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# News Release

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## **Detroit Metro Airport Sets All-Time Record** *--Handles more than 36 million passengers in 2005*

A reduction in scheduled flights in November and December did not deter Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) from setting an all-time record for total passengers in 2005.

December numbers released today, show that DTW handled 36,389,294 total passengers in CY 2005, eclipsing the 2004 total of 35,276,870. It also topped DTW's best-ever year of 2000, when 35,535,080 passengers flew in or out of DTW.

“In one year, Detroit Metropolitan Airport smoothly and efficiently handled the equivalent populations of Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana and Ohio combined,” said Lester Robinson, Wayne County Airport Authority CEO. “This illustrates the dedication and professionalism of employees of the airlines, TSA, FAA, the Airport Authority and all of our contractors and vendors.”

Mr. Robinson also credited capital improvements in recent years such as a sixth jet runway, the expanded McNamara Terminal, a second access road from I-275 and more than 11,000 new structured parking spaces for enabling DTW to handle record numbers of passengers more comfortably than ever. While carriers new to Detroit, such as Air France, AirTran and Frontier added to the passenger volumes, several DTW legacy carriers also performed well.

International passengers grew 7.3% over 2004 to more than 3 million, but still lag behind the 3.9 million logged in the year 2000.

Aircraft operations were nearly flat compared to 2004 with 521,900 aircraft landing or taking off in 2005—down 638 from 2004's total of 522,538. The month of December showed a decline in both passengers and operations.

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- *Please note that these are preliminary numbers and may be subject to subsequent adjustments.*



## DTW Airport Statistics December 2005

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>YTD Total Passengers</b>	<b>36,389,294</b>	<b>35,276,870</b>	<b>3.2% Increase</b>
<b>YTD Total International Passengers</b>	<b>3,076,542</b>	<b>2,867,273</b>	<b>7.3% Increase</b>
<b>MTD Total Passengers</b>	<b>2,816,625</b>	<b>2,895,976</b>	<b>-2.7% Decrease</b>
<b>YTD Operations</b>	<b>521,900</b>	<b>522,538</b>	<b>-0.1% Decrease</b>
<b>MTD Operations</b>	<b>40,667</b>	<b>43,428</b>	<b>-6.4% Decrease</b>