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## International traffic drives improvement in passenger numbers at Detroit Metropolitan Airport

A 9.4% increase in international passenger traffic at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) helped to boost the airport's total passenger traffic 1.6% for the first half of calendar year 2012. International passenger traffic for the month of June was up 11.4% compared to the same month in 2011 according to preliminary numbers released today by the Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) Department of Financial Planning and Analysis. Domestic passenger traffic was up less than 1% through June 2012.

A total of 15,866,758 passengers arrived or departed DTW through June keeping the airport on pace to at least match 2011's year-end total of 32.4 million—the rough equivalent of every man, woman and child living in Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio and Minnesota.

Total cargo continued to grow—up 6.0% for June and 5.3% year-to-date. Aircraft operations (landings and take-offs) at DTW declined 2.2% for both the month of June and year-to-date.

“Maintaining and developing new air service and generating economic opportunities from air cargo continue to be our top priorities,” said Interim WCAA CEO Tom Naughton.

Visit <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.*