

Governor O'Malley Announces New All-Time Monthly Record for BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport

More Than 2.2 Million Passengers In July 2011, Busiest Month Ever

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley today announced that 2,205,035 commercial passengers flew through Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport in July 2011. Passenger traffic for July, which increased 1.6 percent over July 2010, was an all-time monthly record for BWI Marshall.

July 2011 was the first time that more than 2.2 million passengers traveled through BWI Marshall in one month. The previous monthly record for passenger traffic at BWI Marshall was July 2010, with 2,170,517 passengers.

"BWI Marshall is a critical economic engine and international gateway for Maryland and the entire National Capital region," said Governor O'Malley. "The Airport's strength and record-setting growth are important for our efforts to attract businesses, tourists, and jobs."

Southwest Airlines, the largest airline at BWI Marshall Airport, served 1,211,951 passengers in July, a 3.5 percent increase over July 2010. This was an all-time monthly record for Southwest at BWI Marshall. For the peak summer months, Southwest boosted its level of flights to 195 daily departures at BWI Marshall, the most ever for the airline.

Other airlines that posted significant increases at BWI Marshall Airport for July 2011 included Delta Air Lines, JetBlue Airways, US Airways, and American Airlines. Cargo shipments also grew in July to 19,543,368 pounds, an increase of 1.5 percent.

"We thank our travelers, who continue to respond to the outstanding customer service, growing air service, and affordable airfares widely available at BWI Marshall Airport," said Paul J. Wiedefeld, Executive Director of BWI Marshall Airport.

BWI Marshall Airport has set monthly passenger records in 14 of the past 15 months. Passenger traffic at the Airport has grown for 17 straight months, and for 25 of the past 26 months. Over the past 12 months, total passenger traffic at BWI Marshall has increased 5.2 percent to 22,523,356, a new record for any 12-month period.

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