



## **APPLETON AIRPORT REPORTS TRAFFIC UP 14.3% in 2023**

### **AIRPORT AWARDED \$3.42 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS**

**(APPLETON, Wis.) Feb. 14, 2024**– Appleton International Airport broke its own travel records in 2023 with total passenger arrivals and departures of 967,687, representing an increase of 14.27% over 2022. This made ATW the fastest growing airport in the state according to TSA numbers. In 2022, the airport welcomed 846,840 passengers.

Airport officials reviewed travel statistics from 2013, a year in which 483,317 passengers traveled through Appleton, showing passenger totals have doubled in the last 10 years. The number of private planes landing at the Appleton Flight Center increased 15% in 2023 to a total of 16,977.

“This outstanding growth is fostered by our relationships with our airline partners and ongoing support from the region,” said Appleton Airport Director Abe Weber. “Area residents are supporting nonstop flights because air travel is more convenient through Appleton.”

### **AIRPORT GAINS \$3.42 MILLION FOR TERMINAL EXPANSION**

On the heels of passenger growth, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced today the airport will receive \$3,420,000 to fund part of the concourse expansion project. The airport broke ground in 2023 on a \$66 million, 47,000 square-foot expansion of the main concourse slated for phased completion starting in late 2025. The grant will partially fund the construction of passenger boarding bridges, a solar/sustainability project, and additional mechanical equipment. The first phase of the terminal expansion will include the following improvements:

- The gate area will be expanded bringing the total number of gates to 10.
- There will be a connector between the existing gates and new gates, plus expanded areas for passenger boarding and a variety of seating options.
- There will be a Biergarten and an additional bar/restaurant in the gate area for ticketed passengers.
- Ramps will be used throughout to ensure easy access for all people regardless of abilities.
- Expanded restroom facilities, a sensory support room, a quiet room, and a pet relief area.

Future construction phases will expand ticketing and baggage claim areas and refresh existing concourse areas in the airport. For more information on construction progress, please visit <https://atwairport.com/elevate/>

“The airport growth is truly transformative,” said Outagamie County Executive Thomas Nelson. “It reflects overall development in the Fox Valley making it a region where jobs, business, infrastructure, and quality of life are on a path for continued success.”

### **AIRPORT GROWTH DUE TO EXPANSION IN FLIGHTS, TRAVELER SERVICES**

Airlines increased the number of seats departing and returning to Appleton throughout 2023. Most notably, American Airlines added 36.2% more flights in 2023 vs 2022 and 30.6% more seats over the same time period. The Appleton Airport is served by American, Delta, and United airlines and is the only Wisconsin airport served by Allegiant Airlines. In 2023, three additional nonstop routes were announced; Portland, OR (which began in May 2023), New York/Newark (beginning May 2024), and Dallas/DFW (beginning June 2024). Nonstop routes now include:

- Portland, Oregon
- Phoenix/Mesa, Arizona
- Nashville, Tennessee
- Las Vegas, Nevada
- Savannah/Hilton Head, Georgia
- Flights to Florida include Ft. Lauderdale/Miami, Orlando/Daytona Beach, Tampa/St. Petersburg, Sarasota/Bradenton, Ft. Meyers/Punta Gorda
- Atlanta, Georgia
- Charlotte, North Carolina, a route that was offered seasonally in 2023 will be year around in 2024
- Chicago, Illinois
- Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota
- Detroit, Michigan
- Denver, Colorado
- Dallas, TX (DFW)
- New York/Newark

“We anticipate the increase in nonstop destinations and our planned terminal expansion will help us top the one-million mark in arrivals and departures in future years,” Weber said.

The growth in passenger numbers reflects additional developments at Appleton International Airport in 2023 to include:

- Construction of a new hangar at the Appleton Flight Center and expansion of the main ramp to accommodate larger aircraft.
- Celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the Appleton Flight Center.
- Marked 1 year of being an Allegiant base.

- Increased our partnership with Old Glory Honor Flight to host four missions and hosted the Pulling For Honor fundraiser.
- Additional amenities for travelers in the main terminal to include additional concessions with Express Eats and ATW Express Bags, a free bag check service.

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### **About Appleton International Airport**

[Appleton International Airport](#) connects our community to the world through American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, and Allegiant Air. In addition to offering nonstop service to 18 destinations, Appleton Airport connects to 11 major international airport hubs from which travelers can fly to almost anywhere in the world. Using Appleton Airport, travelers can safely and more conveniently get to their destination and home again, leaving them more time for what really matters. Visit [atwairport.com](http://atwairport.com) to learn more.