

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport Traffic Update December 2016 Year End 2016

Passenger Traffic – Continues To Grow

December total traffic was 2.8 million, up 8 percent over last December. Domestic traffic was up 6.6 percent. International was up 13.2 percent.

December was the 33rd consecutive month of growth in total traffic.

Calendar Year 2016 Recap

Total passenger traffic for 2016 was 29.2 million, up 8.4 percent over 2015. Domestic traffic was 23.2 million, up 8 percent. International traffic for the year was 6.1 million, up 10.1 percent.

2016 was FLL's 3rd consecutive year of double digit international growth.

The chart below depicts passenger traffic for FLL's top ten airlines for the year.

Airline	2015	2016	% Change	Absolute	% Share
JetBlue	6,033,292	7,287,044	20.8%	1,253,752	25.0%
Spirit	4,978,659	5,727,972	15.1%	749,313	19.6%
Southwest	4,677,221	5,103,542	9.1%	426,321	17.5%
Delta	3,282,009	3,305,892	0.7%	23,883	11.3%
American	2,675,711	2,434,686	-9.0%	-241,025	8.3%
United	1,584,799	1,573,724	-0.7%	-11,075	5.4%
Air Canada	715,906	765,993	7.0%	50,087	2.6%
Allegiant	411,891	604,423	46.7%	192,532	2.1%
Virgin America	334,068	373,176	11.7%	39,108	1.3%
Silver	317,375	293,930	-7.4%	-23,445	1.0%

More Flights, More Cities

In 2016, there was an average of 346 daily air carrier departures compared to 329 in 2015. This is an increase of 17 daily departures, up 5 percent. 2016 saw the addition of four new domestic destinations. There were also 12 new international cities for a total of 140 destinations served vs. 124 in 2015, up 13 percent. The average seats per departure increased from 144 to 148. This shows an increase in larger aircraft operations. The average estimated load factor for 2016 was .84, equal to 2015.

Cuba Flights Start

2016 was an historic year for FLL and the region. In August, JetBlue launched the first scheduled commercial flight to Cuba in over 50 years with service to Santa Clara. FLL was awarded more flights to Cuba than any other U.S. airport. As of December 2016, FLL has 15 daily departures to nine cities in Cuba on four airlines.

Emirates Arrives

December saw the arrival of Emirates with daily flights to Dubai. Emirates has been voted as the "World's Best Airline." It serves over 150 cities in more than 80 countries on six continents. The economic impact of Emirates to the region will be about \$100 million per year.

2017 Outlook

2017 promises to be another banner year for passenger traffic. So far on the books are the following new flights and cities:

JetBlue

- Chicago O' Hare and Aruba in January.
- Atlanta TBA.
- Long Beach in May.

Norwegian Air Shuttle

- Barcelona in August.

Allegiant

- Cleveland in February and Louisville in May.

Southwest

- Newark in March.
- Orlando and Washington Dulles in June.
- The much anticipated start of their new international flights to Cancun, Montego Bay, Belize, and Grand Cayman, also in June.

British Airways

- London Gatwick in July.

Approaching 32 Million Passengers

Total scheduled airline seats for the first six months of 2017 are in the graph below. Passenger traffic should respond accordingly. The average growth for the period is 13 percent. We expect the trend to continue through the end of 2017. Passenger traffic will likely reach 32 million.

