

HTA Airline Seat Capacity Outlook for The Second Quarter 2017

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA), the state's tourism agency, forecasts that total scheduled nonstop air seats to Hawai'i in the second quarter of 2017 will increase by 0.6 percent as compared with the same quarter of 2016. The projection is based on flights appearing in Diio Mi airline schedules as of March 2017.

The increase in the scheduled air seats are expected to occur in three major market areas: U.S. East (+14.5%), Japan (+7.9%) and Canada (+2.1%). However, the scheduled air seats from the other three major market areas are expected to decrease from U.S. West (-1%), Oceania (-9.8%) and Other Asia (-8.7%). For the first six months of 2017, a decrease in total scheduled air seats is expected to bring about 5.97 million scheduled seats into Hawai'i representing a negative growth of 0.3 percent below prior period levels.

Outlook for Scheduled Nonstop Air Seats to Hawai'i

	2017 Q2 Forecast	2016 Q2	% Change	2017 YTD thru Q2 Forecast	2016 YTD thru Q2	% Change
TOTAL	2,999,151	2,980,756	0.9%	5,966,104	5,992,206	-0.3%
US TOTAL	2,092,279	2,086,927	0.6%	4,070,910	4,111,485	-0.8%
US WEST	1,837,398	1,864,300	-1.0%	3,554,667	3,653,801	-2.5%
US EAST	254,881	222,627	14.5%	516,243	457,684	12.8%
INTERNATIONAL	906,872	893,829	1.5%	1,895,194	1,880,721	0.8%
JAPAN	488,540	452,661	7.9%	974,022	902,270	8.0%
CANADA	95,333	93,367	2.1%	279,867	292,299	-4.3%
OTHER ASIA	129,599	142,004	-8.7%	264,382	282,435	-6.4%
OCEANIA	119,374	132,343	-9.8%	233,181	258,350	-9.7%
OTHER	74,026	73,454	0.8%	143,742	145,367	-1.1%

Source: Diio Mi

U.S. West

The scheduled seats from the U.S. West are expected to decrease (-1%) during the second quarter of 2017, compared to the same timeframe last year. The slight decrease is a result of declines from Bellingham (-96.6%), San Jose (-8.4%), Phoenix (-8.2%), Oakland (-3.6%), Anchorage (-3.5%) and Portland (-2.8%). However, the decrease in seats will be offset by increases from Denver (+35.7%) and Seattle (+3.1%).

U.S. East

The second quarter seat capacity in 2017 from the U.S. East market is expected to rise (+14.5%), driven the most from Dallas (+13.5%), Houston (+5%), Chicago (+4.6%) and Washington, D. C. (+4.4%). However, there are some decreases in air seats from Newark (-11.6%) and New York JFK (-3.3%).

Japan

Scheduled nonstop air seats from Japan are expected to be up (+7.9%) in the second quarter of 2017, with the largest increase from Tokyo NRT (+23%) and then Fukuoka (+8%). This offsets the decline from Nagoya (-15.7%), Osaka (-7%) and Tokyo HND (-5.9%).

Canada

Nonstop air seats from Canada to Hawai'i are expected to increase (2.1%). This is a result of increases from Toronto (+33.3%), Calgary (+10.3%) and Vancouver (+3%). On the contrary, the decrease in air seats is anticipated from Edmonton (-36.4%). In addition, the cancelled flights from Victoria will deduct scheduled air seats from this market.

Other Asia

This market is expected to see a decrease in scheduled air seats (-8.7%) from April to June 2017. The decrease is anticipated from Seoul (-12.5%), Shanghai (-10.1%) and Taipei (-6.5%), which will be offset by growth in seats from Beijing (+8.4%).

Oceania

Scheduled air seats from Oceania are expected to decrease (-9.8%) in the second quarter, due to declines from Brisbane (-57.8%). However, the seat capacity is expected to increase from Melbourne (+2.3%), Sydney (+1.9%) and Auckland (+1.1%).