

## J.D. POWER

**2018 Airport Satisfaction Study**<sup>SM</sup>

New York LaGuardia - LGA

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#### **Summary of Findings**

LGA improved in all factor areas, resulting in a significant 24 point increase in overall satisfaction, the 5<sup>th</sup> largest improvement in the study, but not enough to improve its ranking

#### **Key Takeaways**

- Given that LGA is undergoing the most conspicuous renovation project in the world, its ranking and point swings are not unexpected.
- Terminal Facilities and Accessibility are the areas most affected by the current construction. These are also the two most heavily weighted factors in the satisfaction model.
- As with all PANYNJ airports, the perperson spending on non-aeronautical revenues improves dramatically with higher satisfaction. This is a major opportunity for LGA and the other PANYNJ airports.
- Baggage Claim factor has the smallest gap between LGA and the Large airport segment average. 61% of LGA passengers wait less than 16 minutes or longer for their baggage.

#### **Recommended Actions**

- Completion of current construction will eventually address the Access and Terminal Facilities scores.
- Temporary signage during construction can help some Access scores but this signage must be placed ahead of decision points and be extraordinarily visible.
- DOT Signage on Grand Central Parkway is inconsistent and inadequate and adds to the frustration of accessing LGA during construction. Seek partnership with NYDOT
- Increase number and capacity of restrooms at LGA to match passenger volume.
- Wi-Fi at LGA is considered to be as fast or faster than expected. It is key to maintain this as the new terminals begin operations.

#### **Survey Methodology**

# Index Model remains unchanged from 2017

#### Fielding periods:

W1 - October 2017

W2 - January 2018

W3 - April 2018

W4 - July 2018

#### **Airport Quotas:**

Mega – 700 responses

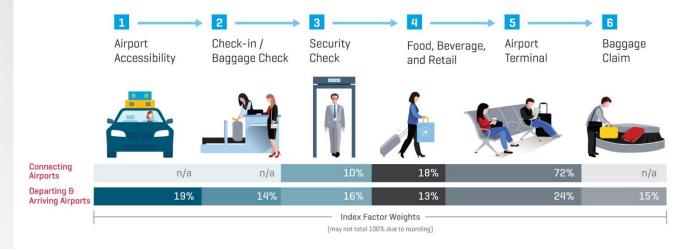
Large – 500 responses

LGA - 500 responses

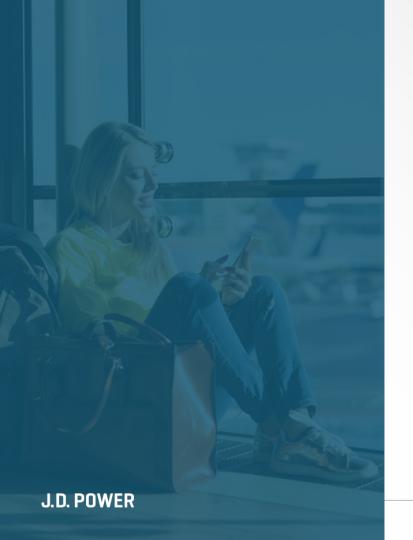
Medium – 300 responses

#### 2018 Survey Methodology

- 64 North America Airports ranked based on 31,489 respondents resulting in 40,183 airport evaluations (online).
  - 8,694 Connectors
- Travelers evaluated either departing or arriving airport; qualified respondents may rate connecting airports as well.







### **Overall Performance**

#### **Segment Factor Performance**

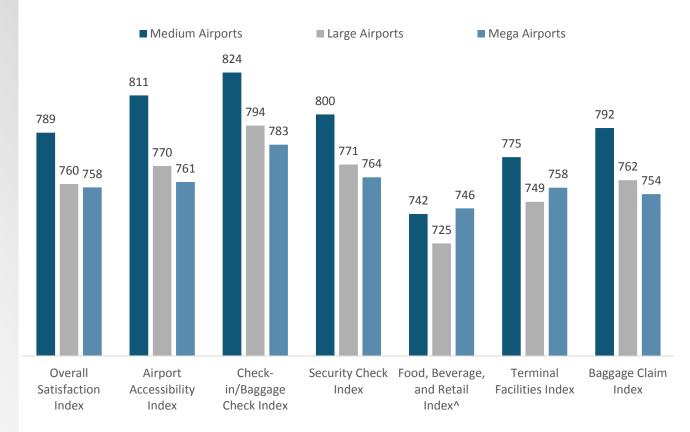
Medium airports have an advantage in accessibility compared to Large and Mega airports

Note: ^Based to those who purchased food/beverage and/or merchandise/services while at the airport

%Based to those who had checked baggage to claim at the airport

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#### **Segment Factor Performance**



#### **2018 Overall Satisfaction**

# LGA ranks 24<sup>th</sup> in Overall Satisfaction

LGA improves a significant 24 points year over year while the Large airport segment makes a significant 15 point improvement.







#### **How Do Airports Stack Up?**

Airport satisfaction is on par with Airline satisfaction

#### **Cross Industry Rankings (Service Industries)**

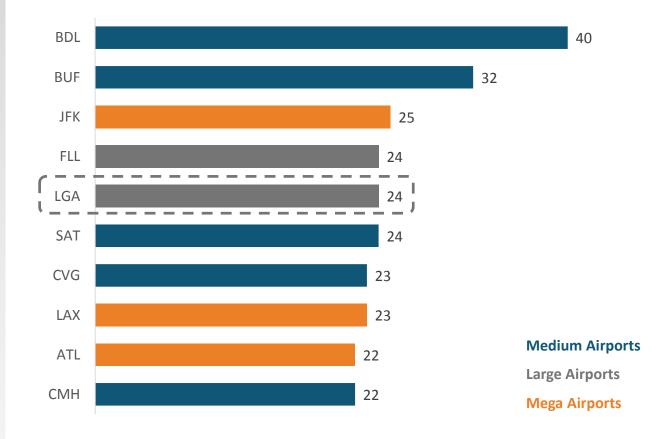




#### **Most Improved Airports**

While the airport industry improved 12 points overall, the most improved airports improved over 20 points each

#### **2018 Most Improved Airports**



Note; Top 10 most improved airports shown



#### **Factor Performance**

# LGA improved in every factor from the previous year

While LGA scores below the Large airport average in every factor Baggage Claim factor has the smallest gap, 30 point difference between LGA and the Large airport segment

#### **Factor Performance**

		New York LaGuardia - LGA	New York LaGuardia - LGA 2017	Large Airports
Airport Accessibility Index	+34	639	605	770
Check-in/Baggage Check Index	+33	717	684	794
Security Check Index	+14	702	688	771
Food, Beverage, and Retail Index^	+21	667	646	725
Terminal Facilities Index	+22	663	641	749
Baggage Claim Index	+21	732	711	762

Note: ABased to those who purchased food/beverage and/or merchandise/services while at the airport

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#### **SWOOP Brand v. Segment**

Compared to the Large airport average, LGA's biggest weakness is in the Airport Accessibility factor

#### **LGA vs. Large Airport Segment**





#### **Brand Image**

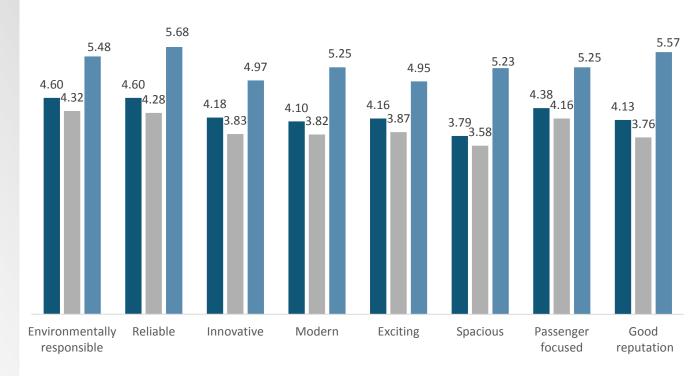
# LGA made improvements in every brand image area from 2017

LGA had the greatest improvement in "Good reputation" year over year

LGA scores highest in "Environmentally responsible" and "Reliable"

#### **Brand Image Performance**







#### The ROI of Satisfaction

# Delighted passengers spend more

Delighted passengers at Large airports spend approximately \$9 more than pleased passengers

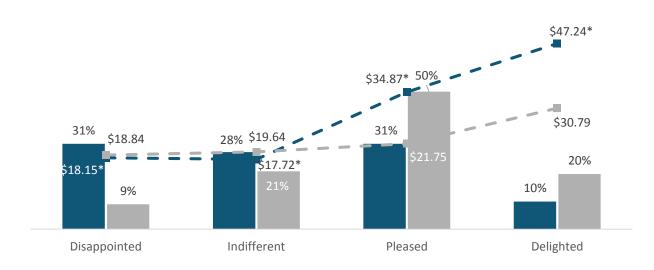
#### Overall Satisfaction and In Terminal Spending

New York LaGuardia - LGA

Large Airports

■ New York LaGuardia - LGA Amount spent in terminal (USD)

Large Airports Amount spent in terminal (USD)



Note:\*small sample size (n=30-99).



#### **Generational Spend**

Gen Y passengers spend more at Large airports while Pre Boomer and Boomer passengers tend to spend less

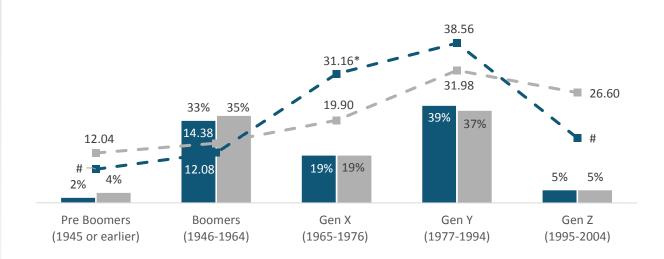
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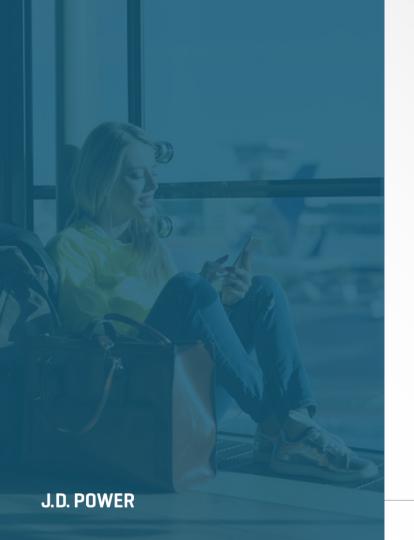
■ New York LaGuardia - LGA Amount spent in terminal (USD)

— Large Airports Amount spent in terminal (USD)



Note:\*Small sample size (n=30-99). # Insufficient sample size (n=1-29).





#### **Airport Accessibility Satisfaction**

LGA ranks 24<sup>th</sup> in Airport Accessibility, and ranked from 21<sup>st</sup> in 2017

LGA improves a significant 34 points year over year while the Large airport segment makes a significant 16 point improvement.

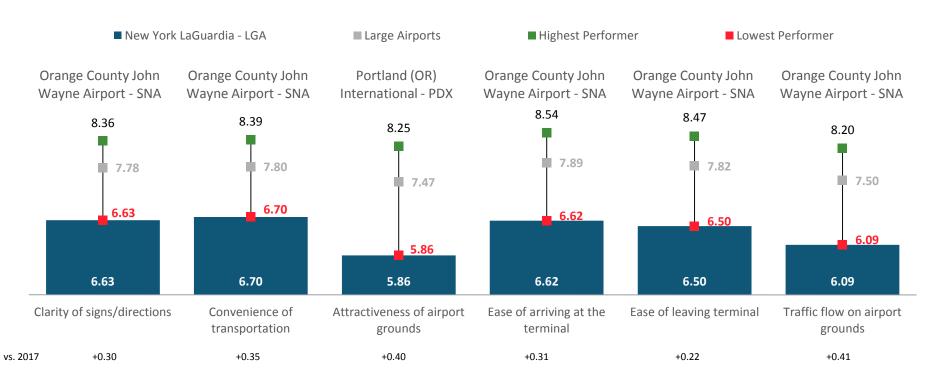


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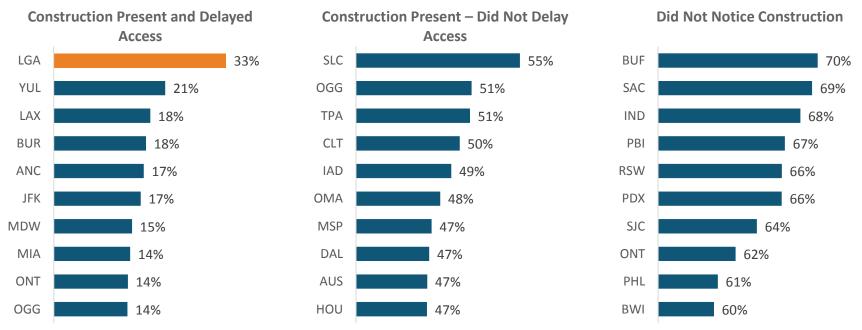
#### **Attribute Performance**





#### **Airport Accessibility Satisfaction**

The airport accessibility index is 60 points lower when construction delays access to the airport. Construction delayed access – 706, Construction did not delay access – 766, No construction - 789





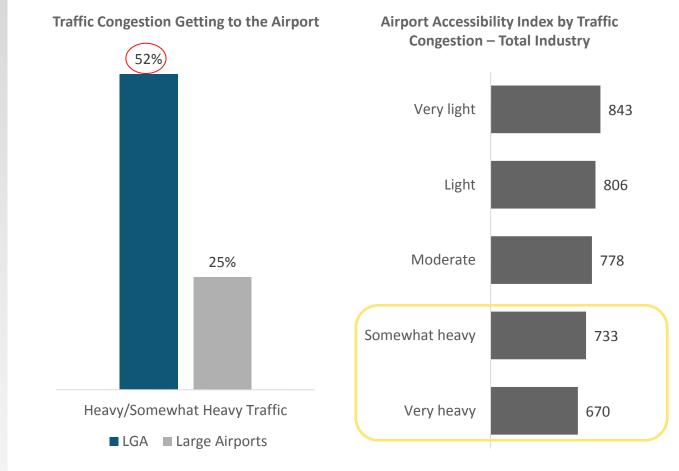
#### **Attribute Performance – Drop Off Experience**





# Traffic congestion impacts Airport Accessibility satisfaction

LGA traffic congestion is perceived as twice as heavy as the Large airport segment average





Airport Accessibility satisfaction is nearly 192 points higher at Large airports when passengers are able to easily find curb space

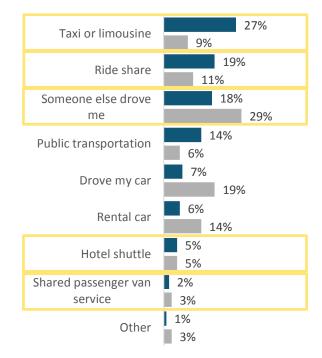
Highlighted responses are those that answer the question "was it easy to find curb space upon arrival?"

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#### **How Did You Travel to the Airport?**

■ New York LaGuardia - LGA ■ Large Airports



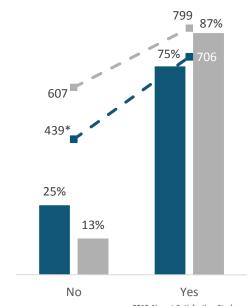
## Was it Easy to Find Curb Space Upon Arrival?

New York LaGuardia - LGA

Large Airports

New York LaGuardia - LGA Airport Accessibility Index

— ■ Large Airports Airport Accessibility Index





**Check-In/Baggage Check** 

#### **Check-In/Baggage Check Satisfaction**

LGA ranks 24<sup>th</sup> for Check-In/Baggage, and ranked 21<sup>st</sup> in 2017

LGA improves a significant 33 points year over year while the Large airport segment makes a significant 15 point improvement.



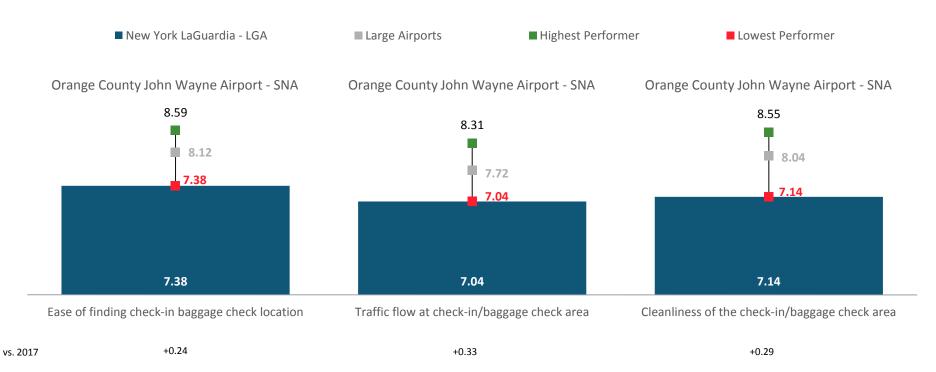
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#### **Check-In/Baggage Check**

#### **Attribute Performance**



#### **Check-In/Baggage Check Satisfaction**

LGA scores well when passengers use the main counter and scores lower when passengers use self check-in kiosk

This differs from other Large Airports where scores are highest when passengers use curbside and scores and low when passengers check-in online

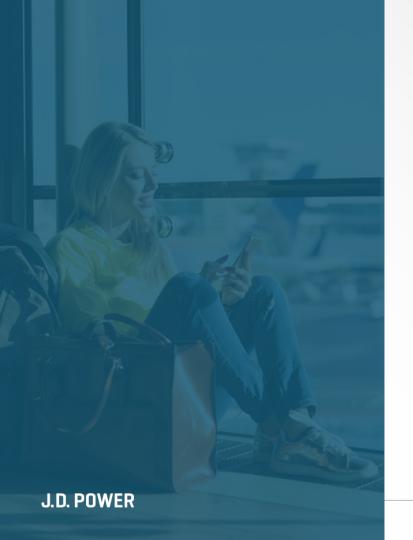
#### Check-In/Baggage Check Attributes by Check-In Method

New York LaGuardia - LGA	Main Counter	Self Check- in Kiosk	Curbside	Online
Ease of finding check-in/baggage check location	7.59	7.05	7.54*	7.45
Traffic flow at check-in	7.29	6.83	7.10*	6.97
Cleanliness of check-in area	7.33	6.96	7.34*	7.05

Large Airports	Main Counter	Self Check- in Kiosk	Curbside	Online
Ease of finding check-in/baggage check location	8.13	8.07	8.32	8.09
Traffic flow at check-in	7.72	7.68	8.00	7.65
Cleanliness of check-in area	8.12	8.00	8.15	7.96

Note:\*small sample size (n=30-99).





#### **Security Check Satisfaction**

LGA ranks 24<sup>th</sup> for Security Check and with a 14 point increase in satisfaction from 2017

The Large airport segment improves 16 points



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#### **Attribute Performance**



A speedy security check (10 minutes or less) and appropriate signage increase security check satisfaction

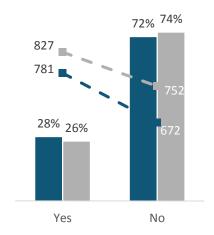
LGA performs slightly above the Large airport average for appropriate signage but well below average for speedy security check

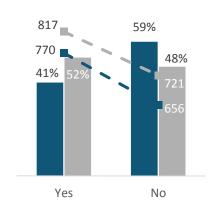
## Signage to Inform Security Wait Time by Security Check Satisfaction

- New York LaGuardia LGA
- Large Airports
- New York LaGuardia LGA Security Check Index
- ■ Large Airports Security Check Index

## Time to Get Through Security Less than 11 Minutes

- New York LaGuardia LGA
- Large Airports
- New York LaGuardia LGA Security Check Index
- ─ Large Airports Security Check Index





Security wait times are almost three minutes slower at LGA compared to the Large airport segment

LGA has more TSA Pre-Check passengers than other Large airports

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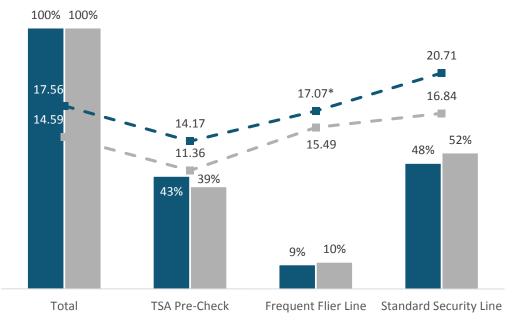
#### **Security Line Type and Wait Time**

New York LaGuardia - LGA

Large Airports

■■ New York LaGuardia - LGA Minutes to get through security check

■ Large Airports Minutes to get through security check





Food, Beverage, & Retail Experience

#### Food, Beverage, & Retail Satisfaction

LGA ranks 23<sup>rd</sup> in Food, Beverage, and Retail satisfaction.

LGA improved 21 points in Food, Beverage, and Retail Satisfaction; while the Large Airport segment improved a significant 16 points year over year.

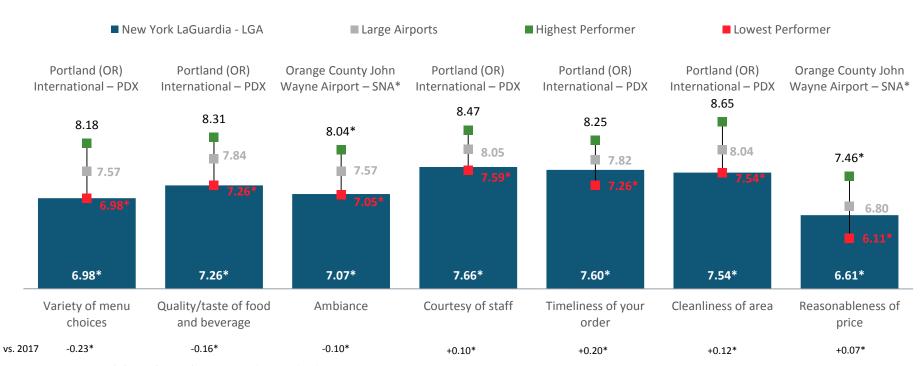


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#### Food, Beverage & Retail Performance

#### **Attribute Performance – Restaurant/Bar**

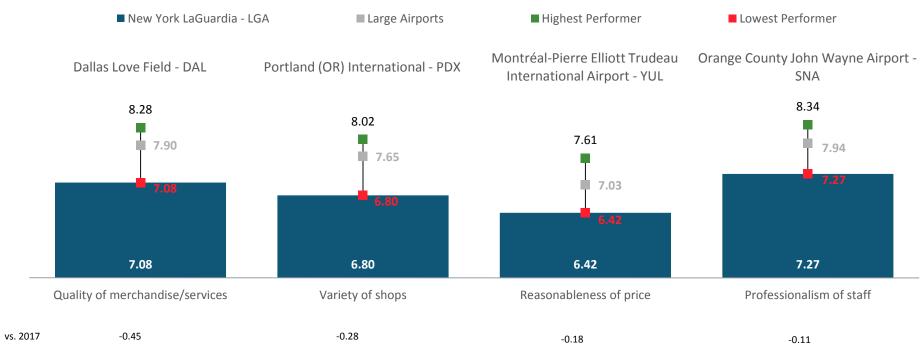


Note: Based to those who purchased food/beverage and/or merchandise/services while at the airport; \*small sample size (n=30-99).



#### Food, Beverage, & Retail Performance

#### Attribute Performance - Retail Service



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#### Food, Beverage and Retail

13% of LGA passengers who did not purchase F&B stated that they didn't like the choices available

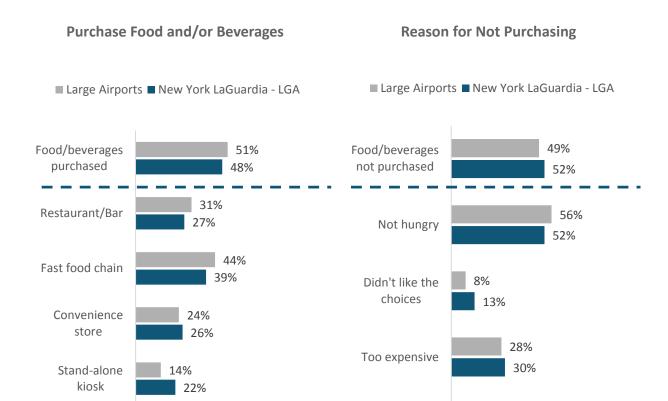
The majority of passengers that purchase F&B at LGA do so at a fast food chain.

Passengers use stand-alone kiosks at LGA more frequently than other Large airports

Vending

machine

4%





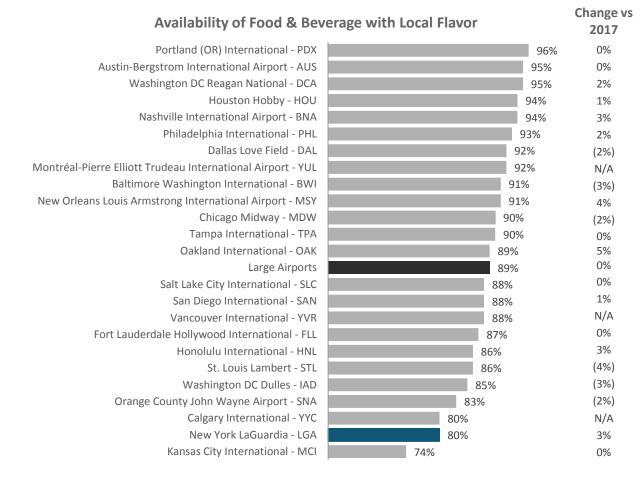
13%

14%

No time

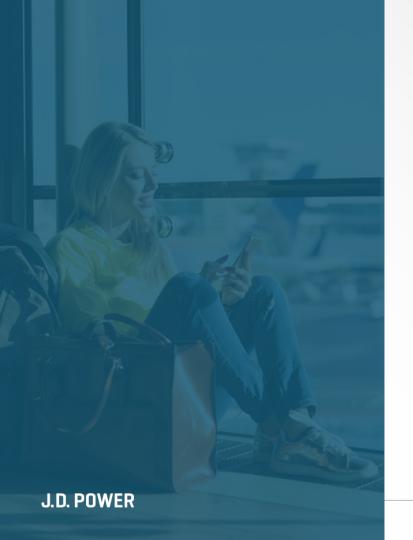
#### Food, Beverage, & Retail Satisfaction

1 in 5 LGA passengers are not able to find local food and beverage within the airport



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## **Terminal Facilities**

#### **Terminal Facilities Satisfaction**

### LGA ranks 24<sup>th</sup> for Terminal Facilities

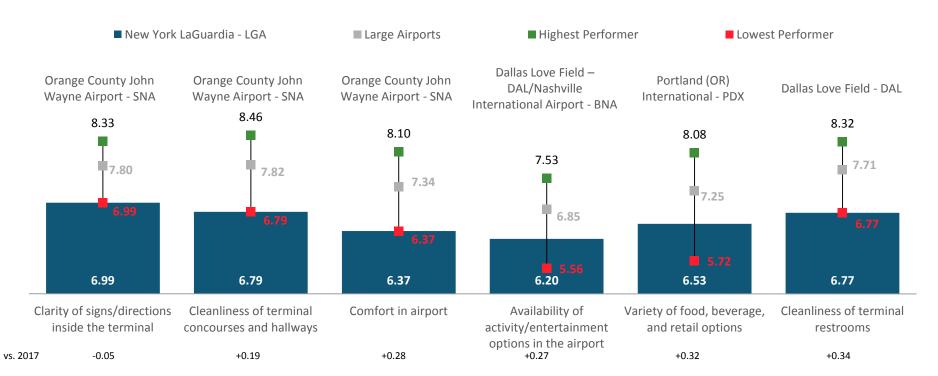
LGA improves a significant 22 points year over year while the Large airport segment makes a significant 12 point improvement.



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#### **Attribute Performance**

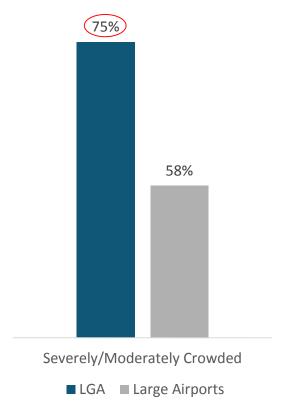




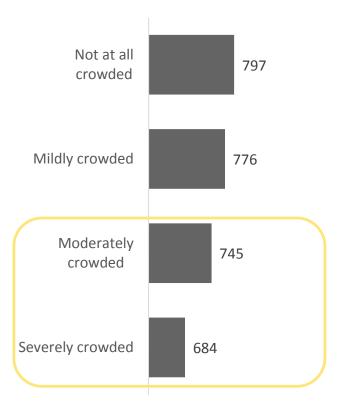
Terminal Facilities satisfaction declines when terminals are perceived as crowded

LGA's airport terminal is much more crowded than the Large airport segment average





### Terminal Facilities Index by Crowding – Total Industry





LGA performs below the segment average for restroom cleanliness and adequate signage

Restroom cleanliness and having clear and adequate signage are two of the most impactful KPIs in the 2018 Airport Satisfaction Study.

#### **Restroom Cleanliness**

New York LaGuardia - LGA

Large Airports

New York LaGuardia - LGA Terminal Facilities Index

Large Airports Terminal Facilities Index

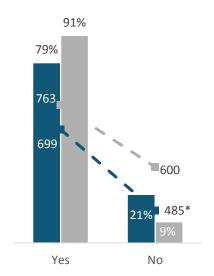


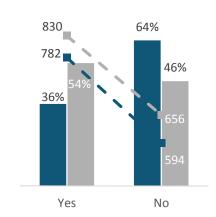
New York LaGuardia - LGA

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# Restroom condition impacts perceptions of cleanliness substantially

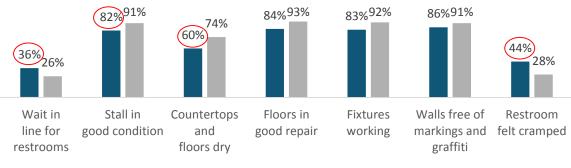
The biggest gaps between the Large airport segment and LGA are "Countertops and floors dry" and "Restroom felt cramped"

#### Restroom Clean % Yes by Restroom Components – Total Industry



■ Yes ■ No

#### **Restroom Components - % Yes**



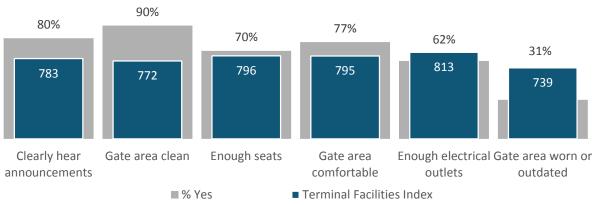
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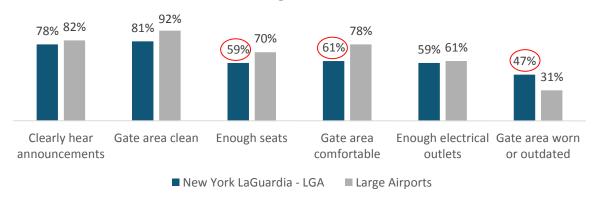
#### Gate Area Diagnostics – having enough electrical outlets leads to higher terminal facilities satisfaction

LGA is in line with the Large airport average for enough electrical outlets but falls shorts in gate area comfort

#### Gate Area Diagnostics by Terminal Facilities Index



#### **Gate Area Diagnostic Performance**





Satisfaction is 97 points higher when Wi-Fi is faster or as fast as expected for the Large airport segment

86% of LGA passengers state the Wi-Fi was faster than or as fast as expected, 84% of Large airport passengers state the same

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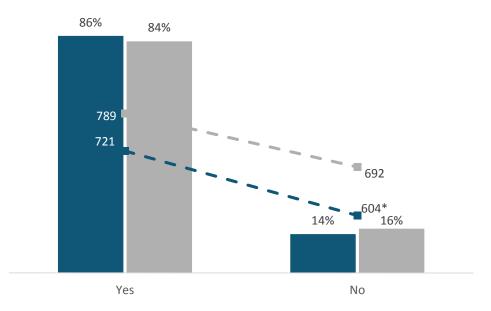
#### Wi-Fi Connection Faster Than or As Expected

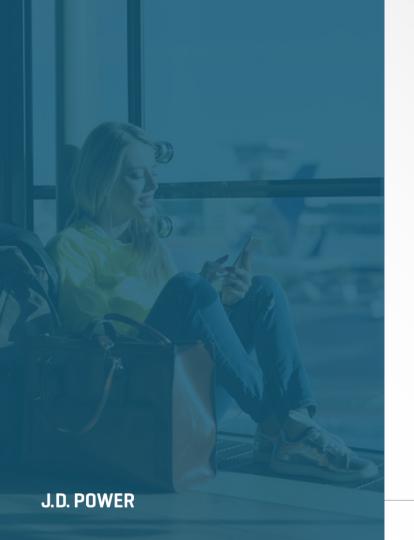


Large Airports

■■ New York LaGuardia - LGA Terminal Facilities Index

■ Large Airports Terminal Facilities Index





### **Baggage Claim**

#### **Baggage Claim Satisfaction**

## LGA ranks 23<sup>rd</sup> for Baggage Claim

LGA improves 21 points year over year while the Large airport segment makes a significant 14 point improvement.



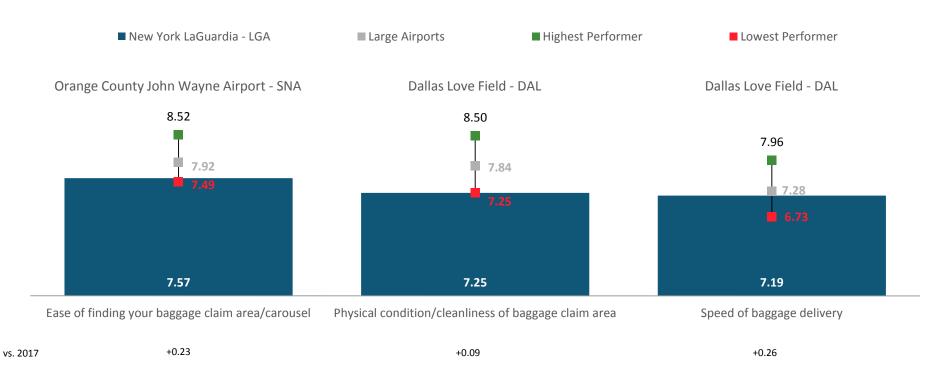
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#### **Baggage Claim**

#### **Attribute Performance**





#### **Baggage Claim**

Receiving baggage in 15 minutes or less, leads to overall satisfaction that is 99 points above those receiving baggage in 16 minutes or more for the Large airport segment

61% of LGA passengers wait less than 16 minutes or longer for their baggage

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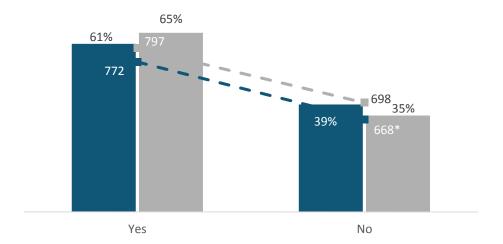
#### Waited Less than 16 Minutes in Baggage Claim Area for Baggage Claim



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■ New York LaGuardia - LGA Baggage Claim Index

Large Airports Baggage Claim Index

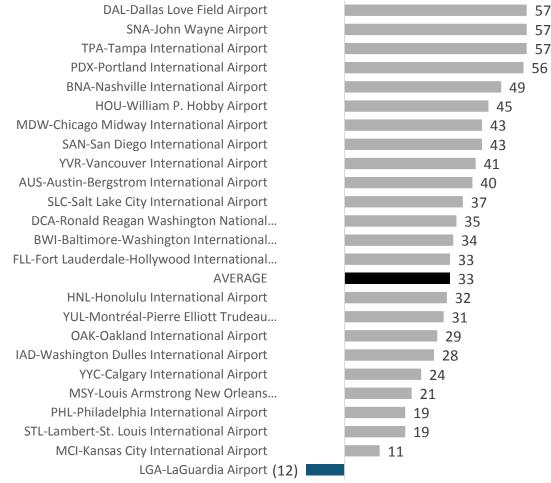




**NPS** 

**NPS Scores – Large Airport Segment** 

LGA lags behind the large airport segment in NPS





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