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## **ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BUSIEST IN FLORIDA WITH RECORD PASSENGER TRAFFIC IN 2017**

**ORLANDO, FL.-** All of the numbers have been tallied and Orlando International Airport (MCO) was the busiest airport in the state of Florida in 2017. MCO had another record setting year with some **44.6 million total passengers**. Driving the increase in traffic was a strong uptick in domestic travel, climbing some 6.52 percent.

“Orlando International is busier than we have ever been before, we are also now the busiest airport in the state of Florida. With our balanced increase in both domestic and international visitors, 2017 proved to be yet another record breaking year, reflecting the dynamic business activity of the region,” says Frank Kruppenbacher, Chairman of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority.

Overall growth in 2017 was 6.41 percent, which represents an increase of nearly 2.7 million passengers over 2016’s previous record. Much of that growth is attributable to an increase of over 3 million passenger seats added to the market.

“As the busiest airport in passenger traffic in the state of Florida in 2017 serving Orlando, the most visited destination in the country, we are working hard to meet the growing demands and provide the experience travelers expect,” says Phil Brown, Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority. “Another year of record passenger traffic highlights the need for our current \$3.5 billion capital improvement program. Current projections are that this level of growth will continue in 2018.”

### **Year-end 2017 Statistical Data:**

- International passenger traffic climbed 5.71 percent to a new record of 5,912,295
- International traffic made up 13.4 percent of overall passenger volume in 2017
- Domestic traffic climbed 6.52 percent with 38,698,970 total passengers
- Overall passenger growth was 6.41 percent to a new record of 44,611,265

### **December 2017 Statistical Data:**

- International traffic jumped 13.67 percent with 524,231 passengers
- Domestic passenger traffic was up 7.43 percent with 3,457,940 total passengers
- Overall passenger volume was up 8.21 percent for the month with 3,982,171 passengers

**Media Desk Note:** GOAA CEO Phil Brown will be available for interviews about the year-end stats between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. this morning. Please call the Office of Public Affairs at 407-825-2055 if your news organization would like to schedule an interview.

**Basic MCO information:** With more than 44.6 million annual passengers, MCO is the busiest airport in Florida and 13<sup>th</sup> busiest in the U.S. The airport is centrally located and within a two hour drive for 60 percent of the state’s residents. MCO has more than 18,000 employees and generates in excess of \$31 billion in revenue for the regional economy. Orlando International Airport strives to value and delight its customers through an airport-wide design concept known as The Orlando Experience®.

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# Greater Orlando Aviation Authority

## Traffic Summary Report

For Month Ended 12/2017

Traffic Category	Enplaned	% Chg	Deplaned	Current Month Total	% Chg	Calendar Year To Date Total	% Chg	Rolling 12-Months Total	% Chg
<b>Passenger Traffic</b>									
Domestic	1,692,725	8.04	1,765,215	3,457,940	7.43	38,698,970	6.52	38,698,970	6.52
International	258,717	14.17	265,514	524,231	13.67	5,912,295	5.71	5,912,295	5.71
<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>1,951,442</b>	<b>8.81</b>	<b>2,030,729</b>	<b>3,982,171</b>	<b>8.21</b>	<b>44,611,265</b>	<b>6.41</b>	<b>44,611,265</b>	<b>6.41</b>
<b>Cargo Traffic</b>									
Freight & Express	7,736	-9.26	9,870	17,606	-3.23	162,630	-1.58	162,630	-1.58
Mail	155	-13.01	327	482	-6.38	12,206	20.77	12,206	20.77
Perishables	0	100.00	2	3	115.54	60	-49.54	60	-49.54
<b>Total Domestic</b>	<b>7,892</b>	<b>-9.33</b>	<b>10,199</b>	<b>18,091</b>	<b>-3.31</b>	<b>174,896</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>174,896</b>	<b>-3.2</b>
Freight & Express	1,972	18.45	2,594	4,566	37.54	40,444	37.71	40,444	37.71
Mail	43	6.64	0	43	6.64	171	-81.57	171	-81.57
Perishables	144	54.21	415	559	105.01	4,508	36.52	4,508	36.52
<b>Total International</b>	<b>2,158</b>	<b>20.04</b>	<b>3,009</b>	<b>5,168</b>	<b>42.27</b>	<b>45,123</b>	<b>34.30</b>	<b>45,123</b>	<b>34.30</b>
<b>Total Cargo</b>	<b>10,050</b>	<b>-4.30</b>	<b>13,208</b>	<b>23,258</b>	<b>4.10</b>	<b>220,019</b>	<b>5.24</b>	<b>220,019</b>	<b>5.24</b>
<b>Aircraft Operations</b>									
<b>Orlando International Airport</b>	Air Carrier			26,784	4.93	300,618	4.45	300,618	4.45
	Commuter			566	34.76	7,142	-1.90	7,142	-1.90
	Cargo			814	-5.57	6,486	4.85	6,486	4.85
	General Aviation			1,258	-6.19	15,929	4.70	15,929	4.70
	Military			65	116.67	533	10.81	533	10.81
	<b>Total</b>			<b>29,487</b>	<b>4.64</b>	<b>330,708</b>	<b>4.33</b>	<b>330,708</b>	<b>4.33</b>
<b>Orlando Executive Airport (Per FAA Tower)</b>	Air Carrier			0	.00	7	-12.50	7	-12.50
	Air Taxi			747	47.92	6,293	-.08	6,293	-.08
	General Aviation			7,396	-3.55	93,472	-9.63	93,472	-9.63
	Military			9	28.57	160	7.38	160	7.38
	<b>Total</b>			<b>8,152</b>	<b>-.34</b>	<b>99,932</b>	<b>-9.06</b>	<b>99,932</b>	<b>-9.06</b>

**Notes:**

1. Cargo weights in Short Tons

SOURCE: Airlines Monthly Landing Reports, except for OIA General Aviation and Military operations, and all OEA operations (from FAA Tower)

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