

SUBJECT:	April 7, 2022, SAA Special Board Meeting
FROM:	Tim Rogers and Shelli Swanson
то:	SAA Board of Directors
DATE:	March 30, 2022

Enclosed are items for your review prior to the Wednesday, April 7, 2022, special meeting. Please note that the meeting will be held in the <u>first-floor conference room, Hangar 600, 2720 Arnold Ct</u>. A map showing the location of Hangar 600 is enclosed in your board meeting packet. The meeting is also available via the following GoToMeeting link.

#### https://meet.goto.com/587861061

The special board meeting will give me and air service consultant Gary Foss the opportunity to review the status of the SkyWest Airlines termination notice, Capitol Hill efforts to find solutions to the pilot shortage problem, and the air carriers that have expressed interest in replacing SkyWest. Discussion will focus on community options prior to the April 11 deadline for the submittal of air carrier proposals to the USDOT.

Enclosed are two documents that offer background information for the special board meeting. First is a summary of the Essential Air Service (EAS) Program air carriers. The slide deck confirms that there is a limited number of air carriers, other than SkyWest Airlines, that offer comparable regional jet service.

Second, is the SLN True Market Study that Gary has been using to educate interested replacement air carriers about the SLN market.

Please contact us if you have any questions or comments.

#### SALINA AIRPORT AUTHORITY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING Hangar H600, First Floor Conference Room 2720 Arnold Court

#### April 7, 2022 – 8:00 AM

#### AGENDA

#### Call to Order: (Buer)

- 1. Call to order, determine that a quorum is present and confirm that the meeting notice has been published. (Buer)
- 2. Recognition of guests. (Buer)
- 3. Additions to the agenda and agenda overview. (Rogers)

#### Action Items: (Buer)

4. An update on the status of the SkyWest Airlines termination notice and consideration of community options for the selection of a replacement air carrier. (Rogers and Foss)

#### **Directors' Forum:** (Buer)

#### Visitor's Questions and Comments: (Buer)

Staff Reports: (Rogers)

Announcements: (Windhorst)

Adjournment: (Buer)







Prepared March 2022

#### **EAS Regional Operator Overview**

Salina Regional Airport



## EAS Operator Fleet Overview

12 airlines are active in the Essential Air Service (EAS) program. Aside from SkyWest, only Key Lime (Denver Air Connection) and Contour operate jets. Contour will only participate in the AEAS program

#### **EAS Operator Fleet Overview**

Carrier	Equipment	Equipment Type	Seats	Quantity	Total Fleet Size	# EAS Awards	Commercial Relationships			
	E-175	Jet	70-76	211			Full codeshare/branded			
SkyWest Airlines	CRJ900	Jet	70-76	44*	509*	30	agreements with American,			
(minus United flying)	CRJ700	Jet	65-70	114*	309	(does not include United flying)	Delta, United, Alaska			
	CRJ200	Jet	50	140*		onnou nying)	Della, Officeu, Alaska			
	Cessna 402	Twin Engine Prop	9	70			Codeshare agreements with			
Cape Air	Tecnam Traveller	Twin Engine Prop	11	26	100	18	American, Delta, United,			
	Britten-Norman Islander	Twin Engine Prop	9	4			Alaska, JetBlue			
	Cessna 208	Single Engine Prop	9	30			Interline agreements with			
Southern Airways Express	Piper PA-31	Twin Engine Prop	7	2	33	9	American, United, Alaska			
	Cessna Citation	Jet	6-8	1			American, Onited, Alaska			
Contour Airlines	ERJ-145	Jet	30	10	10	9 <b>(AEAS)</b>	Interline agreement with American			
	Pilatus	Single Engine Turbenren	8	26			Codeshare agreement with			
Boutique Air	King Air 300	Single Engine Turboprop Twin Engine Turboprop	о 9	20	31	7	United in connecting			
Boulique All	0	Twin Engine Turboprop	9 7	2	51	31	31	51	1	markets and interline with
	Piaggio Avanti	Twin Engine Turboprop	1	2			American			
	Fairchild Swearingen	Twin Engine Turboprop	9	17						
	Dornier 328JET	Jet	30	7			Interline agreement with			
Denver Air Connection	ERJ-145	Jet	Jet 50 3 30 7		7	United. Interline agreement				
	Fairchild Metro	Twin Engine Turboprop	9	2			with American in process			
	EMB-120	Twin Engine Turboprop	30	30						
	E-175	Jet	76	98			Subaidiant of American			
American Eagle (Envoy Air)	ERJ-145	Jet	66	57	163	4	Subsidiary of American Airlines			
	E-170	Jet	50	8			Amines			
Advanced Air	Super King Air 350	Twin Engine Turboprop	9	7	7	2	No noteable commercial relationships			
	Cessna Grand Caravan	Single Engine Prop	8	<u> </u>	<u>^</u>		No noteable commercial			
Air Choice One	Beechcraft 1900C	Twin Engine Turboprop	9	9	9	1	relationships			
United Airlines (CommutAir)	ERJ-145	Jet	50	79	79	1	Full codeshare/branded agreements with United			
United Airlines (GoJet)	CRJ-550	Jet	50	52	52	1	Full codeshare/branded agreements with United			
							Codeshare agreements with			
	ATR 42-600	Twin Engine Turboprop	46	8			American, Delta, United,			
Silver Airways	ATR 72-600	Twin Engine Turboprop	70	4	16	0	JetBlue. Interline agreement			
	Saab 340	Twin Engine Turboprop	34	4			with Alaska			



## Cape Air Operations

Cape Air operates in the northeast at BOS, in the Northwest out of BIL; the Midwest out of STL; and the Caribbean out of SJU – a total of 36 destinations







## Southern Airways Express Operations

Southern Airways operates primarily in the Northeast and Hawaii (Mokulele not shown), but also has service out of major hubs DEN, LAX and DFW. It flies to 39 destinations

#### **Overview of Southern Airways Express Operations**



Including non-EAS routes, Excluding Hawaii Routes



## Contour Airlines Operations

Contour operates at major hubs BWI, DFW and PHX, flying to a total of 16 destinations. Most of its flying is done out of BNA

#### **Overview of Contour Airlines Operations**

Including non-EAS routes





## Boutique Air Operations

## Boutique codeshares with United and operates 18 destinations nationwide

Overview of Boutique Air Operations Including non-EAS routes





## Denver Air Operations

Denver Air Connection interlines with United connecting at DEN and ORD. They serve 12 destinations

#### Overview of Denver Air Connection Operations Including non-EAS routes





## Advanced Air Operations

Advanced Air operates point-to-point service across 10 destinations in CA and across the Southwest United States

#### Overview of Advanced Air Operations Including non-EAS routes

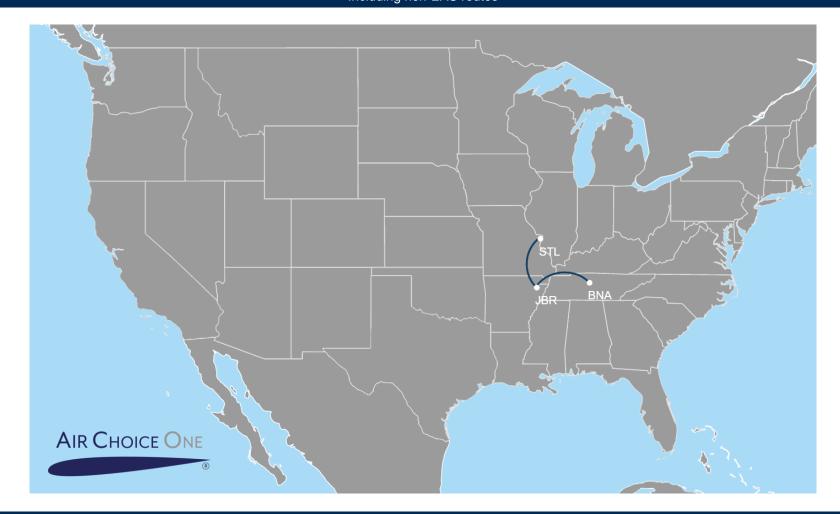




## Air Choice One Operations

Air Choice One flies scheduled service to just 3 destinations – STL, JBR and BNA

#### Overview of Air Choice One Operations Including non-EAS routes





## Silver Airways Operations

## Silver operates hubs at FLL, MCO, TPA and SJU to 28 destinations in the South and the Caribbean

#### **Overview of Silver Airways Operations**

Including non-EAS routes





# Thank you!



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## Overview of EAS Awards by Carrier Domestic 48 Only, Excluding SkyWest Airlines

2021-09-13 Dec 31	-13 Dec 31, 2	31, 2025
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2021-02-10 Jan 31	-10 Jan 31, 2	31, 2023
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State	Airport	Community	Destination	Operator	Aircraft	Maximum Seats	Docket	Order	Expires
AR	Jonesboro Municipal Airport	Jonesboro	Nashville (BNA)	Air Choice One	Cessna Caravan	9	1997-2935	2021-12-21	Feb 28, 2026
AR	Jonesboro Municipal Airport	Jonesboro	St. Louis (STL)	Air Choice One	Cessna Caravan	9	1997-2935	2021-12-21	Feb 28, 2026

State	Airport	Community	Destination	Operator	Aircraft	Maximum Seats Docket	Order	Expires
IA	Waterloo Regional Airport	Waterloo	Chicago-O'Hare (ORD)	American	ERJ-145	50 2011-0132	2022-01-16	Apr 30, 2024
KS	Garden City Regional Airport	Garden City	Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW)	American	ERJ-145	45 1998-3503	2020-06-11	Jul 31, 2022
NE	Central Nebraska Regional Airport	Grand Island	Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW)	American	ERJ-145	50 2002-1398	3 2021-03-09	Jun 30, 2023
NY	Watertown International Airport	Watertown	Philadelphia (PHL)	American	ERJ-145	50 2013-0188	2021-12-04	Jan 31, 2024

State	Airport	Community	Destination	Operator	Aircraft	Maximum Seats	Docket	Order	Expires
AZ	Show Low Regional Airport	Show Low	Phoenix (PHX)	Boutique Air	Pilatus	8	1998-4409	2018-05-05	Jun 30, 2022
CO	Cortez Municipal Airport	Cortez	Denver (DEN)	Boutique Air	Pilatus	8	1998-3508	2018-08-01	Sep 30, 2022
CO	Cortez Municipal Airport	Cortez	Phoenix (PHX)	Boutique Air	Pilatus	8	1998-3508	2018-08-01	Sep 30, 2022
NM	Cavern City Air Terminal	Carlsbad	Albuquerque (ABQ)	Boutique Air	Pilatus	8/9	2002-12802	2021-03-11	May 31, 2025
NM	Cavern City Air Terminal	Carlsbad	Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW)	Boutique Air	Pilatus	8/9	2002-12802	2021-03-11	May 31, 2025
NY	Massena International Airport	Massena	Baltimore/Washington (BWI)	Boutique Air	Pilatus	8/9	2012-0163	2021-03-21	Mar 31, 2023
NY	Massena International Airport	Massena	Boston (BOS)	Boutique Air	Pilatus				Mar 31, 2023
OR	Eastern Oregon Regional Airport	Pendleton	Portland (PDX)	Boutique Air	Pilatus	8/9	2004-19934	2018-11-04	Dec 31, 2022
PA	Altoona–Blair County Airport	Altoona	Baltimore/Washington (BWI)	Boutique Air	Pilatus	8/9	2002-11446	2020-09-07	Dec 31, 2022
PA	Altoona–Blair County Airport	Altoona	Pittsburgh (PIT)	Boutique Air	Pilatus	8/9	2002-11446	2020-09-07	Dec 31, 2022
TN	McKellar–Sipes Regional Airport	Jackson	Atlanta (ATL)	Boutique Air	Pilatus	8/9	2000-7857	2021-03-19	May 31, 2023

State	Airport	Community	Destination	Operator	Aircraft	Maximum Seats	Docket	Order	Expires
IA	Southeast Iowa Regional Airport	Burlington	Chicago-O'Hare (ORD)	Cape Air	Tecnam Traveller	9	2001-8731	2021-11-09	Jan 31, 2026
IA	Southeast Iowa Regional Airport	Burlington	St. Louis (STL)	Cape Air	Tecnam Traveller	9	2001-8731	2021-11-09	Jan 31, 2026
IL	Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois	Marion / Herrin	Nashville (BNA)	Cape Air	Cessna / Tecnam Traveller	8/9	2000-7881	2021-09-22	Nov 30, 2023
IL	Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois	Marion / Herrin	St. Louis (STL)	Cape Air	Cessna / Tecnam Traveller	8/9	2000-7881	2021-09-22	Nov 30, 2023
IL	Quincy Regional Airport	Quincy, IL / Hannibal, MO	Chicago-O'Hare (ORD)	Cape Air	Tecnam Traveller	9	2002-14492	2019-10-13	Nov 30, 2025
IL	Quincy Regional Airport	Quincy, IL / Hannibal, MO	St. Louis (STL)	Cape Air	Tecnam Traveller	9	2002-14492	2019-10-13	Nov 30, 2025
KY	Owensboro–Daviess County Regional Airport	Owensboro	Nashville (BNA)	Cape Air	Tecnam Traveller	9	2000-7855	2021-11-08	Dec 31, 2023
KY	Owensboro–Daviess County Regional Airport	Owensboro	St. Louis (STL)	Cape Air	Tecnam Traveller	9	2000-7855	2021-11-08	Dec 31, 2023
ME	Augusta State Airport	Augusta / Waterville	Boston (BOS)	Cape Air	Cessna or Tecnam Traveller	9	1997-2784	2018-09-04	Oct 31, 2022
ME	Hancock County–Bar Harbor Airport	Bar Harbor	Boston (BOS)	Cape Air	Cessna or Tecnam Traveller	9	2011-0185	2020-09-22	Oct 14, 2024
ME	Knox County Regional Airport	Rockland	Boston (BOS)	Cape Air	Cessna or Tecnam Traveller		1997-2784	2018-09-04	Oct 31, 2022
MI	Manistee County Blacker Airport	Manistee / Ludington	Chicago-O'Hare (ORD)	Cape Air	Cessna or Tecnam Traveller		1996-1711	2020-07-04	Sep 30, 2022
MO	Kirksville Regional Airport	Kirksville	St. Louis (STL)	Cape Air	Cessna / Tecnam Traveller	9	1997-2515	2020-09-03	Sep 30, 2024
MT	Glasgow Valley County Airport	Glasgow	Billings (BIL)	Cape Air	Cessna / Tecnam Traveller	9	1997-2605	2019-10-11	Dec 31, 2023
MT	Dawson Community Airport	Glendive	Billings (BIL)	Cape Air	Cessna / Tecnam Traveller	9	1997-2605	2019-10-11	Dec 31, 2023
MT	Havre City–County Airport	Havre	Billings (BIL)	Cape Air	Cessna / Tecnam Traveller	9	1997-2605	2019-10-11	Dec 31, 2023
MT	Sidney–Richland Municipal Airport	Sidney	Billings (BIL)	Cape Air	Cessna / Tecnam Traveller	9	1997-2605	2019-10-11	Dec 31, 2023
MT	L. M. Clayton Airport	Wolf Point	Billings (BIL)	Cape Air	Cessna / Tecnam Traveller	9	1997-2605	2019-10-11	Dec 31, 2023
NH	Lebanon Municipal Airport	Lebanon, NH / White River Junction, VT	Boston (BOS)	Cape Air	Cessna / Tecnam Traveller	9	2003-14822	2018-09-14	Nov 30, 2022
NH	Lebanon Municipal Airport	Lebanon, NH / White River Junction, VT	White Plains (HPN)	Cape Air	Cessna / Tecnam Traveller	9	2003-14822	2018-09-14	Nov 30, 2022
NY	Adirondack Regional Airport	Saranac Lake / Lake Placid	Boston (BOS)	Cape Air	Cessna / Tecnam Traveller	9	2000-8025	2022-01-14	Feb 28, 2026
NY	Adirondack Regional Airport	Saranac Lake / Lake Placid	New York-JFK (JFK)	Cape Air	Cessna / Tecnam Traveller	9	2000-8025	2022-01-14	Feb 28, 2026
PR	Eugenio María de Hostos Airport	Mayagüez	San Juan (SJU)	Cape Air	Cessna / Britten-Norman Islander / Tecnam Traveller	8/9	2004-19622	2021-03-22	Apr 30, 2026
VT	Rutland–Southern Vermont Regional Airport	Rutland	Boston (BOS)	Cape Air	Cessna / Tecnam Traveller	9	2005-21681	2021-07-14	Oct 31, 2023



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AL	Muscle Shoals (AEAS)	Northwest Alabama Regional Airport	Charlotte (CLT)	Contour Airlines	Embraer ERJ-135	30	2000-7856	2022-01-21	Sep 30, 2024
AZ	Page (AEAS)	Page Municipal Airport	Phoenix (PHX)	Contour Airlines	Embraer ERJ-135				Sep 30, 2026
CA	Crescent City (AEAS)		Oakland (OAK)		Embraer ERJ-135				Sep 30, 2024
GA	Macon (AEAS)	Middle Georgia Regional Airport	Baltimore/Washington (BWI)	Contour Airlines	Embraer ERJ-135	30	2007-28671	2019-04-09	Sep 30, 2023
MS	Greenville (AEAS)	Greenville Mid-Delta Airport	Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW)	Contour Airlines	Embraer ERJ-135				Sep 30, 2025
MS	Greenville (AEAS)	Greenville Mid-Delta Airport	Nashville (BNA)	Contour Airlines	Embraer ERJ-135				Sep 30, 2025
MS	Tupelo (AEAS)	Tupelo Regional Airport	Nashville (BNA)	Contour Airlines	Embraer ERJ-135	30	2009-0305	2020-09-14	Sep 30, 2022
		Raleigh County Memorial Airport	Charlotte (CLT)	Contour Airlines	Embraer ERJ-135				Sep 30, 2025
WV	Parkersburg, WV / Marietta, OH (AEAS)	Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport	Charlotte (CLT)	Contour Airlines	Embraer ERJ-135	30	2005-20734	2021-09-07	Sep 30, 2025

State	Airport	Community	Destination	Operator	Aircraft	Maximum Seats	Docket	Order	Expires
MI	Gogebic–Iron County Airport	Ironwood, MI / Ashland, WI	Chicago-O'Hare (ORD)	Denver Air Connection	ERJ-145	50 <sup>·</sup>	1996-1266	2021-08-18	Sep 30, 2023
MI	Gogebic–Iron County Airport	Ironwood, MI / Ashland, WI	Minneapolis/Saint Paul (MSP)	Denver Air Connection	ERJ-145				Sep 30, 2023
MN	Thief River Falls Regional Airport	Thief River Falls	Minneapolis/Saint Paul (MSP)	Denver Air Connection	Dornier 328JET / ERJ-145	30/50	2001-10642	2022-02-21	May 31, 2027
NE	Alliance Municipal Airport	Alliance	Denver (DEN)	Denver Air Connection	Metroliner 23	9	2000-8322	2021-04-05	May 31, 2023
NE	McCook Ben Nelson Regional Airport	McCook	Denver (DEN)	Denver Air Connection	Metroliner 23				May 31, 2024
NM	Clovis Municipal Airport	Clovis	Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW)	Denver Air Connection	Dornier 328JET	30 '	1996-1902	2022-02-18	Apr 30, 2026
NM	Clovis Municipal Airport	Clovis	Denver (DEN)	Denver Air Connection	Dornier 328JET	30	1996-1902	2022-02-18	Apr 30, 2026
SD	Pierre Regional Airport	Pierre	Denver (DEN)	Denver Air Connection	ERJ-145	50	2011-0138	2019-04-07	May 31, 2023
SD	Watertown Regional Airport	Watertown	Chicago-O'Hare (ORD)	Denver Air Connection	ERJ-145				May 31, 2023
SD	Watertown Regional Airport	Watertown	Denver (DEN)	Denver Air Connection	ERJ-145	50	2001-10644	2021-04-07	May 31, 2023

State	Airport	Community	Destination	Operator	Aircraft	Maximum Seats	Docket	Order	Expires
AR	South Arkansas Regional Airport at Goodwin Field	El Dorado / Camden	Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW)	Southern Airways Express	Cessna Caravan	9	1997-2935	2021-02-02	Feb 28, 2023
AR	South Arkansas Regional Airport at Goodwin Field	El Dorado / Camden	Memphis (MEM)	Southern Airways Express	Pilatus	8	1997-2935	2021-02-02	Feb 28, 2023
AR	Boone County Airport	Harrison	Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW)	Southern Airways Express	Cessna Caravan				Feb 28, 2023
AR	Memorial Field Airport	Hot Springs	Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW)	Southern Airways Express	Cessna Caravan	9	1997-2935	2021-02-02	Feb 28, 2023
AR	Memorial Field Airport	Hot Springs	Memphis (MEM)	Southern Airways Express	Pilatus	8	1997-2935	2021-02-02	Feb 28, 2023
CA	Imperial County Airport	El Centro	Los Angeles (LAX)	Southern Airways Express	Cessna Caravan	9	2008-0299	2022-02-19	Apr 30, 2026
NE	Chadron Municipal Airport	Chadron	Denver (DEN)	Southern Airways Express	Beechcraft King Air 200	9	2000-8322	2021-04-06	May 31, 2023
PA	Bradford Regional Airport	Bradford	Pittsburgh (PIT)	Southern Airways Express	Cessna Caravan	9	2003-14528	2020-10-10	Oct 31, 2022
PA	Bradford Regional Airport	Bradford	Washington-Dulles (IAD)	Southern Airways Express	Cessna Caravan	9	2003-14528	2020-10-10	Oct 31, 2022
PA	DuBois Regional Airport	DuBois	Pittsburgh (PIT)	Southern Airways Express	Cessna Caravan	9	2004-17617	2020-12-03	Oct 31, 2024
PA	DuBois Regional Airport	DuBois	Washington-Dulles (IAD)	Southern Airways Express	Cessna Caravan	9	2004-17617	2020-12-03	Oct 31, 2024
PA	Lancaster Airport	Lancaster	Pittsburgh (PIT)	Southern Airways Express	Cessna Caravan	9	2002-11450	2021-10-13	Dec 31, 2025
PA	Lancaster Airport	Lancaster	Washington-Dulles (IAD)	Southern Airways Express	Cessna Caravan	9	2002-11450	2021-10-13	Dec 31, 2025
WV	Morgantown Municipal Airport	Morgantown	Pittsburgh (PIT)	Southern Airways Express	Cessna Caravan	9	2005-20735	2020-12-03	Oct 31, 2024
WV	Morgantown Municipal Airport	Morgantown	Washington-Dulles (IAD)	Southern Airways Express	Cessna Caravan	9	2005-20735	2020-12-03	Oct 31, 2024



## At a Glance

Supported by an enthusiastic community and bustling industrial business center, Salina is one of the most improved EAS markets vs 2019 and a Top 10 producer

#### SLN at a Glance

- → Traffic at SLN is ahead of 2019 by around 20% despite capacity being down a third
- → SLN has spent close to \$375k marketing its jet service through the pandemic over the last three years
  - SLN's digital media campaign alone generated over 9M impressions in 2021 and an estimated 25,000 bookings



- Area Overview
- → Air Service Market
- → True Market
- → Going Forward
- ✤ Questions and Discussion





## **Area Overview**

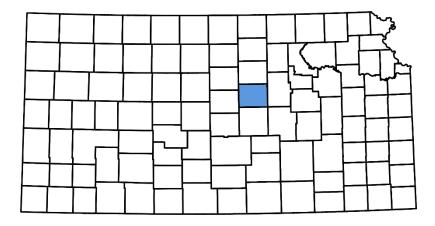




## Key Demographics

Salina is 85 miles southeast from the geographic center of the United States, at the crossroads of I-70 and I-135

Saline County – Key Demographics



The location of the Salina MSA (shown in blue) within the state of Kansas

Population	54,303
Square Miles	720.2
Population per Square Mile	75.4
Median Age	38.6
Per Capita Income	\$28,813
Number of Households	21,959
Median Household Income	\$52,200

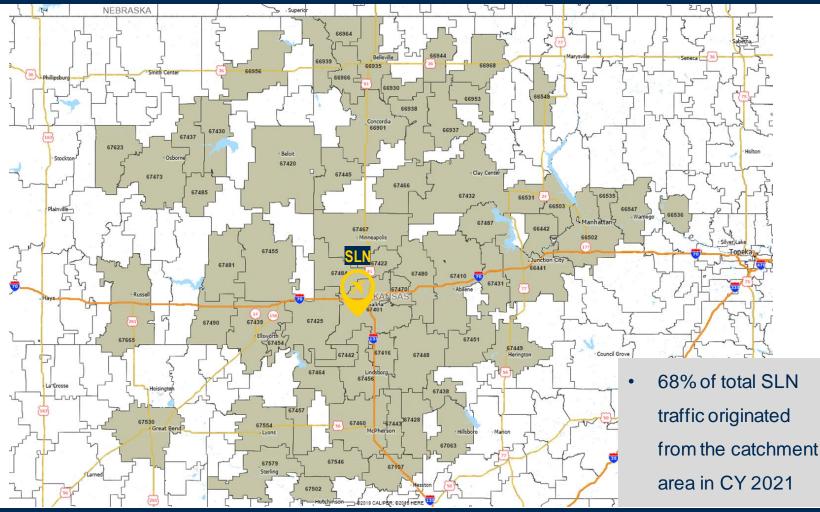


## SLN Catchment Area

SLN's catchment area includes 67 zip codes with a combined population of approximately 321,000. It includes Manhattan, KS with only service to DFW and ORD

#### **Catchment Area – Contours**

Calendar Year 2021



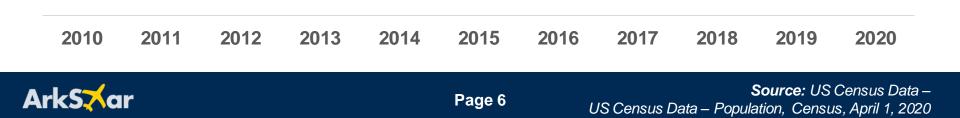


**Population** 

Saline County's population has been relatively stable

Saline County – Population, 2010-2020

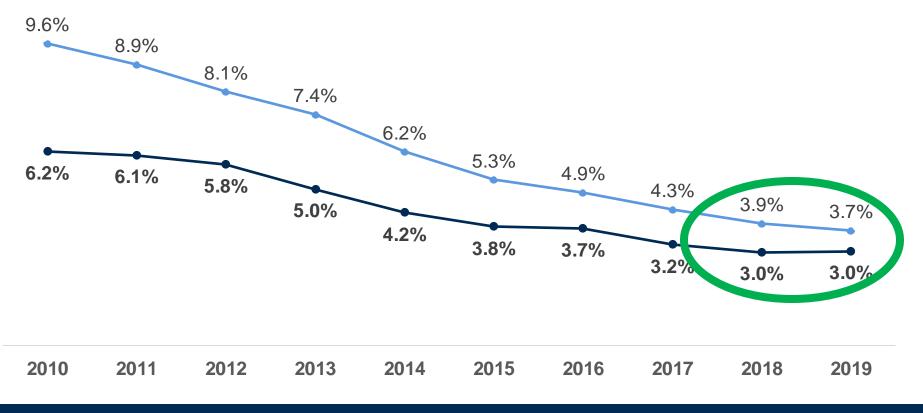




Employment

Saline County enjoys a lower unemployment rate than the nation at large and is at full employment by many economists' measures

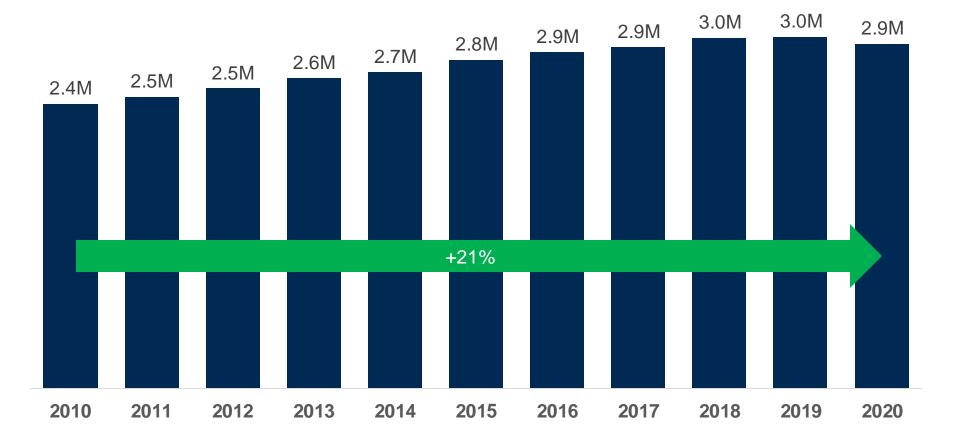
Saline County vs. National Average – Unemployment Rate, 2020-2019



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## Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

#### Saline County – Gross Domestic Product (All Industries), 2010-2020 Thousands of Chained 2012 Dollars



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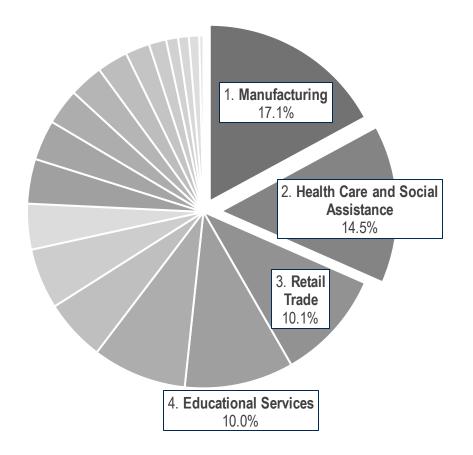
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Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

### Employment

Manufacturing, Health Care, Retail Trade and Education account for 52% of all Saline County employment

#### Saline County – Civilian Employment by Industry



5. Accommodation and Food Service	8.6%						
6. Other Services	5.7%						
7. Construction	5.6%						
8. Public Administration	4.2%						
9. Professional, Scientific and Technical Services $4.1\%$							
10. Finance and Insurance	3.7%						
11. Transportation and Warehousing	3.3%						
12. Waste Management Services	3.1%						
13. Wholesale Trade	2.8%						
14. Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	2.2%						
15. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1.6%						
16. Real Estate and Rental	1.1%						
17. Utilities	1.0%						
18. Information	1.0%						
19. Mining, Quarrying, Oil and Gas Extraction	0.4%						



## **Top Employers**

These four categories are concentrated at the largest employers, to include a number with international travel

Saline County – Top Employers



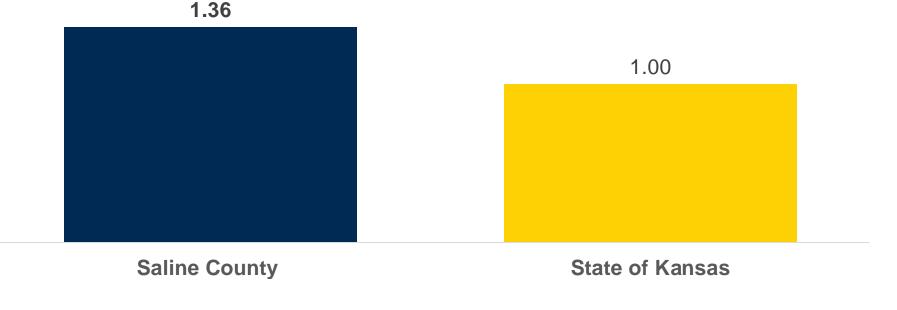


### **Trade Pull Factor**

Underscoring Salina's role as an outsized regional center for trade, Saline County has the fifth highest Trade Pull Factor of the 105 counties of Kansas

Saline County vs. State of Kansas – Trade Pull Factor FY 2021

- → Trade Pull Factors measure the relative strength of a city's ability to attract retail shoppers
- → A Trade Pull Factor greater than 1 means that non-residents of Saline County spend more within Saline County than Saline County residents spend outside of the county
- → Saline County was 36% higher than the average Kansas county in FY 2021



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## **Air Service Market**





## **Airport Overview**

SLN is a part 139 airport with one of the longest runways in the country, making it an attractive mid-continent fuel stop

#### The Salina Regional Airport

→ Because of the airport's heritage as a former Air Force Base and its central location, the airport has four runways and has been converted into an industrial center



The Salina Regional Airport from above

→ The longest, at 12,300', was instrumental in its selection by pilot and adventurer Steve Fossett to be the starting and end point of the first solo "Around the World Fixed Wing Flight" in 2005



Steve Fossett and Sir Richard Branson celebrate at SLN after the former's successful around-the-world flight



Steve Fossett Plaza – a monument to the late record-breaking pioneer – overlooking SLN

- → Given its geography and infrastructure, many corporate and private jets stop to refuel and allow their passengers a break
- → It will be the only airport in the region when MHK closes for runway construction May – July 2023



## Military / Industrial Center

Over 100 businesses and the Kansas State School of Aeronautics are located on the airport

#### Salina's Industrial, Military and Governmental Activities

- → The Center hosts over 100 businesses accounting for 7,005 Saline County jobs, or 17.6% of total county employment
- → With an average salary of \$58k, these are high paying jobs that will continue to generate additional commercial demand for SLN



An aerial view of the sprawling Salina Airport Industrial Center

→ The total economic impact of the Center is \$1,297,934,889, or 42% of Saline County GRP  SLN is the home airport for the nearby Kansas Air National Guard's Smoky Hill Weapons Range which trains US Military forces from all branches



A B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber dropping 500-lb practice bombs over Smoky Hill Bombing Range

 The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) conduct seasonal operations at the airport



## Engineering/ Maintenance Center

1 Vision, a Part 145 Maintenance Repair Organization (MRO) – is situated at SLN. The National Institute for Aviation Research (NIAR) is requesting \$15M to modify 12 777-300s per year at SLN

#### SLN as an Engineering and Maintenance Center

- → SLN is sought after due to its a central location and talented labor pool of aviation mechanics courtesy of the strong military presence in the area
- → 1 Vision works on many fleet types and is certified for avionics, airframe, GPS and routine maintenance
- → It has contracts with Delta and SkyWest, for whom it maintains CRJ-900 aircraft, among others



1 Vision's SLN maintenance base, with Delta CRJs parked



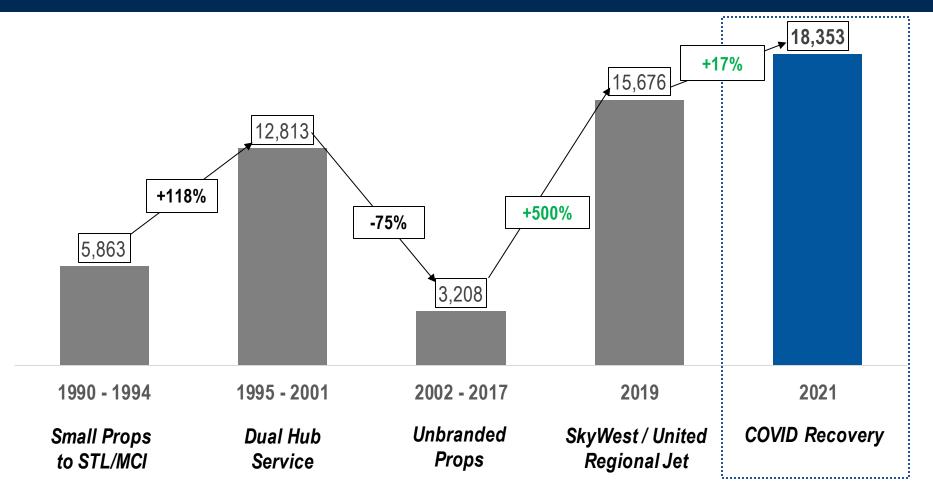
- NIAR was established at Wichita State University in 1985 in an effort to increase research and development capabilities, particularly in Kansas
- → It provides research, design, testing, certification and training to the aviation manufacturing industries and government agencies including the Department of Defense
- NIAR has a \$190 million annual budget, a staff of 1,000, and 1.6M square feet of laboratory and office space in six locations across the city of Wichita
- → NIAR has submitted plans to modify 12 777-300s from passenger configuration to freighter per year at SLN
- NIAR's SLN footprint would include two hangars totaling 177k square feet



Despite pandemic-related challenges, Salina enplaned 17% more passengers in 2021 than in 2019, a record that goes back 43 years to 1979

## Air Service History

#### Average Annual Outbound Enplanements by Era of Service at SLN

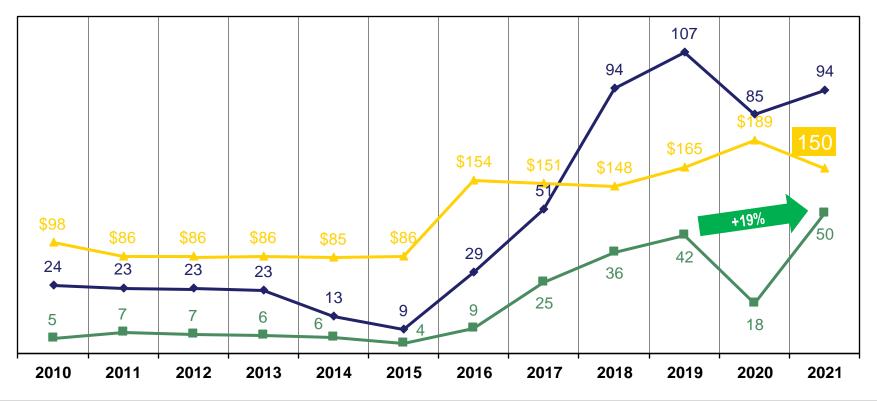






----Scheduled Seats Daily Each Way (SDEW) ---- Passengers Daily Each Way (PDEW)

Average Domestic Fare (Fared Fare)



\*Average Domestic Fare for 2021 is a weighted average of Q1 through Q3, as Q4 data is not yet available

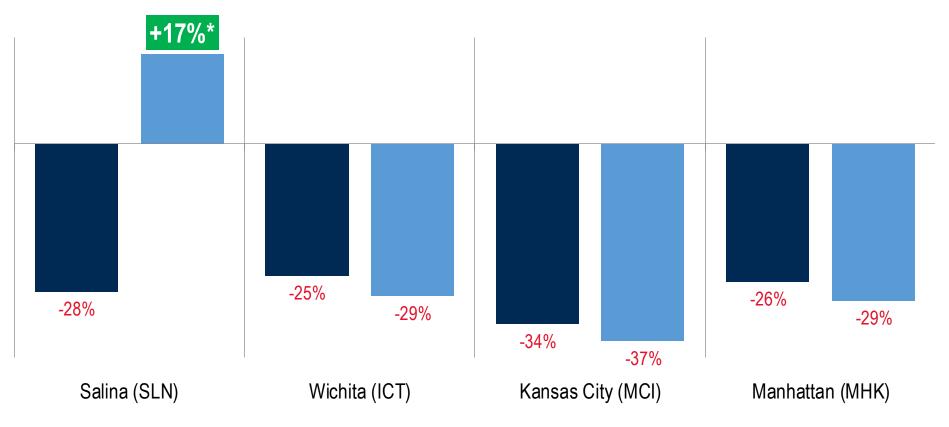


## Competitor Airports

While 2021 capacity was reduced similarly at ICT, MCI and MHK, traffic plummeted at the others versus 2019 - underscoring the strength of the Salina marketing strategy

Capacity and Traffic vs. ICT, MCI and MHK January through October 2019, vs. January through October 2021

Difference in Operated Seats vs. 2019
Difference in Enplaned Passengers vs. 2019

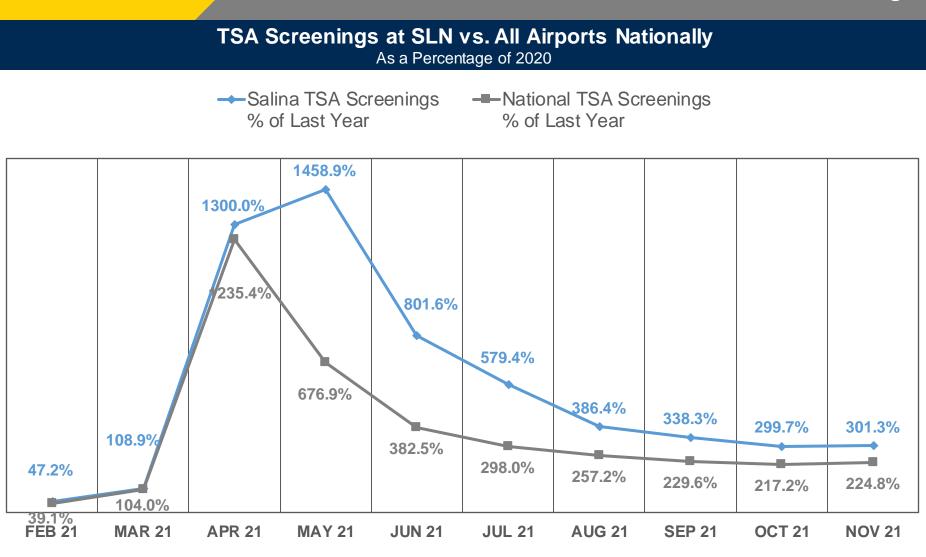


\*Note: SLN enplanement figures are for the full year, as data is available and ties to prior slide.



### **Traffic Recovery**

SLN is likewise outperforming airports across the country as traffic has returned at a faster rate than the national average

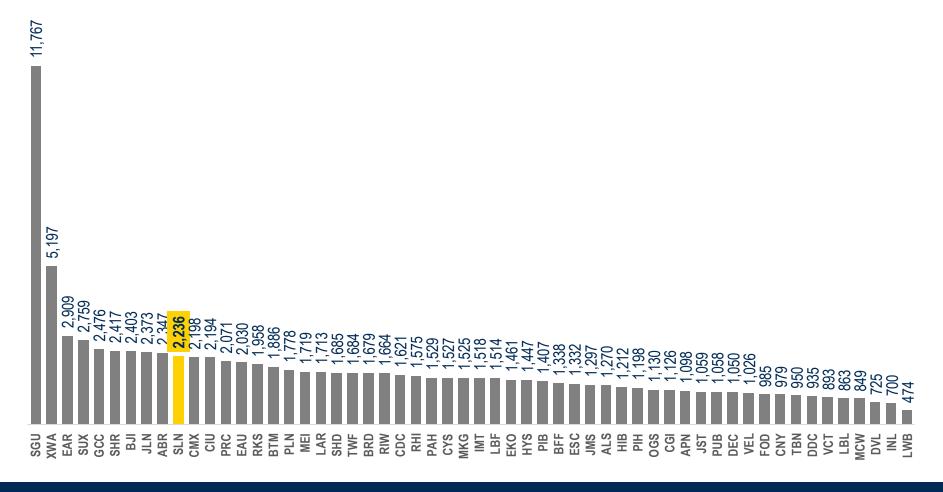




### **Traffic Context**

In December 2021, SLN was 10<sup>th</sup> of the 57 prorate markets shown in traffic production and the 9<sup>th</sup> most improved versus 2019, placing it in the first quartile for both metrics

December 2021 TSA Throughput in SkyWest Prorate Markets Where SkyWest is the Sole Operator as of February 2022

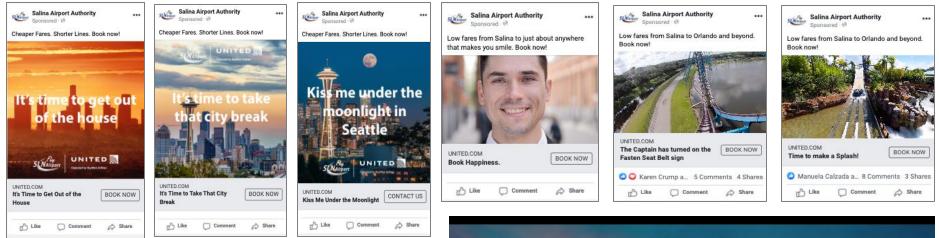


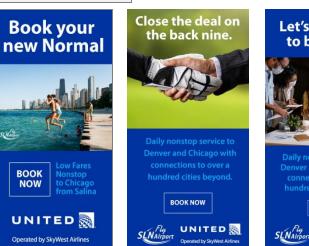
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## Promoting Jet Service

#### SLN has spent close to \$375k marketing jet service over the last three years

#### A Selection of SLN Media April 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021









Daily nonstop service to Denver and Chicago with connections to over a hundred cities beyond.

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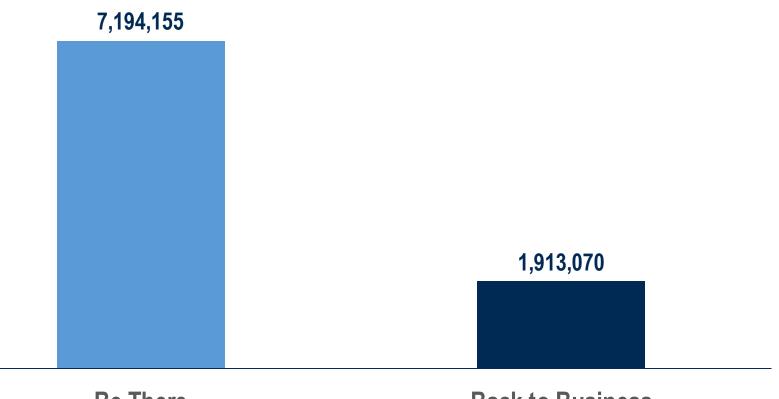






A media campaign that ran from April till year end generated 9.1 MM impressions throughout the Salina area

Media Campaign Performance – Impressions by Campaign April 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021



**Be There** 

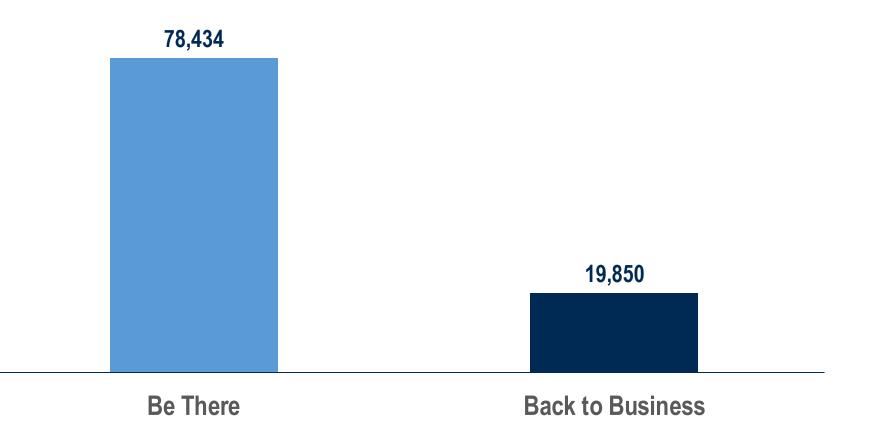
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...with 98k click-throughs to united.com. If just one out of every four made a purchase, this would have resulted in roughly 25,000 bookings

Media Campaign Performance – Click-Throughs by Campaign April 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

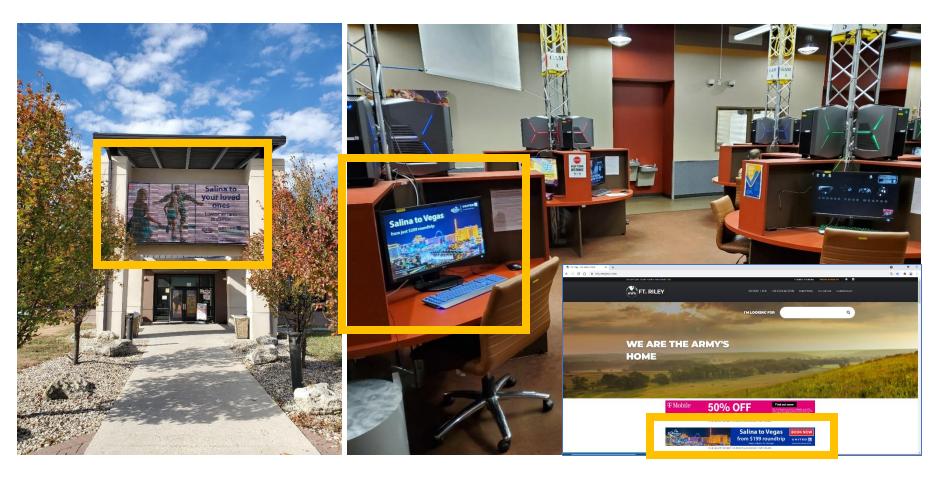




## Promoting Jet Service

A creative approach to marketing is through the military's Morale, Welfare and Recreation centers for soldiers and their families. This is an example from Fort Riley

A Selection of SLN Media at US Army Base Fort Riley April 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021





# Let's get reunited, world.





## **True Market**





## Catchment Area Airport Usage

The catchment area generated 550 passengers per day each way, or 401,603 passengers in 2021, departing from 7 airports.

Catchment Area – Airport Usage – Passengers per Day Each Way (PDEW) Calendar Year 2021

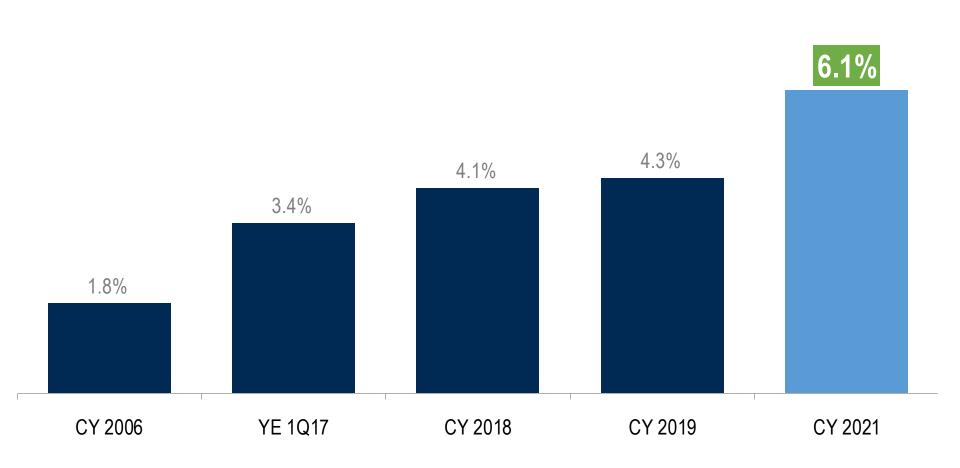




#### Source: Airlines Reporting Corporation (ARC)

## "Claw-back" Report

#### Catchment Area – Capture Rates 2006 - 2021





## Catchment Area Airport Usage

#### Catchment Area – Airport Usage Breakdown Calendar Year 2021

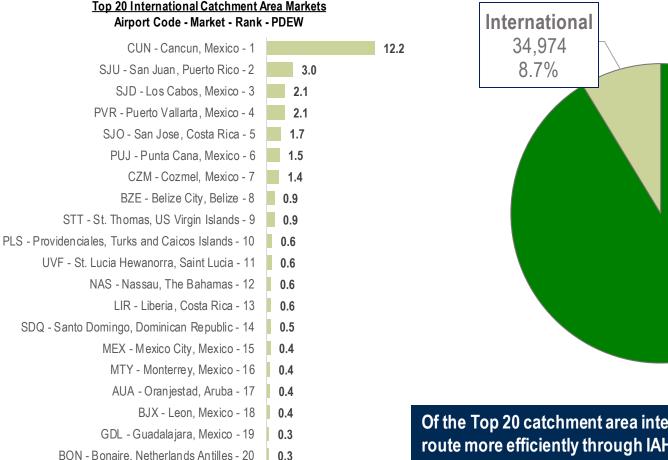
## → 32% of SLN traffic, or 12,051 passengers originated from ZIP codes outside of the airport catchment area

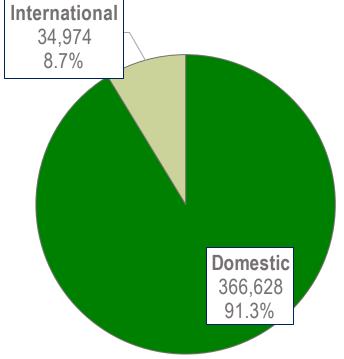
Rank	Airport	Annual Passengers	PDEW	2021 Share	2019 Share
1	Kansas City (MCI)	188,502	258.2	47%	46%
2	Wichita Eisenhower (ICT)	116,941	160.2	29%	35%
3	Manhattan (MHK)	61,020	83.6	15%	10%
4	Salina (SLN)	▶ 24,344	33.3	6%	4%
5	Denver (DEN)	6,549	9.0	2%	3.5%
6	Hays (HYS)	2,304	3.2	1%	0.5%
7	Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW)	1,942	2.7	0.5%	0.2%
	Grand Total	401,603	550.1		



## Salina Area Traffic US/Int'l

#### Catchment Area Traffic – Domestic/International Split Calendar Year 2021





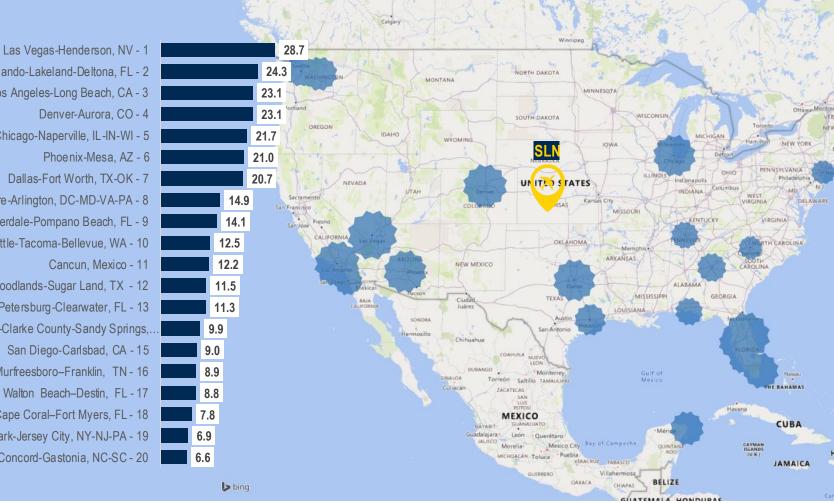
Of the Top 20 catchment area international markets, 18 would route more efficiently through IAH than DEN or ORD

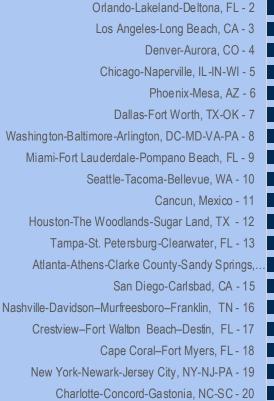


#### **Salina Area Top 20 Markets**

The top 5 markets for traffic residing in SLN's catchment area were Las Vegas, Orlando, Los Angeles Basin, Denver and Chicago

#### **Catchment Area** Traffic – Top 20 Markets





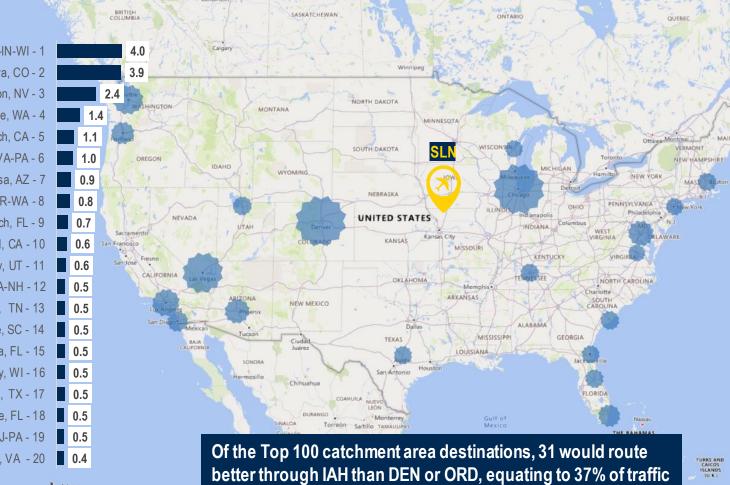
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## Salina Area Top Markets Captured

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SLN captured four out of these five as top markets - - Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Denver and Chicago only not capturing Orlando to any great degree

#### **SLN** Traffic – Top 20 Markets



Mexico City Bay of Campeche



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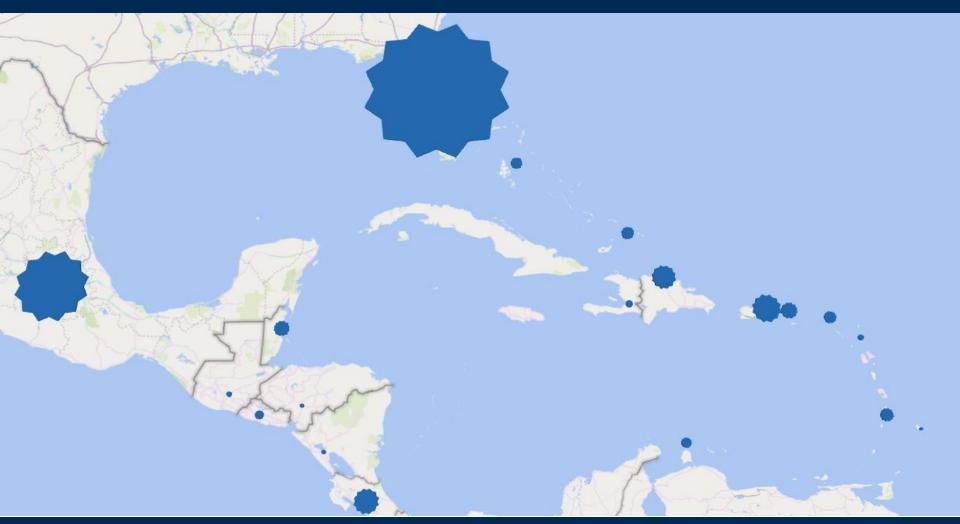
Source: Airline Data Inc. – Census Data

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## Catchment Area Traffic South

89 catchment area PDEW flew to Florida, while 34 passengers flew to the Caribbean, Latin America or South America

**Catchment Area Traffic – Florida and Latin America** 

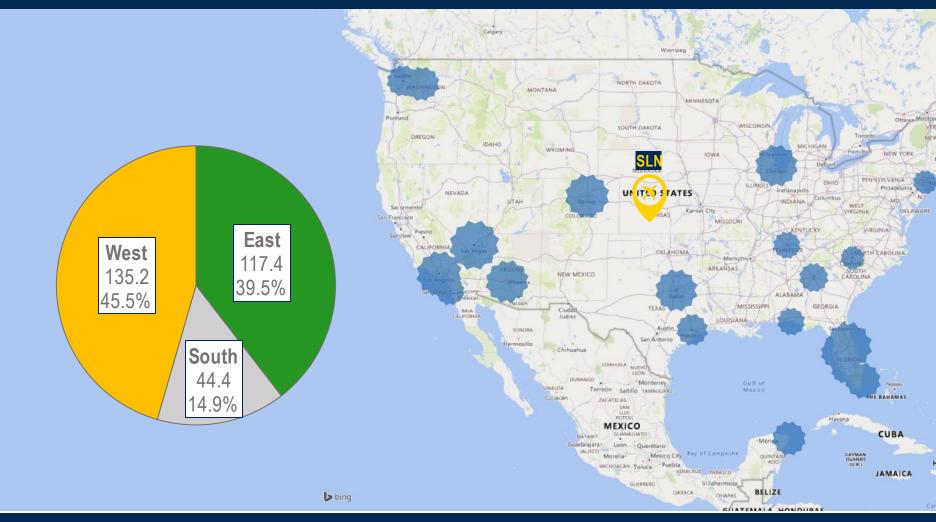




#### Salina Area Traffic Direction

46% of the catchment area's Top 20 Market traffic was westbound, while 40% was eastbound

#### **Catchment Area** Traffic – Top 20 Markets – Directional Split



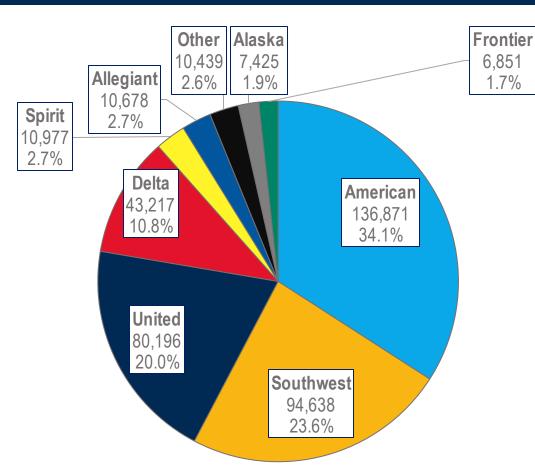


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## Catchment Area Airline Share

American is capturing the largest share of catchment area traffic by some margin due to its dominance at nearby MHK and ICT airports, along with a large share of capacity at MCI

Catchment Area Traffic – Market Share by Airline



Calendar Year 2021





## **Salina Tomorrow**

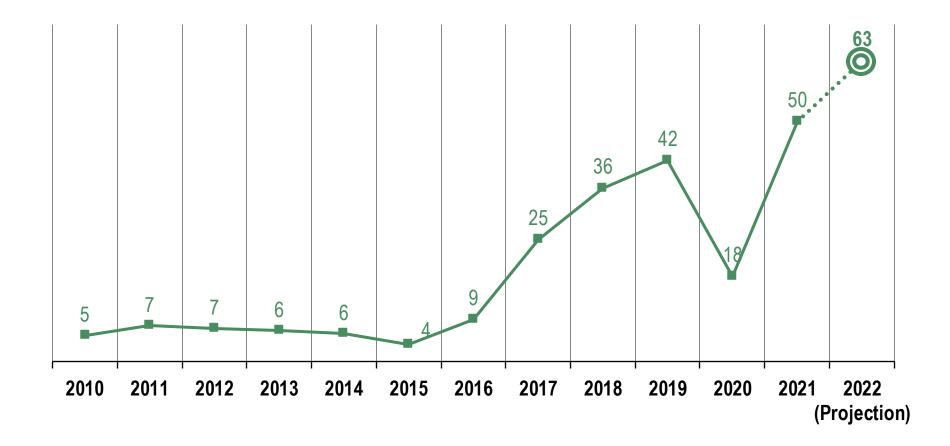




With the return of business traffic and aggressive marketing, we projected 2022 to generate 62.5 passengers per day each way or a 63% load factor for SkyWest prior to their announcement to pull out of the market

#### **2022 Projection**

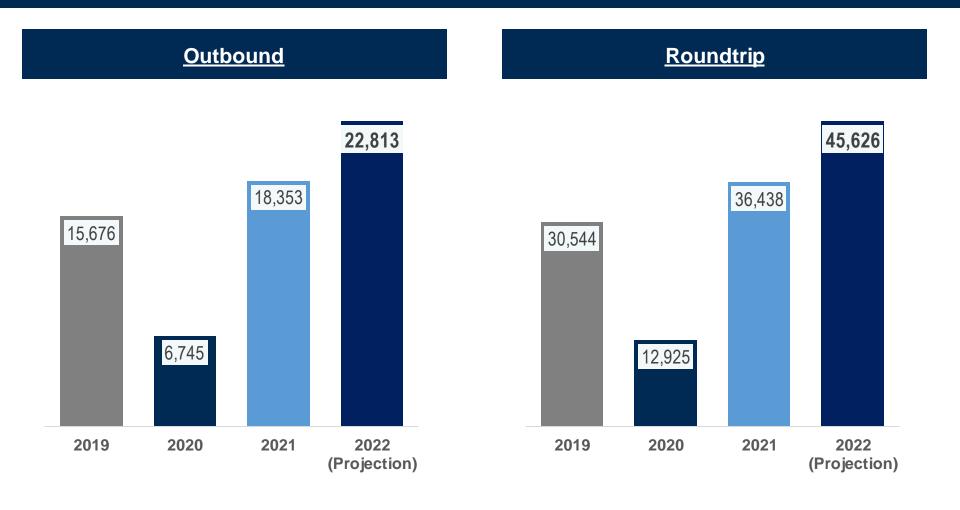
2022 Projection of SLN Passengers per Day Each Way, Proir to Pullout





**2022 Projection** 

#### 2022 Projection of Outbound and Roundtrip Enplanements, Prior to Pullout





Source: Airline Data Inc. – Census Data

#### **Going Forward**

#### **2022 Opportunities**

- A new operator presents new opportunities, and a means to offer a more unique product relative to other nearby competitor airports
- Prepare for return of business traffic
  - Ensure high awareness of discount and loyalty programs of the new operator, or the new operator's commercial partners
  - Push said programs amongst local international producers, such as CJ Foods of Korea (Tony's and Red Baron's frozen Pizza) and Kubota/Great Plains
- Capitalize on Fort Riley soldier's personal travel through aggressive on-base advertising
- **Produce a brand new 2022 media campaign in conjunction with our new operator** 
  - More B-2-B ads as the business market returns
  - More top producing Google Search and Facebook video ads



#### **Discussion**



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