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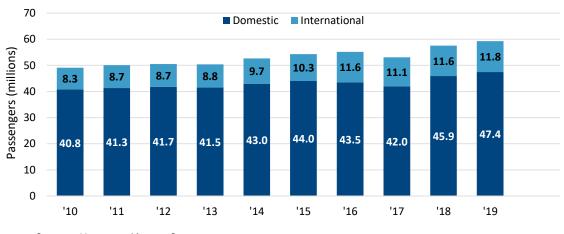
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The Houston Airport System (HAS) handled 59.3 million passengers in the 12 months ending September '19. That's a 3.0 percent increase from the 57.6 million handled in the 12 months ending September '18. The 12-month international passenger volume totaled 11.8 million, up 1.9 percent from 11.6 million in the preceding 12 months. Domestic volume totaled 47.4 million, a 3.3 percent increase from 45.9 million.



HOUSTON AIRPORT SYSTEM TRAFFIC 12-Months Ending in September

Source: Houston Airport System

HAS handled 4.3 million passengers in September '19, a 0.5 percent decrease from the 4.4 million passengers handled during September '18.

SUMMARY HOUSTON AIRPORT ACTIVITY – SEPTEMBER			
	'19	'18	% Change
Total Passengers	4,337,636	4,359,095	-0.5
Domestic	3,532,749	3,550,109	-0.5
International	804,887	808,986	-0.5
Total Air Cargo (metric tons)	41,139	45,166	-8.9
Enplaned	18,458	20,863	-11.5
Deplaned	22,681	24,303	-6.7
Source: Houston Airport System			

George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) and Hobby (HOU) were both temporarily closed on Thursday, September 19 due to thunderstorms, heavy rain and flooding from Tropical Depression Imelda. The ground stop caused more than 650 flight cancellations and 230 flight delays at IAH.

Despite the closures from Imelda, IAH and HOU airports again ranked in the Top 10 airports for their size according to the J.D. Power 2019 North America Airport Satisfaction Study. IAH ranked 9 and Hobby ranked 10.

Development of the new Mickey Leland International Terminal at IAH broke ground on October 18. The redevelopment of the terminal is part of the IAH Terminal Redevelopment Program, one of the largest expansion projects the Houston Airport System has undertaken. Construction is expected to be complete by 2022.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and HAS signed a memorandum of understanding October 8 with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Transportation, forging a public outreach campaign to combat human trafficking through a program called Blue Lightning Initiative (BLI). All HAS employees will be trained to detect the signs of labor and sex trafficking. HAS is the first airport system in the country to become a formal partner in this effort.

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