

Welcome to NewsFLLash Issue #25

In this edition: Airport job fair returns in August, Avelo Airlines to add two new FLL routes this fall, new wide body aircraft maintenance in development, more dining venues on tap, and more.



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A Message From the CEO

Welcome to NewsFLLash Issue No. 25. During the past month, FLL hosted a special military-themed patriotic art exhibit as part of Broward County festivities to celebrate the historic commissioning of the new USS Fort Lauderdale (LPD-28) navy ship on July 30 at Port Everglades

Other noteworthy July highlights included the joint announcement of a new merger deal by Spirit Airlines and JetBlue Airways (FLL's top two carriers), the opening of a new exhibit of student artworks, and Avelo Airlines' plans for two new routes by year-end. On July 26, the Aviation Department's Security Division conducted "Operation Skyhawk," a virtual training exercise with dozens of airport stakeholders as part of

ongoing efforts to hone FLL's emergency response communications and protocols. This exercise followed the "Operation Nightingale" active-threat emergency response drill in mid-June, involving hundreds of law enforcement, fire rescue/hospital partners, and community volunteers.

Looking ahead, FLL will host its second annual job fair on Wednesday, August 17, at the FLA Live Arena in Sunrise, with more than 20 participating airport businesses seeking to fill dozens of part-time and full-time jobs. As airlines add routes and new concessions open, the job fair aims to assist employers in filling current vacancies or creating a pool of prospective candidates for future staffing needs. Learn more about the job fair below.

Finally, as you plan your travel to Greater Fort Lauderdale in August or September, remember to check out the range of [LauderDEALS](#) offered across our tourism districts for savings on hotels, attractions, dining, and more.

Thanks for reading and staying connected.

Mark

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The Sky's the Limit

June passenger traffic recap

In June, FLL welcomed 2,590,931 passengers, a 5.9 percent (%) decrease in traffic over the same month in 2021. The year-over-year decline in passenger activity was due primarily to fewer available airline seats and numerous flight cancellations during the month. Airlines have been trimming flight schedules during the summer months in an effort to stabilize operations as they grapple with ongoing staffing challenges.

Broken out, domestic passenger traffic (2,032,596) slipped 13% overall from June 2021. However, international passenger activity continued to rebound, increasing 36% from a year ago to 558,334 travelers.

When compared to pre-pandemic passenger traffic, FLL welcomed 14% fewer passengers this month, versus June 2019.

[View FLL Statistics](#)

FORT LAUDERDALE-HOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

FLL JOB FAIR
BROWARD COUNTY

SAVE the DATE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022
9AM TO 4PM
FLA Live Arena (Formerly BB&T Center)
1 Panther Parkway, Sunrise, FL 33323

For more information, email: contactfll@broward.org.
Watch social media for updates.

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Job Fair Returns August 17

If you are looking for full-time or part-time employment at FLL, plan to attend the airport's second annual job fair on Wednesday, August 17, from 9AM to 4PM at the FLA Live Arena in Sunrise to explore available career opportunities.

Participating businesses include airlines, government agencies, restaurants/shops, fixed base operators, and security and ground transportation companies. Attendees are encouraged to pre-register for faster check-in.

Last September, FLL hosted a successful inaugural job fair in the same venue featuring 24 employers with more than 800 job openings. A year ago, several airport businesses were experiencing staffing challenges due to a faster-than-expected rebound in travel activity. Today, while recruitment efforts have improved, service industry businesses still face hiring hurdles amid the ongoing pandemic.

Save the date, and see you there!

[Careers at FLL](#)



FLLy Places To Go

New Flight Options for Fall/Winter Trips

Can you believe July is over and the official end of summer in a few more weeks? If you did not jet away for summer fun, there is still time to start planning a much-deserved fall or winter escape. To help you get started, here are some new and returning routes that could be just what the doctor ordered to get some rest and relaxation:

Domestic travel: New weekly nonstop service to Newport News/Williamsburg, VA and Wilmington, NC via **Avelo Airlines** start on October 20 and November 11, respectively.

International travel: **Southwest Airlines** plans to restart flying to Montego Bay, Jamaica, in September. Meanwhile, **Caribbean Airlines** resumed nonstop service to Kingston in July, operating thrice weekly on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Additionally, low-cost carrier **Swoop** is plotting its return to FLL in November with service to Toronto and Hamilton, Canada, after an extended pandemic pause.

FLL Destinations



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Aircraft Maintenance Facility on Tap

New complex to specialize in wide body planes

In early July, Global Crossing Airlines Group (GlobalX) announced that American Corporate Airport Partners had inked a long-term ground lease with Broward County to construct an aircraft maintenance facility at FLL.

Plans for the estimated \$25 million, 10-acre maintenance complex at a mid-field site on SW 41st Ct. in Fort Lauderdale include a 54,000 square-foot hangar, aircraft ramp for staging and maneuvering, technical shops, and office space. The project's blueprints also tout environmentally friendly building systems and automobile parking, all in a build-to-suit layout for Miami-based GlobalX, a passenger and cargo charter airline.

The wide body-capable aircraft maintenance complex, anticipated to be operational in fourth-quarter 2023, is expected to generate 100 permanent, full-time jobs.



Dillard Art Exhibit

A showcase of emerging artists

A new art exhibit featuring works by Advanced Placement (AP) Art & Design students and alumni from Dillard High School in Fort Lauderdale is currently on display at FLL.

The exhibition highlights the talents of 10 aspiring career artists and features high-quality giclee prints of artworks in various mediums. Dillard educator Celestin Joseph, a practicing artist who teaches AP studio art classes at his alma mater, curated the special collection.

The participating student artists include Lianna Byles, Naima Cornelius, Lewis James, Selena Michel, Mikayle Morrison, Angela Pena, Tayshaun Small, Naimah Rogers, and Jennifer Turner. Also on show is work by Dillard alumna Ruth Burotte, the youngest artist to receive a public art commission from Broward County's Public Art & Design program.

The new exhibition, post-security in Terminal 4, Concourse G (post-security), runs through December 2022 and is a partnership between FLL, the Broward Cultural Division, and the Dillard Center for the Arts

New Eateries Coming Soon



The original Home of the Whopper is spreading its wings at FLL. The popular fast food eatery Burger King (BK) and Sergio's Cuban restaurant are opening by fall at FLL to add more dining options for airport guests traveling through Terminal 1, Concourse B. The BK will be FLL's second location. Meanwhile, Sergio's will offer a menu of modern Latin-inspired comfort food reinvented for contemporary tastes, including empanadas, sandwiches, and Cuban coffee.

Weather Portal Marks First Year



It's been a year since WeatherSTEM landed at FLL in June 2021, marking the weather portal's debut at its first major international airport. The airport's WeatherSTEM unit collects various weather sensor data for display on a dedicated website. Site visitors can access live weather, future forecasts, and other weather-related lessons and activities. WeatherSTEM at FLL is a partnership between BCAD, Broward County, and the Florida Division of Emergency Management.



Firefighter's Unique Mission

Successful recovery and relocation of beehive

In early June, Broward Sheriff's Office firefighter Joe Baselice, a crash truck operator at Fire Station 10 at FLL, successfully recovered and relocated a swarm of honeybees from under a portable staircase.

Recognizing the significance of preserving the bee colony so its inhabitants could continue vital work as pollinators for plants and crops to grow, Baselice sprang into action.

While suited up in protective gear, the self-proclaimed bee expert fashioned a makeshift hive from cardboard and proceeded to corral the queen bee and a few loyal followers into the box. Given that the sun was setting and the bees' bedtime nearing, he knew it was only a matter of time before the others would follow the queen's scent and fly into the box. After about 45 minutes, the ball of bees resembling a large hanging pineapple disappeared as all of the estimated 1,000+ flying visitors were safely inside the ventilated box.

Today, the bees are thriving in their new home in Baselice's environmentally friendly backyard.



New Fire-Rescue District Chief

Assumed role at FLL on April 30

Capt. James (Jim) Bishop is the new chief for the Broward Sheriff's Office [Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting unit at FLL](#). He assumed the role in April following the retirement of his predecessor Chief Bob Palestrant. A firefighter for 36 years, Bishop got his career start in 1984 as a volunteer with the City of Miramar. Over the nearly four decades of his firefighting career, he has served in various leadership roles in fire departments in Cooper City, Lauderdale Lakes, and Weston.

Bishop has an Associate of Science Degree in Fire Science from Broward College, a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Barry University, and completed the Executive Leadership Program from Nova Southeastern University. In addition, he holds several firefighting and security-related certifications, including fire instructor III, live fire training instructor, and incident safety officer. Currently, he is an instructor for Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Basic Life Support, and Pediatric Advanced Life Support for the American Heart Association.

When he is not putting out fires, the avid college football fan enjoys watching his Miami Hurricanes on Saturday afternoons.

A warm welcome to FLL, Capt. Bishop!



Site Review for New HWO Tower

3D Imaging ATCT site assessment

Work has begun on a site selection process for a new Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) at [North Perry Airport](#) (HWO). In April, technology and analytical services firm Planning Technology, Inc. (PTI) conducted a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) 3D ATCT site assessment at the airport to determine potential future locations for the new tower.

Airport officials initiated this siting process because the existing ATCT, constructed in the 1960s, is nearing the end of its useful life, according to HWO's 2020 Master Plan Update (MPU). As a result, the decision was made to build a new ATCT. The FAA's ATCT siting process regulations require a minimum of three sites to be identified for analysis. In addition, the model allows for a review of ATCT cab size, height, and location to enhance the view of the airfield for the controllers.

As part of the process, staff from Clearwater, Fla.-based PTI, reviewed the airport's MPU, Airport Layout Plan, and additional plans for proposed development projects to confirm any selected sites will align with HWO's vision of the future. PTI also interviewed pertinent HWO staff, including the airport's manager, ATCT manager, and others from the Broward County Aviation Department Planning Division who participated in the siting process.

FLL BY THE NUMBERS: JUNE 2022

TOTAL TRAFFIC WAS
2,590,931

DOWN 5.9%
FROM JUNE 2021

DOMESTIC
TRAFFIC
2,032,597

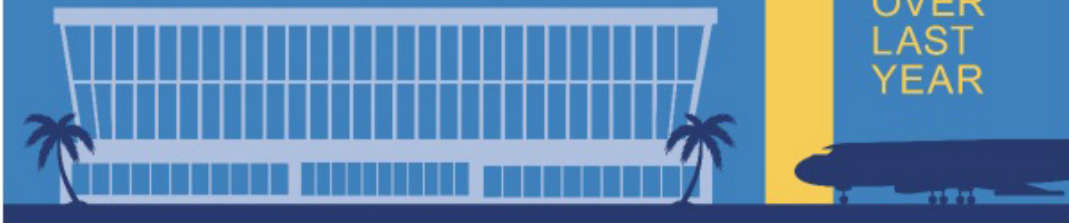


DOWN 13.2%
OVER LAST YEAR

INTERNATIONAL
TRAFFIC
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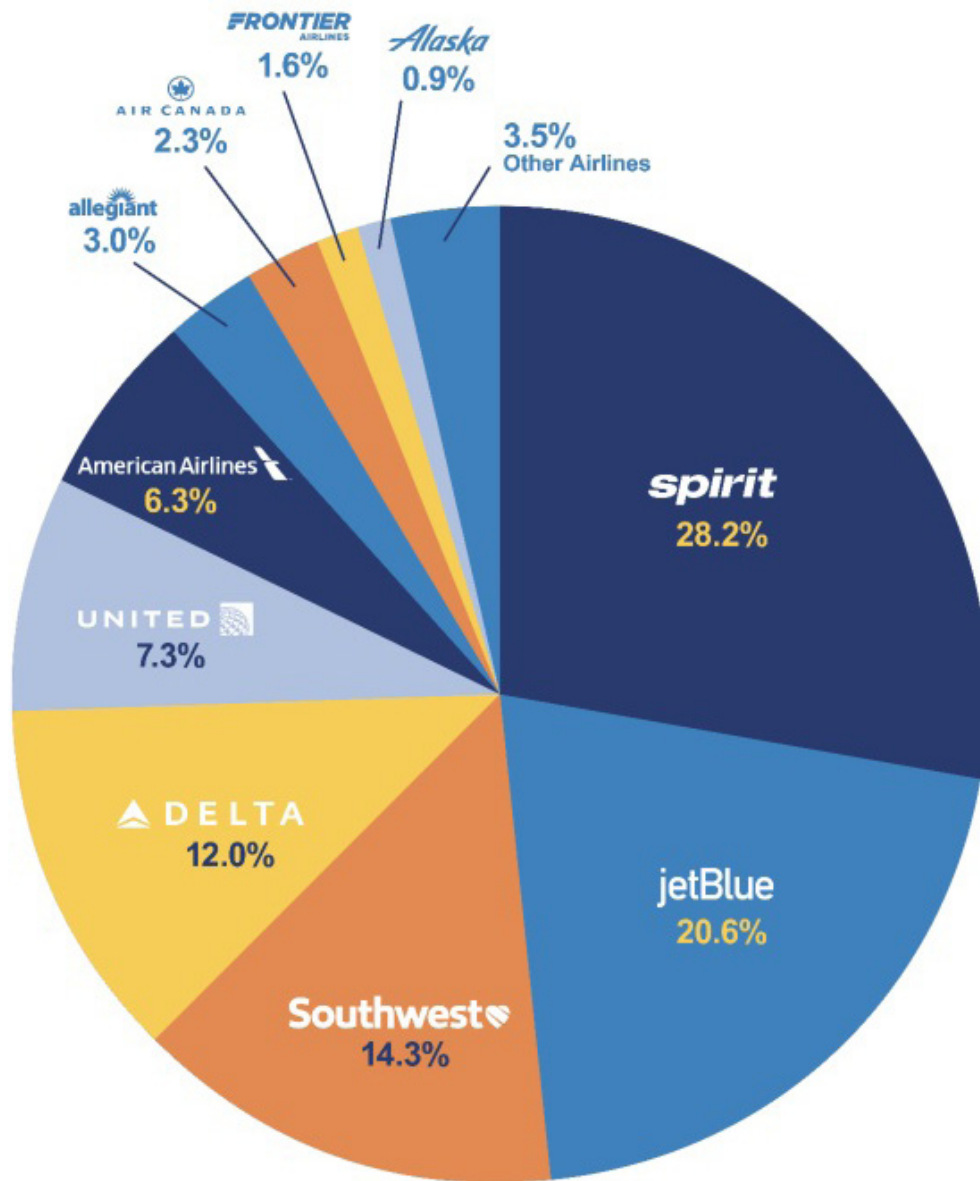


UP
36%
OVER
LAST
YEAR



Top 10 Airline Market Share

Year-to-date: June 2022



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