

10,000 Flights Delayed Across US over Weekend Due to Pilot Shortage and Bad Weather

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Thousands of Americans trying to catch a flight during the Father's Day and Juneteenth holiday weekend were subjected to chaos as more than 10,000 flights were delayed or canceled nationwide between Friday and Sunday. The problems were due to pilot and air traffic controller shortages and bad weather. The origins of the shortage began in the early days of the virus pandemic when pilot hiring, training, and licensing came to a standstill. Airlines forced thousands of pilots into early retirement to reduce labor costs as travel demand cratered. The Biden regime made COVID-19 vaccines mandatory for pilots and staff, and many quit or were fired. From the start of the year through June 13th, commercial airlines cancelled over 120,000 flights and delayed over 800,000 flights, which means that 20% of all domestic air flights in the US were cancelled or delayed.

If you're a victim of yet another "Travel Armageddon" this weekend with thousands upon thousands of cancelled & delayed flights, you should spend a few minutes of your extra hours in the airport watching Tucker Carlson explain how the Biden administration is doing this to you. pic.twitter.com/aBWTAlu0jY

– Scott Morefield (@SKMorefield) June 20, 2022

Travel chaos impacted thousands of Americans trying to catch a flight during the Father's Day and Juneteenth holiday weekend.

Flight tracking website *FlightAware* shows more than 10,000 flights were delayed or canceled nationwide between Friday and Sunday due to pilot shortages and bad weather, which comes days after top airline executives spoke with Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg about how to resolve **flight disruptions**.

"That is happening to a lot of people, and that is exactly why we are paying close attention here to what can be done and how to make sure that the airlines are delivering," Buttigieg told The Associated Press in an interview Saturday.

Buttigieg said he could penalize airlines that fail to meet consumer-protection standards.

According to data from the Transport Security Administration, passenger throughput at U.S. security checkpoints at airports topped nearly 2.4 million on Friday, the highest checkpoint volume since the Sunday after Thanksgiving and 100,000 more travelers than the Friday before Memorial Day weekend.

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Recently, United Airlines CEO Scott Kirby told investors that the **shortage could last for years**.

"The pilot shortage for the industry is real, and most airlines are simply not going to be able to realize their capacity plans because there simply aren't enough pilots, at least not for the next five-plus years," Kirby said.

Kit Darby, a pilot pay consultant and a retired United captain, **warned** that "there is no quick fix" for the pilot shortage.

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