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2014 PASSENGER TRAFFIC SETS ALL-TIME RECORD 3.8 Million Passengers Flew Through WRWA in 2014

OKLAHOMA CITY, Wednesday, January 14, 2015 – Year-end passenger numbers released by the Department of Airports revealed significant growth over 2013 and marked 2014 as the year with the largest number of passengers to ever pass through the airport. A total of 3,834,009 passengers flew in and out of Oklahoma City’s commercial airport during the calendar year; surpassing the previous record, set in 2007, by almost 97,000 passengers.

The airport has seen a steady rise in passengers over the last seven years, rebounding after a national recession and record fuel prices in 2008. Much of the growth can be attributed to a robust Oklahoma City economy and enhanced air service.

“There is no question that the growth in the City’s primary industry sectors – energy, aerospace, bioscience, convention and tourism – have contributed to this record-setting year,” says Mark Kranenburg, director of airports. “The good news is that this trend is expected to continue. We hope that 2015 will set another record.”

New and improved air service has been an important factor in stimulating passenger growth. Since 2007, the airport has added eight new nonstop destinations and two new airlines that include:

- United nonstop to Washington Dulles 6/07/07
- Southwest nonstop to Baltimore 8/04/07
- United nonstop to San Francisco 8/29/11
- Southwest nonstop to Chicago Midway 6/13/12
- Southwest nonstop to Atlanta 11/03/13
- Allegiant Airlines nonstop to Orlando/Sanford 11/14/13
- American Airlines nonstop to Charlotte 7/02/14
- Alaska Airlines nonstop to Seattle Service begins 7/01/15

With the exception of February, passenger traffic increased every month in 2014. For the year overall, enplanements (the number of people that get on a plane) were up 4.86%, deplanements (the number of people that get off a plane) were up 4.79%, and the year in total was up 4.83%.

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Below is a summary of the numbers by month.

Yearly Summary	ENPLANEMENTS				DEPLANEMENTS			
	2014	2013	Difference	%	2014	2013	Difference	%
January	125,583	124,742	841	.67%	134,025	133,377	648	.49%
February	122,136	122,855	(719)	(.59%)	122,350	122,050	300	.25%
March	152,864	148,659	4,205	2.83%	156,986	152,582	4,404	2.89%
April	153,013	150,996	2,017	1.34%	150,807	147,956	2,851	1.93%
May	181,748	174,848	6,900	3.95%	172,128	163,928	8,200	5.00%
June	180,133	172,918	7,215	4.17%	180,129	174,576	5,553	3.18%
July	182,975	171,472	11,503	6.71%	182,679	174,490	8,189	4.69%
August	165,666	153,954	11,712	7.61%	172,131	160,458	11,673	7.27%
September	157,345	144,808	12,537	8.66%	161,397	149,574	11,823	7.90%
October	171,234	158,859	12,375	7.79%	171,154	159,265	11,889	7.46%
November	154,439	146,151	8,288	5.67%	156,328	147,005	9,323	6.34%
December	168,458	156,562	11,896	7.60%	158,301	145,382	12,919	8.89%
Year to Date Totals	1,915,594	1,826,824	88,770	4.86%	1,918,415	1,830,643	87,772	4.79%

Airport officials predict continued growth for the coming year with a conservative projection of 1.8 percent increase over 2014.

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Will Rogers World Airport is Oklahoma City's commercial airport and accommodates nearly four million travelers each year. The airport services 21 nonstop airports with an average of 75 daily departures. Will Rogers World Airport is owned by the City of Oklahoma City and leased to the Oklahoma City Airport Trust. The Trust oversees the management and operation of the airport.