



HTA Airline Seat Capacity Outlook for The First 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 first quarter of 2017 will decrease by 1.2 percent as compared with the same quarter of 2016. The projection is based on flights appearing in Diio Mi airline schedules as of December 2016.

The decrease in the scheduled air seats is expected to occur in three major market areas: U.S. West (-4.1%), Canada (-7.2%) and Oceania (-9.6%). However, the scheduled air seats from the other three major market areas are expected to increase from U.S. East (+11.2%), Japan (+7.9%) and Other Asia (+2%).

Scheduled Nonstop Air Seats to Hawai'i

	2017 Q1 Forecast	2016 Q1	% Change
TOTAL	2,975,704	3,011,576	-1.20%
DOMESTIC	1,978,371	2,024,558	-2.30%
US WEST	1,717,009	1,789,501	-4.10%
US EAST	261,362	235,057	11.20%
INTERNATIONAL	997,333	987,018	1.00%
JAPAN	485,470	449,735	7.90%
CANADA	184,534	198,932	-7.20%
OTHER ASIA	143,218	140,431	2.00%
OCEANIA	113,869	126,007	-9.60%
OTHER	70,242	71,913	-2.30%

U.S. West

Scheduled seats from the U.S. West are expected to decrease (-4.1%) during the first quarter of 2017, compared to the same quarter last year. This is a result of declines in seat inventory from Bellingham (-39.4%), San Jose (-16.8%), Phoenix (-9.4%), Oakland (-7.1%), Portland (-5.8%), San Francisco (-5.4%), Anchorage (-4.8%) and Seattle (-4%). However, there will be increases from Denver (+48%) and Salt Lake City (+11%).

U.S. East

Seat capacity in the first quarter of 2017 from the U.S. East is expected to rise (+11.2%), driven mostly from New York JFK (+43.5%), then Dallas (+20.2%), Minneapolis (+15.7%) and Chicago (+6.1%). However, there will be some declines in air seats from Washington, D. C. (-16.7%) and Newark (-11.2%).

Japan

Scheduled nonstop air seats from Japan are expected to be up (+7.9%) this quarter, due to the largest increase in capacity from Tokyo HND (+25.9%) and Tokyo NRT (+11.2%). This will offset the decrease in seats from Nagoya (-18.9%).

Canada

Nonstop air seats from Canada are expected to decline (-7.2%) in the first quarter of 2017, due to decreases from Toronto (-50%), Edmonton (-32.7%) and Vancouver (-4%). to Kahului in January and February 2017 as well as Air Canada reducing flights to Honolulu, Kahului and Kona in this quarter 2017. In addition, the cancelled flights from Victoria will deduct scheduled air seats from this market.

Other Asia

This market is expected to grow in scheduled air seats (+2%) from January to March 2017, as a result of increases from Shanghai (+9.7%), Taipei (+4.1%) and Beijing (+2.2%).

Oceania

Scheduled air seats from Oceania are expected to decrease (-9.6%) in the first quarter of 2017, with declines from Brisbane (-51.1%) and Melbourne (-15.4%). However, this will be offset by inventory increases from Auckland (+6.8%) and Sydney (+1.5%).