



Airport expects heavy volumes of passengers departing the city on Thursday and Friday

INDIANAPOLIS—Super Bowl fans heading south to Miami for this year's contest between the Indianapolis Colts and the New Orleans Saints will add significantly to the number of passengers departing from Indianapolis International Airport (IND).

In fact, airport and TSA officials are expecting passenger volumes for those leaving the city data this Thursday and Friday (Feb. 4 and 5) to be 25–30 percent higher than normal.

What does this mean for business travelers and others who are NOT bound for the 2010 Super Bowl?

ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR GETTING THROUGH THE SECURITY CHECKPOINTS, ESPECIALLY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6 TO 10 A.M. AND 1 TO 4 P.M. BOTH THURSDAY, FEB. 4 AND FRIDAY, FEB. 5.

Estimates indicate the busiest times for clearing security on Thursday will be:

- 6 a.m. 1,078 passengers
- 7 a.m. 1,012 passengers
- 10 a.m. 1,092 passengers
- 4 p.m. 1,230 passengers

On Friday, estimates are:

- 5 a.m. 1,283 passengers
- 6 a.m. 1,081 passengers
- 7 a.m. 1,128 passengers
- 10 a.m. 1,569 passengers
- 2 p.m. 1,057 passengers
- 4 p.m. 1,060 passengers

In total, 11322 passengers will depart IND on Feb. 4 and 12,906 will depart Feb. 5. These figures include those passengers flying private (chartered) aircraft as well as those flying commercial aircraft. Several airlines, including Delta, AirTran, and Southwest, have added additional flights out of the city to meet the Super Bowl travel demand.

The airport will be staffed at appropriate levels to meet the increased demand, including parking, housekeeping, restaurants, and retail shops.

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