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MASON CITY - The Mason City Municipal Airport served 13,046 passengers in 2010, the most in the past five years, according to Pam Osgood, airport manager.

It is the most passengers since 2006 when 12,204 flew in and out of the airport.

The highest total in the past decade was 13,337 in 2005.

Passenger totals are important because the airport needs to have at least 10,000 riders annually to receive a \$1 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Last year's totals were bolstered by a fourth-quarter report showing a 52.9 percent increase in boardings compared to the fourth quarter of 2009.

"These statistics demonstrate the traveling public is utilizing their local airport for their travel needs and supporting our economy," said Osgood.

"The last six months have been phenomenal for the airport and we want to thank the traveling public of North Iowa and the surrounding regions."

Osgood said when Fort Dodge began its own flights in June it opened up Mason City seating and that helped boost usage.

Prior to June, passengers for Fort Dodge were on planes that also stopped in Mason City.

Osgood said the fourth quarter surge was probably due to competitive air fares, more available seats and a turnaround in the economy.

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