

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport Traffic Update January 2017

2017 off to a Great Start – Passenger Traffic Continues to Grow

January total traffic was 2,803,913, up 9.4 percent over last January. Domestic traffic was up 7.9 percent. International was up 14.9 percent.

Despite an estimated 500 canceled flights on January 6th and 7th, January was the 34th consecutive month of growth in total traffic. It was FLL's 6th 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 93 percent of total airport traffic.

Airline	2016	2017	% Change	Abs Change	% Share
JetBlue Airways	590,355	704,639	19%	114,284	25%
Spirit Airlines	464,791	540,817	16%	76,026	19%
Southwest Airlines	458,490	499,413	9%	40,923	18%
Delta Air Lines	286,799	271,873	-5%	-14,926	10%
American Airlines	218,426	201,823	-8%	-16,603	7%
United Airlines	162,613	182,495	12%	19,882	7%
Air Canada	92,560	89,026	-4%	-3,534	3%
Allegiant Air	45,676	56,611	24%	10,935	2%
Virgin America	37,496	39,092	4%	1,596	1%
Norwegian	19,581	31,503	61%	11,922	1%

Cuba Update

Carriers have realized that passenger demand for Cuba did not materialize. Some carriers have made the appropriate adjustments. JetBlue has the same number of daily flights but are using smaller aircraft. They will cut their available seats by 25 percent starting in May. Silver has reduced service from an average of four daily departures to three and will go to two in August. For now, Silver has stopped selling Cuba flights in September and is re-evaluating the service. If Silver pulls out of Cuba in September, FLL will be down to 12 daily departures. However, FLL will still have more flights to Cuba than any other airport. MIA will have 11 daily departures in September.

Emirates Update

Emirates first full month of service was very successful. For January, the Emirates inbound load factor was 88 percent or 234 inbound passengers. The outbound load factor was a little less at 74 percent which was 197 departing passengers.

Azul Update

Despite Zeka and the unstable socio/economic climate in Brazil, Azul carried an average of 235 passengers in both directions for January. This is an impressive load factor of 87 percent.

Canada Update

The currency exchange rate continues to impact Canadian tourism to the region. The most recent data indicates that 1 Canadian dollar = \$.75 US. While load factors were in the 80 percent range for the month, seat capacity was down -9 percent and traffic declined accordingly. The chart below illustrates seats and passengers for January. Looking ahead the trend is positive in the short term. Available scheduled seats for March are down -2 percent and are up 9 percent for April.

January 2017	<u>Seats</u>			<u>Passengers</u>		
Air Canada	117,872	113,504	-4%	92,560	89,026	-4%
Air Transat	14,742	14,982	2%	13,541	12,702	-6%
Sunwing Airlines	21,546	17,388	-19%	16,345	13,440	-18%
Westjet	37,362	29,208	-22%	28,149	23,926	-15%
Total	191,522	175,082	-9%	150,595	139,094	-8%

New Service for 2017

JetBlue

- Atlanta TBA.
- Long Beach in May.

Allegiant

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

Southwest

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

Spirit

- Hartford and Pittsburgh in June.

British Airways

- London Gatwick in July.

Norwegian Air Shuttle

- Barcelona in August

Traffic Outlook

Total scheduled available seats will continue to grow at an average of 15 percent from February through August. Passenger traffic will respond accordingly. The chart below depicts the month over month growth rate.

Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
6%	12%	17%	12%	18%	19%	22%