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Gary / Chicago International Airport Notches Record International Flight Arrivals

21 International Arrivals in January Sets New Benchmark for Monthly Flights

(Gary, IN – February 12th, 2026) – The [Gary / Chicago International Airport \(GCIAG\)](#) saw a new benchmark reached in January by hosting a record 21 international arrivals for the month. This surpasses the previous high of 20 monthly international arrivals set in August of 2025. Since the 2018 opening of the Airport’s [state-of-the-art U.S. Customs and Border Protection \(CBP\) facility](#) the sector has grown steadily. Notably, the Airport has seen a consistent surge in post-pandemic international arrivals, with nearly 80% of the months seeing arrivals exceeding the airport benchmarks and the airport has averaged roughly 13 monthly arrivals during that time. Since its opening, the Airport welcomed international flights originating from Asia, Africa, Europe, Central and South America as well as the Middle East.

“We are thrilled to see the continued growth of our international sector and it demonstrates the key role the Airport plays in supporting the overall Chicago market,” said **GCIAG Executive Director Dan Vicari**. “Our proximity and ease of access to Chicago and its global capital marketplace makes GCIAG the preferred airport for those smart international business executives and air travelers.”

The availability of an on-site, permanent state-of-the-art Customs facility provides GCIAG with a significant competitive advantage, given the airport’s proximity to Chicago’s Central Business District, or Loop. The convenient location of the airport, located just 25 miles to downtown Chicago, has been a key driver in attracting international air travelers, as they are able to fly into the airport from any global destination without needing to stop elsewhere to clear customs.

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About Gary/Chicago International Airport

Located minutes from the shores of Lake Michigan and just 25 miles from downtown Chicago, Gary/Chicago International Airport (GYY) is a full-service airport and a premiere destination for corporate and weekend flyers in the Chicago metropolitan region and Northwest Indiana. To learn more, visit the airport’s new website at FlyGYY.com.