

# AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY REPORT

**GLOBAL BUSINESS AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY**

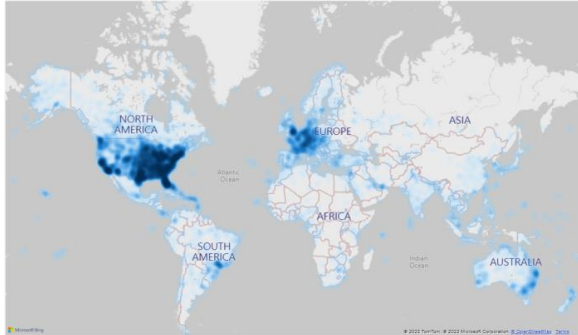
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**GLOBAL FLIGHT ACTIVITY REMAINS STRONG IN MARCH BUT IS STILL DOWN FROM 2022.** Global flight activity recorded an activity decrease of 4.8% from March 2022, while monthly activity increased 14.1% from February 2023. The North American market reported a 5.8% yearly decrease in activity from March 2022 but was up 14.6% from February 2023. Across the pond, the European market remains the same, down 13.6% from March 2022.



March 2023 Global Activity Heat Map

## NEXT MONTH'S FORECAST

Looking ahead... TRAQPak analysts estimate there will be an 8.9% decrease in overall North American flight activity year over year in April 2023. European activity is estimated to decrease 16.9% year over year.

## YEAR-OVER-YEAR FLIGHT ACTIVITY FOR NORTH AMERICA

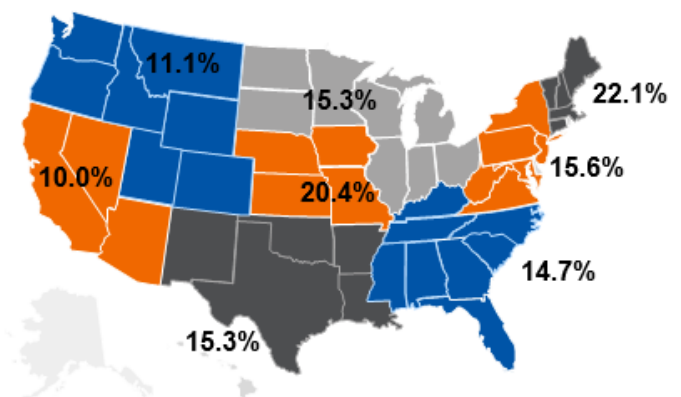
TRAQPak's review of year over year flight activity (March 2023 vs. March 2022) confirms that March 2023 finished down 5.8% from the prior year. The results by operational category were mixed for the month with Fractional activity again recording the only yearly increase, climbing 6.4% from March 2022. The Part 91 market reported losses in all 4 aircraft segments, although turboprops were mostly flat. Ultimately the segment finished down 4.3%. Part 135 activity remains in the pattern of stable declines from its all-time highs, the segment finished down 12.0%. The aircraft categories were all negative with mid-size cabin aircraft posting the largest decline, down 8.5%. Small cabin followed with a 7.1% drop while large cabin jets reported a decrease of 4.0%. Turboprops finished down 2.7%. The only individual segments recording yearly increases were in the fractional market with all 4 segments gaining from March 2022. The largest increase was recorded in the small cabin Fractional market, up 12.7% year over year.

Acft Type	Part 91	Part 135	Fractional	Total
Turbo Prop	-0.2%	-6.1%	5.2%	-2.7%
Small Cabin Jet	-4.9%	-18.2%	12.7%	-7.1%
Mid Size Cabin Jet	-8.8%	-17.2%	4.5%	-8.5%
Large Cabin Jet	-4.5%	-4.8%	2.8%	-4.0%
Total	-4.3%	-12.0%	6.4%	-5.8%

Mar 2023 vs Mar 2022

## MONTH-OVER-MONTH FLIGHT ACTIVITY FOR NORTH AMERICA

March business aviation flight activity showed an expected 14.6% increase in activity from February thanks to stronger demand and 3 more days on the calendar. Results by operational category were all positive for the month, with Part 91 activity posting the largest increase, up 17.0% from February. Fractional activity gained 15.9% for the month and Part 135 activity was up 11.2% from February. Reviewing the FAA regional activity, all 8 of the regions reported monthly increases in flight activity. The New England region posted the largest monthly increase, finishing up 22.1%. The Central region also reported growth of more than 20%, with activity finishing up 20.4% from February. Every region reported an increase of at least 10% for the month of March. Activity in Canada and the Caribbean combined to increase 20.5% month over month as both segments reported significant monthly activity increases.



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## TRAQPAK AIRCRAFT CATEGORIES

### TURBO PROP

Single Engine Turboprop Aircraft and Multi-Engine Turboprop Aircraft.

### SMALL CABIN JET

Very Light Jets (VLJ) and Light Jets (LJ)-Jet aircraft with a maximum takeoff weight of less than 20,000 lbs.

### MID-SIZE CABIN JET

Mid-size Jets (MJ) and Super Mid-size Jets (SMJ) - Jet aircraft with maximum takeoff weight of over 20,000 to 41,000 lbs

### LARGE CABIN JET

Large Jets, Ultra-Long Range and Heavy Jets – Jet aircraft with maximum takeoff weight of over 41,000 lbs. For weight over 41,000 lbs and Ultra-Long Range and Heavy Jets having an NBAA IFR Range above 6,000NM.

ARGUS TRAQpak data is aircraft flight number specific arrival and departure information on all IFR flights in the US (including Alaska and Hawaii), the Caribbean, Canada, Europe and remaining regions.

*Note: for purposes of this report, FAR Part 135 flight data represents all flight activity of aircraft on a Part 135 charter certificate regardless of individual flight mission (excluding cargo, scheduled Part 135, and fractional operators).*

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## EUROPEAN ACTIVITY REVIEW

European flight activity remains sluggish but has increased month over month for the last two months as demand continues to improve from winter lows. Large cabin jets continue to remain a problem for yearly activity levels, finishing down 32.7% year over year.

Acraft Type	Mar 23 vs Mar 22	Mar 23 vs Feb 23
Turbo Prop	-1.1%	18.3%
Small Cabin Jet	-3.0%	18.4%
Mid Size Cabin Jet	-8.6%	15.5%
Large Cabin Jet	-32.7%	16.3%
Total	-13.6%	17.2%

## AFRICA, ASIA, AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AMERICA ACTIVITY REVIEW

These regions recorded just over 66,000 business aviation flights during the month of March, increasing 17.1% from February. Seven of the last eight months have recorded monthly increases. Overall movements remain strong as they were up 17.7% year over year.

Acraft Type	Mar 23 vs Mar 22	Mar 23 vs Feb 23
Turbo Prop	23.6%	20.5%
Small Cabin Jet	8.4%	17.9%
Mid Size Cabin Jet	2.3%	21.2%
Large Cabin Jet	27.9%	9.5%
Total	17.7%	17.1%

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### Global Flight Activity Heat Map

