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## **Hartsfield-Jackson Busiest Airport Worldwide for Passenger Numbers, Aircraft Operations**

### ***Cargo traffic also sees an increase***

**ATLANTA** – During his annual State of the City event, Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed announced on Thursday that Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) served more passengers and handled more aircraft operations than any other airport in the world in 2015. ATL has retained the title as the World’s Busiest Airport for 18 years.

“Hartsfield-Jackson is once again leading the global aviation industry and last year’s performance confirms that Atlanta’s airport is still the busiest airport on the planet,” Mayor Reed said. “This designation is not only a bragging right, but it underscores the airport’s ability to move over a hundred million passengers and hundreds of thousands of takeoffs and landings with seamless efficiency. I am proud of the Hartsfield-Jackson team and their unwavering dedication to not only ensuring we are the busiest, but also the best airport in the world.”

“Maintaining our status as the World’s Busiest Airport is quite an achievement,” Airport General Manager Miguel Southwell said today. “It’s a testament to the relationship we’ve built with our tenant airlines, our employees, our concessionaires and, most importantly, our passengers.”

ATL hosted 101,491,106 passengers in 2015, becoming the first airport ever to serve more than 100 million passengers in a single year. The total passenger number for 2015 was a 5.52 percent increase over the 2014 total of 96,178,899 passengers served.

ATL also hosted more aircraft operations than any other airport in 2015. The 882,497 aircraft movements at ATL 2015 was an increase of 1.63 percent over 2014’s total of 868,359.

In addition, ATL’s cargo traffic saw a substantial increase as 626,201 metric tons of cargo moved through the facility in 2015. That’s a 4.15 percent increase over 2014’s total of 601,270 metric tons.

The Federal Aviation Administration approved ATL’s Master Plan in 2015, allowing the City of Atlanta and ATL to embark on a major capital campaign, positioning the Airport for additional growth over the next two decades. The Master Plan calls for construction of a sixth runway at ATL, increased parking capacity, expansion of current cargo facilities, and a series of other substantial projects.

For a detailed breakdown of the numbers, follow this link to ATL’s Airport Traffic Report: [www.atlanta-airport.com/docs/Traffic/201512.pdf](http://www.atlanta-airport.com/docs/Traffic/201512.pdf)

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### **Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport**

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's busiest and most efficient airport, serving more than 101 million passengers annually with nonstop service to more than 150 U.S. destinations and nearly 70 international destinations in more than 45 countries. ATL boasts a direct economic impact of \$34.8 billion in metro Atlanta and a total direct economic impact of \$70.9 billion in Georgia. The Airport is the largest employer in Georgia, with more than 63,000 employees. The Airport is a frequent recipient of awards of excellence for concessions, operations, architectural engineering and construction – including the 2013 Global Efficiency Excellence Award from the Air Transport Research Society, 2013 Project of the Year, Architectural Category for the Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal from the American Association of Airport Executives Southeast chapter and the 2012 Best Airport in North America, Business Travel Award from the Business Traveler Magazine. ATL has completed more than \$6 billion worth of capital improvements, including a new, energy-efficient rental car center, a gold LEED-certified international terminal and aesthetic and functional upgrades to its concourses, people movers and parking services. For more information, go to [www.atlanta-airport.com](http://www.atlanta-airport.com). Check out the Airport's YouTube channel by visiting [www.youtube.com/AtlantaHartsfield](http://www.youtube.com/AtlantaHartsfield), follow us on Twitter (@Atlanta\_Airport) and become a fan on Facebook (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport).

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