

**For Immediate Release**   **November 14, 2024**

**Tucson International Airport Ranked #1 for Seat Capacity Growth**

Tucson, Arizona – Tucson International Airport (TUS) ranks as the #1 airport for seat capacity growth among the top 30 airports in the western United States during the upcoming holiday season, leading with a 16.8% year-over-year growth rate during the 10-day period around Thanksgiving.

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| **Seat Capacity Growth** | **Thanksgiving 2024 vs. 2023** |
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| **TUS** | **16.8%** |
| Burbank, CA | 14.8% |
| San Francisco | 13.7% |
| Reno | 12.2% |
| San Jose | 12.2% |
| Sacramento | 11.2% |
| Phoenix | 10.6% |
| Portland, OR | 10.4% |
| Fresno | 8.5% |
| Ontario. CA | 8.1% |
| Colorado Springs, CO | 7.3% |
| San Diego | 7.0% |
| Boise  | 7.0% |
| Denver | 5.5% |
| Salt Lake City | 5.4% |

November marks a traditionally busy time for air travel and TUS expects 11% more travelers flying through TUS this Thanksgiving season, with roughly 137,000 passengers using the airport over the 10-day holiday travel period (Nov. 23- Dec. 2). December 1st will be the peak travel day with a projected 15,600 travelers and 69 daily departures.

Strong community support, by flying local has helped TUS attract larger aircraft and more flight availability to meet the needs of Southern Arizona.

**Tucson International Airport (TUS)**
TUS represents 1.5 million Southern Arizona residents. With more than 135,400 landings and takeoffs annually, TUS serves commercial carriers, military, business and general aviation. TUS offers nonstops and convenient one-stop connections to more than 400 cities around the world. Located in the heart of the Sonoran Desert, Tucson is the top destination to explore outdoor adventures and to experience a rich tapestry of flavors, culture and traditions.

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TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY: The Tucson Airport Authority (TAA) is an independent, non-profit organization with the responsibility to operate, manage and develop Tucson International Airport (TUS) and Ryan Airfield (RYN). The TAA receives **no local tax dollars**. It sustains operations from airport-generated revenues, like concessions, leases, and landing fees. The TAA invests millions each year in **safety, security, and customer service** for the benefit of travelers, tenants, employees, and the entire Southern Arizona region. The airport system **supports nearly 46,000 jobs** and contributes to more than **$8.3 billion in economic activity**.