

The Houston Airport System

Houston has one of the busiest, yet least congested airport systems in the U.S.

HOUSTON AIRPORT SYSTEM (HAS) PASSENGERS, CARGO AND AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS, 2017			
HAS Airports	Passengers	Air Freight (metric tons)	Aircraft Operations
George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)	40,733,266	450,839	450,383
William P. Hobby Airport (HOU)	13,435,672	10,568	199,139
Ellington Airport (EFD)	0	18	88,413
Total	54,168,938	461,425	737,935
Source: <i>Statistical Report Calendar Year 2017</i> , Houston Airport System			

- The Houston Airport System (HAS) ranks as one of the largest multi-airport systems in the world. The system comprises George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH), William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) and Ellington Airport (EFD).
- HAS served more than 54.1 million passengers in '17, a 0.8 percent decline from the previous year. HAS also saw over 461,400 metric tons of air freight move through its gates, an increase of 4.3 percent over '16.
- IAH, Houston's largest airport and the second largest hub for United Airlines is the 15th busiest airport in the U.S. for total passenger traffic according to the FAA. IAH offers daily nonstop and direct flights to major cities in Asia, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, Oceania and South America. In '17, it received a 4-star rating from SkyTrax, a global air transport rating organization, making Houston the first city in the U.S. to boast two airports with 4-star Skytrax ratings.
- HOU, Houston's original municipal airport, handles domestic and international passengers for four airlines and is a key hub for Southwest Airlines. HOU ranks as the nation's 35th busiest airport. HOU earned the SkyTrax 4-star rating for the third straight year in '17.
- EFD is a joint military and civilian airport and serves as a base of operations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and corporate charters. EFD has been approved as the 10th licensed commercial spaceport in the U.S. It is also home to the regional headquarters of the US Coast Guard.