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# News Release

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## **July was Best Month in Airport's History** ***--Recovery in Passenger Traffic Continues***

The strong recovery in passenger traffic at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) continued through July 2004 according to the airport business office. Preliminary numbers indicate that July's total of 3,379,876 arriving and departing passengers was the best single month in the airport's history, increasing 8.5% over July 2003 and edging out DTW's previous best July of 2000 by 98,133 passengers or 3%. DTW's previous best month ever was August 2000 with 3,284,668 total passengers.

Year-to-date, DTW has handled 20,346,444 total passengers, an increase of 7% over the first seven months of 2003. International passengers increased 9% for the same period.

The airport's total passengers figure for the first seven months is running only 3% behind its record-breaking year of 2000. Airport officials have said that if the current pace of recovery continues, DTW will set a new record for annual passengers next year. Detroit Metropolitan Airport's best year was 2000, with 35,535,080 total passengers.

Aircraft operations (landings and take-offs) increased 5.6% for the month and 6.1% year-to-date. Operations are still down 7% from 2000, and international passengers lag 27% behind 2000.

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