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New GGA Analysis Finds NYC Area Passengers Faced the Most Disruptions this Thanksgiving

(NEW YORK – NEW JERSEY) – *The following is a statement from Global Gateway Alliance Chairman and Founder Joe Sitt regarding an analysis released today revealing New York City metro airports led the nation in cancellations and delays over the Thanksgiving holiday period.*

“Winter weather came early this year and made Thanksgiving travel even worse than usual. But the reality is too many passengers face cancellations and delays at New York area airports not only during busy holiday periods, but every day.

“We have the busiest and most congested airspace in the country here in New York, and without finally replacing decades-old radar with a 21st Century air traffic control system, we’ll continue to lead the nation in passenger disruptions. That’s why the 2015 FAA reauthorization needs to put the New York area first for a full and effective rollout of NextGen.”

Table 1: Cities Ranked by Most Disruptions

The study compared the top U.S. cities for cancellations and delays at their respective metropolitan area airports over the Thanksgiving period, from November 23rd to November 29th, 2014. The data was sourced from FlightStats.com on December 1, 2014.¹

The comparison found that New York City area airports faced the most disruptions over the course of the Thanksgiving period, followed by the Chicago and Washington, D.C. areas.

Ranking	City	Canceled	Delayed	Total Disruptions
1	New York City	723	4438	5161
2	Chicago	288	3574	3862
3	Washington DC	268	2798	3066
4	Dallas/Fort Worth	135	2622	2757
5	Atlanta	26	1969	1995
6	Denver	83	1842	1925
7	Charlotte	115	1737	1852
8	Los Angeles	65	1731	1796

¹ <http://www.flightstats.com/go/Media/stats.do?region=us&queryDate=lastWeek>

9	Philadelphia	236	1482	1718
10	San Francisco	37	1477	1514
11	Orlando	43	1247	1290
12	Houston	46	1242	1288
13	Boston	110	1124	1234
14	Minneapolis/St. Paul	64	1052	1116
15	Detroit	91	1004	1095
16	Seattle	24	1006	1030
17	Tampa	28	714	742
18	San Diego	33	523	556
19	Phoenix	18	498	516
20	Nashville	31	460	491
21	Raleigh	35	452	487
22	Miami	13	432	445
23	Columbus	31	405	436
24	Fort Lauderdale	10	418	428
25	Pittsburg	25	390	415
26	Cincinnati	48	341	389
27	Hartford	72	264	336
28	Cleveland	28	303	331
29	St. Louis	17	275	292
30	Anchorage	15	232	247
31	Indianapolis	11	215	226
32	Kansas City	12	197	209
33	Rochester	28	167	195
34	Albany	24	154	178
35	Milwaukee	14	152	166
36	Portland	42	77	119
37	Buffalo	13	98	111
38	Syracuse	11	78	89
39	Nome	25	12	37

Table 2: Airports Ranked by Most Disruptions

Ranking	Airport	Canceled	Delayed	Total Disruptions
1	O'Hare International Airport	288	3574	3862
2	Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport	135	2622	2757
3	Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport	26	1969	1995
4	Denver International Airport	83	1842	1925
5	Newark Liberty International Airport	284	1581	1865
6	Charlotte Douglas International Airport	115	1737	1852
7	Los Angeles International Airport	65	1731	1796

8	Philadelphia International Airport	236	1482	1718
9	LaGuardia Airport	333	1298	1631
10	San Francisco International Airport	37	1477	1514
11	John F. Kennedy International Airport	67	1440	1507
12	Orlando International Airport	43	1247	1290
13	George Bush Intercontinental Airport	46	1242	1288
14	Washington Dulles International Airport	112	1030	1142
15	Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport	64	1052	1116
16	Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport	91	1004	1095
17	Logan International Airport	62	1020	1082
18	Seattle-Tacoma International Airport	24	1006	1030
19	Ronald Reagan National Airport	116	858	974
20	Baltimore/Wash International Thurgood Marshall Airport	40	910	950
21	Tampa International Airport	28	714	742
22	San Diego International Airport	33	523	556
23	Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport	18	498	516
24	Nashville International Airport	31	460	491
25	Raleigh-Durham International Airport	35	452	487
26	Miami International Airport	13	432	445
27	Port Columbus International Airport	31	405	436
28	Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport	10	418	428
29	Pittsburgh International Airport	25	390	415
30	Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Airport	48	341	389
31	Bradley International Airport	72	264	336
32	Cleveland Hopkins International Airport	28	303	331
33	Lambert-St. Louis International Airport	17	275	292
34	Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport	15	232	247
35	Indianapolis International Airport	11	215	226
36	Kansas City International Airport	12	197	209
37	Greater Rochester International Airport	28	167	195
38	Albany International Airport	24	154	178
39	General Mitchell International Airport	14	152	166
40	Westchester County Airport	39	119	158
41	Manchester Boston Regional Airport	48	104	152
42	Portland International Jetport	42	77	119
43	Buffalo Niagara International Airport	13	98	111
44	Hancock International Airport	11	78	89
45	Nome Airport	25	12	37

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ABOUT GGA

Global Gateway Alliance (GGA) was established to address the major challenges facing the metropolitan region's airports and related infrastructure that, if left unaddressed, will serve as a major impediment to the long-term growth of New York City and surrounding areas. By harnessing the expertise of leaders in business, government, academia, labor and other sectors, we seek to tackle these challenges head-on and serve as the leading advocate in an effort to improve our airports and facilitate the continued growth of the region. For more information regarding the Global Gateway Alliance, please visit www.globalgatewayalliance.org. Follow GGA on Twitter @GGA_NYNY and 'Like' the organization on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/UsqxGw>.

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