

# MIA posts 12 percent jump in passengers

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The number of travelers at Miami International Airport increased 12 percent in the third quarter compared with a year ago.

Between July and September, the airport handled 11.2 million passengers versus 10.03 million in the third quarter of 2014, according to data on its website.

MIA's 2015 third-quarter growth was attributed in part to new service from Aruba Airlines Aerolíneas Argentinas in July, MIA officials said in a news release. A 15 percent boost in travelers in September, a typically slow month for the airport, also contributed to the growth.

"Our third-quarter performance was even better than the first two, and now we're charging full speed ahead towards the year-end finish line with an incredible lineup of new destinations, new carriers and new aircraft," Miami-Dade Aviation Director Emilio T. González, said in a statement.

For the nine months ending in September, the airport saw a 7.8 percent jump in its number of passengers to 33.1 million, an increase of 2.4 million from 2014.

MIA's domestic traffic grew 10.1 percent year-over-year to 17.2 million fliers, while the number of international travelers rose 5.4 percent to 15.9 million.

During the final quarter of 2015, MIA is scheduled to add several new routes, including service from Turkish Airlines, Austrian Airlines and Finnair as well as expanded seasonal flights from Lufthansa to Munich.

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