



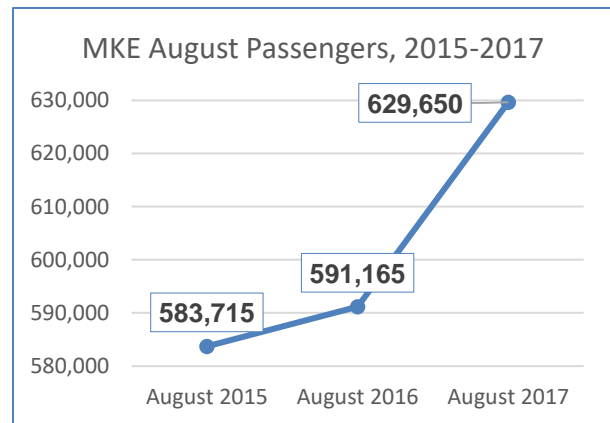
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**MKE REACHES FIVE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS OF PASSENGER GROWTH**  
*Delta, American and United headline August growth at Mitchell Airport*

**MILWAUKEE (October 4, 2017)** – Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele today announced that air passenger traffic at General Mitchell International Airport (MKE) increased 7.3% in August, compared to August 2016.

Across all airlines, an average of more than 84% of available airline seats at MKE were filled in August. Delta Air Lines, American Airlines and United Airlines added the most passengers.

Volaris international flights to Guadalajara, Mexico and summer seasonal service to Portland, Oregon on Alaska Airlines also helped boost the August numbers.



“MKE has added 12 new nonstop destinations in the last year, and it’s great that Milwaukee travelers are getting the message that our hometown airport is the quickest and easiest option, whether flying domestically or internationally,” County Executive Abele said. “And the improvements to the terminal will continue. Just last week, we announced that the 2018 County Budget will include funding to demolish the current Concourse E and complete preliminary design and engineering for a new International terminal.”

**New nonstop destinations added to the MKE route map in the last year:**

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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, United, and Volaris. 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.*