

# **Travelers Flock to BWI Marshall Airport in Record Numbers During First Half of 2011**

## **Airport Sets June Passenger Traffic Record**

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley announced today that 2,126,776 passengers traveled through Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport in June. That figure, an increase of 2.0 percent over June 2010, was an all-time June record for passenger traffic at BWI Marshall. For the first half of 2011, passenger traffic has increased 5.3 percent to 10,913,788—a new record for the first 6 months of any year.

BWI Marshall Airport has set monthly passenger records in 13 of the past 14 months. Passenger traffic at the Airport has grown for 16 straight months, and for 24 of the past 25 months. Over the past 12 months, total passenger traffic at BWI Marshall has climbed 5.5 percent to 22,488,838, also a new record.

“The steady growth and record-setting performance at BWI Marshall Airport reflects the strength of our Maryland economy,” said Governor O'Malley. “We remain committed to customer service and to fostering a convenient, efficient travel experience.”

Southwest Airlines, the largest airline at BWI Marshall Airport, served 1,185,864 passengers in June, a 6.7 percent increase over June 2010. Southwest offered an average 195 daily departures from BWI Marshall Airport in June, a record for the airline.

Other airlines that posted significant percentage increases at BWI Marshall Airport for June 2011 included Delta Air Lines, US Airways, American Airlines, and British Airways. Cargo shipments also grew in June, to 19,726,645 pounds—an increase of 9.0 percent.

“As we projected, the busy summer travel season kicked-off with a record June,” said Paul J. Wiedefeld, Executive Director of BWI Marshall Airport. “We will continue to build upon the momentum and growth that we've had over the first half of the year.”

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