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## **Busiest summer ever expected at Austin's airport**

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AUSTIN, Texas – Record numbers of passengers are expected at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport this summer, making the airport's traditionally busy season, likely the busiest ever. More than one million total passengers are projected to fly Austin each month from May through August.

Passengers are strongly advised to arrive inside the terminal at least two hours before their flight during peak departure hours of 5-8 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m., and 90 minutes before their flight for all other times. Longer than normal lines are likely in ticketing and at TSA security checkpoints as 2016 passenger traffic continues to grow, up 9 percent over 2015.

The airport's single-month record of 1,165,811 passengers, set in July 2015, is likely to be broken. Adding to Austin's summer 2016 passenger loads are new airlines and flights, as well as more seats with bigger jets to existing nonstop destinations. Parking will remain fluid throughout the summer. For real-time, 24/7 parking updates, passengers are encouraged to call 512-530-3300 before arriving at the airport.

### **New at ABIA this summer:**

- Two new nonstop international destinations will take flight. Condor begins nonstop service to Frankfurt on June 27, while Volaris launches Austin-Guadalajara on Aug. 7.
- New nonstop to Albuquerque on Allegiant Air and Southwest Airlines.
- Construction will start on a nine-gate expansion project on the east end of the terminal. For more on construction at the airport, visit the “Construction Updates” link at [www.abia.org](http://www.abia.org).
- Mamava nursing stations were installed on May 6, 2016 to give mothers a pleasant place for pumping and breastfeeding. The Mamava suite-style nursing station is located across from Gate 7.
- Passengers can order food while they wait with the Grab app. Grab allows passengers to order, pay and pick up food inside the terminal as soon as you arrive.
- A new TSA Pre-Check enrollment office is located in baggage claim across from bag carousels three and four.

### **Travel tips:**

Passenger growth at Austin-Bergstrom has steadily increased since January 2010.

Getting through the airport is smoother for travelers who come prepared.

- Arrive in the airport terminal at least two hours before your flight during peak departure times and 90 minutes during all other times. Typical peak departure times are 5-8 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m. TSA security checkpoint lines are expected to be longer during peak times.
- Before leaving for the airport, check [www.abia.org](http://www.abia.org) for real-time flight status and updates.
- Check what options are available at ABIA on-site parking, 24/7, by calling, 512-530-3300. As passenger traffic increases, parking lots fill quickly. Call ahead and know where to park. Should regular lots fill, overflow parking will be available at the same rate.
- Be aware of construction activity in and around the terminal, parking and airport roadways.

- Picking up arriving passengers? Use the airport's Free Cell Phone Parking Lot. Drivers can wait in the cell phone lot until their passenger is curbside and calls for pick-up.
- For airport information 24 hours a day, call 512-530-ABIA (2242) or visit [www.abia.org](http://www.abia.org).

**Security:**

Be prepared for security screening, dress smart and pack smart:

- TSA Pre-Check allows qualified passengers to go through an expedited security process. To enroll or to learn more about Pre-Check, visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov).
- For liquids, gels and aerosols in carry-on luggage, remember the 3-1-1 rule: three ounces per container, in a clear, one-quart bag, one per passenger. These bags should be placed in bins going through X-ray like other personal belongings such as keys. This will speed up the process as TSA will not have to search through carry-ons for liquids.
- Avoid wearing jewelry and accessories that contain metal. Consider wearing shoes that can be easily removed as they must pass through X-ray machines.
- Fireworks may be a part of Independence Day celebrations, but are prohibited in all carry-ons and checked baggage. Knives, pepper spray and other items are prohibited as carry-on items. Visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov) for a comprehensive list of banned and permitted items.
- Carry-on luggage is restricted to one bag and one personal item such as a laptop, purse, backpack or briefcase. Laptops must be removed from cases for X-ray machines.

The airport of choice for Central Texas is Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS). Austin-Bergstrom extends a thank you to its airport partners and its 11.9 million passengers in 2015. Find all nonstop routes with the free interactive flight guide on [www.abia.org](http://www.abia.org). Connect with us on Twitter, @AUSinAirport, and Facebook, [www.facebook.com/abia](http://www.facebook.com/abia).

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