

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport April Traffic Recap

April marked the 20th consecutive month of positive growth in total passenger traffic. Total traffic for April 2011 was 2,154,136, up 9.3% over the same month last year. International traffic was 341,064, up 8.8% for the period.

April commercial operations totaled 20,916, up 4.2% over 2010. General Aviation totaled 4,264, up 2.4% over April of last year. Total aircraft movements for the period was 25,180 take offs and landings, up 3.9% over last year.

Load factors continue to remain very high. Based on airline reports and schedule data, the load factor for April was 84%. The most recent U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) data shows that FLL's load factor has increased by 2.6% (Feb 2011 vs. Feb 2010). FLL also ranked 4th in load factor growth among major United States airports.

Airports Council International (ACI) ranked FLL 1st among major United States airports in traffic growth. April 2011 saw increases by most legacy and low cost carriers. For the legacy airlines:

- American was up 53.3%
- Continental increased 27% (impact of the merger with United)
- US Airways was up 9.6% (3rd consecutive month of positive growth)

On the low-cost carrier side:

- Spirit showed a 13.2% increase
- JetBlue was up 13%
- Southwest increased 2.3%

Projected airline schedules indicate that passenger traffic will continue to grow. The table below depicts percentage increases in available seats at FLL for the next few months.

Month	% Increase
May	5.2
June	3.5
July	3.8
August	4.6
September	2.6

Year-to-date passenger airline data at FLL:

Airline	Passengers	Share at FLL
Spirit	1,588,170	18.7%
Southwest	1,321,017	15.5%
Jetblue	1,304,559	15.3%
Delta	1,165,088	13.7%
US Airways	627,045	7.4%
Continental	614,805	7.2%
Airtran	428,934	5.0%
American	409,057	4.8%
Virgin	116,693	1.4%
Frontier	82,439	1.0%

ACI just released 2010 passenger data for the United States. FLL ranked 22nd in total passenger traffic (same as 2009) and 4th in passenger growth.

DOT has just released 2010 the Origin/Destination data. FLL's top five markets remained the same and were La Guardia, Newark, JFK, Atlanta, and Boston, respectively. Of the top markets, the west coast has become very strong. Los Angeles moved from 15th last year to 11th this year and San Francisco moved from 32nd to 15th. Both a result of Virgin America entering the markets and JetBlue added San Francisco service. Hartford, Connecticut also showed significant growth because Southwest, JetBlue, and Delta added new service.

DOT data indicates that FLL has the 2nd lowest average domestic fares at \$128 each way. Fares at Miami International Airport were 26.3% higher and Palm Beach International's fares were 9.4% higher.