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## Passengers and cargo grow at Detroit Metropolitan Airport *--First quarter optimism tempered with caution*

Passenger traffic at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) rose 2.6% for the first quarter of calendar year 2012 despite 2.2% fewer flights according to preliminary statistics released today by the airport's Division of Financial Planning & Analysis.

A total of 7,384,535 total passengers arrived or departed DTW as of March 31 on 102,623 aircraft landings and takeoffs. International passengers led the way with an increase of 9% and cargo increased 4.3% compared to the same three-month period in 2011.

“We are pleased to see two consecutive months of growth in passenger traffic, but volatile energy prices continue to pose challenges for the aviation industry,” said Tom Naughton, Interim CEO of the Wayne County Airport Authority. “Developing economic opportunities from air cargo continues to be a top priority.”

Click <http://www.metroairport.com/about/AviStatsProclaim.asp> for more detailed data. Please note that these preliminary numbers are subject to revision.

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*Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) welcomed more than 32 million passengers in 2011 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 1,200 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 new state-of-the-art 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](http://www.metroairport.com) for more information.*