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## Columbus passenger, cargo services thrive in 2016

COLUMBUS – In 2016 John Glenn Columbus International Airport (CMH) recorded its second busiest year in airport history, serving more than 7.3 million passengers. Meanwhile, international cargo traveling through Rickenbacker International Airport (LCK) increased 16 percent over 2015.

“Thanks to the thriving Columbus Region economy and numerous collaborative partners, including our dynamic air carriers, we’re connecting Ohio with the world in more ways than ever before,” said President & CEO Elaine Roberts, A.A.E.

Annual passenger traffic was up 7.8 percent at John Glenn International, which offers up to 150 daily nonstop flights to 33 destinations. That’s a half million more passengers than last year and 15 percent more than two years ago. The airport’s busiest year was 2007 during the period of service by local start-up Skybus Airlines. Rickenbacker’s passenger numbers grew by 22 percent with more than 200,000 people traveling through that airport’s passenger terminal which serves up to nine destinations weekly.

In general, a total of seven airlines carry Central Ohio’s business and leisure travelers through CMH and LCK:

Airport/Airline	2016 Passenger Market Share
<b>CMH</b>	
Southwest	36%
American	25%
Delta	22%
United	13%
Frontier	2%
Air Canada Express	1%
Charter	1%
<b>LCK</b>	
Allegiant	96%
Charter	4%

Cargo represents Rickenbacker's primary focus and its outstanding 2016 air freight highlights are summarized below:

- More than 202 million pounds of cargo flew through LCK in 2016 which represents a 1.8 percent increase over 2015.
- International cargo, which represents 40 percent of Rickenbacker's air freight, was up 16 percent in 2016. Domestic cargo, which represents 60 percent of the air freight, was down six percent.
- FedEx leads cargo by weight with 43 percent market share followed by UPS (15), Cargolux (14), Cathay Pacific (12), Emirates (11), charters (4) and Etihad (1).
- In 2016 Rickenbacker became a permanent port of embarkation for animal exports, with 129 horses, 202 goats and 53 sheep shipped to foreign countries.

### **About the Columbus Regional Airport Authority**

With its vision to connect Ohio with the world, the Columbus Regional Airport Authority oversees the operation of passenger-focused John Glenn Columbus International Airport (CMH), cargo-focused Rickenbacker International Airport (LCK), and general aviation airport Bolton Field (TZR), as well as Rickenbacker Inland Port, Foreign-Trade Zone 138 and fixed based operator Rickenbacker Aviation. An independent economic impact study found that the three airports and select businesses with direct ties to the airports account for more than 54,000 jobs, \$1.8 billion in annual payroll and \$6.6 billion in total annual economic output. Learn more at [columbusairports.com](http://columbusairports.com).

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