



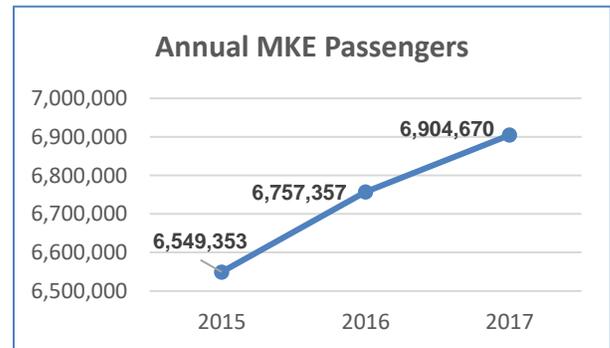
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NEW AIRLINES PROPEL MKE TO 2017 PASSENGER TRAFFIC INCREASE
Second straight full-year passenger traffic increase at Mitchell Airport

MILWAUKEE (February 7, 2018) – Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele today announced that General Mitchell International Airport (MKE) recorded a 2.2% increase in total passenger traffic for 2017. Total operations (takeoffs and landings) were up by nearly seven percent at MKE and by more than twelve percent at Lawrence J. Timmerman Airport, the Milwaukee County-owned General Aviation airport located on Milwaukee’s northwest side.

Full-year passenger statistics show that 6,904,760 people chose MKE in 2017, an increase of 147,403 from 2016. New flights from Delta Air Lines and Frontier Airlines added the most passengers, and new service from Allegiant and Volaris helped push the full-year 2017 numbers higher. December 2017 passenger traffic was 538,330, an increase of five percent from December 2016.

“Our efforts to provide the best airport experience in the region are paying off, as more travelers from Wisconsin and northern Illinois choose Mitchell Airport,” County Executive Abele said. “More flights, more destinations and an outstanding customer experience are all reasons our hometown airport excelled in 2017. With more travelers continuing to choose MKE, we will build on this success in 2018.”



New nonstop destinations added to the MKE route map in 2017:

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| Alaska – Portland, Oregon | Frontier – Miami, Florida |
| Allegiant – Mesa, Arizona | OneJet – Columbus, Ohio |
| Allegiant – Punta Gorda, Florida | OneJet – Omaha, Nebraska |
| Allegiant – Sanford, Florida | Southwest – Houston (Hobby) |
| Allegiant – St. Petersburg, Florida | Southwest – Nashville, Tennessee |
| Delta – Salt Lake City | Volaris – Guadalajara, Mexico |

MKE offers nonstop flights to 49 destinations coast-to-coast – many on full-size mainline aircraft – and 160 international destinations are available from Milwaukee with just one connection. MKE is served by Air Canada, Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier, OneJet, Southwest, Swift Air (Apple Vacations and Funjet Vacations), United, and Volaris. The complete list of nonstop cities can be found at www.mitchellairport.com.

General Mitchell International Airport is owned by Milwaukee County and operated by the Department of Transportation, Airport Division, under the policy direction of the Milwaukee County Executive and the County Board of Supervisors. The airport is entirely funded by user fees; no property tax dollars are used for the airport’s capital improvements or for its day-to-day operation.

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