

Governor O'Malley Announces New March Passenger Record for BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport

1.88 Million Passengers In March 2011, Most Ever for March

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley today announced 1,882,404 passengers traveled through Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport in March. That figure, an increase of 3.3 percent over March 2010, was an all-time March record for passenger traffic at BWI Marshall. Over the past 12 months, total passenger traffic at BWI Marshall has increased 6 percent to 22,258,652—a new record for any 12-month period at the Airport.

BWI Marshall Airport has set monthly passenger records in 10 of the past 11 months. Passenger traffic at the Airport has grown for 13 straight months, and for 21 of the past 22 months. Global passenger traffic increased by 2 percent in March, according to Airports Council International.

“At BWI Marshall Airport, we are committed to providing excellent service and affordable air travel options for our customers,” said Governor Martin O'Malley. “The performance of BWI Marshall is important because of the role it plays in our economy. It serves as Maryland's gateway to the world, attracts and retains business, and supports more than 10,000 direct jobs.”

Southwest Airlines, the largest airline at BWI Marshall Airport, served 1,085,356 passengers in March, an 11.5 percent increase over March 2010. Southwest began service to two new destinations from BWI Marshall in March—Charleston and Greenville-Spartanburg, South Carolina. The airline will begin service between BWI Marshall and Newark in June. Southwest currently offers 189 daily departures from BWI Marshall Airport, a record for the airline. The airline will offer 195 daily departures during the peak summer months of 2011.

Other airlines that posted significant percentage increases at BWI Marshall Airport for March 2011 included American Airlines, British Airways, US Airways, and Cape Air. Cargo shipments also grew in March, to 20,932,530 pounds—an increase of 6.1 percent.

“The record levels of passenger traffic that we saw last year has continued in the early part of 2011,” said Paul J. Wiedefeld, Executive Director of BWI Marshall Airport. “We expect a busy summer, and we thank our customers for flying BWI Marshall Airport.”

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