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## **Wilmington Airport ILG Continues to Register Record Passenger Traffic** *Avelo Airlines, Landline Company Power Commercial Growth at ILG*

**NEW CASTLE, Del.** Today Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) officials announced significant passenger traffic milestones at Wilmington Airport – ILG, solidifying its status as Delaware’s most convenient air travel provider. Since beginning operations at ILG in February 2023, Avelo Airlines has carried over 660,000 total passengers (enplaned and deplaned) as of June 30, 2025. A little more than two years ago, Delaware was the only state in the U.S. without commercial air service. During the first six months of 2025, the airline served 155,881 passengers at ILG, marking the highest commercial passenger numbers for a six-month period in the airport’s recent history.

“These record-setting passenger numbers emphasize the current demand for easy, affordable, and stress-free air travel that Wilmington Airport, Avelo Airlines and the Landline Company consistently provide,” said Thomas J. Cook, Executive Director of DRBA, which operates ILG. “Surpassing 660,000 total customers in just over two years and achieving a 20% increase in the first half of this year, is a testament to the trust and loyalty travelers place in ILG. We are immensely proud to be the preferred airport for so many in the Delaware Valley who seek that friendly neighborhood airport experience.”

Avelo Airlines Founder and CEO Andrew Levy added, “It’s a great milestone for Avelo flying over 650,000 Customers at the Philadelphia / Delaware Valley’s Wilmington Airport (ILG). Since the start of service at ILG in February 2023, our goal was to provide travelers with affordable, convenient and reliable air service and we’ve done just that. Here’s to even more Avelo Customers at ILG as we continue grow and expand in the Delaware Valley.”

Top 5 ILG Destinations	YTD 2025 Enplanements	YTD 2025 Deplanements
1. Orlando - MCO	12,607	11,904
2. Fort Myers - RSW	9,572	10,002
3. San Juan - SJU	7,841	7,829
4. Tampa - TPA	7,785	7,866
5. Fort Lauderdale – FLL	7,132	7,195

See the most popular flight destinations from Wilmington Airport (ILG) with a breakdown of passenger arrivals (deplanements) and departures (enplanements) for the first half of 2025.

An integral part of ILG's ongoing success is Avelo Airlines' growing network, which provides nonstop flights to popular locations. Top destinations for ILG passengers include Orlando (MCO), Tampa (TPA), Fort Lauderdale (FLL), Fort Myers (RSW), and San Juan, Puerto Rico (SJU). Customers continue to choose ILG due to its unparalleled convenience: short security lines, inexpensive parking close to the terminal, and a smooth travel experience that reduces congestion seen at larger airports.

Landline Company's partnership with American Airlines has also contributed considerably to the increase in passenger traffic at ILG. Travelers using the Landline service enjoy a seamless connection: after checking their luggage and passing security at ILG, travelers using the Landline service board a luxurious motorcoach that transports them straight to the gates at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) for their American Airlines flights.

"Our luxury motorcoach connection service makes travel easier and more convenient," said Hannah Tamura, Landline spokesperson. "Passengers can park for less at ILG, ride in comfort with fast, free Wi-Fi, and connect through PHL to over 100 destinations on American Airlines – all while earning AAdvantage® miles along the way."

ILG's reputation as the best-kept secret for air travel in the region is further reinforced by its convenient location and ongoing commitment to offering a superior passenger experience. In an effort to further elevate the traveler experience, the airport is currently working on a multi-million-dollar terminal expansion, which is expected to be finalized in late 2025. This expansion will include further upgrades that include expanded passenger areas and restrooms, space for an additional TSA screening lane and additional concession choices.

### **About Wilmington Airport (ILG)**

Managed by the Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA), the Wilmington Airport (ILG) offers a convenient, hassle-free, and traveler-friendly experience unlike any other airport. With commercial service offered by Avelo Airlines, ILG features low-fare, nonstop service to many popular, sunny destinations in the Southern U.S. The airport also is home to the Landline Company who has partnered with American Airlines to provide seamless luxury motorcoach connections to Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) for global travel. With its easy-to-navigate terminal, affordable parking, and short lines, ILG provides a stress-free alternative to larger, more congested airports. Learn more at [www.flyilg.com](http://www.flyilg.com).

### **About the Delaware River and Bay Authority**

The DRBA, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962, owns and operates the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May- Lewes Ferry, and the Forts Ferry Crossing. The DRBA also manages two airports in New Jersey (Millville Executive Airport and Cape May Airport) and three in Delaware (Wilmington Airport, Civil Air Terminal and Delaware Airpark). All DRBA operating revenues are generated through the bridge, ferry and airport facilities. For more information, visit [www.drba.net](http://www.drba.net).