



# MARCH TAKES THE LEAD

## Busiest Month In Airport History



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*Pictured above, passengers lounge in Concourse A prior to departure, March 24, 2026.*



*Passengers are pictured above in Concourse A on April 8, 2026. Nearly 500,000 passengers have used the airport so far this year.*

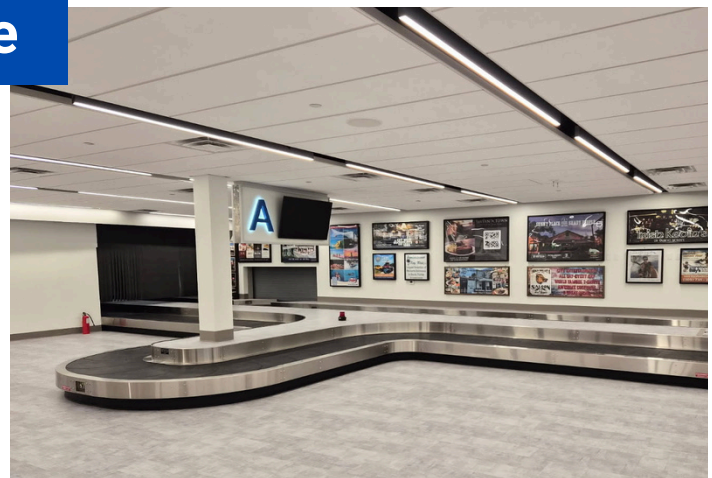
## New Numbers Make For Best Q1 Of All Time

March numbers have capped off a powerful three-month run at Key West International Airport, making for the most successful first quarter, and month, in airport history. A total 175,779 passengers used the airport in March, contributing to a traveler tally that is nearing 500,000. In the first quarter, the airport saw an increase of 6.9 percent over Q1 2025, while the month of March saw a 4.9 percent increase year over year.

## Record Performance

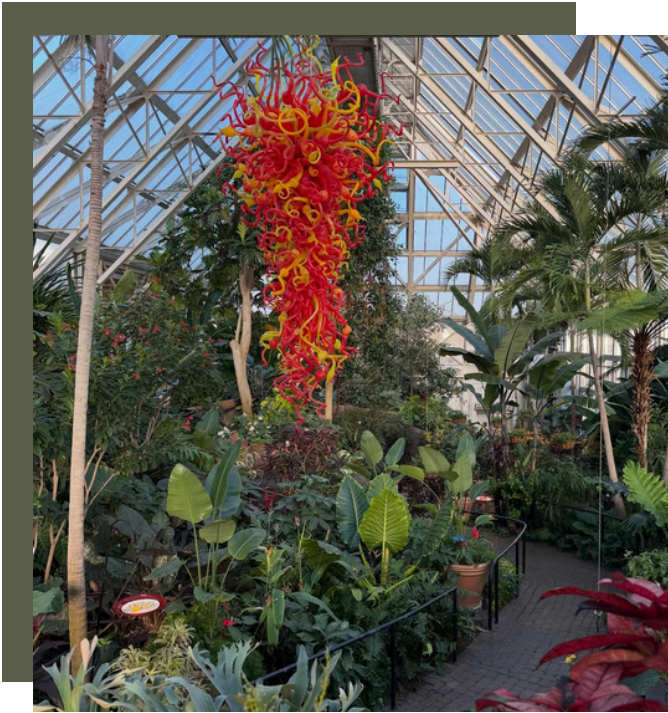
Richard Strickland, Executive Director of Airports, said airline confidence, strong leisure demand and infrastructure improvements have resulted in sustained, record-breaking growth. The airport's new baggage claim (pictured at right) is just one example of recent upgrades.

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# NEW ADVENTURES AWAIT

## Destination Spotlight



## EYW to LCK

New Allegiant Air service to Columbus, Ohio's Rickenbacker International Airport starts May 21, 2026, opening the door to a new kind of getaway on Thursdays and Sundays.

Known for its vibrant neighborhoods, rooftop gardens, and culinary gems, Columbus has something for everyone. Unwind among the lush gardens at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, pictured at left, in the upcoming prime time to visit: summer.

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Key West International Airport's east-end baggage claim opened on April 14, 2026, after several months of construction.

Baggage Carousel A, pictured at right, is located at the site of the former ground-level departures area and was first used by passengers arriving from Atlanta and Miami.

Brand-new baggage service offices and rental car facilities are integrated in the space with airline support and ramp-level operations nearby.

