

# Upstate airport breaks passenger traffic mark

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**Low fares do help, as Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport reported record passenger traffic from March 2011 through February 2012 — the first 12 months Southwest Airlines provided service here.**

**It beat the same rolling 12-month period of March 2005 through February**

**2006 when Independence Air was flying high at GSP.**

**During the latest period, 1,832,202 passengers arrived and departed from GSP's terminal. In the 2005-2006 12-month period, 1,750,284 passengers flowed through the terminal on business trips, vacations and family trips.**

**"That really is significant," said Rosylin Weston, GSP spokeswoman. A vibrant, economically**

**healthy airport aids in economic development and helps the flow of revenues through a community. It also supports the business community by making air travel easier to access and less expensive.**

**"The community does respond to low fares," Weston said. The surge in passenger traffic "speaks to the community's embrace of what they said**

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