

## ATLANTIC CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Atlantic City International Airport comprises nearly 5,300 acres. It is located in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, 12 miles from Atlantic City and 60 miles from Philadelphia.



### HISTORY

- Opened in 1910, Atlantic City International Airport was one of the nation's first municipal airfields and accommodated both land and sea planes.
- In 1940, Atlantic City's government purchased a vast parcel of land comprising 4,312 acres and a reservoir for the construction of a more modern airport to replace its 1910 facility. Construction began in 1941 and was completed in earnest to meet the national security needs of a nation at war.
- In 1942, the US Navy leased the airport from Atlantic City and, on April 24, 1943, commissioned the Naval Air Station Atlantic City (NASAC). The airport became a base for the Navy's Fighter Training Unit, the Air Development Squadron 3, which developed and tested war strategy, and the Combat Information Center, a precursor to today's air traffic control tower.
- In 1958, the US Navy decommissioned the airport. The airport's lease reverted back to its original owner, Atlantic City. The city transferred the lease of all but 84 acres to the US government. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) operated the airport from 1958 to 1992. Atlantic City held reversionary interest in the lease, which stipulated that ownership of the property may revert to Atlantic City if the FAA no longer has use of the airport. The city retained 84 acres in Egg Harbor Township, NJ, where the Civil Terminal Building and related support facilities stood.
- On September 24, 1992, the South Jersey Transportation Authority (SJTA) acquired the Civil Terminal Building from Atlantic City and also the city's reversionary interest in lands owned by the US. The SJTA agreed to operate the airport as a public airport for the useful life of the airport facilities.
- On July 1, 2013, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey entered into a 15-year agreement, with the South Jersey Transportation Authority, to provide management services at Atlantic City International Airport.

### AVIATION ROLE

- Atlantic City International Airport serves residents of central and southern New Jersey and Pennsylvania. It is a well-situated alternative to the region's big New York City and Philadelphia airports. As a joint-use airport with unrestricted airspace, the airport experiences fewer delays compared to regional airports which operate in congested airspace. The airport can accommodate more than 3 million passengers each year.
- Atlantic City International Airport offers scheduled non-stop flights to destinations in Florida and Myrtle Beach with connections to Latin America, the Caribbean Islands, and Mexico, along with seasonal service to Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, and West Palm Beach.
- The airport is part of the US Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to reduce excessive tarmac delays. As part of this plan, Atlantic City International Airport may be used by an air carrier for diversions. It is also part of an aviation complex that includes the FAA's William J. Hughes Technical Center, which houses the US Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Laboratory, Air National Guard, 177th Fighter Wing "Jersey Devils," US Coast Guard, and the Federal Air Marshal Training Facility.

### REDEVELOPMENT

- In 2005, the airport completed a taxiway relocation project, designed to allow room for future terminal and parking expansion.
- In 2008, Atlantic City International Airport erected a \$26.3-million six-story parking garage, with 1,400 spaces. The parking garage is located directly across the street from the terminal.

- In 2011, a \$27-million, 75,000-square-foot terminal expansion was completed. The modernization project included a new federal inspection station, a state-of-the-art international gateway, additional passenger loading bridges and gates, technological upgrades, baggage carousel enhancements, additional retail space, and improved check-in capabilities.

- On July 12, 2013, Atlantic City International Airport opened a new 40,700-square-foot Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) station. The station comprises drive-through apparatus bays permitting vehicles to be immediately poised to respond to an airport emergency. The ARFF station replaces a half-century old facility leased by the FAA that was built in 1965. The new station significantly improves emergency staff's ability to respond to structural fires, aircraft incidents, and motor vehicle collisions. As part of the Atlantic County mutual aid network, the ARFF provides emergency assistance to surrounding communities when needed. Construction of the \$15.4-million ARFF facility was largely funded through an FAA grant.

- Under construction adjacent to the airport is the Stockton Aviation Research and Technology Park, a research center dedicated to the advancement of new air traffic control technologies.

#### **EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC IMPACT**

- Atlantic City International Airport contributes about \$465 million in economic activity to the New Jersey region. The airport employs about 700 people.

#### **PASSENGER TERMINAL**

- Atlantic City International Airport's passenger terminal, the Civil Terminal Building, opened in 1961. The two-story, 180,000-square-foot terminal features 10 gates, nine jet-boarding bridges, ticket counters, and gate areas. Other amenities include Hudson News, three restaurants, and two ATMs. High-speed broadband wireless connectivity via free Wi-Fi service is available on the second floor of the terminal.

- The 10,000-foot runway with arresting gear for military aircraft is capable of landing any aircraft in the fleet today. The airport measures more than 5,000 acres. To put this in perspective, this facility is large enough to fit all of Newark Liberty International Airport, Philadelphia International Airport, and 60 percent of LaGuardia Airport within the footprint of land at Atlantic City International Airport.

#### **ROADWAYS**

- Atlantic City International Airport is located minutes from Exit 9 of the Atlantic City Expressway, a major thoroughfare accessible from I-95 and the Garden State Parkway. Car rental agencies (Avis, Budget, Hertz, and Enterprise) are located in the parking garage directly across from the passenger terminal. Taxi and limousine services are also available on site.

#### **PARKING**

- The airport offers 3,562 short-term, daily, and economy long-term parking spaces. A six-story parking garage with a covered walkway is located within steps of the terminal. Within walking distance is a surface parking lot. A cell phone lot is conveniently located near the terminal.

#### **RUNWAYS**

- Atlantic City International Airport has two runways: 4/22 is 6,144 by 150 feet (1,873 x 46 m) asphalt/concrete; 13/31 is 10,000 by 150 feet (3,048 x 46 m) asphalt.

#### **AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER**

- A state-of-the-art control tower was commissioned by the FAA in 1987. Open 24 hours per day, the tower is staffed by FAA-certified air-traffic controllers.

#### **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

- Atlantic City International Airport is a designated test site for emerging security technologies through a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement with the US Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Laboratory.