

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, 2019			
HAS Airports	Passengers	Air Freight (metric tons)	Aircraft Operations
George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)	45,276,595	518,697	478,106
William P. Hobby Airport (HOU)	14,455,307	11,916	204,703
Ellington Airport (EFD)	0	0	75,397
Total	59,731,902	530,613	758,206
Source: <i>HAS Statistical Dashboard</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).
- Scheduled and charter passenger carriers fly nonstop to 117 domestic and 67 international destinations from Houston; 34 airlines provide scheduled passenger service.
- HAS served more than 59.7 million passengers in '19, a 2.5 percent increase from the previous year. HAS also saw over 530,000 metric tons of air freight move through its gates, a decrease of 1.0 percent over '18.
- IAH opened in 1969 and is Houston's largest airport as well as the 14th busiest airport in the U.S. based on passenger boarding. IAH flies to more than 180 destinations annually, 67 of which are international. IAH offers service to more Mexican destinations than any other airport in the U.S.; weekly non-stops from Houston amount to nearly 400 and reach more than 20 destinations in Mexico.
- HOU was acquired by the City of Houston in 1937. Today, the airport is the 36th busiest in the U.S. for passenger boarding. Home to one of Southwest Airlines' most important and active hubs, HOU offers nonstop direct airline service to more than 64 destinations within the U.S., Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean.
- EFD, opened in 1917, is a joint military and civilian airport and serves as a base of operations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the U.S. Military, and the Department of Homeland Security and a variety of general aviation tenant. It is also home to the regional headquarters of the US Coast Guard. EFD was approved as the nation's 10th licensed commercial spaceport in '15.
- Both IAH and HOU have been awarded 4-star service ratings by Skytrax, a global air transport rating organization. The ratings make Houston the third city in the world and the first in the U.S. with two airports earning four stars for service.