

Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority 2024 Annual Report



Air Service



NONSTOP DESTINATIONS



- 1 Denver (DEN)
- 2 Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood (FLL)
- 3 Melbourne (MLB)
- 4 Myrtle Beach (MYR)
- 5 Nashville (BNA)
- 6 Orlando Sanford (SFB)
- 7 Orlando (MCO)
- 8 Punta Gorda (PGD)
- 9 Sarasota/Bradenton (SRQ)
- 10 St. Pete/Clearwater (PIE)



- 11 Charlotte (CLT)
- 12 Philadelphia (PHL)



- 13 Atlanta (ATL)



- 14 Chicago O'Hare (ORD)
- 15 Newark (EWR)

TOTAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC COMPARISON

MONTH	2024	PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE	2023	2022	2021	2020
JAN	68,030	2.47%	66,391	49,787	23,545	61,309
FEB	69,912	8.15%	64,645	53,000	26,299	70,732
MAR	86,582	10.70%	78,216	73,196	46,596	44,478
APR	76,691	4.37%	73,481	82,321	56,563	2,749
MAY	85,243	16.46%	73,192	83,502	71,512	13,107
JUN	98,589	17.10%	84,192	92,652	88,528	26,123
JUL	101,988	11.74%	91,272	97,401	97,221	27,612
AUG	96,460	15.49%	83,524	92,799	81,759	25,116
SEP	75,472	4.78%	72,031	68,531	49,330	25,545
OCT	82,514	-2.63%	84,747	78,534	72,135	35,995
NOV	79,757	-0.50%	80,161	73,128	70,589	30,367
DEC	90,882	14.90%	79,094	67,405	68,034	27,631
TOTAL	1,012,120	8.72%	930,946	912,256	752,111	390,764

THANKS A MILLION!

For the first time since 2004, Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) eclipsed the one million passenger mark for a calendar year.



1,012,240 passengers traveled through ABE in 2024 – an 8.7% increase from 2023.

EXPANDED SERVICE TO ORLANDO

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) and Allegiant passengers celebrated the start of nonstop flights to Orlando International Airport (MCO) in May 2024.

Festivities included an airline ticket giveaway, ceremonial ribbon cutting, traditional water arch for the departing aircraft, plus delicious treats from Mary Ann's Donut Kitchen and cookies from Amy's Creative Cakes.

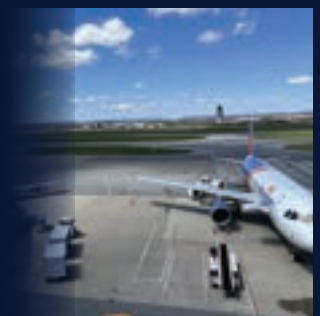


ONE OF THE BEST IN THE US!

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) was recognized as one of the Best Small Airports in the country.

(10) Airports nationwide were selected for the Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards.

- Hunsville International Airport
- Lehigh Valley International Airport**
- Seattle Paine Field
- Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport
- Bangor International Airport
- Missoula Montana Airport
- Springfield-Branson National Airport
- Wilmington International Airport
- Blue Grass Airport
- Wichita Eisenhower Airport



"ABE remains focused on ensuring that passengers enjoy the highest level of service throughout the entire travel experience, and this award helps to affirm that the efforts of our dedicated staff and stakeholders rank among the best in the country," Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA).

Director's Message



Executive Director
Thomas R. Stoudt

"If you really look closely, most overnight successes took a long time." ~ Steve Jobs

Having served the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) for the last 29 years, I've always believed the role of teamwork cannot be understated when assessing the accomplishments of any organization.

As we reflect on 2024, that statement is reaffirmed by your determination and commitment to our core values which ensured the LNAA delivered on its vision of being the Best Regional Airport System in North America.

To the LNAA Board of Governors, and the entire Airport Authority staff, thank you!

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) achieved national recognition enroute to its highest passenger volume in two decades. The Airport also celebrated more connectivity to the popular theme-park area of Orlando, Florida and welcomed more daily service to Philadelphia aboard American Airlines.

Passengers were thrilled to try the new dining options in the Wilfred M. "Wiley" Post, Jr. Concourse. The opening of our Pet Relief Area also added an important amenity for those flying with their four-legged family members.

A boost for air cargo development at ABE was received in the form of a \$40-million INFRA grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the future construction of the Northside Logistics and Cargo Complex, to ensure the Airport is prepared to meet current and future cargo demand.

Additionally, the LNAA has maintained its commitment to building a strong general aviation system across the Lehigh Valley.

At Queen City Airport (XLL), Phase II of an infrastructure project helped brighten Runway 15/33 and improve safety for pilots using the facility. Meanwhile, Braden Airpark was awarded state funding from the PennDOT Bureau of Aviation to begin necessary rehabilitation of Runway 18/36.

On behalf of the entire Airport Authority, I hope you read this Annual Report with pride as we celebrate a successful 2024.

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Financial Summary

FINANCIAL POSITION SUMMARY

The Authority's financial position can be analyzed from its changes in net position over the years. As of December 31, 2024, the Authority's assets exceeded liabilities by \$309 million as compared to \$298 million in 2023.

	2024	2023	CHANGE
Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Current and Other Assets	\$ 43,983,642	\$ 44,897,873	\$ (914,231)
Capital Assets	\$ 326,711,157	\$ 322,770,604	\$ 3,940,553
Right of Use Asset - Leases	\$ 239,898	\$ 455,980	\$ (216,082)
Right of Use Asset - Subscriptions	\$ 798,673	\$ 235,769	\$ 562,904
Short Term Lease Receivable	\$ 2,214,178	\$ 2,776,840	\$ (562,662)
Long Term Lease Receivable	\$ 14,177,390	\$ 16,223,160	\$ (2,045,770)
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Pension	\$ 1,359,770	\$ 2,504,816	\$ (1,145,046)
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 389,484,708	\$ 389,865,042	\$ (380,334)
Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Current Liabilities	\$ 14,893,418	\$ 18,635,935	\$ (3,742,517)
Non-Current Liabilities	\$ 47,419,529	\$ 51,812,689	\$ (4,393,160)
Lease Liability	\$ 246,408	\$ 461,942	\$ (215,534)
Subscription Liability	\$ 472,946	\$ 136,271	\$ 336,675
Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,501,564	\$ 2,485,891	\$ (984,327)
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Leases	\$ 15,383,849	\$ 18,485,939	\$ (3,102,090)
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Pension	\$ 224,368	\$ 193,252	\$ 31,116
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 80,142,082	\$ 92,211,919	\$ (12,069,837)
Net Position	\$ 309,342,626	\$ 297,653,123	\$ 11,689,503

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Customer Corner

MAJOR OVERHAUL!

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) completed two phases of a major overhaul project to update dining options in the Wilfred M. "Wiley" Post, Jr. Concourse.

By the Fall, passengers were ecstatic as The Draffhouse at ABE and Which Wich® Superior Sandwiches officially opened for business.

Centrally located in the concourse area, The Draffhouse at ABE offers more seating capacity than the previous PA Pub, while also providing a full bar and food menu including burgers, sandwiches, and salads.

"When the Airport shared their tremendous vision to relocate the bar area into the middle of their concourse, it gave us an amazing opportunity to really bring our prototypical bar to life" said Jess Backhaus, Senior Vice President of Operations, Tailwinds Hospitality, Inc.

Meanwhile, Which Wich® Superior Sandwiches offers loads of signature sandwiches, wraps, or bowls, and even build your own options.

"You can do a transaction anywhere, but our goal is to provide an interactive experience" said Jeff Sinelli, Founder, Which Wich®.

Both establishments operate from 5:00 a.m. (daily) until the last departure.



GRAND OPENING!

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) unveiled a new Pet Relief Area.

Sponsored by Leader of the Pack Canine Institute, the 200-square-foot room includes a bench, a sink, a grassy mat relief area with a water flush system, spray hose, and clean-up bags.

The Pet Relief Area is located near Gate 15 in the Wilfred M. "Wiley" Post, Jr. Concourse.



In Your Community

HOPE IS IN THE AIR!

Following a three-year hiatus, Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) welcomed the return of Wings for All®.

Wings for All® is designed specifically for individuals with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.

“For families who thought they would never be able to travel by air, this event provides hope,” said Karen Shoemaker, CEO of The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties.

Wings for All® participants experience the following:

- Check-in at the airline ticket counter
- Security screening by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
- Boarding a Delta Airlines aircraft
- A tour of the Sensory Room located in the Gate Concourse

Since 2014, this one-of-a-kind program at ABE has positively impacted approximately 400 individuals across the Lehigh Valley and throughout the mid-Atlantic region.

Thank you to Delta Airlines for providing staff and an aircraft to ensure the success of this event.

“At Delta, we believe travel is for everyone, and we’re proud to support this program that furthers our ongoing efforts to create a world that is more inclusive and accessible for all,” said Brandon Osterman, Delta’s Regional Manager - East.



“DOC” VISIT!

Known as, “Doc”, a historic Boeing B-29 Superfortress built during World War II made two stops at Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) in 2024.

Flight deck and ground tours, as well as 30-minute flights were available to the public.

“It was a technology marvel as the first high altitude, pressurized, and all electric-controlled bomber ever made with a computerized gun system,” said Josh Wells Executive Director & General Manager of Doc’s Friends Inc.



FUTURE FIREFIGHTERS!

What is Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF)?

Twenty (20) campers learned the critical role of these first responders within the aviation industry during the first annual Junior Fire Camp at Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE).

“After watching demonstrations of Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting vehicles, the campers learned how to properly use a fire extinguisher, participated in search and rescue operations of an aircraft, and developed fire safety plans for their home,” said Greg Hill, Captain, ARFF.



AND THE WINNER IS...

Live musical performances at The Great Allentown Fair resulted in the crowning of Jeni Hackett as ABE Idol 2024!

Hackett won (2) roundtrip tickets to Nashville, plus a chance to take centerstage at Oktoberfest in Bethlehem, PA.

Thank you to our contest partners including 100.7 WLEV, CAT County 96, 99.9 The Hawk, and Cumulus Media.



PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

Required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) every three years, Lehigh Valley International Airport hosted a full-scale disaster exercise of the Airport Emergency Plan (AEP).



Over 250 emergency response personnel from approximately 40 different agencies responded to ABE during this simulated aircraft emergency.

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Infrastructure Investment

CONSTRUCTING A CARGO COMPLEX

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) received \$40,798,046 of funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) INFRA program to construct the Northside Logistics and Cargo Complex.

Air cargo activity at ABE has grown 800% since 2014 and recorded a fourth consecutive year of record annual volume in 2023 – processing 275,000,000 pounds of air cargo.

The funding will be used to create a new cargo facility, parallel taxiway, an aircraft parking apron, and access roadways.



READY FOR BOARDING!

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) installed a new boarding bridge at Gate 3 which has been out of service since 2019 when the former bridge was decommissioned.



RUNWAY REHAB

Braden Airpark (N43) received \$975,000 in state funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Bureau of Aviation to upgrade and replace Runway 18/36 edge lighting.

“The scope of this project includes new high efficiency LED lighting and installation of a Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) System which benefits all pilots using the facility,” said Ryan Meyer, Director of Planning and Programming.

This PAPI system helps to ensure pilots are on the correct glide path to the runway during their approach to landing.

Construction is expected to begin in Summer 2025.



POWER PROJECT

The installation of upgraded LED runway edge lighting and new airfield guidance signs improved pilot safety on Runway 15-33 at Queen City Airport (XLL).

Additionally, XLL had a new airfield electrical vault constructed to house all the voltage regulators in a centralized location while also providing a second electrical feed to the Airport.

