

Ameriflight

Ameriflight is the largest regional air cargo carrier in the world with over 200 aircraft and 19 operating bases in the United States and Puerto Rico. Ameriflight was founded in 1968 and is now headquartered at the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. The carrier began serving Albuquerque prior to 2014 with a flight to Phoenix, Arizona to provide feed for DHL cargo flights at Phoenix. In September, 2014, a contract was obtained to provide feed for UPS cargo flights at Albuquerque from smaller cities throughout New Mexico. Ameriflight created a base at Albuquerque and daily flights began to Alamogordo, Carlsbad, Clovis, Farmington, Gallup, Grants, Hobbs, Las Vegas, Las Cruces, Roswell, Silver City, and Tucumcari, New Mexico taking over service previously operated by South Aero. Service to Sierra Vista, Arizona began on August 14, 2017 but ended about a year later and service to Deming, New Mexico was operated during the Christmas holiday seasons. Ameriflight mainly operated Beechcraft 99's on its flights to Alamogordo, Carlsbad, Hobbs, and Roswell, New Mexico as well as to Phoenix and Sierra Vista, Arizona. Smaller Piper Navajo aircraft were used on all other flights from its Albuquerque base.

Daily service to Clovis, Gallup, Grants, and Las Cruces, was discontinued in late 2016. South Aero and Charter Air Transport began handling the UPS packages to these cities. Limited service to Clovis and Gallup then operated with one flight per week on Saturdays from Albuquerque using a Piper Navajo. The Clovis flight stopped in Roswell and the Gallup flight stopped in Farmington but returns to Albuquerque nonstop. The Piper Navajo Chieftain fleet was retired on February 22, 2019 ending all service to the cities the aircraft served. Service to Roswell, Carlsbad, and Hobbs has also ended and South Aero has once again taken over service to all cities. By this time, Ameriflight was only operating two flights per day from its ABQ base, one to Alamogordo for UPS and the one to Phoenix for DHL, both with Beech 99 aircraft. The Alamogordo flight was replaced by Aero Charter and Transport during the summer of 2019 however it switched back to an Ameriflight Beech 99 from October, 2019 through August, 2020. At that time South Aero took over the Alamogordo route. The Phoenix flight began operating with a Swearingen Metroliner in November, 2020 and occasionally will operate with a Beechcraft 1900C. During the Christmas holiday season, a second daily flight to Phoenix is flown. Ameriflight also operated a daily Queretaro, Mexico-Laredo, Texas-Albuquerque flight in October, 2020 using a metroliner.



Ameriflight Piper Navajo at the Tucumcari, New Mexico airport.



Ameriflight Beechcraft 99 at the Alamogordo/White Sands Regional Airport.



Ameriflight Swearingen Metroliner at the Albuquerque Sunport.



Ameriflight Beechcraft 1900C at the Albuquerque Sunport.



Ameriflight route map from 2015 showing the base at Albuquerque with routes throughout New Mexico.