Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport Traffic Update February 2017

2017 - Passenger Traffic Continues to Grow

February total traffic was 2,614,564, up 7.3 percent over last February. Domestic traffic was up 5.2 percent. International was up 15.6 percent.

February was the 35th consecutive month of growth in total traffic. It was also FLL's 7th consecutive month of double digit international growth.

Top Ten Carriers

Seven out of FLL's top 10 carriers experienced growth for the month. This group represents 94 percent of total airport traffic.

Airline	2016	2017	% Change	Abs	Share
JetBlue Airways	564,290	660,291	17%	96,001	25%
Spirit Airlines	420,946	475,070	13%	54,124	18%
Southwest Airlines	437,556	468,747	7%	31,191	18%
Delta Air Lines	283,327	264,331	-7%	-18,996	10%
American Airlines	212,724	195,962	-8%	-16,762	7%
United Airlines	154,266	173,536	12%	19,270	7%
Air Canada	98,865	101,826	3%	2,961	4%
Allegiant Air	45,735	53,216	16%	7,481	2%
Virgin America	36,861	35,882	-3%	-979	1%
Norwegian Air Shuttle	18,431	29,031	58%	10,600	1%

Cuba Service Reducing

JetBlue has the same number of daily flights but are using smaller aircraft. JetBlue has cut available seats by 27 percent starting in May. Silver will discontinue service on April 22. FLL will be down to 12 daily departures in May. However, FLL will still have more flights to Cuba than any other airport. Miami International will have 11 daily departures in May. JetBlue also cut capacity in Orlando International.

Emirates Update

Emirates had a disappointing month with average load factor of 62 percent (165 passengers) in and 57 percent out (152 passengers). Historically, February has been a slower month for traffic from the Middle East to the U.S. We believe the recent traffic restrictions are beginning to impact passenger traffic. It is too early to gage the impact, if any, of the electronics ban.

Canada Update

Canadian traffic was down compared to last year. The currency exchange rate continues to be a factor. The latest exchange rate is 1 Canadian dollar = \$.75 US. Seat capacity for February was down -7 percent and traffic declined -2 percent due to an average load factor in the upper 80 percent range. Looking ahead the trend is positive in the short term. Available scheduled seats for March are down 1.6 percent. Seats are up 9.1 percent for April.

New Service for 2017

JetBlue

- Atlanta TBA.
- Long Beach in May.

Allegiant

- Cleveland started in February.
- Louisville and Belleview (Illinois) in May.

Southwest

- Newark in March.
- Orlando and Washington Dulles in June.
- International flights to Cancun, Montego Bay, Belize, and Grand Cayman, also in June.
- The new international service will also launch the opening of the new Concourse A in Terminal 1.

Spirit

Hartford and Pittsburgh in June.

British Airways

London Gatwick in July.

Norwegian Air Shuttle

Barcelona in August.

Spring Traffic Outlook and Beyond Increasing

The chart below shows the increase in scheduled available seats through September. Passenger traffic should respond accordingly. Based on this data, passenger traffic for Fiscal Year 2017 should approach 32 million total passengers.

MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	AVG
12%	17%	12%	17%	18%	21%	24%	17%