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**JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY REPORTS 1.29 MILLION TOTAL PASSENGERS IN 2023; HIGHEST NUMBERS IN DECADE AND A HALF; CALENDAR YEAR 2024 OUTLOOK POSITIVE WITH 3% INCREASE FORECAST**

**JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI – (JANUARY 23, 2024) The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) reports passenger numbers for calendar year 2023 at levels not seen in a decade and a half. As of December 31, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN) handled nearly 1.29 million travelers, an increase of 5.1% above 2022. JAN continues to be, by far, the #1 airport in the state of Mississippi, carrying close to six (6) of every ten (10) passengers boarding at the seven (7) commercial airports.**

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Rosa M. Beckett stated, “The JMAA team is extremely proud of this 2023 performance and will continue to work closely with our airline partners to offer enhanced flight options and additional seats as travelers continue their return to the skies. With flights to most major global hubs, we in Jackson and central Mississippi are just one (1) stop away from six (6) continents.”

CEO Beckett continued, “The leadership and staff are laser-focused on our modernization program to improve the customer experience of Jacksonians and the central Mississippi flying public. We are also very fortunate to have a highly acclaimed Board of Commissioners to support the vision of a “next generation airport” at Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International (JAN).”

As a result of significant incremental air service since COVID-19, **passenger volumes are at or above the strong pre-pandemic levels of 2019** as Mississippians have returned to the skies in great numbers. **The 2023 results represent a 22.3% increase over 2019, and the outlook for calendar year 2024 is for an additional 3% in passengers above this past year.**

Our world-class global airline partners, American, Delta, United, and Southwest, continue to provide outstanding customer service and convenient flights to get you on your way to friends, family, and those all-important business trips easily. JMAA greatly appreciates its Federal partners at FAA and TSA for helping keep all customers at JAN safe and moving efficiently to and from their flights.

As a reminder, winter weather may add challenges to the air travel experience, so please check [www.iflyjackson.com](http://www.iflyjackson.com) or your specific air carrier for updates before your trip to JAN.

Happy 2024 from the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority: *Your Connection to the World!*

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### **About JMAA**

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) operates two airports: Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN) and Hawkins Field Airport (HKS). JAN is the busiest airport in Mississippi, situated in the Central part of the state and serving the Capital region of Jackson with over 3,000 acres of property. JAN serves several of the world's busiest global hubs and is home to the Mississippi Air National Guard 172nd Airlift Wing. HKS is a general aviation airport that houses two emergency response medical air transporters and the Civil Air Patrol. It is also home to the Mississippi Army National Guard 185th Aviation Brigade. The Authority provides service to over 1.29 million passengers per year.