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**Hartsfield-Jackson Confirmed Once Again as World's Busiest Airport**  
*ATL tops in passenger numbers and aircraft operations*

**ATLANTA-** Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport officials today welcomed confirmation that ATL served more passengers and hosted more aircraft operations in 2016 than any other airport in the world. The news, first announced by Mayor Kasim Reed during his final State of the City event in February, was officially confirmed today by industry group Airports Council International. 2016 marks the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year ATL has served more passengers than any other airport in a single year.

“Hartsfield-Jackson continues to serve as the leader in the global aviation industry,” Mayor Reed said. “We remain proud of our status as the world’s busiest airport, but we are just as honored to be considered the most efficient airport in the world. It is a testament to our employees and airline partners that we are able to safely and securely move more than 100 million passengers a year, and in doing so remain a vibrant economic engine for the region.”

“We’ll take a moment to recognize this milestone,” Airport General Manager Roosevelt Council, Jr. said. “After that, we will move forward and continue our efforts to ensure Hartsfield-Jackson remains an aviation leader in the years and decades ahead.”

ATL hosted 104,171,935 passengers in 2016, a 2.6 percent increase over the previous year. ATL, which in 2015 became the first airport to serve more than 100 million passengers in a single year, remains the only airport to do so.

ATL hosted 898,356 aircraft movements in 2016, an increase of 1.8 percent over 2015.

Please go to the [Airports Council International press release](#) announcing ATL’s accomplishment.

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**Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport**

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world’s busiest and most efficient airport, serving more than 104 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 program, 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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