

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What is driving the demand for 85 million passengers at Toronto Pearson by 2037?

Our region is growing, and that growth is driving air travel demand. This regional growth is, in turn, part of a worldwide trend that will see global air travel nearly double to 14 billion passengers by 2029, according to Airports Council International. The GTAA is bound by an agreement with the federal government that requires the GTAA to accommodate passenger demand today and ensure through forecasting and planning that we are able to support future growth.

#### Will Pearson's aircraft traffic double by 2037?

While passenger traffic is forecast to grow at Toronto Pearson, this growth does not represent a doubling of aircraft movements. In fact, given airlines' use of larger aircraft, Toronto Pearson expects average annual aircraft growth of just 1.4 percent over the next 20 years, which is line with the population growth of the Greater Toronto Area.

#### Is Toronto Pearson open 24/7?

Toronto Pearson Operates 24 hours a day; however, the airport has limits on the number of night flights. A night flight formula is used to calculate the allowable number of flights which may take off or land during this period. Airlines which have not secured a night slot or have declared an emergency, face steep fines for violating the airport's nighttime restrictions. On average 50 flights, or 3% of its daily operations, land between 00:30 and 6:29 am.

#### Do European airports have bans on night flights?

Of the largest ten airports in Europe, only Frankfurt operates a full night flight ban from 11:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. This ban was instituted in 2012 as a condition of constructing a new runway. Other European airports have instituted voluntary and mandatory restrictions, many of which are similar to Toronto Pearson's night flight policies.

# Can Toronto Pearson's air traffic be directed to other airports? What is the status of building an airport in Pickering?

The GTAA is barred by the federal Competition Act from directly coordinating its business activities with other airports. However, Toronto Pearson has been working with ten airports from across Southern Ontario to better understand how to support the diverse aviation needs of the communities and the region. Transport Canada is the agency with oversight to future airport development; any decision on an airport in Pickering would be made by Transport Canada.

### How many cargo flights are there at Toronto Pearson?

On average, 18 dedicated cargo planes land at Toronto Pearson each day — representing 1.5% of total airplane movements. Today, most cargo is shipped in the underbelly of passenger flights.

### **Does Toronto Pearson pay taxes?**

In 2016, the GTAA paid the federal government \$148.1 million in ground rent, and \$33 million to the City of Mississauga as a payment in lieu-of-taxes. Airport tenants also pay taxes to the municipalities.

## What are some of the things Toronto Pearson does to under-

**stand and mitigate our impacts?**As the first airport in North America to be certified to the ISO 14001 standard, Toronto Pearson does many things to understand and mitigate our impacts from stormwater management, to monitoring air quality impacts, to working towards the Zero Waste Ontario act. More information about our environmental programs and 2015 Air Quality Health Impact study can be found at **torontopearson.com/environment**.

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