SURVEY: 40% OF BIZJET PAX PLAN TO FLY MORE IN NEXT YEAR

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Nearly 52 percent of current business jet users plan to fly the same amount over the next 12 months, while nearly**40** percent say they will **fly** a bit **more** (32 percent) or a lot more (7.9 percent), according to the just-released results of the Fifth Annual Readers' Choice Survey from AIN sister publication Business Jet Traveler. About half said they flew the same amount over the past year as during the year before, while 21.7 percent flew a bit more and 15 percent a bit less. Only 7.7 flew much less and 5.9 percent much more.

Not surprisingly, survey respondents said “saving time” was the number-one reason that they fly on business aircraft, followed by the ability to fly into airports not served by airlines and the ability to work and hold meetings in flight. Nearly 62 percent of their flights are mostly or almost always for business, while 28.1 percent were an even mix of personal and business flying. Less than 10 percent of flights were categorized as mostly or almost always personal.

According to the survey, the most attractive feature of an aircraft is economical operation, with

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range, cabin size, aircraft manufacturer and age of aircraft rounding out the top five; baggage space was at the bottom of the list. Respondents' business aircraft wish list included the Pilatus PC-12 at the lower end and the Gulfstream G650 at the top end.

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