Airport Capacity Trends at JFK

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Topics

- Trends over time
- How JFK compares to other Large Hubs
- Primer on Airport Capacity



JFK Trends and Comparison to other Large Hubs



JFK Departing Passengers since 1990

Enplanements (Departing Passengers) by Federal Fiscal Year



Source: FAA TAF



JFK Total Annual Aircraft Operations

Total Aircraft Operations by Federal Fiscal Year



Source: FAA TAF



JFK is the 11th busiest Large Hub in US

Total Aircraft Operations at Large Hubs, last 12 months



Source: ASPM



Total Aircraft Operations at Large Hubs, last 12 months



Source: ASPM



Primer on Airport Capacity



What is Airport Capacity?

- Airports are a system of systems
- Individual components each have unique "capacities" than can affect the overall operation of the airport
- Some "capacities" are flexible; some less so





Runway Capacity

- Maximum number of aircraft operations (takeoffs, landings) that can be sustained on the runways
- Variables:
 - Weather (clear, fog, wind)
 - Airspace congestion with Thunderstorms
 - Configuration in use, and resulting dependencies
 - Mix of large and small aircraft (separation, wake turbulence, differences in speed)
- As aircraft operations approach runway capacity, delays grow exponentially
- Runway length matters for aircraft payload/range





Average Runway Capacity by Airport





Runway Capacity by Configuration

From 09/2023 To 08/2024 ; Airport=JFK	Moothor	Doroont	Average	Avorago	Average	
Rullway (Arrivals/Departures)	vveatrier	Percent	Average	Average	Average	
	Impact	of Hours	Taxi-Out	Taxi-In	Hourly	
			Time	Time	Runway Capacity	
31L, 31R 31L	None	20	24.3	9.9	93.9	
22L, 22R 22R, 31L	None	13	22.9	13.0	89.8	
22L, 22R 22R	None	12	25.9	11.4	81.5	
4L, 4R 4L	None	9	24.4	11.2	86.2	
13L, 22L 13R	None	9	27.6	10.8	94.2	
4L, 4R 4L, 31L	None	9	23.5	12.8	92.5	
22L, 22R 22R	Minor	4	33.2	13.3	78.1	
22L, 22R 22R	Severe	3	33.5	13.6	77.3	
4L, 4R 4L	Minor	3	28.5	12.2	84.9	
4L, 4R 4L	Moderate	2	33.6	13.9	83.4	
4L, 4R 4L	Severe	2	36.1	13.9	82.0	
31L, 31R 31L	Minor	2	30.0	10.2	88.6	
22L, 22R 22R	Moderate	2	38.5	13.8	77.6	
22L, 22R 22R, 31L	Minor	1	27.1	14.0	86.1	
4L, 4R 4L, 31L	Minor	1	25.3	13.9	89.9	
13L 13R	None	1	24.7	9.8	72.9	
22L 22R	None	1	18.4	9.3	72.9	



Gate "Turns"

- Each gate (e.g., jetbridge) can support
 8-10 turns per day
 - A turn is the aircraft arriving to the gate, and then pushing back to depart
- Higher for domestic, narrowbody aircraft (e.g., E175, A320)
- Lower for widebody aircraft and international service that have more passengers or longer servicing times









Airports have a mix of Gates:

- Widebody Gates
- Narrowbody Gates
- Regional Jet Gates



Example Gated Flight Schedule

				< Start of Analysis Day													End of A	Analysis Day >									
Position	Max Wingspan Acrft	Max Length Acrft	Depend Group	12 AM	1 AM	2 AM	3 AM	4 AM	5 AM	6 AM	7 AM	8 AM	1 9 AM	10 AM	11 AM	12 PM	1 PM	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM	8 PM	9 PM	10 PM	11 PM
1A	A-321-NEO	A-321							8-737-80	WN AUS DE	37-700WL WN EN/BNA	8-7. Pi	37-700WL WN HX/SMF		B-737-700WL WN SFO/SFO	L	B- <mark>737-700W</mark> WN PDX/BWI	L	B-737-700W WN SJC/DEN	L		B- <mark>737-700WL</mark> WN DEN/SMF		8-7. S	37-700WL WN EA/TUS		8-737-700WL WN PHX/
1	A-321-NEO	B-737-Max9							8-737 <mark>-70</mark>	0WL B-73 WN /SJC	37 <mark>-800WL</mark> WN /SMF	B-737-700WL WN SFO/SFO		8-737-8 Wi MDW/	BWI	B-737-700WL WN SJC/AUS		B-737-700WI WN SJC/SLC	L	8-737 0A	7-700WL B-7: WN K/SEA A	37-700WL WN US/MCI	B-737-700WL WN PDX/PDX		B	737-700WL WN LAS/OAK	B-737-800WL WN BNA/
2	A-321-NEO	B-737-Max9							8-73	7 <mark>-700WL</mark> WN /SFO	B-7	737-700WL WN OAK/DAL	B-737-800WL WN SMF/PHX		B-737-700V WN DAL/PHX	NL .	B- <mark>737-700</mark> WN OAK/SM	WL B <mark>-73</mark> IF SL	7-700WL B- WN C/SMF	737-700WL WN SMF/LAS	B-737- W LAS	-700WL B-7 VN /LAS H	737-800WL WN IOU/SMF		B-737-700 WN SFO/DEN	NL B- W PC	737-700WL N DX/
3	A-321-NEO	B-737-Max9								B-737 <mark>-70</mark>	OWL B-7 WN /OAK P	737-700WL WN PHX/HOU	B-737-700WL WN SJC/SJD	B- <mark>737-700</mark> WN OAK/DE	vi.	B	737-700WL WN LAS/LAS	В	-737-700WL WN SFO/SFO		8-737-80 WN HOU/H	owi OU	8-737 V SMF	700WL NN F/ABQ		B-737-700WL WN SJC/LAS	8-737-800WL WN BWI/
4	A-321-NEO	B-737-Max9							8-73	7 <mark>-700WL</mark> WN /SMF	В	8- <mark>737-700W</mark> L WN SJC/LAS	B-737-700 WN SEA/OA	WL B- <mark>737-7</mark> Wi K SFO/N	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	B <mark>-737-70</mark> WN SMF/S	IOWL B-7:	37-700WL WN NR/OAK	B-737-70 WN LAS/O		B-737-800W WN MSY/SAT	L B-73	7-800WL WN MF/STL	B-737-800W WN OAK/OAK	L	8-737-700 WN STL/	/WL <mark>B-737-7</mark> 00/ WN SFO/
5	B-757-200	B-757-200								8-73 <mark>7 Max</mark> W /PC	x 8 VN DX	B	-737-700WL WN DEN/ABQ	8-737 V BNA	800WL /N /IND		B-737-700V WN SMF/SJC	VL	B-737-700 WN SAT/BO	wL I	8-737 Max WN MKE/DAL	8	B-737-70 WN OAK/C		B-737-700W WN MCI/OAK	L	8-737-700W1 WN OAK/
6	DC-10-30	DC-10-30							8-73	7-700WL B-7. WN /BWI A	37-700WL WN BQ/MCI		B-737-70 WN HOU/S	KOWL MF		B-737-800V WN ATL/RNO		B-737-800 WN MCO/MD	wi. w	B-737-7(WN SJC/S	DOWL B L JC	-737-700WL WN AUS/AUS		B- <mark>737-700WL</mark> WN PHX/RNO	8-737 V OAM	-700WL VN (/PHX	8-737-700/ WN DEN/
7	B-757-200	B-757-200							8-73	7-700WL WN /LAS	B <mark>-737-700V</mark> WN SMF/PHX	WL B-	737-800WL WN OAK/STL	B-737-800W WN DEN/SJC	B-73	7-800WL WN S/SMF	B- <mark>737-7</mark> Wi IND/ ¹	00WL N TUS	8-737-70 WN STL/S		B- <mark>737-700W</mark> L WN SMF/PHX		B-737-700WI WN SFO/SFO	L	B-737-700WL WN BOI/SFO	8-737 Max 8 WN MDW/	
8	B-767-300	B-767-300							B-737	-700WL WN /SFO	B <mark>-737-7</mark> W LAS/	700WL /N /SEA		B-737-800 WN SJC/MCC	WL 8-737- W TPA	-700WL VN 4/SJC	B-	737-700WL WN SMF/SMF	B	737-700WL WN SJC/SJC		B- <mark>737-</mark> W LAS/	700WL /N /PHX	B- <mark>737-700</mark> WN LAS/LA	WL S		8-737-700W WN LAS/
9	A-321-NEO	B-737-Max9								B-737 <mark>-700WL</mark> WN /PHX		B-737-700 WN RNO/DE	WL B-737 V EN AUS	-700WL WN 5/DAL		8- <mark>73</mark> Pt	7-700WL WN IX/DEN		B-737-700WL WN BWI/PDX		8-73 SJC	7-700WL WN /MDW	B-737-700WL WN TUS/LAS	8-7 D	37-700WL WN EN/ABQ		8-737-700WL WN ABQ/
10	A-321-NEO	B-737-Max9							8-7	37 <mark>-700WL</mark> B-7 WN /DEN	737-700WL WN OAK/SJC	B-737-700 WN DAL/DA	WL 8-737-70 WN L LAS/L	00WL 8-737-7 I Wi AS SAT/S	FO B	-737-800WL I WN MKE/MKE	B-737-800WL WN MDW/HOU	B <mark>-737-700WL</mark> WN OAK/PHX	B-737-800W WN MDW/DAL	L B-	737-700WL WN SFO/SFO		B- <mark>737-700W</mark> WN RNO/AUS	n	B	737-700WL WN SMF/SMF	B-737-700WL WN EWR/
11	A-321-NEO	B-737-Max9							8-73	7-700WL WN /EWR	B-737-800V WN DAL/OAK	WL B-737 V K PD)	-700WL B- VN K/SJC P	737-800WL WN HX/MDW		B- <mark>737-70</mark> WN SFO/M	owl Ke	8-	737-700WL B-73 WN SMF/SJC D	37-800WL WN AL/PHX		8-737 V SJC	-800WL B-73 VN :/SJC S	37-700WL WN JC/PHX		8-737-70 WN OAK/	JOWL
12	A-321-NEO	B-737-Max9							8-7	37 <mark>-800WL</mark> B WN /MDW	B-737-700WL WN PHX/SAT	L B-737-8 Wi MCI/I	BOOWL N EWR		B-737-700V WN TUS/OAK	WL B-737-7 WM LAS/L	DOWL B- I AS	737-800WL WN DEN/BNA	B-737-700WL WN PHX/PDX	8-737-800 WN BWI/SMI	WL 8-737- W F PHX	-700WL VN /OAK		B- <mark>737-700WL</mark> WN DAL/SJC		8-737-800V WN LAS/	VL
13	A-321-NEO	A-321-NEO							B-737	-700WL WN /SMF		B-737-7 Wi LAS/	700WL N ATL		-737-800WL WN BWI/TPA						B-73 0.	7-700WL WN AK/SJC			8-737-800 WN AUS/	WL	



Passenger Terminal

- Includes Passenger Processing, Security Lines, Gate Waiting Areas, Concessions, Bathrooms
- Often referred to as capacity but "Level of Service" is often a better description
- More passenger congestion = lower Level of Service
- However, normally not constraining to aircraft operations









Summary

- More passenger continue to be served on relatively fewer operations
- Runway capacity is often the primary limitation at an airport
 - Airspace constraints, in particular with thunderstorms, will also cause significant delays and disruptions
 - Runway length matters for aircraft payload/range
- Airlines schedule to available Gate Turns
- Passenger processing and space can be overly congested and result in a poor level of service



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