

ARGUS Releases May Business Aircraft Activity

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ARGUS TRAQPak data is aircraft flight number specific arrival and departure information on all IFR flights in the US (including Alaska and Hawaii), the Caribbean and Canada. Note: for purposes of this report, FAR Part 135 flight data represents all flight activity of aircraft on a Part 135 charter certificate regardless of individual flight mission (excluding cargo, scheduled Part 135, and fractional operators). The tables below reflect business aircraft activity data for May 1-31, 2016 vs. April 1-30, 2016 and May 1-31, 2016 vs. May 1-31, 2015 respectively. A copy of this report can be found at [TRAQPak Business Aircraft Activity Reports](#).

May 2016 activity rebounds from April drop, rises 2.2% over May 2015... May business aviation flight activity posted an anticipated month over month increase from April, finishing up 3.5%. Results by operational category were all in the black for the month, notably fractional operators posted the largest monthly increase, up 5.3%. The Part 135 & Part 91 sectors recorded a solid rise from April, up 5.2% & 1.9% respectively. Aircraft categories saw gains as well with the turboprop market leading the way for the largest monthly increase, up 7.4% from April. The small & large cabin markets followed, posting increases of 2.3% & 1.9%, in that order. Mid-size cabin aircraft posted a slight 0.9% increase for the month. The largest monthly change, for an individual segment, occurred in the fractional turboprop segment, up an astounding 33.3% from April.

 <small>ARGUS International, Inc.</small>	Business Aircraft Activity May 2016 vs. April 2016			
	Part 91	Part 135	Fractional	ALL
Turbo Prop	2.1%	13.8%	33.3%	7.4%
Small Cabin Jet	2.9%	0.2%	5.5%	2.3%
Mid-Size Cabin Jet	0.8%	0.2%	2.0%	0.9%
Large Cabin Jet	1.6%	2.3%	2.9%	1.9%
All Aircraft Combined	1.9%	5.2%	5.3%	3.5%

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Reviewing year over year flight activity (May 2016 vs. May 2015), TRAQPak data indicates that May 2016 posted an increase of 2.2%; marking the 3rd straight year over year increase for the month of May. The results by operational category were all positive for the month with the Part 135 market recording the largest year over year increase, up 2.6%. The Part 91 market followed in a close second, up 2.1% from May 2015. The Fractional market continued its seesaw trend in 2016, posting an increase of 0.9%. Flight activity for the aircraft categories was mostly positive, with turboprops recording the largest year over year increase, up 4.0%. Large cabin aircraft followed with an increase of 3.6%, and small cabin aircraft rose 2.3% for the period. Mid-size cabin aircraft recorded the only year over year decrease, down 0.8% from May 2015. The largest year over year gain for an individual segment occurred in the fractional large cabin segment, which saw an increase of 15.9%.

 <small>ARGUS International, Inc.</small>	Business Aircraft Activity May 2016 vs. May 2015			
	Part 91	Part 135	Fractional	ALL
Turbo Prop	0.2%	9.5%	8.9%	4.0%
Small Cabin Jet	5.3%	-1.9%	1.5%	2.3%
Mid-Size Cabin Jet	3.5%	-4.2%	-3.8%	-0.8%
Large Cabin Jet	-0.4%	7.4%	15.9%	3.6%
All Aircraft Combined	2.1%	2.6%	0.9%	2.2%

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Next Month's Forecast

Looking ahead...TRAQPak analysts estimate there will be a 1.9% increase in overall flight activity year over year in June 2016.

TRAQPak Aircraft Categories

Turbo Prop

Single Engine Turboprop Aircraft and Multi-Engine Turboprop Aircraft

Small Cabin Jet

Very Light Jets (VLJ) and Light Jets (LJ)-Jet aircraft with a maximum takeoff weight of less than 20,000 lbs.

Mid-Size Cabin Jet

Mid-size Jets (MJ) and Super Mid-size Jets (SMJ) - Jet aircraft with maximum takeoff weight of over 20,000 to 41,000 lbs.

Large Cabin Jet

Large Jets, Ultra-Long Range and Heavy Jets – Jet aircraft with maximum takeoff weight of over 41,000 lbs. For weight over 41,000 lbs and Ultra-Long Range and Heavy Jets having an NBAA IFR Range above 6,000NM.

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