

STL Records 26 Straight Months of Total Passenger Growth

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St. Louis Lambert International Airport (STL) has seen nearly six percent in total passenger growth through the first nine months of 2017. The Airport has served more than 10.9 million total passengers year-to-date vs 10.4 million in the same time period of 2016. The September 2017 air traffic activity report, which wrapped up Q3, also shows commercial aircraft departures are riding an 8.7 percent increase with 68,700 departing flights year-to-date vs 63,200 a year ago.

September traffic at STL showed a one percent increase in passenger traffic with 1,179,029 total passengers. However, YTD and Q3 statistics are still strong from passenger growth through the second half of the summer. Both July and August traffic numbers were showing increases of more than seven percent. STL has recorded 26 straight months of passenger growth going back to September of 2015.

In other segments, STL airport is also showing positive trends. Overall aircraft operations (commercial, cargo, general aviation and military) is up 3.1 percent year-to-date with 147,148 takeoffs and landings.

Air Cargo activity is showing 3.1 percent growth in aircraft departures. Air Cargo shipments are still trending up with 4.4 percent growth year-to-date, which amounts to 106.7 million pounds of cargo products.

The Airport is expecting to finish out the year with the same positive trend in passenger growth. Southwest is launching new international service to Cancun (CUN) last this week, Nov. 11. STL will be just one of 15 Southwest cities to be designated as an international gateway for that airline. In December, Alaska Airlines will be adding a second daily flight to San Diego (SAN).

STL airlines are operating 254 daily flights to 65 non-stop destinations in November, which is seven more daily flights than in November 2016. During the peak summer travel season, STL airlines operated more than 260 daily departures.

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