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### Hartsfield-Jackson Thanksgiving Weekend Travel Exceeds Expectations

Travelers increased by 5.6% over 2012; more than 1.8 million passengers passed through Hartsfield-Jackson

ATLANTA – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport experienced a 5.6% increase of Thanksgiving travelers this year, compared to the holiday week in 2012. While Airport officials had predicted an increase of 3.3%, final tallies indicate that more than 1.8 million passengers passed through Hartsfield-Jackson between November 25 and December 2 this season.

“This year’s Thanksgiving travel season went very smoothly at Hartsfield-Jackson,” said Hartsfield-Jackson General Manager Louis Miller. “While nationally air travel for Thanksgiving declined this year, we not only saw an increase in passengers at the world’s busiest airport, but we were able to efficiently assist our customers in reaching their final destinations without any significant delays or wait times.”

Hartsfield-Jackson’s busiest travel day this season was Monday, December 3, with more than 282,000 passengers passing through the Airport.

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### Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson is the world's busiest airport, serving more than 95 million passengers annually with nonstop service to 160 U.S. destinations and nearly 70 international destinations in more than 45 countries. 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 (for more information, go to [www.atrsworld.org](http://www.atrsworld.org)), 2013 Project of the Year, Architectural Category for the Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal from the American Association of Airport Executives Southeast chapter (for more information, go to [www.secaaae.org](http://www.secaaae.org)) and the 2012 Best Airport in North America, Business Travel Award from the Business Traveler Magazine (for more information, go to [www.businesstravelerusa.com](http://www.businesstravelerusa.com)). ATL is undergoing more than \$6 billion worth of capital improvements, which include a new, energy-efficient rental car center, a gold LEED certified international terminal which opened to the general public on May 16, 2012 (for more information, go to [www.atlanta-airport.com/internationalterminal/](http://www.atlanta-airport.com/internationalterminal/)) 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 <http://www.youtube.com/AtlantaHartsfield>, follow us on Twitter (@Atlanta\_Airport) and become a fan on Facebook (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport).