

Welcome to NewsFLLash Issue #35

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A Message From the CEO

Welcome to May's NewsFLLash, a highlight of key happenings at FLL during the month and a heads up on important events on tap for June. As we close out May and the unofficial start of summertime begins, by the look and feel of things recently – this summer is going to be another sizzler.

In April, FLL welcomed 2.94 million passengers, an increase of 3.4% over the same month in 2022. Only 9% fewer passengers traveled through FLL in April versus the same month in 2019. During the first three months of 2023, the airport welcomed

9.3 million travelers, a 21% jump from the same period in 2022, and just 6% less traffic than in first quarter 2019.

In May, the Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD) joined Spirit Airlines officials in celebrating its 30th anniversary at FLL. Over the three decades, Spirit has grown to become our top carrier, accounting for nearly 30% of total passenger traffic as of April 2023.

A significant air service milestone for FLL this month was the return of nonstop flights between Fort Lauderdale and London Gatwick Airport. Norse Atlantic Airways commenced service on this route on May 26, with plans to operate three-to-four weekly flights. Next month, Norse will mark the first year of operations for its inaugural service between FLL and Oslo, Norway.

As June takes off, we're reminded that the 2023 Atlantic hurricane season has begun and runs through November 30. So, please ensure your emergency response plans for both work and home are ready to go in the event a major storm crosses our paths.

We look forward to serving you at FLL during the summer season and thank you for your support. Happy Summer!

Mark

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The Sky's the Limit

April passenger traffic recap

Airport Statistics	Current Month	2022 Month	Year-Over-Year Difference	2019 Month
Total Passengers	2,942,554	2,846,119	3.4%	3,231,115
Domestic Passengers	2,300,635	2,313,396	-0.6%	2,467,566
International Passengers	641,919	532,723	21%	763,549

[View FLL Statistics](#)



Visiting Consular Corps

Foreign consulars, officers tour FLL

Members of the Consular Corps of Miami visited FLL on May 25 for an airport update and a chance to tour the new common-use lounge in Terminal 3. The [Escape Lounges -The Centurion Studio Partner at FLL](#) officially opened post-security in Terminal 3 in November 2022.

The Consular Corps visitors represented several countries in the Caribbean and Latin America, including Jamaica, Grenada, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic.



Spirit Marks 30 Years at FLL

Busiest carrier at FLL celebrates big milestone

[Spirit Airlines](#) executives joined officials from FLL, Broward County, and the local business community on May 22 to mark the carrier's 30th year of operations at the Fort Lauderdale airport. The celebration of Spirit's milestone anniversary at FLL, originally planned for April 13, was postponed due to the airport's closure following the historic flooding.

In April 1993, Spirit commenced service between FLL and Atlantic City, NJ, operating three flights per week. That early service carried more than 2,000 passengers in its first month. Since that first route 30 years ago, Spirit has grown to become FLL's top carrier, with nearly 30% of passenger share this year as of April.

Over the three decades, Spirit has carried more than 100 million passengers to and from FLL. Thank you, Team Spirit for 30 years of dedicated service to FLL guests.



Photo credit: Andre Chambers

North Runway Update

Full runway operations temporarily restored

BCAD restored unrestricted operations on FLL's 9,000-foot-long North Runway (10L-28R) late afternoon on May 18. The full restoration of 10L-28R operations follows federal approval of temporary repairs to airfield areas damaged during April's historic rainfall and flooding. As a result, neighborhoods immediately south and west of the South Runway should see a decrease in late-night/early-morning flight activity. Additional adjustments to this runway's operations will occur when materials become available to fully repair the damage on this airfield.

On April 12, the airport experienced an unprecedented rain event that resulted in severe flooding and extensive damage to some areas of the northern airfield. While there was significant recovery from the flooding, BCAD had to reduce flight operations on 10L-28R due to ongoing assessments and work to restore impacted airfield areas to their previous capabilities.

The Aviation Department apologizes for any inconvenience caused and appreciates the patience and understanding of those impacted by these operational changes. Updates will be shared when new information is available.

For questions or comments, email us at RunwayUpdates@broward.org.



2023 NACo Awards

The National Association of Counties (NACo) on May 19 announced BCAD had won two 2023 Achievement Awards for the following entries and categories:

- **Maximo Asset Management Project - Information Technology:** FLL's innovative airport-wide asset and work management mobility program allows real-time communication with field technicians on the airfield and airport property using smart handheld devices.
- **World Diversity Week (WDW) - Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation**
The inaugural WDW program ran May 16-20, 2022, to recognize and celebrate the cultural backgrounds of the airport community. WDW included live music, dance performances, a culinary tasting experience, Arts & Crafts Expo, and multilingual terminal announcements from employees saluting their home countries.



Lifesaving Training

BCAD employees learn useful techniques

On May 16 and 23, BCAD employees participated in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) training classes. The four-hour training in lifesaving techniques was facilitated by Azimuth Tactical Group Inc.

Participating employees received a two-year certification after completing the invaluable training. Having to administer CPR or use an AED is something that one hopes they never have to do, but knowing how without needing instruction can be the difference in saving someone's life.



Laudable FLL Employee

Airport operations agent wins award

Congratulations to BCAD Airport Operations agent Alo Adebayo for being recognized by Visit Lauderdale with a 2023 Laudable Award for going above and beyond to assist a passenger in distress at FLL.

When a grandmother discovered she had received incorrect information on a gate pass that would allow her to proceed through security to meet her unaccompanied minor grandson on arrival, Adebayo noticed how distraught she was and immediately sprang into action. He quickly researched the

updated gate and decided to escort the airport guest, who also had her two granddaughters with her, to the correct location.

Through his thoughtful actions, Adebayo, described by his wife as having a “heart for people,” was able to turn a “miserable moment into a magical one” for this worried grandmother, according to the award nomination.

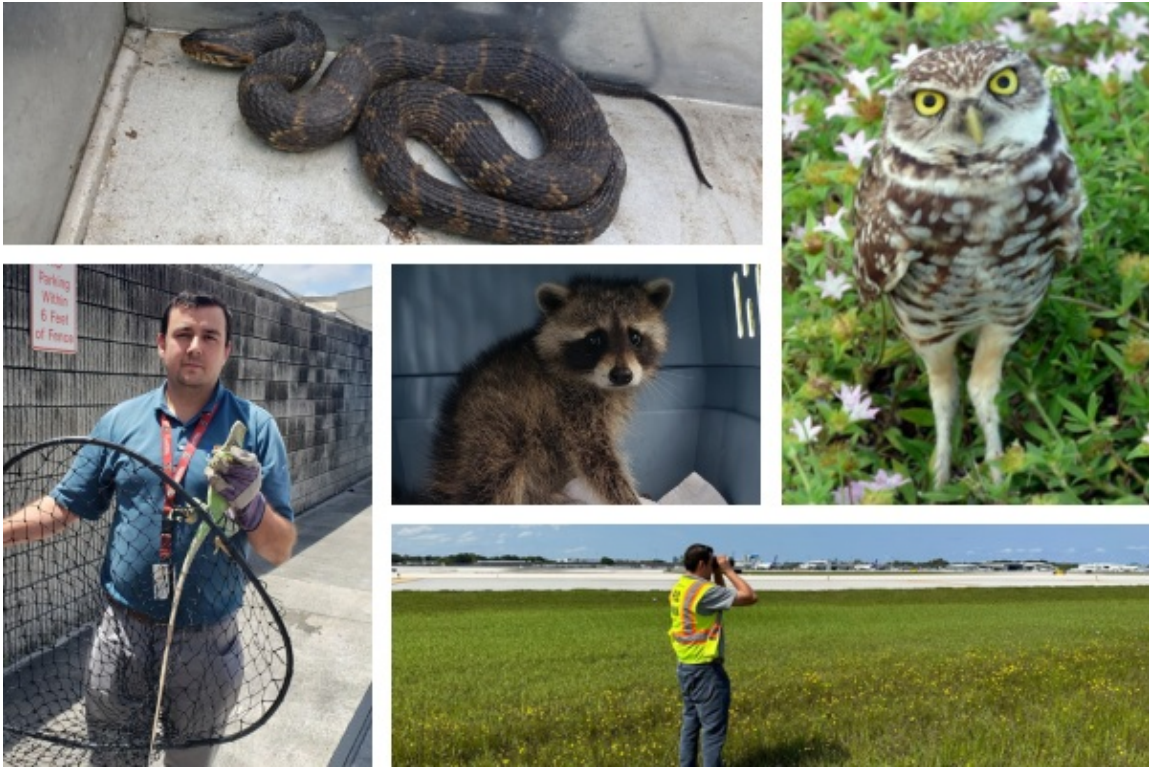


TSA Surveys Travelers

Seeks input on security screening experience

The Transportation Security Administration ([TSA](#)) recently conducted passenger experience surveys over seven days in May at FLL. These surveys aim to ensure that the TSA provides passengers with the best customer service possible through their security checkpoints nationwide. The surveys were voluntary and completed within the checkpoint as passengers exited the screening process.

The TSA screens more than two million airline passengers per day. The results of the surveys will be published around fall 2023 on [performance.gov/cx](https://www.performance.gov/cx).



Managing FLL's Wildlife

Protecting and conserving animal visitors

Mat Natali is FLL's very own Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) qualified airport wildlife biologist. It's a job that few people would think an airport has. From snakes, bees, and iguanas to birds, coyotes, and even monkeys, a day in the life of our wildlife biologist can be very different.

Natali's primary task is making FLL unattractive for wildlife to ensure the safety of animals, our passengers, and airport operations. For example, Natali uses a variety of audio deterrents, such as pyrotechnics and propane cannons, to help mitigate potential wildlife hazards on the airfield.

On another day, he might install spikes on airport signage and other familiar locations preferred by birds to prevent nesting areas. Natali's role is essential in helping to make wildlife strikes less common so that we can protect our animal friends and keep our airport running smoothly.

To learn more about the FAA's Wildlife Hazard Mitigation efforts, visit their [website](#).



28th Honor Flight Homecoming

Dozens gather to welcome home vets

Honor Flight South Florida (HFSF) hosted another successful trip from FLL to Washington, D.C., in partnership with Spirit Airlines and BCAD on Saturday, May 6. Veterans from different wars embarked on the one-day journey to have the chance to visit their respective war memorials.

On Saturday night, the veterans received the welcome home they never had years ago. Family members, friends, and thankful supporters gathered in Terminal 4, filling the area with delightful cheer.

Two more Honor Flights are scheduled for this year; the next is on September 23 and then on October 28.

If you know anyone who served in our U.S. military that should experience this fantastic opportunity, visit HFSF's [website](#) for more information.



Photo credit: Norse Atlantic Airline, El Al Israel Airlines

More International Routes

New air service on tap

On May 26, [Norse Atlantic Airways](#) officially launched its newest route from Fort Lauderdale to London, England. Norse plans to operate three-to-four weekly flights from FLL to London Gatwick Airport (LGW) this summer.

Coming soon, [EL AL Israel Airlines](#) will start their new nonstop seasonal service between FLL and Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport (TLV) on September 13. This route will be FLL's first-ever service to Tel Aviv. EL AL plans to make this a year-round service by Spring 2024.



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North Perry Does It Again

Perfect airfield safety score for 23rd year

In May, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) conducted its annual comprehensive inspection of North Perry Airport (HWO), the general aviation reliever airport for FLL, located in Pembroke Pines.

The FDOT inspectors found HWO in compliance with all state requirements during this inspection, which is required to maintain the airport's operating license. The yearly evaluation typically includes a review of all airfield markings and signs, runway/taxiway lights, safety areas, aircraft approach slopes, wildlife control, Foreign Object Debris, and other aspects related to safe airport operations.

For the 23rd consecutive year, HWO has passed the FDOT review with no discrepancies or issues to correct.



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Wayman's Pilot Expo at HWO

Longtime HWO flight school and tenant [Wayman Aviation Academy](#) hosted a career expo for pilots on May 13 at the Pembroke Pines airport. Participating companies included:

- Airlines (CommuteAir, SkyWest, Silver, and Endeavor).
- Pilot groups (Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals, Latino Pilots Association, Women in Aviation, etc.).
- Flight schools and colleges with aviation programs like Florida Memorial University and Miami Dade College.

In addition to networking with these companies and organizations, some attendees had a chance to take a Discovery Flight to and from the general aviation airport.

On June 24, Wayman is planning to host a [Learn to Fly](#) open house.

FLL BY THE NUMBERS: APRIL 2023

TOTAL TRAFFIC WAS **2,942,554** **UP 3.4%** FROM APRIL 2022

DOMESTIC TRAFFIC **2,300,635** **DOWN -0.6%** OVER LAST YEAR

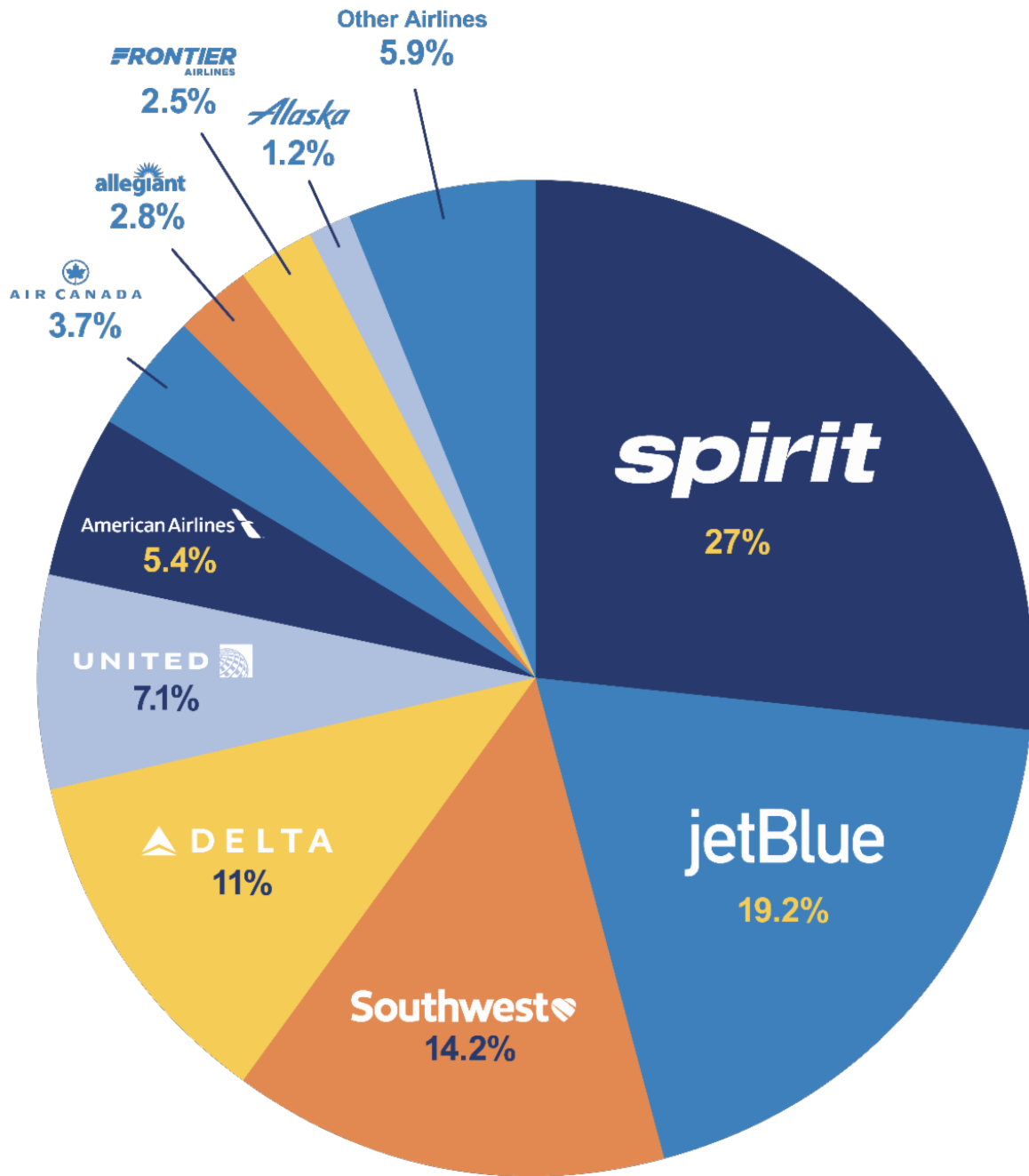


INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC **641,919** **UP 21%** OVER LAST YEAR



Top 10 Airline Market Share

Year-to-date: April 2023



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