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## **NEW DATA: NYC RANKED 2ND IN NATION FOR MOST DISRUPTED FLIGHTS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON IN SPITE OF WARM WEATHER**

(NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY) – A new study released today shows that New York City ranks second in the nation for most flight disruptions over the holiday period. The analysis compared flight delay and cancellation data among the top US cities for flight disruptions from December 5, 2015 to January 4, 2016.

In total, 18,700 flights were either delayed or canceled at New York City area airports over the month of December, landing it in second place for most flights disrupted. Of the three NY-NJ airports, LaGuardia experienced the most disruptions by far in spite of its lower traffic, experiencing over 9,000 delays.

Washington, DC had the most flight disruptions at 21,300, St Louis had the third-most at 17,700, Portland came in fourth at roughly 15,000, and Cincinnati finished fifth with just over 14,000 disrupted flights. Phoenix, Indianapolis and Los Angeles were the top three airports for least cancellations and delays – each had less than 500 flights disrupted over the period.

**Global Gateway Alliance Chairman Joe Sitt said,** “Every time there is bad weather, it shouldn't cause hours-long delays for passengers, especially during such a critical travel period. Because the Federal Government has not done enough to modernize air traffic control, even mild weather like rain continues to delay millions of travelers. It's past time to fully roll out satellite air traffic technology for all flights at our airports that's at least as good as what passengers already have on their smartphones.”

### **NEXTGEN**

New York's three airports are each at different stages of NextGen implementation. But regardless of progress, airports will not begin to experience the benefits of NextGen in the form of reduced delays until all NextGen programs are rolled out in full and work in tandem.

Performance-based navigation (PBN), for example, is a NextGen program that enables planes to navigate with greater precision and use more direct flight paths to improve on-time arrival rates and reduce fuel consumption, emissions and noise. Although available at all three NY-NJ airports, these approaches are used less than 1 percent of the time as controllers lack the proper automation tools to sequence and direct flights.

In fact, the FAA deployed a program called “Time-Based Flow Management” to help address this problem, but it was met with criticism for “not adequately meeting air traffic controllers’ needs.” In other words, the piecemeal and incomplete implementation of NextGen programs prevents airports from reaping the promised rewards.

**TABLE: TOP US CITIES FOR FLIGHT DISRUPTIONS OVER HOLIDAY MONTH (DEC 5, 2015 - JAN 4, 2016)**

<b>RANK</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>CANCELED</b>	<b>DELAYED</b>	<b>DISRUPTED</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Washington DC</b>	<b>2,573</b>	<b>18,738</b>	<b>21,311</b>
	<i>(IAD) Washington Dulles International Airport</i>	<i>2,043</i>	<i>11,468</i>	<i>13,511</i>
	<i>(BWI) Baltimore/Washington International Airport</i>	<i>331</i>	<i>5,715</i>	<i>6,046</i>
	<i>(DCA) Ronald Reagan National Airport</i>	<i>199</i>	<i>1,555</i>	<i>1,754</i>
<b>2</b>	<b>New York NY</b>	<b>1,624</b>	<b>17,115</b>	<b>18,739</b>
	<i>(LGA) LaGuardia Airport</i>	<i>924</i>	<i>9,280</i>	<i>10,204</i>
	<i>(EWR) Newark Liberty International Airport</i>	<i>523</i>	<i>5,756</i>	<i>6,279</i>
	<i>(JFK) John F. Kennedy International Airport</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>2,079</i>	<i>2,256</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>St Louis MO</b>	<b>2,689</b>	<b>15,057</b>	<b>17,746</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Portland OR</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>14,461</b>	<b>15,130</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Cincinnati KY</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>13,536</b>	<b>14,179</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Dallas TX</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>11,990</b>	<b>13,079</b>
	<i>(DAL) Dallas Love Field</i>	<i>883</i>	<i>8,559</i>	<i>9,442</i>
	<i>(DFW) Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport</i>	<i>206</i>	<i>3,431</i>	<i>3,637</i>
<b>7</b>	<b>Columbus OH</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>11,569</b>	<b>12,760</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Minneapolis MN</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>10,589</b>	<b>11,395</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Orlando FL</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>9,706</b>	<b>10,731</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Raleigh NC</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>9,874</b>	<b>10,246</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Cleveland OH</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>7,321</b>	<b>8,229</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Atlanta GA</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>7,581</b>	<b>8,088</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>San Francisco CA</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>7,786</b>	<b>8,065</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Austin TX</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>6,822</b>	<b>7,837</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Philadelphia PA</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>7,246</b>	<b>7,591</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Detroit MI</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>7,009</b>	<b>7,215</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Miami FL</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>5,897</b>	<b>6,065</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Charlotte NC</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>5,358</b>	<b>5,952</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Chicago IL</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>5,493</b>	<b>5,858</b>
	<i>(MDW) Chicago Midway International Airport</i>	<i>195</i>	<i>4,067</i>	<i>4,262</i>
	<i>(ORD) O'Hare International Airport</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>1,426</i>	<i>1,596</i>
<b>20</b>	<b>San Diego CA</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>4,879</b>	<b>5,508</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Milwaukee WI</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>3,644</b>	<b>4,201</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Boston MA</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>3,809</b>	<b>4,141</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Seattle WA</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>3,451</b>	<b>3,708</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Denver CO</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>3,081</b>	<b>3,411</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Nashville TN</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>3,080</b>	<b>3,271</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Anchorage AK</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>2,554</b>	<b>2,804</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>Grand Rapids MI</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>2,358</b>	<b>2,552</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Kansas City MO</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>1,884</b>	<b>2,365</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Billings MT</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>2,162</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Aspen CO</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>1,712</b>	<b>1,930</b>

31	Houston	TX	191	1,624	1,815
32	Pittsburgh	PA	176	1,583	1,759
33	Las Vegas	NV	70	1,121	1,191
34	Los Angeles	CA	94	354	448
35	Indianapolis	IN	79	280	359
36	Phoenix	AZ	70	205	275

## METHODOLOGY

The analysis compared the delays and cancellations for arriving and departing flights at US airports from December 5, 2015 to January 4, 2016, using data from FlightStats.com. Airports were then grouped by city to give an aggregate delay statistic for each. “Disruptions” refers to flight delays and cancellations.

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