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**Hartsfield-Jackson Named World's Busiest Airport in 2016**  
*Airport hosts 104 million passengers, lands distinction for 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year*

**ATLANTA** – Mayor Kasim Reed announced today at his final State of the City breakfast that for the 19th consecutive year -- and in every year during his tenure as mayor -- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) was named the world's busiest airport. ATL served 104,171,935 passengers in 2016, an increase of 2.64 percent over 2015's total. ATL also saw 898,356 aircraft operations in 2016, more than any other airport in the United States and, pending final tallies from international airports, likely to be more than any other airport worldwide.

"No other airport in the world serves more passengers or handles more aircraft in a more efficient manner than Hartsfield-Jackson," Mayor Reed said. "And now with our multibillion-dollar capital plan currently underway, ATL is positioned to continue leading the aviation industry in the decades ahead."

"We are proud to be named the world's busiest airport for the 19th consecutive year," said Airport General Manager Roosevelt Council, Jr. "This is thanks to the incredible work of our employees and Mayor Reed's leadership. As always, our continued focus will be on the safety and security of everyone at the airport and our efficient operations."

ATL reached the 104.1 million total by hosting 92,696,320 domestic passengers while serving 11,475,615 international passengers.

For a complete look at the 2016 traffic report, go to:

<http://www.atl.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/ATL-Traffic-Report-Dec-2016.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 70 international destinations in more than 50 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, sustainability, architectural engineering, and construction. ATL is now in the midst of a \$6 billion capital improvement plan, ATLNext, that will modernize the domestic terminal and concourses, create new parking decks, construct a 440-room hotel, Class A commercial office space, add a new runway, new concourse and expand cargo facilities. For more information, visit [www.atl.com](http://www.atl.com).

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