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## Holiday travelers stranded at Eastern Iowa Airport after blizzard

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CEDAR RAPIDS (KWWL) - It's the most wonderful time of the year -- unless you're stuck traveling.

Thursday's blizzard forced airlines to ground 37 flights in and out of the Eastern Iowa Airport in Cedar Rapids.

Many travelers have been camped out at the airport and area hotels hoping to grab a spot on a Friday flight.

"I was supposed to go home at 7 this morning, and then I got booked on an 11 o'clock, and now I'm going home at 4," said Ashley Clark, who was traveling home to be with family.

United Airline flights were running full by Friday midday all the way through Christmas.

Dennis and Barbara Kammerman of Waterloo were supposed to be on a plane Thursday to see their son.

Instead, they'll fly out Christmas Eve.

"We were in line, got here at a quarter to nine this morning," Barbara Kammerman said. "We just now got our tickets. We've got it rescheduled, so (it took) about two-

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and-a-half hours."

Mary Delacy had two flights canceled, and now isn't taking any chances.

She's taking a four-and-a half-hour ride on a United charter bus to make her connecting flight in Chicago.

"I have a flight, I have a check-in, and I'm ready to go," she said.

Air travelers aren't the only ones experiencing headaches.

The Wolds of Dubuque had planned on hitting the roads Thursday -- they're now leaving a day later and off to a slower start than expected.

"The left lane was the only clear lane, the right lane was full of ice," said Karen Wold.

Among the holiday angst, there's also plenty of evidence of what makes the season special.

Take Manish Patel, who gave up his plane ticket for somebody else.



"I decided to give up my seat and hand it over to somebody else so that they could get home for Christmas," he said.

Travelers are encouraged to check with their airline or airport regarding their flight status.

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