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Profiles of Minnesota's Economy and Population, 2002 - 2003

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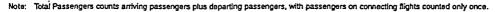
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Air Passenger Traffic at the World's 25 Busiest Airports, 2001

The Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport is considered one of the world's best large airports.

		Total Passengers, 2000		Cargo Handle	Cargo Handled, 2000	
International Airport	City	Passengers	Rank	Metric tons	Rank	
Hartsfield Atlanta International	Atlanta, GA	75,849,375	. 1	743,717	22	
O'Hare International	Chicago, IL	66,805,339	2	1,284,822 ;	1 <u>2</u> 2	
Los Angeles International	Los Angeles, CA	61,024,541	3	2,122,874	.2	
Heathrow	London, England	60,743,154	4	1,263,542	13	
Haneda	Tokyo, Japan	58,692,688	5	725,124	23	
Dallas/Forth Worth International	Dallas/Fort Worth, TX	55,150,689	6	793,974	21	
Rheim/Main	Frankfurt, Germany	48,559,980	7	1,613,292	7	
Charles De Gaulle	Paris, France	47,996,223	8 -	1,479,304	10	
Schiphol	Amsterdam, Netherlands	39,538,483	9	1,232,031	14	
Denver International	Denver, CO	36,086,751	10	358 631	15	
Sky Harbor International	Phoenix, AZ	35,481,950	11	. 283,337	16	
McCarran International	Las Vegas, NV	35,195,675	12	. 80,064	17	
Minneapolis-St. Paul International	Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN	35,170,528	13	339,676	48	
George Bush Intercontinental	Houston, TX	34,794,868	14	337,842	49	
San Francisco International	San Francisco, CA	34,626,668	15	635,060	24	
Barajas Airport	Madrid, Spain	33,984,413	16	330,687	25	
Hongkong International	Hong Kong, China	32,553,000	17	2,099,605	3	
Detroit Metro Wayne County	Detroit, MI	32,294,121	18	240,763	4	
Miami International .	Miami, FL	31,668,450	19	1,639,762	6	
Gatwick	London, England	31,182,361	20	294,881	7	
Bangkok International Airport	Bangkok, Thailand	30,623,764	21	842,588	19	
Newark, NJ Airport	Newark, NJ	30,500,000	22	800,000	20	
John F. Kennedy International Airport		29,400,000	23	1,500,000	9	
Orlando International	Orlando, FL	28,166,612	24	223,545	10	
Changi International Airport	Singapore, Singapore	28,093,759	25	1,529,930	8	



Source: Preliminary 2000 data. Airports Council International (http://www.airports.org, accessed January 2003).

- The International Air Transport Association named the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) the best large airport in North America for overall customer satisfaction in 2001 for the third consecutive year. MSP ranked third as the best large airport in the world, behind those in Singapore and Hong Kong.
- MSP served over 35 million passengers in 2001, representing a growth rate of 31 percent since 1995. In terms of total passenger traffic in 2001, MSP ranked 13th largest in the world and 8th largest in the United States.
- Thirteen major U.S. passenger airlines, three international carriers, three regional commuter airlines, seven charter airlines and 19 cargo airlines serve the Twin Cities airport. The MSP airport employs more than 25,000 people.
- MSP processed about 340,000 metric tons of cargo in 2001, ranking 48th in the world. Memphis, Tennessee
 — the home base of Federal Express and the world's busiest airport by cargo handled — handled 2.6 million metric tons of cargo in 2001.

- Long term expansion projects for MSP include: completion of the new fourth runway and related taxiways in late 2004; new, expanded air freight and airline maintenance facilities; more de-icing pads; an improved storm water drainage system; additional Humphrey Terminal gates and parking; light rail stations at the Lindbergh and Humphrey terminals (2004); and an elevated concourse tram to begin operation in mid-2003.
- According to the Air Travel Consumer Report, July 2002 (summer estimate), planes using MSP arrived on time 80.7 percent of the time, compared to the national average of 80.9 percent and departed on time 80.4 percent of the time, compared to the national average of 79.8 percent.
- The Air Travel Consumer Report, December 2002
 (winter estimate) shows that planes using MSP arrived on time 84.8 percent of the time, compared to the national average of 78.6 percent and departed on time 85.8 percent of the time, compared to the national average of 78.3 percent.

