulliam Airport

#### <u>History</u>

- $75^{th}$  Anniversary in 2023
- Constructed in 1948 for less than \$50k

#### **Current Operations**

- Owned and operated by the City of Flagstaff
- Non-hub, primary commercial air service and general aviation
- American Airlines service to PHX and DFW
- Airfield elevation 7,014 ft.
- Closest commercial service airport to the Grand Canyon and Sedona
- 100 inches of snow annually





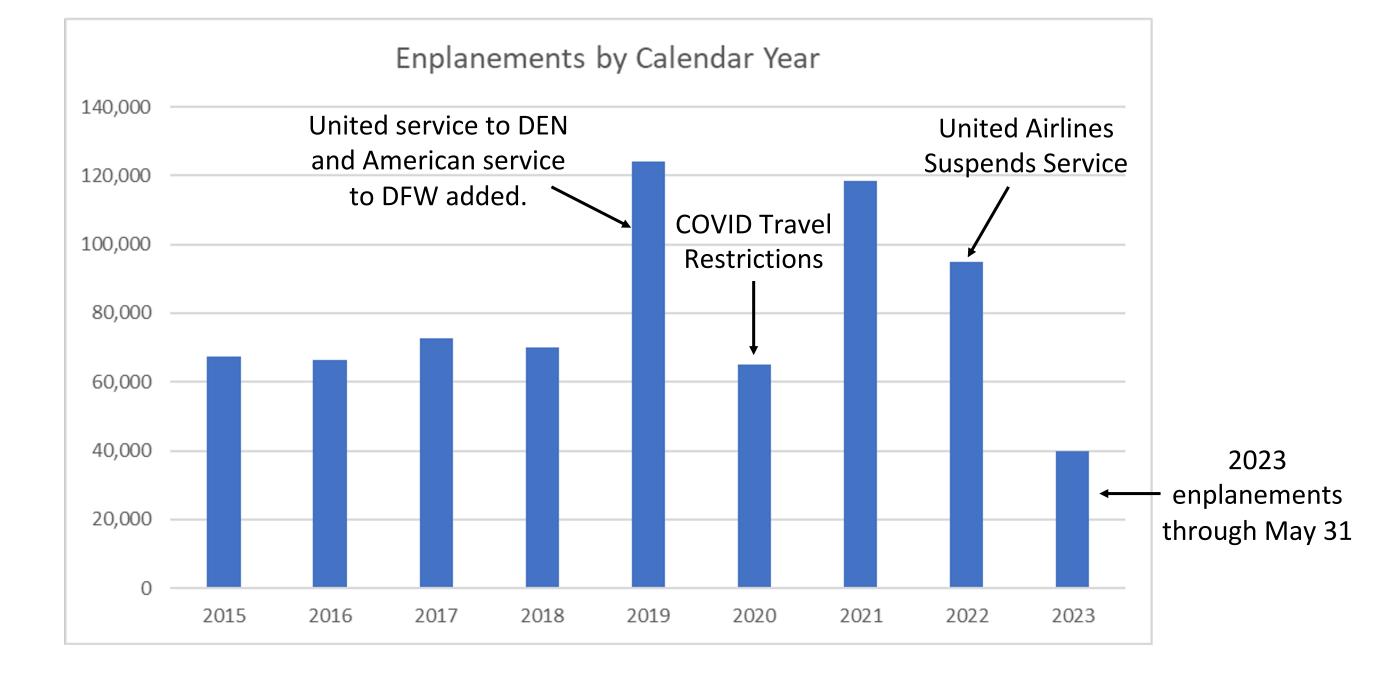


# Recent Trends



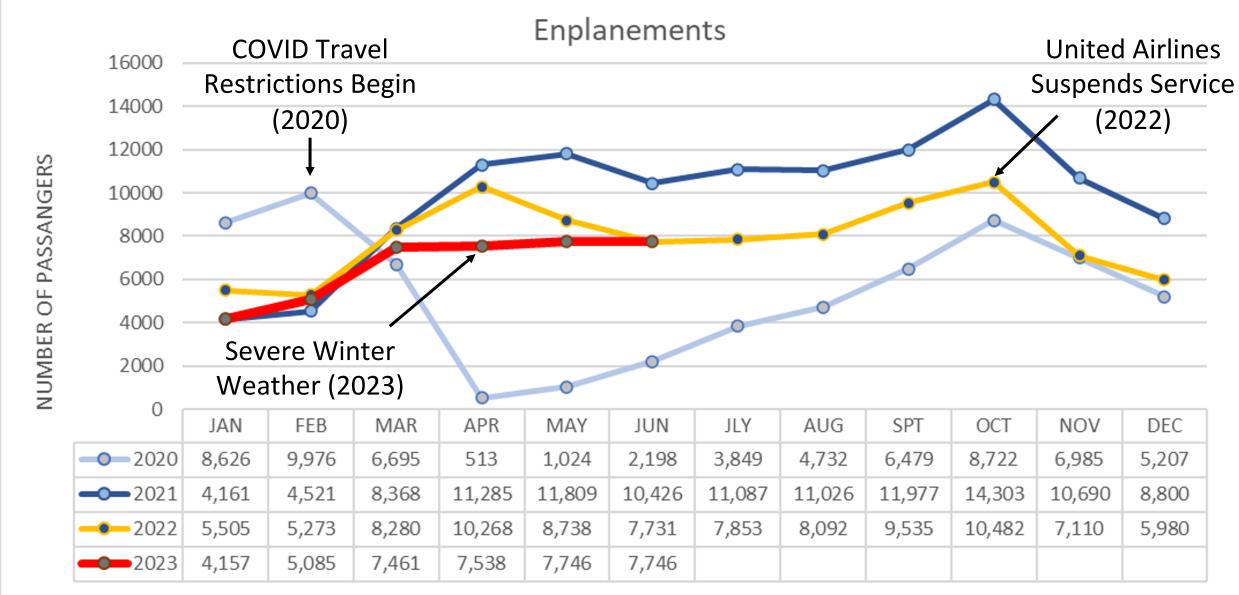


# Annual Enplanements





# Monthly Enplanements





OV	DEC
985	5,207
,690	8,800
110	5,980

# Air Service Development







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#### **Regional Airport Challenges**

- Pilot shortage
  - COVID
  - Retirements
  - New regulations
- Industry Changes
  - Fewer flights
  - Larger aircraft
  - Higher load factors
    - (United Airlines FLG-DEN service averaged 88% load factor in their last 6 months of operations)
  - Airline pilot training programs



76% of US airports have lost air service; average loss is 31%

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#### AIRLINES Airlines' answer for congested airports and rising costs: Bigger planes

#### The Dallas Morning News BUSINESS > AIRLINES American Airlines CEO says it can't deploy 150 regional jets because of pilot shortage



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The 1,500-Hour Rule Has Broken The **Pilot Pipeline In The U.S.** 





# Air Service Development

#### Air Carrier Recruitment Efforts

- Air Service Development Conferences
  - Airport Roundtable Series
  - Jumpstart Conference
- Passenger Demand Analysis
- Air Carrier Incentive Policy Update
- Airport Infrastructure Upgrades
  - Airline Office Remodel
  - Passenger Hold Room Expansion
- Advertising campaigns Fly local!











#### **2023 Airline Attendees**



# Thank you!







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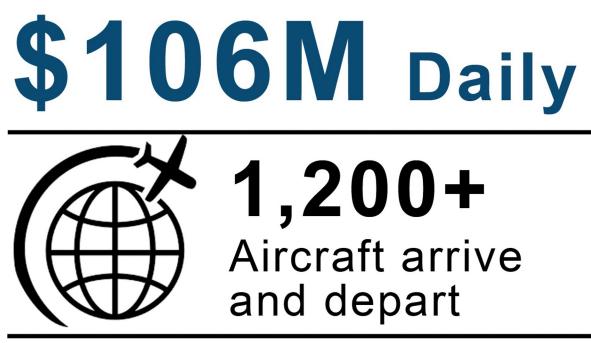
# PHOENIX SKY HARBOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Chad Makovsky, C.M. Director of Aviation Services





## **ARIZONA'S LARGEST ECONOMIC ENGINE**



**120,000** Passengers each day 

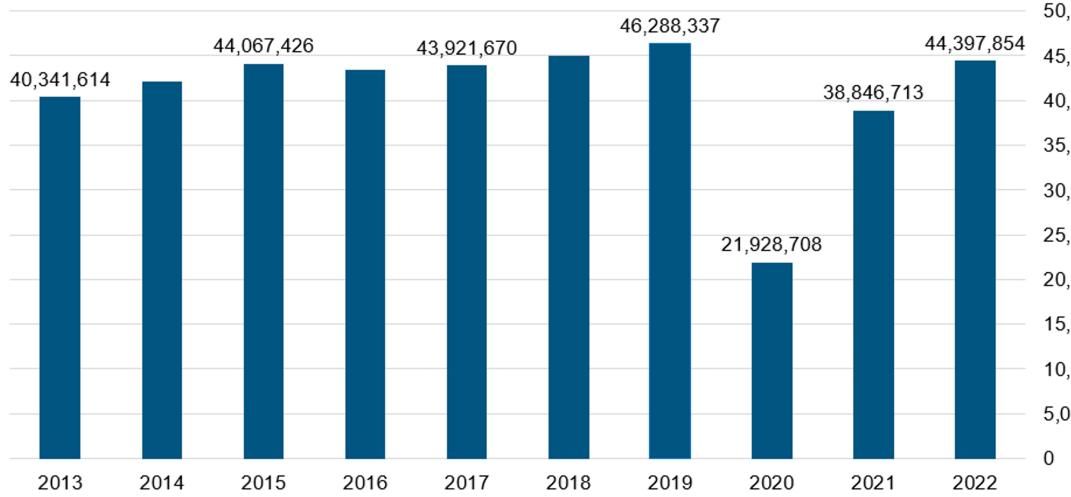
Nonstop **International Flights** \$3.4 Billion/year





## PASSENGER ACTIVITY

Year-Over-Year Passenger Data - 2013 - 2022







- 50,000,000
- 45,000,000
- 40,000,000
- 35,000,000
- 30,000,000
- 25,000,000
- 20,000,000
- 15,000,000
- 10,000,000
- 5,000,000

#### **OVERALL SERVICE AT PHOENIX CONSISTS OF 543 AVERAGE DAILY DEPARTURES TO 141 NONSTOP DESTINATIONS**

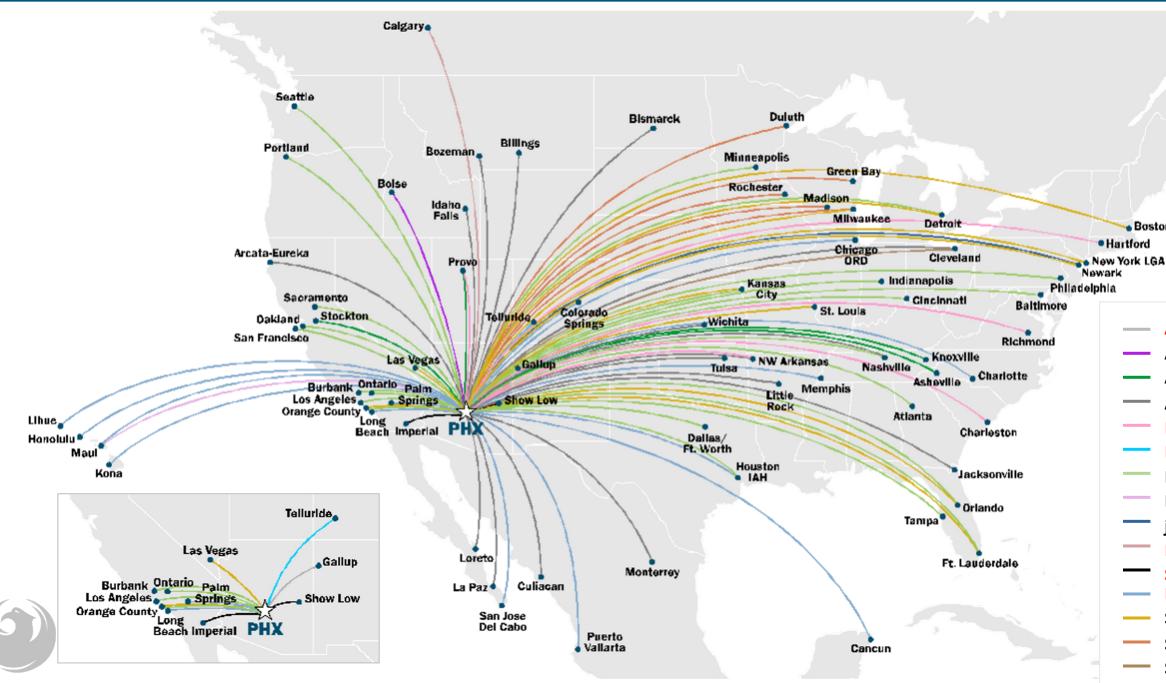






\*service to some destinations may be seasonal

#### EVEN DURING THE PANDEMIC, FIFTEEN AIRLINES HAVE ADDED **EIGHTY-SIX NEW MARKETS – INCREASING ACCESS AND COMPETITION**



Source: Innovata Schedules, via Cirium.

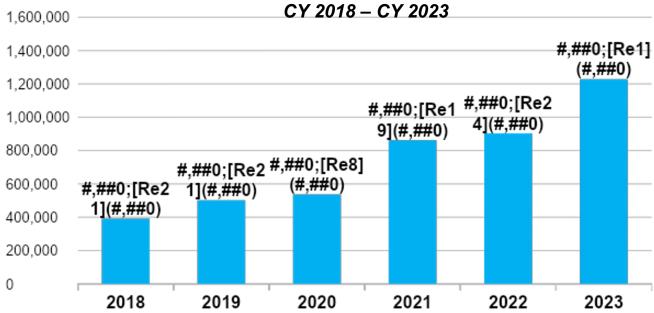
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	Advanced Air
	Alaska
	Allegiant
	American
	Breeze
_	<b>Denver Air Connection</b>
	Frontier
	Hawaiian
	jetBlue
	Lynx Air
	Southern Airways
	Express
	Southwest
	Spirit
	Sun Country
	United

## **FRONTIER NEW PHX CREW BASE**



#### Frontier's Annual Seat Departures from PHX





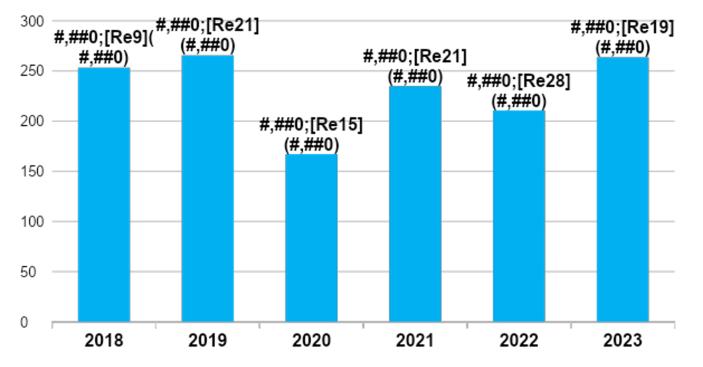




#### THE AMERICAN AIRLINES PHX HUB IS GROWING SIGNIFICANTLY THIS WINTER

#### **American Airlines Winter Season Average Daily Departures from PHX**

December 2018 – December 2023



- American's winter daily departures are increasing 25% from last year
- American's service from PHX will be effectively back to pre-covid levels (2019)
- Phoenix will be American's 5<sup>th</sup> largest hub this winter, up from 6<sup>th</sup> in 2022
- Two new AA markets will be added this winter; Jacksonville, FL and Wichita



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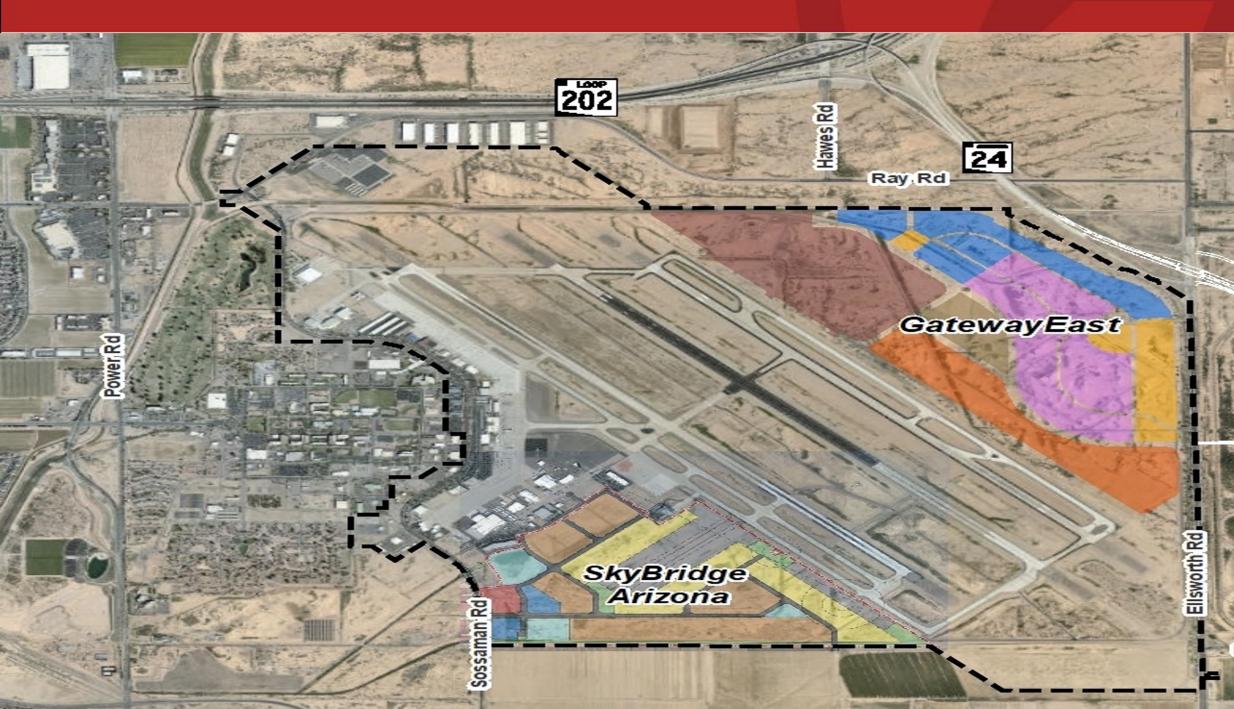




#### Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport



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Pecos Rd

## **Gateway Airport Overview**

- Located in the fastest growing region of greater lacksquarePhoenix with more than two million people living within a twenty-minute drive
- Easy access Located adjacent to two major ullethighway systems
- **Record-setting passenger activity in 2022** •
- **Two Airlines offering more than 45 nonstop** destinations across the U.S.
- **Allegiant Alliance**

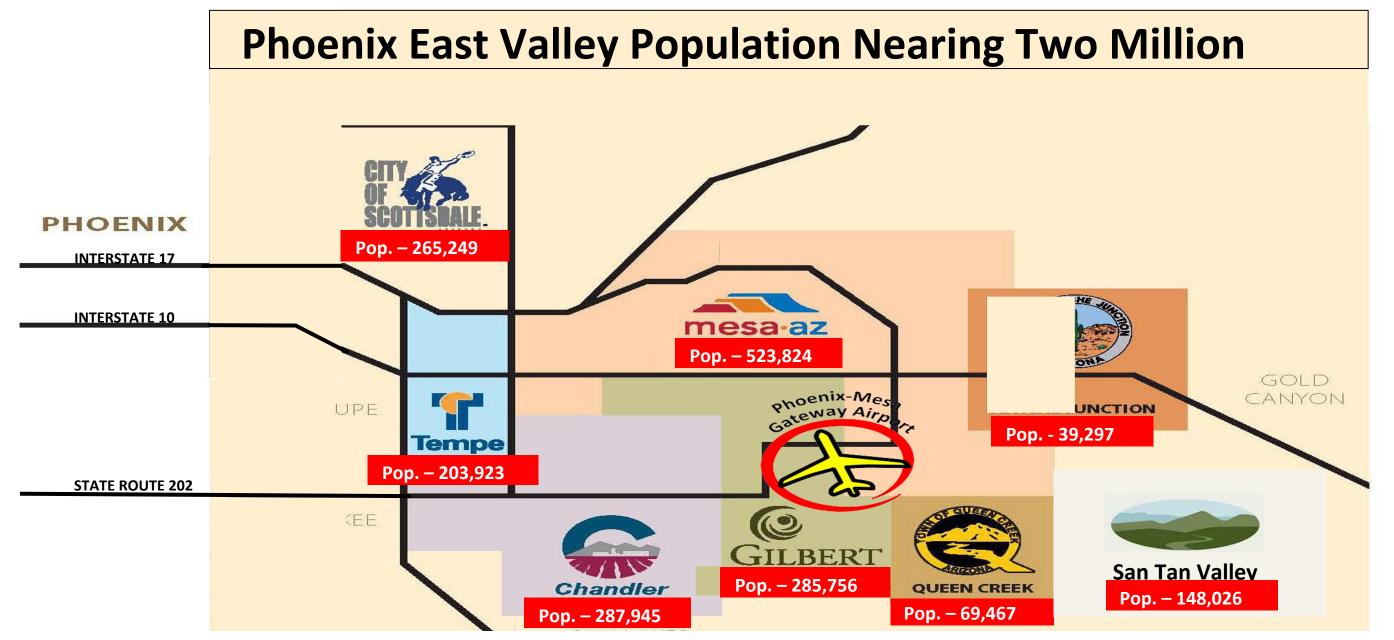




#### **Phoenix-Mesa** Gateway Airport



## Growing Phoenix East Valley



## 2021 Economic Impact Study



#### **\$829.4M - On-Airport Activities**

**\$241.2M – Visitor Spending** 

10,244 – Full Time Persons Employed

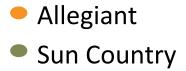
\$524.2M – Total Compensation Paid to Workers

\$1.8B – Economic Activity Attributable to Airport

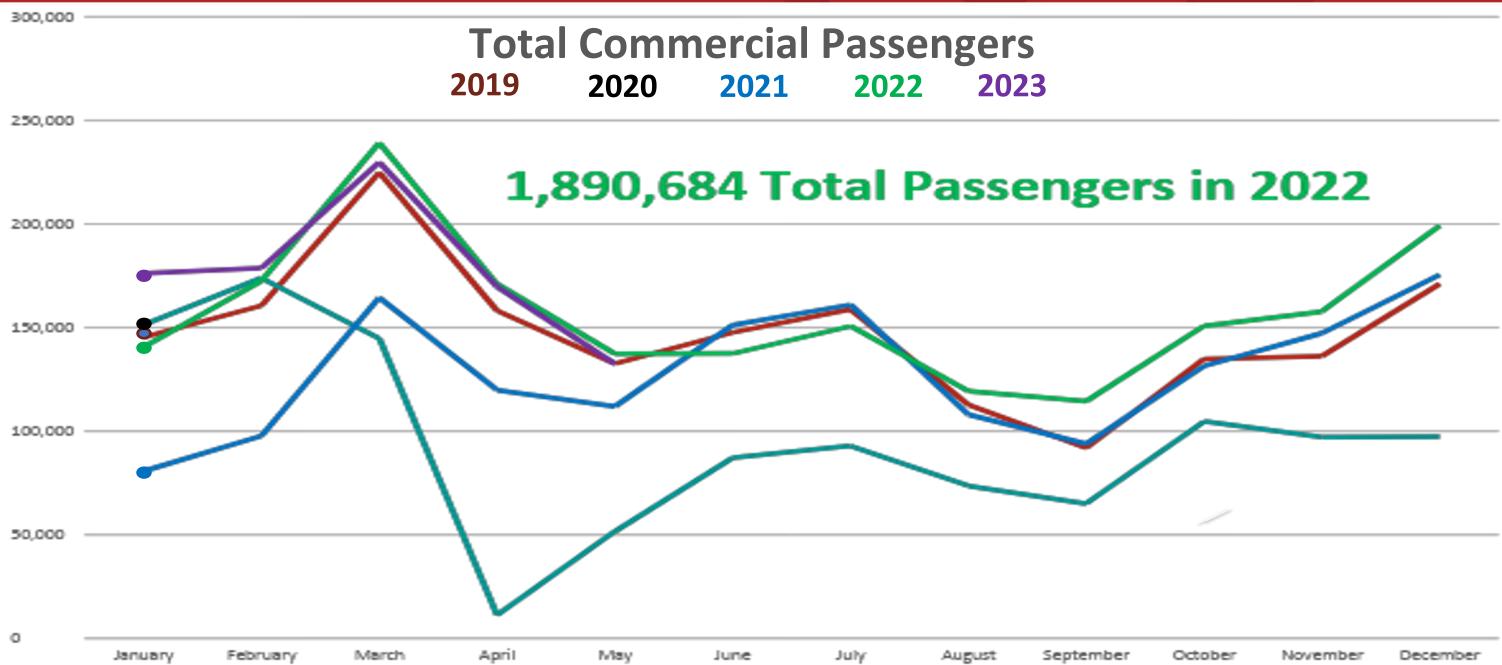


## Nonstop Route Map





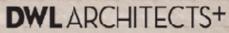
## **Commercial Passenger Activity**





## Five-Gate Terminal Addition







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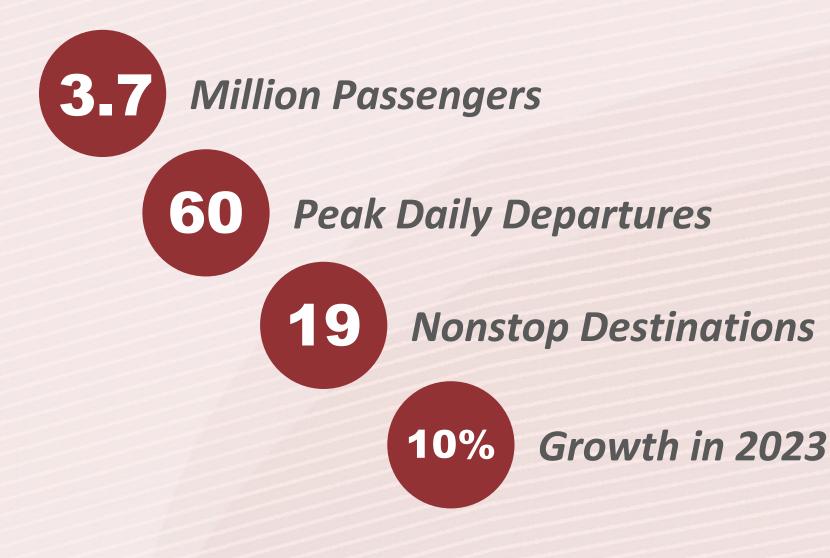
# **TUS Trends**

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**Austin Wright** Chief Communications Officer



## TUCSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT





## **TUCSON INTERNATIONAL** (TUS)

But 40% leakage to PHX/AZA, even inbound

Larger aircraft

Leisure boost during pandemic

Seasonality: 30%

#### Ten routes already surpassed 2019

## **DMO's AND AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT**

Instrumental in building awareness in originating markets

Can market destination, not just the route

Visit Tucson: staff and resources

Main competitors: PHX, PSP, Mexico beach



## Funding sources outside airport system

## **AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT POST-PANDEMIC**



Leisure travel to open spaces spiked, but has settled down

Which new services are sustainable?

US has recovered overall, but business travel still reduced

Traveler mix and behavior changed permanently



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## THANK YOU! Q&A SESSION

Austin Wright Chief Communications Officer





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