



PRESS RELEASE

Record year for Antwerp Airport with 276.311 passengers in 2016

Tuesday, January 3th 2017 – Antwerp International Airport achieved an all-time record in terms of passenger numbers and welcomed 276.311 passengers in 2016, an increase of 24,9% compared to 2015. In the meantime, the number of movements decreased by 8,6% compared to 2015.

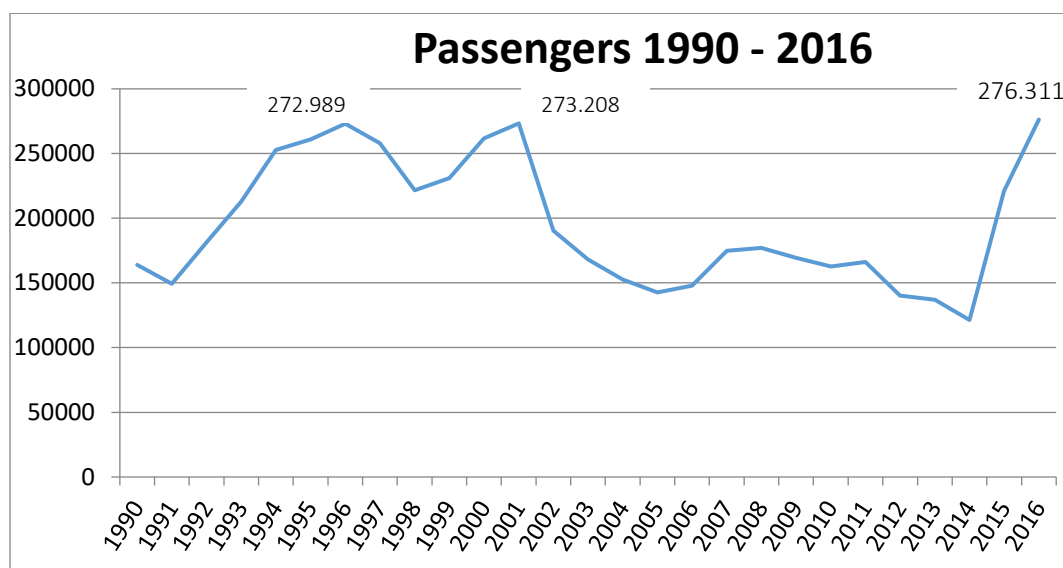
Record year

In 2016, the airport welcomed 276.311 passengers, an increase of 24,9% compared to 2015. The previous record in passenger numbers was in d 2001, when 273.208 passenger were recorded.

Several factors have had a significant impact on these results. First of all, the 440 extra movements and 20.000 additional passengers during the months of March and April have had a significant effect on passenger numbers. The bankruptcy of VLM Airlines in June 2016 is also noticeable in the results.

The two most important airline companies; TUI and CityJet have a loyal customer base and see better results in 2016 compared to the previous year.

An important trend is the decrease in the number of flight movements. This decline has several explanations: the bankruptcy of VLM Airlines, fewer training flights and the higher occupancy of TUI aircraft. The decrease of the number of flight movements is also due to fewer charter flights with Fokker50 aircraft of VLM.



Loyal customers

Research in 2016 (800 respondents) shows that 71,7% of the customers are very satisfied about the airport and that 71,6% will spontaneously recommend the airport to friends and family.

The main criteria why passengers choose for Antwerp Airport are: proximity (54,2%), small-scaled, short check-in times and accessibility. This also explains why 75,8% of the travellers are originating from the province of Antwerp.

Renovations terminal building

Airside renovations will be completed in March 2017. Passengers will be able to enjoy several catering and shopping facilities after security check. At the same time, a new VIP lounge will be introduced , where VIP customers and business travellers can enjoy a drink and additional working facilities in a quite environment.

Figures

	2015	2016	Difference
Passengers	221.155	276.311	+ 24,9%
Movements	45.301	41.403	- 8,6%

Top month 2016	April (33.576 passengers)
Top destination 2016	Alicante (TUI)
Number of employed people in 2016	69

About Antwerp Airport

Antwerp International Airport is part of the French EGIS group and consist of a LEM-LOM management structure. The EGIS group guarantees the commercial exploitation of the airport (LEM) and the government is responsible for the basic infrastructure.

Two airline companies offer flights to 9 European destinations. In addition to scheduled flights there are charter flights, private flights and training flights. The airport is small-scaled and is known for its fast check-in, short walking distances and affordable parking.

In 2016, 276.311 passengers were welcomed at Antwerp Airport, an increase of 24,9% compared to 2015. The number of movements decreased with 8,6% to 41.403 in 2015.

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