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**Walker Announces Record Number of Christmas and New Year's Passengers  
Expected at General Mitchell International Airport**

MILWAUKEE – Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker announced more good news for Milwaukee County's General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA) this year. GMIA has trimmed airfares and parking costs along with the tree this year, which translates into projections of a record number of passengers for the holiday season.

The total number of travelers using Mitchell International between December 19 and January 3 is expected to be 252,134, a 41.13 percent increase over last year. The busiest day will be December 23, with an anticipated 19,160 passengers. The Monday after Christmas comes in a close second with 19,138 air travelers.

The 2009 Christmas and New Year's passenger projections are attached.

**Tips for families traveling this holiday season:**

- Review the TSA's 3-1-1 program for details on what can be packed in a carry-on. ([www.tsa.gov/311](http://www.tsa.gov/311))
- When traveling with holiday gifts, remember to leave them unwrapped. Security officers may have to unwrap a gift if they need to take a closer look inside. This includes both carry-ons at the security checkpoint and checked baggage.
- Arrive early (1 ½ - 2 hours) to allow plenty of time for check-in and clearing security.
- Travelers with children:
  - Remember the dry snacks, coloring and activity books, portable video game systems and portable DVD players.
  - Take advantage of the children's play areas and family restrooms conveniently located on all three concourses.
  - Remember that strollers have to go through security screening, so collapse and prepare them as you get close to the security checkpoint to make the process faster.
- Park in the Airport's SuperSaver lot for just \$5 a day and take the free shuttle to the terminal.

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**Projected Number of Passengers (busiest day in yellow):**

|                  | 2008   | 2009         |        |
|------------------|--------|--------------|--------|
|                  | TOTAL  | TOTAL        | CHANGE |
| 12/19 (Sa)       |        | 14647        | -      |
| 12/20 (Su)       | 10580  | 12105        | 14.41% |
| 12/21 (M)        | 12085  | 14734        | 21.92% |
| 12/22 (Tu)       | 13605  | 16527        | 21.48% |
| <b>12/23 (W)</b> | 13011  | <b>19160</b> | 47.26% |
| 12/24 (Th)       | 12042  | 15363        | 27.58% |
| 12/25 (F)        | 8249   | 13505        | 63.72% |
| 12/26 (Sa)       | 9126   | 17925        | 96.42% |
| 12/27 (Su)       | 13798  | 17286        | 25.28% |
| 12/28 (M)        | 13675  | 19138        | 39.95% |
| 12/29 (Tu)       | 12592  | 18158        | 44.20% |
| 12/30 (W)        | 11456  | 16687        | 45.66% |
| 12/31 (Th)       | 11421  | 14285        | 25.08% |
| 1/1 (F)          | 9050   | 12275        | 35.64% |
| 1/2 (Sa)         | 8846   | 15560        | 75.90% |
| 1/3 (Su)         | 9739   | 14779        | 51.75% |
| 1/4 (M)          | 9373   |              | -      |
| TOTAL            | 178648 | 252134       | 41.13% |

**Passengers by Time of Day:**

| TOTAL AIRPORT    | 0600-1159     |               |               | 1200-1759     |               |               | 1800-2359     |               |               | DAILY TOTAL    |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|                  | ENPL          | DEPL          | TOTAL         | ENPL          | DEPL          | TOTAL         | ENPL          | DEPL          | TOTAL         |                |
| 12/19 (Sa)       | 3,839         | 3,086         | 6,925         | 2,454         | 2,414         | 4,868         | 1,044         | 1,810         | 2,854         | 14,647         |
| 12/20 (Su)       | 2,569         | 1,086         | 3,655         | 2,556         | 2,323         | 4,879         | 1,600         | 1,971         | 3,571         | 12,105         |
| 12/21 (M)        | 2,973         | 2,050         | 5,023         | 2,783         | 2,922         | 5,705         | 1,732         | 2,274         | 4,006         | 14,734         |
| 12/22 (Tu)       | 3,643         | 2,622         | 6,265         | 3,162         | 2,628         | 5,790         | 2,038         | 2,434         | 4,472         | 16,527         |
| <b>12/23 (W)</b> | 4,268         | 2,996         | 7,264         | 3,498         | 3,424         | 6,922         | 2,216         | 2,758         | 4,974         | 19,160         |
| 12/24 (Th)       | 4,188         | 3,290         | 7,478         | 2,489         | 3,068         | 5,557         | 996           | 1,332         | 2,328         | 15,363         |
| 12/25 (F)        | 3,645         | 1,874         | 5,519         | 2,916         | 2,369         | 5,285         | 1,006         | 1,695         | 2,701         | 13,505         |
| 12/26 (Sa)       | 4,512         | 2,429         | 6,941         | 3,447         | 3,358         | 6,805         | 2,046         | 2,133         | 4,179         | 17,925         |
| 12/27 (Su)       | 4,253         | 1,126         | 5,379         | 3,814         | 3,400         | 7,214         | 2,283         | 2,410         | 4,693         | 17,286         |
| 12/28 (M)        | 4,217         | 2,892         | 7,109         | 3,562         | 3,206         | 6,768         | 2,175         | 3,086         | 5,261         | 19,138         |
| 12/29 (Tu)       | 3,910         | 2,110         | 6,020         | 3,405         | 3,655         | 7,060         | 2,019         | 3,059         | 5,078         | 18,158         |
| 12/30 (W)        | 3,470         | 2,754         | 6,224         | 3,133         | 3,320         | 6,453         | 1,794         | 2,216         | 4,010         | 16,687         |
| 12/31 (Th)       | 3,492         | 2,683         | 6,175         | 2,355         | 3,052         | 5,407         | 959           | 1,744         | 2,703         | 14,285         |
| 1/1 (F)          | 3,290         | 1,821         | 5,111         | 2,505         | 2,137         | 4,642         | 928           | 1,594         | 2,522         | 12,275         |
| 1/2 (Sa)         | 3,714         | 1,998         | 5,712         | 3,045         | 2,834         | 5,879         | 1,771         | 2,198         | 3,969         | 15,560         |
| 1/3 (Su)         | 3,702         | 991           | 4,693         | 3,300         | 2,861         | 6,161         | 1,887         | 2,038         | 3,925         | 14,779         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>59,685</b> | <b>35,808</b> | <b>95,493</b> | <b>48,424</b> | <b>46,971</b> | <b>95,395</b> | <b>26,494</b> | <b>34,752</b> | <b>61,246</b> | <b>252,134</b> |

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