

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport Traffic Update May 2016

Passenger Traffic

Total passenger traffic for May 2016 was 2,393,023, up 10.1% over May last year. Domestic traffic increased by 10.7% and international traffic was up 7.6%.

May was the 26th consecutive month of positive growth in total passenger traffic. The most recent Airports Council International data (April 2016) ranked FLL 5th in total passenger growth behind Seattle, Orlando, Los Angeles, and Boston, respectively.

Scheduled available seats were up 8.5% for May. A passenger increase of 10.1% indicates a significant increase in demand (load factor) over last year. Estimated load factor for last May was 84% vs. 85% this year.

Operations

Commercial air carrier operations were 19,040, up 3.5% over last year.

Top 10 Carriers

Passenger growth and percent share data for FLL's top carriers is listed below.

Airline	2015	2016	% Change	ABS Change	% Share
JetBlue Airways	498,809	605,652	21.4%	106,843	25.3%
Spirit Airlines	430,723	500,724	16.3%	70,001	20.9%
Southwest Airlines	394,125	428,844	8.8%	34,719	17.9%
Delta Air Lines	262,299	281,930	7.5%	19,631	11.8%
American Airlines (+US)	220,427	206,211	-6.4%	-14,216	8.6%
United Airlines	120,539	118,243	-1.9%	-2,296	4.9%
Allegiant Air	30,532	45,122	47.8%	14,590	1.9%
Air Canada	32,703	40,201	22.9%	7,498	1.7%
Silver Airways	31,325	27,069	-13.6%	-4,256	1.1%
Virgin America	18,934	20,578	8.7%	1,644	0.9%

Cuba Update

FLL has received authority to operate to nine destinations in Cuba, excluding Havana. Airlines that were approved to operate the service are Silver, JetBlue, and Southwest. Spirit did not apply for any of the non-Havana routes. We expect service to begin in September.

FLL received over 50% of the route allocations from the Department of Transportation (DOT). Other airports that received authority to operate the service were Miami, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Minneapolis.

This authority does not include flights to Havana. We are still awaiting the DOT announcement on Havana service.

New Service

JetBlue

- Aguadilla (Puerto Rico) in May.
- Nashville in May.
- San Diego in June.
- New Orleans in September.

Spirit

- Philadelphia in April.

Norwegian Air Shuttle

- Very exciting new service to Paris in August.
- Guadalupe, West Indies in December.

Southwest

- The much anticipated entry into the international market at FLL with Nassau service starting in August.

Allegiant

- Ogdensburg, NY starting in October.

Miscellaneous update

Azul - Brazilian currency against the U.S. dollar hit an all-time low in January. Combined with the unstable socio/political situation and the Zika virus, this has led to a decline in Brazilian passenger traffic. However, the currency value against the dollar has shown gains over the last few months. Also the political situation has recently improved. Azul passenger traffic for May has shown significant improvement. The chart below depicts Azul's load factor for the past several months. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16
76%	76%	78%	87%

Dynamic Air – The Venezuelan permit is still pending. Dynamic has received authorization to operate four to five weekly flights to Caracas from now through December 2016. Previous to the permit issue, the flight was operated using a B767 wide body aircraft. The temporary permit authorizes the route to be operated using a smaller B737 and/or MD80 aircraft.

Brexit – There has been a lot of speculation regarding the impact of Brexit on FLL's Norwegian service from London Gatwick. While it is a little early to gauge the impact, there are several articles circulating that address the situation. The short version is the currency exchange rate could impact traffic in the near term. In the long term, traffic and air service could be impacted by a slowdown in economic growth and regulatory issues such as bilateral agreements. The CVB and FLL will be in contact with Norwegian to identify any impacts.

Allegiant – Ogdensburg, NY is located on the border between New York and Canada and is approximately 60 miles from Ottawa. Allegiant's new service will draw Canadians with their low fares and attractive vacation packages.

JetBlue – JetBlue is adding two daily departures to Nassau in August in direct competition with Southwest's entry into the market. This winter, FLL will have 10 daily departures to Nassau: five on JetBlue, four on Bahamasair, and one on Southwest.

Traffic Outlook

The outlook remains very positive. The month-over-month increase in available seats for the remainder of the year is depicted below. Traffic should respond accordingly. We anticipate passenger traffic will reach 29 million in 2016.

Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
9%	9%	8%	11%	10%	7%	5%