

# Santa Monica Airport

## Fact Sheet

September 2011

The Santa Monica Airport has been owned and operated by the City of Santa Monica since 1926. The City's management of airport operations includes enforcement of curfew and noise restrictions, administration of City leases with airport tenants, collection of fees and user charges, and maintenance of the runway, taxiways, tie-down areas, and City-owned buildings. The Airport is the oldest continuously-operated airport in Los Angeles County.

- Location:** Southeast corner of Santa Monica – adjacent to the City of Los Angeles  
Five nautical miles northwest of LAX.
- Address:** 3223 Donald Douglas Loop South, Santa Monica, CA 90405.
- Facility Size:** 227 acres.
- Elevation:** 175 feet above mean sea level. The Airport is situated atop a plateau that is elevated above surrounding areas.
- FAA Classification:** General Aviation. The Airport is classified as a reliever airport in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).
- Runway:** The Airport is served by a single runway. Runway 3-21 is 4,987 feet long and 150 feet wide. Pavement strength is listed as 40,000 pounds single wheel loading, 60,000 pounds dual wheel loading, and 105,000 dual tandem loading. The surface includes painted on edge and centerline markings, runway numbers, threshold bars, and aiming point markings.
- Taxiways:** Two main parallel taxiways each measuring 40 feet wide, one on each side of the runway. There are also five exit taxiways on each side of the runway.
- Lighting:** Medium intensity runway edge and threshold lighting at each end. Taxiways partially lit with medium intensity lighting. Runway lighting includes runway end identifier lights, precision approach path indicators, and visual approach slope indicators.
- Navigation Aid:** Omni-Directional Range Station (VOR)
- FAA Control Tower:** Open from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM weekdays, and 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM on weekends and holidays.

**Total Aircraft Based at  
Santa Monica Airport:**

Total: 422 Jet: 19 Propeller: 381 Helicopter: 22

**2010 Annual Operations:**

Total: 104,950 Jet: 12,853 Propeller: 89,779 Helicopter: 2,318  
(An aircraft operation is either one takeoff or one landing)

**Aviation Service Providers:**

Full Service Fixed Base Operators:	3
Limited Fixed Base Operators:	3
Specialty Fixed Base Operators:	4
Flight schools:	6

**Aircraft Tiedown Spaces:**

191

**Tenant Owned Hangars:**

87

**City Owned Hangars:**

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**Non-Aviation Facilities:**

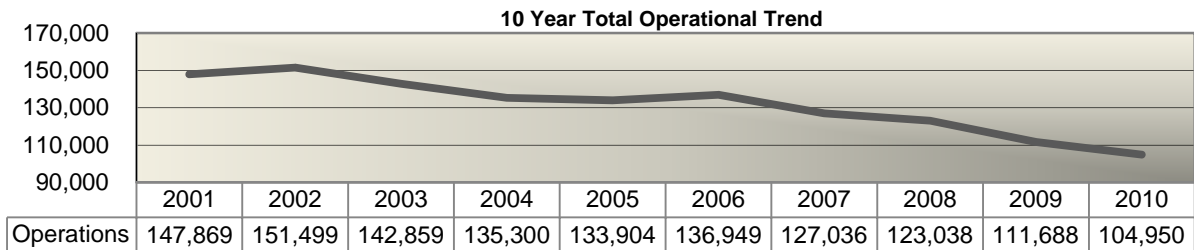
- 21 buildings and 433 tenants
- 8-acre Airport Park with soccer fields, picnic and children play areas, and dog park
- Artist studios and exhibition spaces
- Live theater
- 3 restaurants
- Santa Monica College Arts Campus
- Douglas DC-3 Monument
- Offices and event facilities
- Large Common-Area Parking Lots
- Demonstration Sustainable Garden

**Airport FY2011/12 Budget:**

\$4.3 million for Airport Division, Airport Maintenance Services, and Police security services

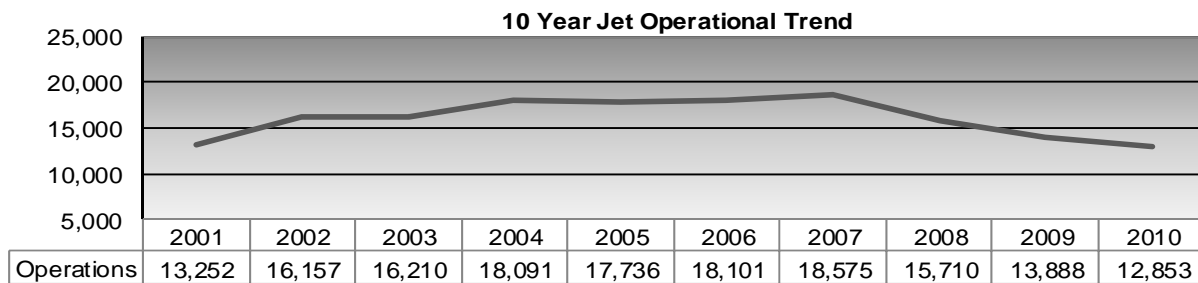
## SANTA MONICA AIRPORT 2010 TOTAL OPERATIONS DATA

The total number of aircraft operations (an operation is a take-off or landing) recorded during calendar year 2010 was 104,950; which represents a decrease of approximately 6% from the 111,688 operations recorded in 2009. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Traffic Control (ATC) Tower aircraft operations records show that total operations have been in a steady decline since the peak of 1999 when the Airport had 230,230 operations. The graph below depicts the total number of annual aircraft operations for the previous 10 years.



Last year's 104,950 total aircraft operations can be broken down into two broad categories: 61% were transient flights and 39% were local flights. "Local" flights are those where an aircraft stayed within the Airport's controlled airspace, which is generally within 5 nautical miles of the airport or within the airport traffic pattern. "Transient" flights are those that either arrived from, or departed to, outside of the controlled airspace.

With respect to jet aircraft, approximately 12% (12,853) of total operations for 2010 were jet aircraft operations. The below graph illustrates the operational trend for jet aircraft at Santa Monica Airport for the previous 10 years.



## Aerial View of Santa Monica Airport

