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## **Gary / Chicago International Airport Celebrates 800<sup>th</sup> International Arrival**

*800<sup>th</sup> Arrival Represents Latest International Milestone for Premier Airport*

(Gary, IN – April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026) – The [Gary / Chicago International Airport \(GCIAG\)](#) recently celebrated its latest international milestone by notching its 800<sup>th</sup> international arrival. Since the opening of the premier Airport’s [state-of-the-art U.S. Customs and Border Protection \(CBP\) facility](#) in late 2018, its international sector has been a consistent growth area for the airport. Notably, since 2022 the Airport has been averaging roughly 150 annual international arrivals, averaging nearly 13 arrivals per month. 2025 was a high point, with nearly 200 international arrivals, and 2026 has been off to a strong start with January alone hosting 21 international arrivals. Since its opening, the Airport welcomed international flights originating from Asia, Africa, Europe, Central and South America as well as the Middle East and welcomed its first arrival from Japan in late March.

“Our international sector continues to mature, and we are now consistently above our targeted benchmarks for our monthly international arrivals, which underscores the value GCIAG provides to the smart executive of choice accessing the Chicago market, “ said **GCIAG Executive Director Dan Vicari**. “Our proximity and ease of access to Chicago, which is typically just 25 minutes away and allows users to bypass heavy congestion, provides increasing value to our international air travelers seeking to access Chicago’s global markets.”

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](http://FlyGYY.com).*