

## Welcome to NewsFLLash Issue #26

In this edition: Job fair sees repeat success, major lease renewals secured for FLL, longtime FBO plans facility upgrades, new nonstop service to Berlin, Germany coming in December, and more.



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## A Message From the CEO

Greetings! With the new school year underway and children back in the classroom, the end of the peak summer travel season is here, and the shift to fall and winter vacation planning begins.

As we enter the final four-month stretch of 2022, airlines have announced a handful of new domestic and international flight options to add more destination choices from Fort Lauderdale for travelers seeking late-year getaways. For example, Norse Atlantic Airways plans to launch nonstop service on December 7 from Berlin, Germany, to FLL. Meanwhile, Brazilian carrier Azul is planning to offer service to Manaus and resume flights to Belem it had previously halted in the pandemic. Additionally, Frontier Airlines announced plans for daily nonstop flights to Las Vegas beginning on November 5. Other flights in the pipeline include service to Toronto and Hamilton, Canada, via Swoop in November and

weekly service in October from Avelo Airlines to Newport News/Williamsburg and to Wilmington, NC, in November.

On August 17, FLL hosted its second annual job fair at the FLA Live Arena in Sunrise, with over 20 airport/county employers looking to fill hundreds of part-time and full-time jobs. With more airline service on tap and new concessions opening, the job fair was an opportunity for FLL to assist employers in filling current vacancies or creating a pool of prospective candidates for future staffing needs. Read more about job fair results below.

As September kicks off, two key airport events are afoot: the annual Patriot Day commemoration of September 11 and an Honor Flight South Florida Veterans Homecoming on September 17, the second hosted by FLL in 2022. Finally, as we enter the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season, remember to double-check your emergency kits and storm response plans to be prepared for anything that may come our way.

Be well and stay connected.

*Mark*

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## The Sky's the Limit

### July passenger traffic recap

Airport Statistics	Current Month	2021 Month	Year-Over-Year Difference	2019 Month
Total Passengers	2,765,923	2,893,447	(4.41%)	3,131,019
Domestic Passengers	2,103,025	2,440,199	(13.82%)	2,305,439
International Passengers	662,898	453,248	46.26%	825,580

In all, FLL hosted approximately 18.7 million travelers from January through July, an increase of 15.4% from the 16.2 million people welcomed during the same period in 2021, and only 16.4% fewer than 22.3 million visitors in the 2019 timeframe.

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## **Job Fair's Hiring Goals Met**

### **Many open positions filled**

Approximately 450 job seekers turned out on Wednesday, August 17, at FLL's 2nd annual job fair at the FLA Live Arena in Sunrise to connect with 21 companies offering over 400 employment opportunities. Early feedback from participating employers indicates many companies successfully filled a large number if not all of their vacancies or scheduled future interviews with prospective candidates. For FLL, the positive response signaled the job fair accomplished its mission of providing an opportunity to improve airport staffing and creating a pipeline of future workers for participating businesses.

Several companies happy with the event's results were eager to know when the airport would hold its next job fair. In addition, attendees who took advantage of the sessions on resume critique and interviewing techniques left with new knowledge to empower them in their job search efforts. From passenger and cargo airlines, retail shops, restaurants, and a range of other aviation service providers, many businesses at FLL fulfilled their mission to fill job vacancies ahead of the next big wave of holiday travelers. Participating companies included Spirit Airlines, FedEx Express, Gideon Toal Management Services, HMS Host, Hudson Group/AMS, Jet Aircraft Maintenance, Transportation Security Administration, Allied Universal Security Services, and Keolis Transit America.

**[Careers at FLL](#)**



## **FedEx Renews Lease**

### **Facility retrofit planned**

Earlier this year, transportation company FedEx Express reached an agreement with Broward County for a new 20-year lease for its sorting facility operations at FLL. As part of the lease renewal, FedEx has committed to a minimum investment of \$10 million to retrofit and remodel its existing airport facility. Stay tuned for future updates.

**[FLL Tenant Directory](#)**



## FBO Plans Upgrades

Broward County has approved a new development agreement lease with [National Jets](#), a longtime fixed base operator (FBO) at FLL. The 29-year lease signed earlier this year includes plans to demolish the FBO's older structures and build a new facility within the first four years of the newly executed terms. National Jets expects to spend at least \$18 million to construct the new FBO terminal and two hangars totaling 28,800 square feet. We'll be sure to keep you posted on this exciting project.





Photo credit: Analogic Corp.

## TSA To Deploy Advanced X-rays

### 3-D x-ray rollout starts in Terminal 2

In September, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) plans to begin deployment of 23 new Analogic ConneCT x-rays at passenger screening checkpoints at FLL. A TSA spokesman said one or two ConneCT machines would be installed weekly over six months in Terminals 1, 2, and 3, based on current preliminary scheduling. Meanwhile, Terminal 4 will receive full-size versions of the Analogic x-rays sometime in 2023.

“The Analogic ConneCT is an advanced security screening system that delivers superior threat detection and combines computed tomography (CT) 3-D imaging with advanced explosive threat detection software, according to its manufacturer Analogic Corp. “The technology allows airports and regulators to permit passengers to leave approved liquids and electronics in their bags at the screening checkpoints, reducing the need for passengers to divest items and improving passenger experience,” the company said in a news release. Additionally, Analogic noted that the new CT screening technology should significantly improve aviation security and passenger experience by providing enhanced 3-D images to security officers and limiting divesture, all in a touch-free environment.

## FDOT Award for HWO Manager

### 2022 Aviation Professional



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) recently named Nina MacPherson, Airport Manager at North Perry Airport (HWO), its 2022 Aviation Professional of the Year. The annual FDOT honor recognizes an individual's professional achievements in airport management, aviation safety, and outstanding contributions to Florida's aviation community. MacPherson's aviation administration/management career spans three decades, with the last 20 years spent in her current capacity at HWO, one of Florida's busiest general aviation airports. Before HWO, she held managerial positions at FLL and the Boca Raton Airport.

Under her leadership, HWO has benefited from significant capital improvement efforts, including major airfield and runway upgrades, safety and security enhancements, hangar development, and beautification projects, according to the award nomination submitted by planning and design consultancy Kimley-Horn. MacPherson has also tirelessly given back to the industry, serving on countless aviation committees and through mentoring opportunities.

The 2022 FDOT Aviation Awards were announced in late July at the Florida Airports Council 53rd Annual Conference in Orlando.





## Finding H2O on the Fly

Did you know there are water fountains in every FLL terminal for airport travelers to quench their thirst on the run? Additionally, some fountains offer water bottle refilling stations where passengers with reusable drinking containers can load up on agua to keep hydrated before and after their flight. On your next trip to FLL, look for the fountains and refill stations outside the nearest restroom.

## Airport Wins NACIO Award



The Aviation Department's Public Information/Communications Office has won a 2022 National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) Excellence Award for its 2020 Office Move Newsletter Series in the Internal Publication category. The newsletter series provided information to BCAD employees about the relocation of their offices in late 2020, from several off-site complexes into new consolidated workspaces in Terminal 4. NACIO announced its award winners in a virtual ceremony on August 25.

## Congratulations to Our New Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.)



Kevin Wu, A.A.E.  
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### FLL's Newest A.A.E.

#### BCAD has eight active A.A.E.s

Congratulations to Airport Manager – Emergency Management Kevin Wu for becoming the latest Aviation Department employee to achieve the Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) status. He is the eighth current BCAD staff member to receive the distinction awarded by the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE). To earn this accreditation, earlier this year, Wu successfully passed a 180-question examination, fulfilled a writing requirement, and demonstrated his knowledge of airport management, business administration, and general transportation economics during a final panel interview. Wu joins a select group of aviation achievers (less than 8 percent of AAAE members nationwide) who are active accredited airport executives.

# FLL BY THE NUMBERS: JULY 2022

TOTAL TRAFFIC WAS  
**2,765,923**

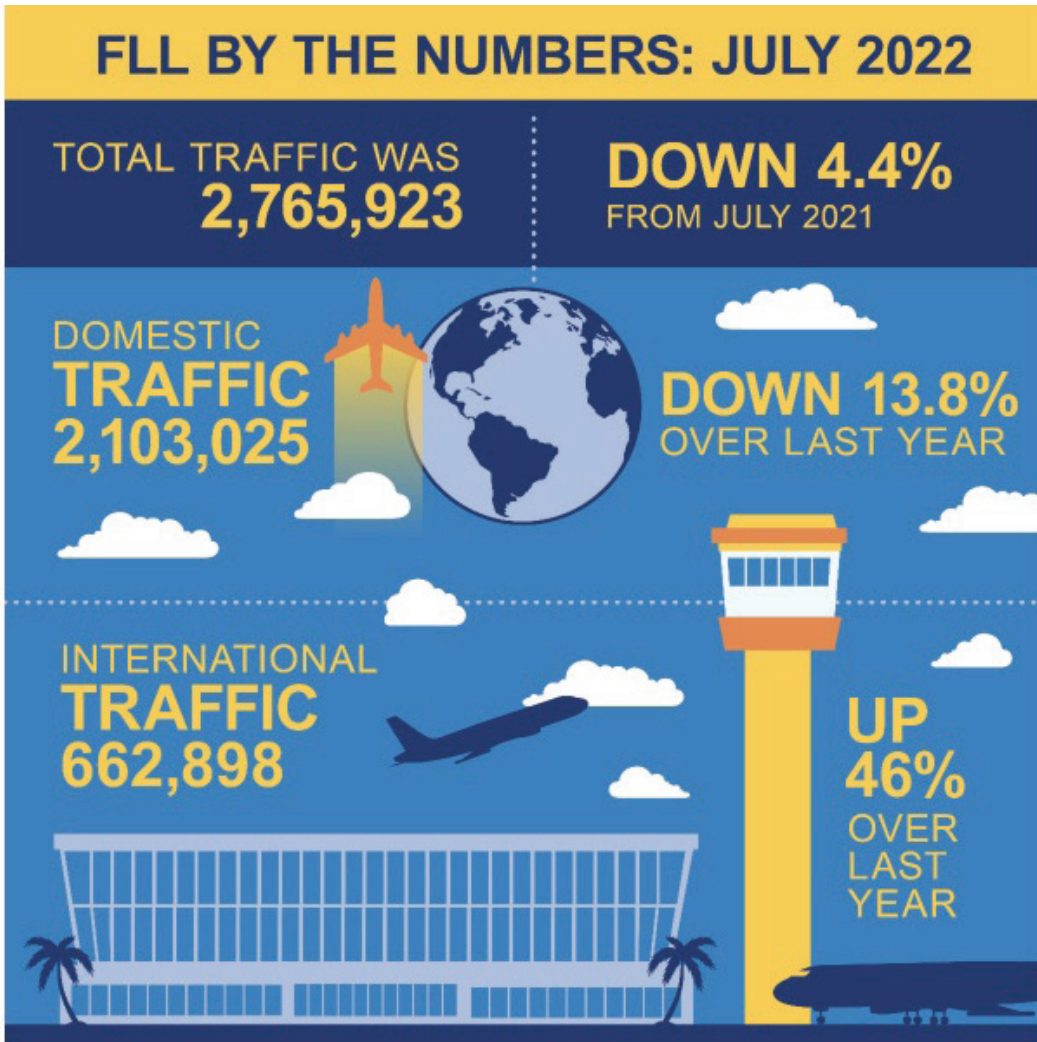
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FROM JULY 2021

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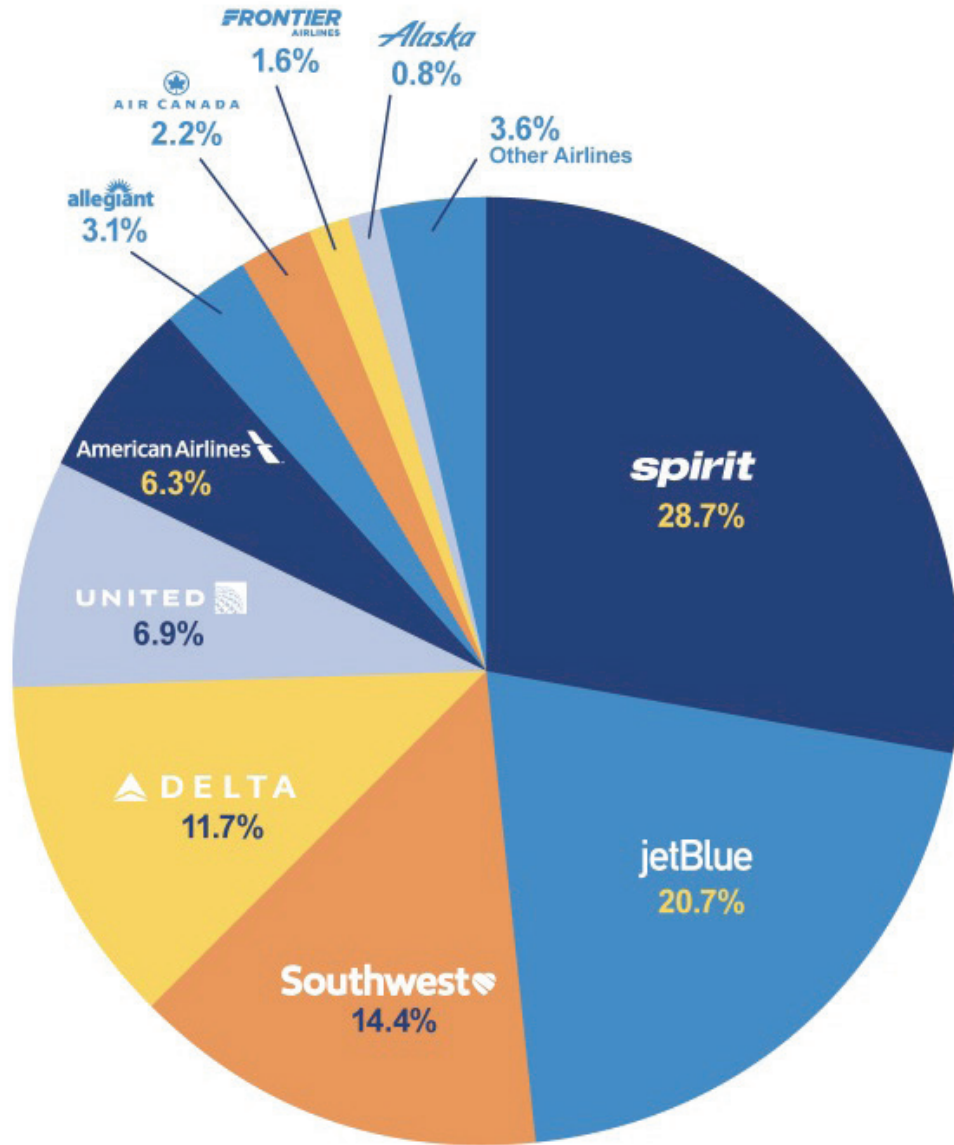
**DOWN 13.8%**  
OVER LAST YEAR

INTERNATIONAL  
TRAFFIC  
**662,898**

**UP 46%**  
OVER  
LAST  
YEAR







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