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**Hartsfield-Jackson Confirmed as Tops in Worldwide Passenger Numbers,  
Aircraft Operations**  
*Cargo traffic also increases*

**ATLANTA** – Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) officials welcomed the confirmation that ATL served more passengers and hosted more aircraft operations than any other airport in the world in 2015. The news, first announced by Mayor Kasim Reed during his annual State of the City event in February, was officially confirmed today by the industry group Airports Council International. 2015 marks the 18th consecutive year ATL has served more passengers than any other airport in a single year.

“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,” said Mayor Reed. “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 most traveled but also the best airport in the world.”

“We are honored to mark this achievement,” said Airport General Manager Miguel Southwell. “Maintaining our status as the world’s most traveled airport speaks volumes about our relationship with the passengers we serve, the airlines we partner with and the efforts made by the 63,000 employees who work here.”

ATL became the first airport ever to serve more than 100 million passengers in a single year, as the Airport hosted 101,491,106 passengers in 2015. The upward trend is continuing as passenger numbers for January and February this year show an increase over last year’s numbers for the same months.

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.

For a link to the Airports Council International release, please click here:

<http://www.aci.aero/News/Releases/Most-Recent/2016/04/03/ACI-releases-preliminary-world-airport-traffic-rankings->

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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 (@ATLairport) and become a fan on Facebook (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport).

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