



Airline Seat Capacity Outlook for Third Quarter 2017

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA), the state's tourism agency, forecasts continued growth in total scheduled nonstop air seats to Hawai'i in third quarter 2017, based on flights appearing in Diio Mi airline schedules as of June 2017.

Scheduled air service to Hawai'i is expected to increase 3.7 percent to more than three million air seats in third quarter 2017. Growth is expected to be driven by increases from the U.S. West (+1.4%), U.S. East (+11.7%), and Japan (+13.6%) markets. For the first nine months of 2017, Hawai'i is projected to be served by more than nine million scheduled air seats, which would be an increase of one percent compared to the same period last year.

Outlook for Scheduled Nonstop Air Seats to Hawai'i

	2017 Q3 Forecast	2016 Q3	Change	2017 YTD thru Q3 Forecast	2016 YTD thru Q3	Change
TOTAL	3,140,998	3,027,523	3.75%	9,104,068	9,019,855	0.93%
US TOTAL	2,200,195	2,145,779	2.54%	6,270,792	6,257,264	0.22%
US WEST	1,943,653	1,916,172	1.43%	5,497,987	5,569,973	-1.29%
US EAST	256,542	229,607	11.73%	772,805	687,291	12.44%
INTERNATIONAL	940,803	881,744	6.70%	2,833,276	2,762,591	2.56%
JAPAN	534,615	470,817	13.55%	1,506,460	1,373,213	9.70%
CANADA	55,512	55,116	0.72%	335,379	347,415	-3.46%
OTHER ASIA	146,519	146,583	-0.04%	411,076	429,018	-4.18%
OCEANIA	127,765	135,581	-5.76%	360,884	393,931	-8.39%
OTHER	76,392	73,647	3.73%	219,477	219,014	0.21%

Source: Doii Mi

U.S. West

Scheduled seat capacity from the U.S. West is projected to increase 1.4 percent in third quarter 2017 year-over-year. Growth in air seats from Denver (+23.3%), Anchorage (+2.3%), Los Angeles (+2.1%), Salt Lake City (+7.3%), San Francisco (+5.8%) and Seattle (+1%) will offset declines from Oakland (-7.8%), San Diego (-6.3%), Portland (-4.2%), Phoenix (-1.2%) and San Jose (-1.2%).

U.S. East

Scheduled seat capacity from the U.S. East is expected to increase 11.7 percent in third quarter 2017 compared to the same period last year. The addition of the seasonal Minneapolis-Honolulu route in July-September 2017, and the growth in air seats from Dallas (+21.1%), Chicago (+6.9%) and Houston (+5.8%) will offset the decrease in air seats from Newark (-11.6%), New York-John F. Kennedy Airport (-5.4%) and Washington D.C. (-1.5%).

Japan

Scheduled nonstop seat capacity from Japan is forecasted to grow 13.6 percent in third quarter 2017 versus quarter last year. Increases in seat capacity from Osaka (+35.3%), Tokyo-Narita (+13.6%), Fukuoka (+17.3%) and Nagoya (+2.5%) will offset declines from Sapporo (-2.5%) and Tokyo-Haneda (-1.2%).

Canada

Nonstop air seats from Canada to Hawai'i are expected to rise 0.7 percent in third quarter 2017 compared to a year ago due to an increase of 396 seats from Vancouver.

Other Asia

Air seat capacity from Other Asia markets is expected to be flat in third quarter 2017 year-over-year. Increased air seats from Seoul (+2.1%) will balance declines from Beijing (-5.4%) and Shanghai (-4.2%).

Oceania

Scheduled air seat capacity from Oceania is expected to decrease 5.8 percent in third quarter 2017 compared to the same quarter 2016. A substantial decline in air seats from Brisbane (-56.7%) will offset growth from Sydney (+8.2%), Melbourne (+4.5%) and Auckland (+2.1%).