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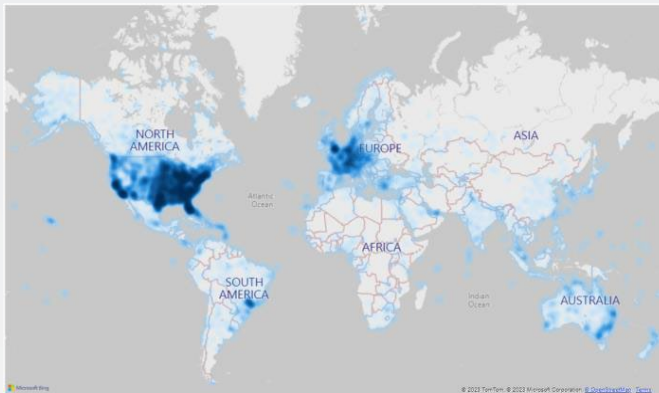
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GLOBAL FLIGHT ACTIVITY SHOWS SIGNS OF STABILIZING HEADING INTO SUMMER.

Global flight activity recorded an activity decrease of 1.6% from May 2022, while monthly activity increased 7.8% from April 2023. The North American market reported a 3.5% yearly decrease in activity from May 2022 and was up 4.7% from April 2023. The European market was down but did show signs of improvement, finishing off 8.3% from May 2022.



May 2023 Global Activity Heat Map

NEXT MONTH'S FORECAST

Looking ahead... TRAQPak analysts estimate there will be a 0.7% decrease in overall North American flight activity year over year in June 2023. European activity is estimated to decrease 9.9% year over year.

YEAR-OVER-YEAR FLIGHT ACTIVITY FOR NORTH AMERICA

TRAQPak's review of year over year flight activity (May 2023 vs. May 2022) shows that May 2023 finished down 3.5% from the prior year. TRAQPak had forecasted a decline of 2.4% in May. The results by operational category were mixed for the month with Fractional activity again recording the only yearly increase, up 4.3% from May 2022. The Part 91 market reported gains in smaller cabin activity but still finished down 0.9% from the prior year. Part 135 activity finished down 9.5% year over year. The aircraft categories were all negative this month with mid-size cabin jets posting the largest decline, down 6.4%. Turboprops and small cabin jets each posted a yearly decline of 2.2% from May 2022 and large cabin jets finished down 1.7%. There were 6 individual segments that reported year over year increases with all 4 Fractional segments reporting yearly gains. The largest increase was recorded in the Fractional turboprop market, up 15.7% year over year.

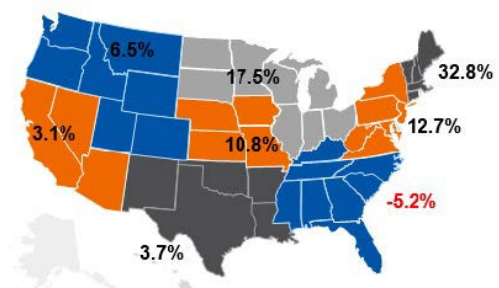
Acft Type	Part 91	Part 135	Fractional	Total
Turbo Prop	-9.5%	-17.1%	38.7%	-11.3%
Small Cabin Jet	-3.2%	-15.9%	17.8%	-4.9%
Mid Size Cabin Jet	-5.6%	-16.5%	1.1%	-8.0%
Large Cabin Jet	-6.8%	-7.3%	8.0%	-5.8%
Total	-6.3%	-15.0%	8.1%	-7.7%

Apr 2023 vs Apr 2022

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MONTH-OVER-MONTH FLIGHT ACTIVITY FOR NORTH AMERICA

May business aviation flight activity showed an expected 4.7% increase in activity from April thanks to a monthly boost in Part 135 and Part 91 flying. Results by operational category were mixed for the month, with Part 91 activity posting the biggest increase, up 6.8% from April. Part 135 activity improved 4.3% for the month while Fractional activity was essentially flat, down 0.1%. Reviewing the FAA regional activity, 7 regions reported a monthly increase in activity while the Southern region reported the only monthly decline, finishing down 5.2%. The New England region posted the largest monthly increase for the 3rd month in a row, finishing up 32.8%. Activity in Canada and the Caribbean combined to decrease 0.5% month over month from April due to a 19.3% drop in Caribbean activity. Overall North American activity in May 2023 was up 7.1% from May 2021 and 11.8% from May 2019.



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 is showing signs of stabilized improvement on a monthly basis. Activity was still down 8.3% year over year and declines in large cabin jets narrowed in May with the segment finishing down 11.4%.

Acraft Type	May 23 vs May 22	May 23 vs Apr 23
Turbo Prop	-2.8%	11.1%
Small Cabin Jet	-10.4%	21.2%
Mid Size Cabin Jet	-8.1%	24.7%
Large Cabin Jet	-11.4%	28.0%
Total	-8.3%	20.8%

AFRICA, ASIA, AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AMERICA ACTIVITY REVIEW

These regions recorded just over 58,000 business aviation flights during the month of May, increasing 2.1% from April. Eight of the last 10 months have reported a monthly increase in activity. Overall movements continue to remain strong, finishing up 17.8% year over year.

Acraft Type	May 23 vs May 22	May 23 vs Apr 23
Turbo Prop	26.6%	11.7%
Small Cabin Jet	8.8%	6.6%
Mid Size Cabin Jet	-5.1%	-9.8%
Large Cabin Jet	27.4%	-6.2%
Total	17.8%	2.1%

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