

# The Houston Airport System

Houston has one of the busiest, yet least congested airport systems in the U.S.

<b>HOUSTON AIRPORT SYSTEM (HAS) PASSENGERS, CARGO AND AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS 2016</b>			
<b>HAS Airports</b>	<b>Passengers</b>	<b>Air Freight (metric tons)</b>	<b>Aircraft Operations</b>
George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)	41,637,318	431,908	470,780
William P. Hobby Airport (HOU)	12,909,075	10,644	200,741
Ellington Airport (EFD)	0	0	102,569
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,546,393</b>	<b>442,563</b>	<b>774,090</b>
<b>Source:</b> <i>Statistical Report Calendar Year 2016</i> , Houston Airport System			

- The Houston Airport System (HAS) ranks as one of the largest multi-airport systems in the world. The system comprises George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH), William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) and Ellington Airport (EFD).
- HAS served more than 54 million passengers in 2016. HAS also saw over 442,000 metric tons of air freight move through its gates, an increase of almost 1,000 metric tons from 2015.
- IAH, Houston's largest airport and the second largest hub for United Airlines is the 12<sup>th</sup> busiest airport in the U.S. for total passenger traffic. IAH offers daily nonstop and direct flights to major cities in Asia, Canada, Europe, Latin America, Mexico, and the Middle East. IAH also offers a weekly passenger charter flight to Luanda, Angola in Africa.
- HOU, Houston's original municipal airport, handles domestic and international passengers for four airlines and one charter service, and is a key hub for Southwest Airlines. HOU ranks as the nation's 37<sup>th</sup> busiest airport, serving more than 12.0 million passengers each year. In 2016, it received a 4 star rating from SkyTrax, a global air transport rating organization.
- EFD is a joint military and civilian airport and serves as a base of operations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and corporate charters. EFD has been approved as the 10<sup>th</sup> licensed commercial spaceport in the U.S. It is also home to the regional headquarters of the US Coast Guard