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Passenger traffic grew 7.4% in December at Detroit Metropolitan Airport *--Late Thanksgiving contributes to month-over-month growth*

Detroit, Mich., (February 3, 2014)--A strong finish at **Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW)** helped propel calendar year 2013 past 2012 for total passenger traffic, according to statistics released today by the **Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) Department of Financial Planning & Analysis.**

Compared to December 2012, total passengers for the month of December 2013 increased 7.4% to nearly 2.6 million bringing the total passenger count to 32,389,544 for the year—an increase of 0.5%. Some of the December growth is attributable to 2013's late Thanksgiving holiday on November 28. Many leisure travelers returned home from the holiday after the calendar page turned from November to December.

“It’s good to see more customers in the terminals,” said **CEO Tom Naughton.** “Increased activity at the airport has a beneficial influence on our economy, creating more jobs and a higher demand for local goods and services.”

A report issued last month by **University of Michigan-Dearborn College of Business** estimated that activity at DTW has a total, annual economic impact of \$10.2 billion and is responsible for 86,000 jobs across the State of Michigan.

Aircraft landings and take-offs were up slightly less than 1% for the month of December and declined 0.5% for the year.

Click <http://www.wcaa.us/About/FactsFigures/AviationStatistics.aspx> to view the full report. Please note that airport statistics are subject of change as airlines report updates to WCAA.

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Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) welcomed more than 32 million passengers in 2013 and is one of the world's leading air transportation hubs. With service from 13 scheduled passenger airlines, Michigan's largest airport offers more than 1,100 flights per day to and from nearly 150 non-stop destinations on four continents. In 2010, DTW ranked highest in overall customer satisfaction among large airports in the J.D. Power and Associates North America Airport Satisfaction Study. With two award-winning passenger terminals, six jet runways, and an onsite AAA Four-Diamond Westin Hotel, DTW is among the world's most efficient, customer friendly and operationally capable airports in North America. DTW is operated by **Wayne County Airport Authority**, which also operates nearby **Willow Run Airport**—an important corporate, cargo and general aviation facility. **The Airport Authority is entirely self-sustaining and does not receive any tax dollars to support airport operations.** Visit www.metroairport.com for more information.