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PHL Airport Sees Highest Passenger Totals Since 2008

PHILADELPHIA – Boosted by the expanded service of ultralow-cost carriers, passenger traffic at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) exceeded 31 million in 2015, its highest number of passengers since 2008, the start of the Great Recession.

Total passenger traffic at PHL for 2015 was 31.4 million, its fifth highest total, and a 2.3% increase from 2014. PHL had its most travelers, 32.2 million, in 2007.

“The numbers reflect an optimism about the market and our local economy,” said Airport CEO Chellie Cameron. “Throughout our industry, many of our peers are reporting similar increases in passenger traffic. We are very pleased by this trend and are optimistic it will continue in 2016.”



Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$14.4 billion in spending to the regional economy and accounting for more than 141,000 jobs.