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Air Transport Research Society and Embry-Riddle Announce Winners of 2019 Global Airport Performance Rankings

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport Wins Top Efficiency Excellence Award in the 2019 Global Airport Performance Benchmarking Report

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – The [Air Transport Research Society \(ATRS\)](http://www.atrsworld.org) and [Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University](http://www.embryriddle.edu) have released the key results of the ATRS 2019 Global Airport Performance Benchmarking Task Force report at the organization's World Conference in Amsterdam.

For the 16th year in a row, [Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport \(ATL\)](http://www.atl-faa.gov) has been named the most efficient airport in the world. ATL is also the busiest airport in the world with over 107 million passengers in 2018.

ATRS is a worldwide research network headquartered in the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland. The annual ATRS benchmark project is compiled, organized and hosted at Embry-Riddle's [David B. O'Maley College of Business in Daytona Beach, Fla.](http://www.embryriddle.edu) (USA). It provides a comprehensive, unbiased comparison of airport performance worldwide, focusing on productivity and operating/management efficiency, unit cost competitiveness and comparison of airport charges. The 3-volume report can be viewed and ordered at <http://atrsworld.org/airportawards.html>.

"The ATRS Airport Benchmarking Project strives to provide comprehensive and unbiased information on the best practices in the industry to help advance the overall performance of airports worldwide," said Benchmarking Task Force Project Manager Dr. Chunyan Yu, Professor of Air Transport Management at Embry-Riddle's O'Maley College of Business.

The 2019 ATRS Global Airport Benchmarking Project report includes 204 airports and 24 airport groups of various sizes and ownership forms in the Asia Pacific, in Europe and in North America. The report also examines the relationships between various performance measures and airport characteristics, as well as management strategies to provide a better understanding of observed differences in airport performance. Service quality is not considered in the performance measurements.

Other top performers in North America include [Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport](http://www.msp-airport.com) (MSP, 25-40 million passengers per year), [Vancouver International Airport](http://www.yvr-airport.com) (YVR, 15-25 million passengers) and [Omaha Eppley Airfield](http://www.omaha-airfield.com) (OMA, under 15 million passengers).

[Hong Kong International Airport \(HKG\)](http://www.hkg-airport.com) placed first in the over 40 million passengers per year category. [Jeju International Airport](http://www.cju-airport.com) (CJU, 20-40 million passengers) and [Gimhae International Airport](http://www.pus-airport.com) (PUS, 10-20 million passengers) also won the top efficiency awards in their respective categories. Both airports are operated by Korea Airports Corporation, ranked as the most efficient airport group in the Asia Pacific region. [Brisbane Airport \(BNE\)](http://www.bne-airport.com) is ranked as the top efficiency airport in Oceania.



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[Amsterdam Airport Schiphol](#) (AMS) was again ranked first among airports with over 40 million passengers. The Schiphol Group was named most efficient airport group. Other winners include [Copenhagen Airport](#) (CPH, 25-40 million passengers), [Athens International Airport](#) (ATH, 15-25 million passengers) and [EuroAirport Basel Mulhouse Freiburg](#) (BSL, under 15 million passengers).

About the Air Transport Research Society

The Air Transport Research Society was established in 1995 to enhance the research capability for multi-national and multi-disciplinary issues on air transportation, and to foster interaction between international and national aviation academics dealing with policy, management strategy and infrastructure issues.

The [ATRS Annual Global Airport Performance Benchmarking Project](#) was initiated in 2000 and is currently hosted at Embry-Riddle's O'Maley College of Business in Daytona Beach, Florida. Students in the College of Business collect and compile data, conduct analysis and generate the annual report under the supervision of Benchmarking Task Force Project Manager Dr. Chunyan Yu, Professor of Air Transport Management.

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