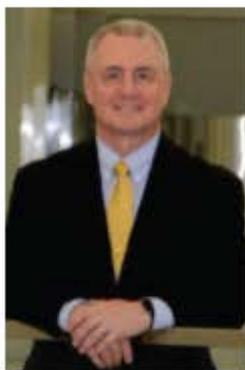


Welcome to NewsFLLash Issue #19

In this edition: New art gallery debuts in Terminal 2, manatee sighting at FLL, Japanese eatery Umaizushi opens, travel radio show makes airport stop, and more.



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A Message From the CEO

The first month of 2022 is over, but unfortunately, that is not the case with the COVID-19 pandemic, which continues to evolve with new challenges in its third year. Today, healthcare heroes in many U.S. communities are battling omicron and delta strains of the coronavirus. Still, as more people globally receive vaccines and booster shots, we hope 2022 could be the year we can eventually say "Adios COVID!"

Until then, let us focus on our New Year resolutions or essential tasks for 2022 and celebrate the accomplishments along the way – big or small – despite this lingering public health menace. For FLL, that includes celebrating a substantial revival in airport activity in 2021, with

domestic passenger volumes nearing pre-pandemic levels.

Last year, FLL welcomed 28 million passengers, a 70 percent increase from approximately 16.5 million travelers in 2020. Domestic travel drove the passenger growth with 23.7 million visitors, up 77% from 2020. Meanwhile, at a slower clip, international traffic improved 38% percent to 4.3 million travelers.

In 2021, the airport added two airlines – Flair and Avelo – and more new flights are on tap this year. Those include Frontier’s planned return in February with several destinations, some not currently served from FLL. Additionally, Norse Atlantic Airways is angling to launch service this year between FLL and Oslo, Norway, with other European cities likely added in the future. As excitement builds about the potential return of transatlantic service to FLL, we look forward to adding Norse to our airline roster.

As 2022 advances, the Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD) will continue working on multi-phase terminal modernization programs and guest amenities while aiming to break ground this summer on FLL’s new Terminal 5 project ([featured in September’s issue](#)). In January, two more concessions (Umaizushi and Starbucks) opened in Terminal 2, and a few others will debut airport-wide this year.

Recently, there has been media coverage about the deployment of 5G telecommunications technology across the U.S. and its potential disruptions to aviation safety and security. However, we anticipate minimal impacts on aircraft flight procedures at FLL since the airport has infrequent low visibility operations. Additionally, the

FAA has cleared 90 percent of the U.S. airline fleet to operate in these conditions. For more information on this evolving issue, visit [FAA.gov/5G](https://www.faa.gov/5G).

In closing, I want to wish everyone a Happy 2022. May it be a healthier and safer year ahead.

Please enjoy this edition of NewsFLLash.

Mark

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The Sky's the Limit

December passenger traffic recap

For the month of December, 2.6 million passengers flew through FLL marking a 49 percent increase from the same month in 2020. The airport's domestic passenger traffic rose 49% to approximately 2.12 million from December 2020, while international visitation climbed nearly 50 percent to 482,404 travelers.

When compared to pre-pandemic activity, December's passenger traffic was only 26% percent less than that of December 2019.

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[View FLL Statistics](#)



Manatee Encounter

Lost mammal relocated to seaport waters

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and its marine mammal rescue partners safely relocated a young manatee from a retention pond at FLL to Port Everglades in early January.

Airport wildlife and environmental personnel on the scene during the successful relocation effort say the manatee appeared to be in good physical condition as it swam and fed on the pond's vegetation.

While preparing FLL's unusual visitor for transport, rescuers determined the sea cow was a 9-foot long, 700-pound male.

If you spot a manatee in unfamiliar territory or in distress in Broward County, you can report it via email to manatee@broward.org, the "I Spy A Manatee" mobile, or by calling the FWC at 888-404-FWCC.

Manatee Conservation



Terminal 2 Art Gallery

Inaugural exhibit runs through June 15

FLL, in partnership with the Broward Cultural Division, is proud to announce the Terminal 2 Art Gallery inaugural exhibition titled "Through New Eyes" by local artist Nava Lundy. Lundy is a nationally recognized artist best known for her series of large-scale paintings of Muses, featuring strong, intriguing, and captivating women. And more recently for her hyper-colored paintings of animals.

Located post-security, the Terminal 2 Art Gallery displays a collection of animal paintings in the north area and the portraits inspired by Muses in the south gate area. The artwork, created exclusively for the airport exhibit, is layered with nuanced color and texture. Additionally, a three-dimensional element gives it a sense of tactile energy.

Learn more about Lundy's FLL exhibit [here](#).

[Airport Public Art](#)



Now Serving Umaizushi

New venues expand airport shopping

Umaizushi - FLL's newest dining experience from concessionaire HMSHost - made its debut post-security in Terminal 2 in early January.

The HMS restaurant concept fuses classic Japanese cuisine with vibrant contemporary décor. The new eatery currently offers grab-and-go options, touchless self-checkout, and a relaxing bar for a quick bite or beverage before flight.

A full sushi menu will be available soon.

Dine & Shop at FLL



Travel Radio Show at FLL

FLL Chief Operating Officer Michael Nonnemacher was a guest on the [RMWorldTravel](#) syndicated travel radio show that aired on January 15 from the Hyde Beach House in Hollywood, Fla.

Radio show hosts Robert and Mary Carey visited FLL earlier in the week for a curbside [chat with Nonnemacher to hear about travel recovery in 2021 and the outlook for 2022](#). The Careys were in South Florida on [Stop #9](#) of their “Let’s Go America! Tour” featuring several popular tourism spots, and activities.

RMWorldTravel, billed as America’s #1 Travel Radio Show, has a reach of over 1.2 million leisure and business travelers. The travel show airs on more than 480 radio stations nationwide.

The [South Florida segment](#) also featured interviews with Visit Lauderdale’s Sr. Vice President, Marketing and Communications, Camila Clark and Hollywood Mayor Josh Levy. Other recent aviation industry guests have included senior executives from international airports in Tampa, Boston, Atlanta, and San Francisco.

[Airport News](#)



Winning TSA Chorus

Congratulations to the TSA Chorus at FLL who recently were announced the winners of the 2021 Department of Homeland Security's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) third annual Talent Show.

The TSA Chorus at FLL submitted an inspiring rendition of "We Wont Forget," which they originally performed during the federal agency's celebration in November 2021 to commemorate its 20th anniversary.

Last year, members of the talented TSA Chorus also sang "God Bless America" at the airport's "FLL Will Never Forget" 20th commemoration of September 11, 2001.

During the talent competition, employees from various DHS agencies displayed their musical skills to spotlight the causes they care about such as homelessness, breast cancer awareness, hunger relief, women's rights and child advocacy, among others. Entries were judged on original content, level of engagement, mastery of the talent, and mention of a charitable cause, according to the DHS.

9/11 Memorial at FLL



Flight Options Expand

News from Norse, Frontier

BCAD CEO/Director of Aviation Mark Gale welcomed Norse Atlantic Airways CEO Bjørn Tore Larsen (left) to FLL for a working meeting on January 21. The low-cost Scandinavian carrier has plans to start nonstop service between Fort Lauderdale and Oslo, Norway, with potential flights to more destinations in the future.

On January 14, Norse announced the U.S. Department of Transportation had recently approved its application to operate flights between the United States and Norway/The European Union. Read more about Norse's U.S. plans [here](#).

Meanwhile, on the domestic front, Frontier Airlines is [gearing up for its return to FLL](#) in next month. The Denver, Colo.-based carrier expects to launch new flights to Fort Lauderdale from 12 destinations starting Feb. 17-19. Those destinations include Stewart and Islip, NY; Providence, RI; Greenbay, WI and Portland, ME.

[Airlines at FLL](#)



Safety First at FLL

Did you know that if caught with a weapon while going through the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) passenger screening checkpoints, even if you have a concealed weapons permit, your travel plans will be interrupted?

[TSA penalties](#) for firearms may cost more than \$10,000, as well as an arrest. Watch the TSA's "[Traveling with Firearms](#)" video to learn more.

[Safety First Initiatives](#)

FLL BY THE NUMBERS: DECEMBER 2021

TOTAL TRAFFIC WAS
2,603,987

UP 49%
FROM DECEMBER 2020

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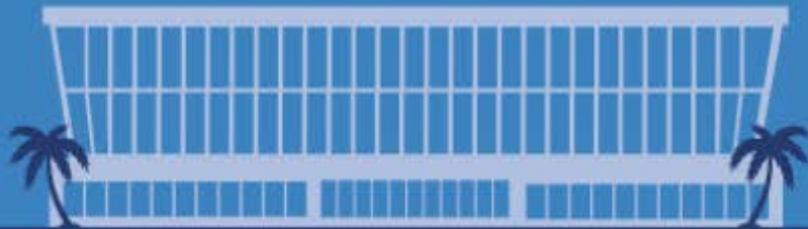


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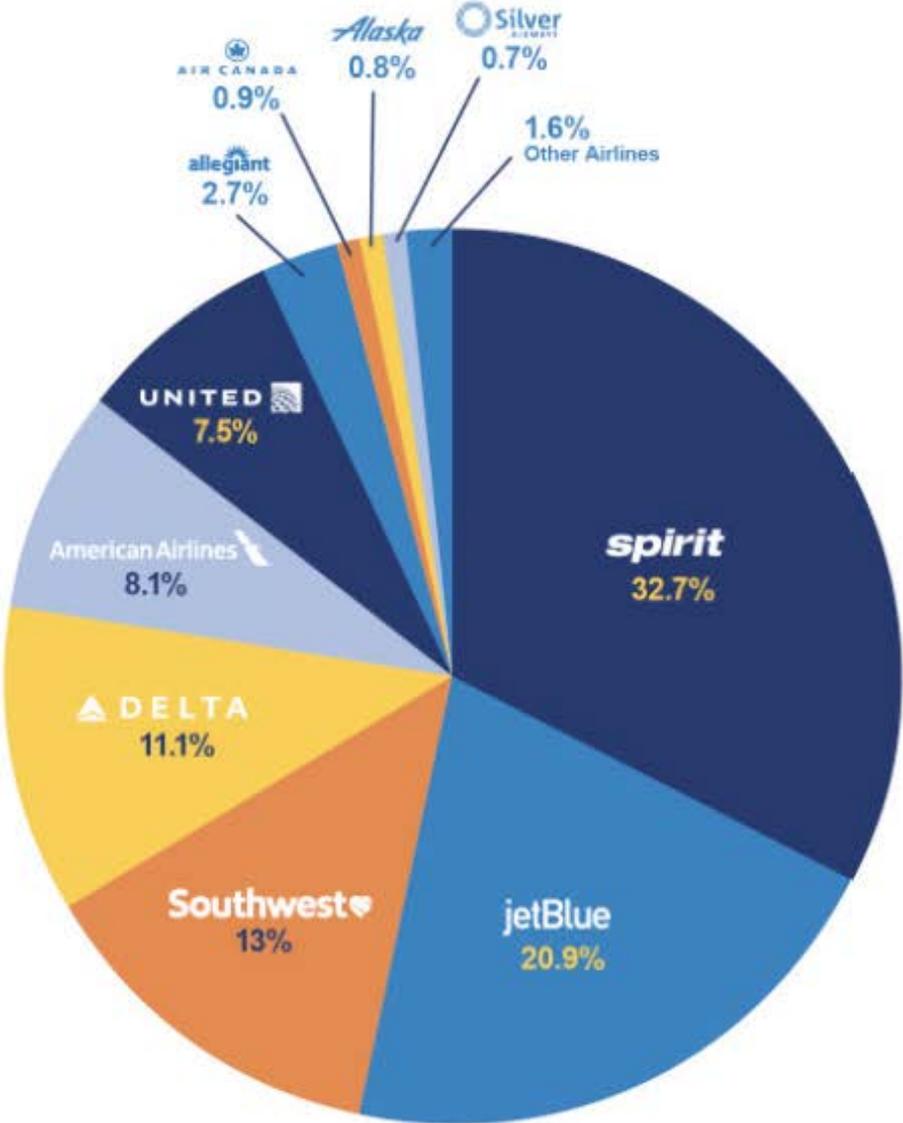


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Top 10 Airline Market Share

Year-to-date: December 2021



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