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AIRPORT REPORT

RECORD YEAR: ALL-TIME HIGH NUMBER OF AIRLINES, NON-STOP DESTINATIONS AND PASSENGERS

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In 2016, Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport set new all-time records for its number of airlines, non-stop destinations, and passengers served.

Based on year end data, the Airport served a record high of 11,139,421 passengers in 2016. This represents a 4.4% increase over the prior record set in 2015 when the Airport surpassed ten million passengers for the first time in its history by serving over 10.6 million passengers. This achievement can be attributed to the extensive list of new flights and destinations added in 2016.

Since 2015, the Airport experienced 23% growth in the number of non-stop destinations, increasing from 48 cities in 2015 to 59 cities in 2017. The Airport has a record high of 17 airlines and non-stop service to eight international destinations. The following list highlights the additional flights added in 2016:

- February 2016
 - Allegiant Air added new non-stop service twice weekly to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- April 2016
 - Frontier Airlines provided additional service to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with three weekly departures and to Orlando, Florida, with four weekly departures.
 - Spirit Airlines added daily service to Los Angeles and Atlanta.
- June 2016
 - American Airlines began daily service to Los Angeles.
 - Allegiant Air began service to St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Florida, a new destination.
 - GLO added daily service to a new destination Destin/Ft. Walton Beach, Florida.
- September 2016
 - GLO started new non-stop service to Huntsville, Alabama.
 - JetBlue began service to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.
- November 2016
 - Allegiant Air began non-stop flights to Concord, North Carolina.

- December 2016
 - Choice Aire began non-stop service to a new international destination San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

Several new flights are set to start in 2017. On March 27, 2017, British Airways will begin new international non-stop service to London, England, with four weekly flights on their Boeing 787-800 Dreamliner aircraft. In May, Condor will begin twice-weekly non-stop service to Frankfurt, Germany. The Airport is also experiencing an increase in domestic flights. Allegiant Air will begin non-stop service to two new destinations Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina, and Cleveland, Ohio. Southwest Airlines will begin seasonal, twice-weekly service to Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina, and Columbus, Ohio starting April 30, 2017. Spirit Airlines will begin service to Cleveland, Ohio; Baltimore/Washington, DC; and Orlando, Florida, in May.

The Airport is growing at a rapid pace. With great progress, posting increasing numbers in airlines, non-stop destinations, and passengers over the last several years, we hope to see the same continue in 2017.



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