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## **Gerald R. Ford International Records Busiest Month & First Quarter Ever**



**Grand Rapids, MI** – March was a record-breaking month at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GFIA), setting a new record as the single busiest month in the Airport’s history.

GFIA saw an 8-percent increase in passenger activity in March 2015 compared to March 2014. March 2015 passenger totals were 231,138 versus 213,844 in 2014. March 2015 also shatters a monthly passenger record, going down as GFIA’s single busiest month in airport history. March 2015’s record breaks the airport’s previous record of July 2011 when the airport served 221,356 passengers.

“Our record breaking numbers are a direct reflection of airline investments in West Michigan, the renewed commitment of area business and leisure travelers to use the Ford



as their primary airport, along with our hard-working staff to ensure the best customer service experience at our airport,” said GFIA Executive Director Brian Ryks. “We’re excited to see airlines invest and expand opportunities in our market, and we’re confident that even more growth will follow in the coming months and years.”

“Our airline partners see opportunity in West Michigan and that is why they continue to invest in new routes and additional capacity,” said Ryks. “We are thankful for the support of our airlines, and our area travelers.”

Along with exceptional monthly marks, GFIA set a first-quarter traffic record with 600,336 passengers served since January 1, 2015. This beats a previous record of 546,505 passengers per quarter, set in 2005.

2014 marked the first full year of service for Southwest Airlines in the Grand Rapids market. In addition, the US Airways-American Airlines merger added nonstop service from Grand Rapids to Charlotte and Philadelphia in September, and Delta added a fourth daily nonstop flight to Atlanta in October 2014.

GFIA monthly passenger statistics can be found on our website:  
<http://www.FlyFord.org/History.php>

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