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Detroit Metro Airport Passengers Zoom Ahead in 2010 *--Willow Run bounces back too*

Passenger traffic at **Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW)** jumped 3.3% in 2010 with nearly 32.4 million total passengers flying in or out of DTW last year. A 10.1% spike in international passenger traffic was three times the domestic passenger growth rate according to statistics released today by the Financial Planning and Analysis Division of the **Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA)**.

“Passenger traffic has increased at Detroit Metropolitan Airport every month since May 2010,” said **Genelle Allen, WCAA Interim CEO**. “We continue to operate in a very challenging revenue environment as landed weights and passenger revenue still lag behind our most prosperous years. However, after a long and difficult recession, this steady, sustained improvement over 2009 is encouraging.”

Aircraft landings and take-offs (operations) ended the year at 452,616, an increase of 4.6% over 2009 and cargo by weight was up 19.4%. For the month of December, passenger traffic was up 5.6% and aircraft operations increased 1.9% compared to December 2009.

Last year’s 32,377,064 passengers handled at DTW is a number roughly equivalent to the every man, woman and child living in Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Willow Run Airport, which suffered severe auto industry-related shipping losses during the recession, is also posting gains. Cargo by weight jumped 75% in 2010 and aircraft operations climbed nearly 3% over 2009.

“Sustained growth at the airports is welcome news because Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run Airports form the east and west anchors of our Detroit Region Aerotropolis,” said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. “Increasing activity at these airports is important to provide local businesses even more access to global markets.”

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