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Sky's limit at airports

THE PORT Authority's three major airports — and its AirTrain rail link to Kennedy Airport in Queens — are having record years, Port Authority officials said yesterday.

Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark airports are on track to handle more than 103 million passengers this year — up from the record 99.8 million passengers recorded last year, William DeCota of the Port Authority announced in a statement.

AirTrain JFK has carried 3.5 million paid riders so far this year. It has been averaging between 11,000 and 12,000 daily riders over the last few months, officials said. Travel between terminals and parking lots in the airport is free.

The AirTrain, which links the subway and Long Island Rail Road station in Jamaica with Kennedy Airport, opened in 2003.

"We're where we expected to be and are exceeding that during peak travel periods," PA spokesman Pasquale DiFulco said of AirTrain ridership.

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