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Ford International Sets Passenger, Cargo Records; Breaks 2 Million Passenger Mark

For the third consecutive year, a record number of passengers have chosen Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GFIA) for their air transportation needs. A total of 2,150,125 travelers arrived and departed at GFIA in 2004, an 8.8% increase over 2003's then-record high. The new 2004 record represents an average of nearly 5,900 customers utilizing the airport on a daily basis.

The total number of passengers served at GFIA last year also represents another significant milestone in the airport's history: In 2004, the airport served – for the first time ever – more than 2 million passengers in a single calendar year.

Also in 2004, GFIA accommodated 79,536,540 pounds of air cargo, itself a new record for the airport (the previous cargo record – 76,576,640 pounds – was set in 1997). 2004's cargo volumes surpassed the 2003 total by 7.8%. The new 2004 cargo record represents an average of nearly 218,000 pounds daily.

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