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**SUMMER TRAVEL UP AT GENERAL MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**  
*Nearly 32,000 More Passengers Flew From MKE This Summer*

**MILWAUKEE (October 21, 2016)** – Summer proved to be a busy travel time for Milwaukee County’s General Mitchell International Airport, with more than 1.8 million passengers using the airport in the months of June, July and August. MKE’s 2016 summer travel season saw an increase of 31,790 passengers, or 1.78%, over the same time period in 2015.

In August, 591,165 passengers flew through MKE, a 1.28% increase over 2015. August marks the fourth consecutive month of passenger growth at MKE, which has seen passenger growth in 7 out of 8 months so far this year. Overall growth for the year to date is 2.63%.

“Summer has been busy at MKE, and we are happy to see continued, steady and sustainable growth at our airport,” explained County Executive Chris Abele. “We are looking forward to a great fall and holiday travel season, and encourage travelers in Wisconsin and northern Illinois to enjoy the easy and convenient experience by booking their next flight via MKE.”

Mitchell Airport offers nonstop flights to 37 destinations coast-to-coast, and 160 international destinations are available from Milwaukee with easy, one-stop connections. MKE is the only airport in Wisconsin or northern Illinois to be served by all the major domestic carriers including Southwest, Delta, American, Alaska, Frontier, United, Air Canada and OneJet. The complete list of nonstop cities can be found at [www.mitchellairport.com](http://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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