Orlando MCO up nearly 25% year on year

Orlando Airport has announced a positive turn for passenger numbers in March 2021. While traffic at the airport in February was down 54% compared to February of 2020, which was the last month before the pandemic and subsequent travel restrictions took hold around the world, traffic in March was up 25% compared to March 2020.

“We are finally able to accurately compare data now that we have a full year of numbers under our belt from the pandemic,” says Tom Draper, Chief of Operations for the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority. “While our international numbers will continue to lag behind because of global vaccination rates and regulations, our domestic traffic should continue to show steady growth over where we were a year ago.”

In February 2021 compared to February 2020, domestic travel was down 48.71 percent, with a total of 1,950,506 passengers. International traffic was down 92.79 percent with only 38,249 international passengers. Overall, this was a decrease of 54.1%.

March 2021 as compared to March 2020 tells a very different story. Domestic travel increased by 38.64%. International traffic was still down 76.67%, with international routes still mostly closed off, but still the passenger numbers were considerably higher than February, at 70,662 international passengers. Overall, this added up to an increase of 24.72% over March 2020, with 3,128,252 total passengers.

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