

WestJet reports November load factor of 82.4 per cent

Airline increases traffic by 12.1 per cent and flies a record number of guests in November

CALGARY, Dec. 13, 2017 /CNW/ - WestJet today announced November 2017 traffic results with a load factor of 82.4 per cent, an increase of 2.4 percentage points year over year. Revenue passenger miles (RPMs), or traffic, increased 12.1 per cent year over year, and capacity, measured in available seat miles (ASMs), grew 8.9 per cent over the same period. The airline flew a record 1.9 million guests in November, a year-over-year increase of 13.2 per cent or approximately 226,000 additional guests.

"We are very pleased with our double-digit traffic growth and record number of guests flown in November," said WestJet President and CEO Gregg Saretsky. "I want to thank our more than 13,000 WestJetters for their continued efforts in providing our guests with a safe, friendly and caring travel experience through the busy upcoming holiday season."

November 2017 traffic results

	November 2017	November 2016	Change
Load factor	82.4%	80.0%	2.4 pts
ASMs (billions)	2.507	2.303	8.9%
RPMs (billions)	2.066	1.843	12.1%
	Year-to-date 2017	Year-to-date 2016	Change
Load factor	83.6%	81.9%	1.7 pts
ASMs (billions)	28.244	26.700	5.8%
RPMs (billions)	23.601	21.869	7.9%

In November, WestJet, Air France and KLM announced the redemption phase of their reciprocal frequent flyer agreement. Flying Blue Miles can now be redeemed for WestJet flights and WestJet dollars can now be redeemed for flights within the Air France and KLM global network. The announcement comes on the heels of the airlines' successful launch of the earn phase of the reciprocal frequent flyer agreement and further complements their long-standing code share cooperation.

About WestJet

WestJet is proud to be named Best Airline in Canada and one of the best Low Cost Airlines in North America, based on authentic reviews from the travelling public on Trip Advisor, the world's largest travel site. We are one of very few airlines globally that does not commercially overbook. Together with our regional airline, WestJet Encore, we offer scheduled service to more than 100 destinations in North America, Central America, the Caribbean and Europe and to more than 175 destinations in over 20 countries through our airline partnerships. WestJet Vacations offers affordable, flexible vacations to more than 60 destinations and the choice of more than 800 hotels, resorts, condos and villas. Members of the WestJet Rewards program earn WestJet dollars on flights, vacation packages and more. Members use WestJet dollars towards the purchase of flights and vacations packages to any WestJet destination with no blackout periods, and have access to Member Exclusive fares offering deals to WestJet destinations throughout our network and those of our partner airlines.

WestJet is publicly traded on the [Toronto Stock Exchange \(TSX\)](#) under the symbol WJA. For more information about everything WestJet, please visit [westjet.com](#).

Recent recognition includes:

- 2017 Five-Star Airline in the Low-Cost Category (The Airline Passenger Experience Association)
- 2017/2016 Canada's Most Trusted Airline (Gustavson School of Business at the University of Victoria)
- 2017 Best Airline in Canada and Travellers' Choice Winner Mid-Sized and Low Cost Airlines – North America (TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice awards for Airlines)
- 2016 Canada's most reputable company for Corporate Social Responsibility (Reputation Institute)
- 2016/2015/2014/2013/2012 Ranked top three for Canadian Brands (Canadian Business Magazine)
- 2016/2015/2014/2013 WestJet RBC World Elite MasterCard ranked #1 in Canada (MoneySense magazine)
- 2015/2011/2010/2008/2007/2006/2005 Canada's Most Admired Corporate Culture (Waterstone Human Capital)
- 2015 Best Employers in Canada (Aon Hewitt)

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