

## = Nashville International Airport =

Nashville International Airport ( IATA : BNA , ICAO : KBNA , FAA LID : BNA ) is a public and military use airport in the southeastern section of Nashville in the U.S. state of Tennessee . It is included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems for 2011 – 2015 , which categorized it as a primary commercial service airport ( more than 10 @, @ 000 daily arriving and departing flights per year ) . Established in 1937 , its original name was Berry Field , from which its ICAO and IATA identifiers are derived . The current terminal was constructed in 1987 , and the airport took its current name in 1988 . Nashville International Airport has four runways , the longest of which is 11 @, @ 030 feet ( 3 @, @ 360 m ) long , a size adequate to handle all aircraft in service in 2014 .

Nashville International Airport ( BNA ) as of 2014 ranks as the 32nd @-@ busiest airport in the United States in terms of passengers . A total of 12 @, @ 293 @, @ 924 passengers traveled into and out of BNA during 2015 , a 9 @. @ 8 percent increase over calendar year 2014 , setting a new all @-@ time passenger record . The month of June 2015 set a new record for passenger traffic at Nashville International , including a monthly record 1 @, @ 071 @, @ 025 total passengers . Nashville International classifies as a medium @-@ sized airport in terms of 2015 passengers , and is the second largest of this category ( behind only St. Louis ) . The airport is currently served by 10 airlines and offers 390 daily arriving and departing flights with nonstop flights to more than 55 markets in the US , Canada , Mexico , Bahamas , Jamaica , Dominican Republic and Cuba .

The airport terminal complex includes an over 1 @, @ 000 @, @ 000 @-@ square @-@ foot ( 93 @, @ 000 m<sup>2</sup> ) passenger terminal with 47 air carrier gates and up to 78 commuter parking positions . BNA serves a trade area of 79 counties in Middle Tennessee , southern Kentucky , and northern Alabama . The airport is a focus city for Southwest Airlines and was previously a hub for American Airlines . Berry Field Air National Guard Base is located at Nashville International Airport . The base is home to the 118th Airlift Wing and is the headquarters of the Tennessee Air National Guard .

## = = History = =

## = = = Origins = = =

Nashville 's first airport was Hampton Field , which operated until 1921 . It was replaced by Blackwood Field in the Hermitage community , which operated between 1921 and 1928 . The first airlines to serve Nashville , American Airlines and Eastern Air Lines , flew out of Sky Harbor Airport in nearby Rutherford County .

By 1935 the need for an airport larger and closer to the city than Sky Harbor Airport was realized and a citizens ' committee was organized by mayor Hillary Howse to choose a location . A 340 @-@ acre ( 1 @. @ 4 km<sup>2</sup> ) plot along Dixie Parkway ( now Murfreesboro Road ) composed of four farms was selected , and construction began in 1936 as one of the first major Works Progress Administration projects in the area . The airport was dedicated on November 1 , 1936 , as Berry Field , named after Col. Harry S. Berry , the Tennessee administrator for the Works Progress Administration . It officially opened in June 1937 with much fanfare , including parades , an air show , and an aerial bombardment display by the 105th Aero Squadron , which was based at the field . Passenger service began in mid @-@ July through American Airlines and Eastern Airlines , both of which operated Douglas DC @-@ 3 aircraft . The new airport had three asphalt runways , a three @-@ story passenger terminal , a control tower , two hangars and a beacon , and was constructed at a cost of 1 @. @ 2 million dollars . In its first year , Berry Field served 189 @, @ 000 passengers .

During World War II , the airfield was requisitioned by the United States Army Air Forces Air Transport Command as the headquarters for the 4th Ferrying Command for movement of new aircraft overseas . During this time , the Federal government expanded the airport to 1 @, @ 500 acres ( 6 @. @ 1 km<sup>2</sup> ) . At the end of the war , the airport was returned to the control of the city , with a number of facilities remaining for support of the tenant unit of the Tennessee National Guard .

== Early jet service ==

The airport had been enlarged by the military during World War II , but in 1958 the City Aviation Department , started planning to expand and modernize the airport . Nashville gained its first scheduled jet service in 1961 , the same year a new 145 @, @ 000 square feet ( 13 @, @ 500 m2 ) terminal opened off of Briley Parkway , west of runway 2L . For the first time more than half a million people passed through the airport when the six airlines that served Nashville carried 532 @, @ 790 passengers . These renovations also included expansion of an existing runway , with 2L / 20R being extended by 600 feet ( 180 m ) , and the construction of a new crosswind runway , 13 / 31 . In 1962 Nashville became the first municipal airport in the United States with a public reading room when the Nashville Public Library opened a branch inside the terminal .

== Modern terminal and hub status ==

By the 1970s the airport was again in need of expansion and modernization . In 1973 the newly created Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority ( MNA ) finalized a master plan to coordinate the long @-@ term growth of the airport along projected increases in needed passenger capacity . This plan included the building of a new terminal and a new parallel runway across Donelson Pike to handle increasing operations by reducing the time between consecutive takeoffs and landings .

In the early 1980s the MNA commissioned Robert Lamb Hart , in association with the firm of Gresham , Smith and Partners , to design a modern terminal ; construction began in 1984 and was completed in 1987 . It had three main concourses and a smaller commuter concourse radiating from a distinctive three @-@ story atrium . An international wing was built in Concourse A and flights to Toronto started in 1988 ; the airport was renamed Nashville International Airport / Berry Field . It is now rare to see the " Berry Field " portion used , but the airport 's IATA code ( BNA ) is short for Berry Field Nashville , and the military facilities at the airport are still commonly known by this name . In 1989 a new parallel runway ( 2R / 20L ) was opened for use .

American Airlines announced in 1985 that it would establish a hub at Nashville , investing \$ 115 million to develop a new 15 @-@ gate concourse and applying for \$ 50 million in federal funds to build a new 10 @, @ 000 @-@ foot runway . The hub was intended to compete with Delta Air Lines , Eastern Airlines and Piedmont Airlines for north @-@ south traffic in the eastern United States . American and its regional affiliate American Eagle officially opened their hub in Nashville in April 1986 . Besides flying domestic service non @-@ stop to many U.S. cities , American also operated international nonstop flights from Nashville to London , England and Toronto , Canada . The American hub was touted as a selling point in bringing companies such as Nissan and Saturn Corporation to the Nashville area .

American 's service peaked in 1992 , after which flights were gradually scaled back until the hub eventually closed in 1995 . American cited the aftermath of the early 1990s recession and the lack of local passengers as reasons for the closure . As American scaled down its operations , it subleased its gates to other carriers , largely in order to cover the debt used to construct the hub facilities , which American had guaranteed . Southwest Airlines quickly filled the void by seizing 54 % of the Nashville market and making it a focus city , with American remaining as the second @-@ largest carrier at Nashville , followed by Delta Air Lines .

== Recent history ==

In 2002 , Embraer Aircraft Maintenance Services ( EAMS ) selected Nashville as the location for its Regional Airline Support Facility , which was built on the site of the demolished 1961 terminal building .

In October 2006 , the Nashville Metropolitan Airport Authority started an extensive renovation of the terminal building , designed by Architectural Alliance of Minneapolis and Thomas , Miller & Partners , PLLC of Nashville , the first since the terminal opened 19 years prior . Phase one of the project

involved updating and expanding food and vending services , improving flight information systems , and construction of a new consolidated security checkpoint for all terminals . Phase one was completed in 2009 . Phase two of the project involved the expansion of the ticketing and check @-@ in areas , the construction and renovation of bathrooms , and the renovation of the baggage claim areas . Completion of the second phase of the renovation project was completed in 2011 . These renovations bring the total size of the terminal building to over 1 @,@ 000 @,@ 000 @-@ square @-@ foot ( 93 @,@ 000 m2 ) . In addition to the terminal renovation and expansion , the renovations included expanding parking and a new rental car facility . The renovated terminal was named the Robert C. H. Mathews Jr . Terminal in honor of a MNAA board chair in 2011 .

In addition to passenger amenities in the terminal and parking areas , the renovations included improvements to the airport 's infrastructure . The largest project was the complete demolition and rebuilding of Runway 2L / 20R , which was completed in August 2010 . In addition to the rebuilding of Runway 2L / 20R , Runway 2C / 20C was closed from September through December 2010 for pavement and concrete rehabilitation . BNA 's 91 acres ( 0 @.@ 37 km2 ) of tarmac were also rehabilitated during this project after being funded entirely by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allotments .

Even with Nashville no longer a connecting hub for a major airline , according to the Federal Aviation Administration , the number of passengers using BNA is expected to double within the next 20 years . With the additional renovations and expansions , the MNAA leadership has a stated goal of adding the number of nonstop destinations , increasing cargo service , and adding more international flights . According to a chief executive officer Rob Wigington , the MNAA is actively seeking increased nonstop domestic flights and more international service . Restoring nonstop service to London remains the top priority for international flights .

Nashville recently gained nonstop daily service to the San Francisco Bay Area with daily nonstop service to both San Francisco International Airport ( SFO ) on United Airlines ; and to Oakland International Airport ( OAK ) on Southwest Airlines , as well as a new daily nonstop flight to Seattle / Tacoma International Airport ( SEA ) on Alaska Airlines . JetBlue has announced its return to the Nashville market , with twice daily nonstop service to Boston ( BOS ) and daily nonstop service to Fort Lauderdale ( FLL ) beginning on May 5 , 2016 . Numerous other added flights by Frontier Airlines to destinations such as Chicago , Philadelphia , Orlando and Las Vegas , along with the addition of WestJet to the Nashville market have continued the trend of airport growth . Southwest Airlines has also expressed desire to expand at the airport , and international service to Europe or Asia is quickly being considered as the city grows .

= = Concourses and facilities = =

= = = Robert C. H. Mathews Jr . Terminal = = =

The Robert C. H. Mathews Jr . Terminal is the airport 's main commercial terminal . It consists of three floorswith ground transportation on the first , baggage claim services on the second ; and ticketing , passenger drop off , and concourse access on the third . There are 47 gates in the three concourses in use . These concourses are connected by a large hub that contains a unified security checkpoint located in the main section of the terminal .

The terminal is served by Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority bus route 18 , which provides express and local service between the airport 's passenger facilities and the Music City Central bus terminal in Nashville 's central business district .

Concourse A was originally constructed to service American Airlines international flights between Nashville and London . Concourse A has 8 gates , of which 6 are occupied . It is now utilized by Air Canada , Frontier Airlines , and United Airlines and its respective express subsidiaries and is the smallest concourse in use . United uses gates A3 , A4 , A7 , A8 . Air Canada uses gate A1 , and Frontier uses A2 .

Concourse B is the second largest concourse in BNA with 13 gates , eleven of which are occupied .

It is utilized by Alaska Airlines , Boutique Air , Contour Airlines , JetBlue , WestJet , Delta Air Lines , and its respective subsidiaries for domestic flights . Delta uses gates B1 , B2 , B3 , B4 , B5 , B7 . Alaska uses gate B8 , JetBlue uses gate B6 , Contour uses gate B10 , Boutique Air uses B11 , and WestJet uses B13 .

Concourse C is the largest concourse at BNA , featuring a large shopping and dining area and the highest number of gates of any concourse . Concourse C has 24 gates , all of which are occupied , although 3 of these gates are inactive . It was originally constructed to be the main concourse for American Airlines during BNA 's tenure as a hub , which continues to maintain a large presence in the concourse . It is now mainly utilized by Southwest Airlines for their focus city operations in Nashville . Additional occupants of Concourse C include American Airlines and American Eagle . American uses gates C3 , C5 , C6 , C10 , C11 , C12 , C13 , and C14 . Southwest uses gates C2 , C4 , C7 , C9 , C15 , C16 , C17 , C18 , C19 , C20 , C21 , C23 , and C25 .

Concourse D was constructed as a ground level commuter terminal for American Eagle with 15 ground level commuter aircraft parking spots and gate facilities . All American Eagle flights operated out of Concourse D until , as a cost @-@ cutting measure after September 11 , 2001 ( 9 / 11 ) , all American Eagle flights were moved to Concourse C to share gates with American Airlines . For a short period of time , Concourse D was used by Corporate Airlines to operate its own regional flights until it became an regional affiliate with American Connection and Continental Connection , at which point the concourse was closed by the MNAA . The MNAA has no plans to reopen Concourse D , and it is occupied by the Transportation Security Administration .

== == Airline lounges == ==

Nashville International Airport hosts two airline lounges ? a Delta Air Lines Sky Club and an American Airlines Admirals Club . The Sky Club is located adjacent to gate B3 , in the same concourse as all of Delta 's gates . The Admirals Club is located above gate C12 , in the same concourse as all of American 's gates .

== == Public art == ==

BNA is home to an aviation themed art project and gallery entitled Arts at the Airport . The award @-@ winning Arts at the Airport program reviews and presents works by local , regional , and national artists for the enjoyment and enrichment of Nashville International Airport 's passengers and visitors . In addition to visual art , Arts at the Airport includes various live music exhibitions , showcasing Nashville 's musical heritage . Arts at the Airport is supported by the MNAA and the Tennessee Arts Commission ( TAC ) , and is funded under an agreement with the State of Tennessee .

In addition to the various exhibits , exhibitions and collections of Arts at the Airport , the Consolidated Rental Car Facility includes a large outdoor public art display by artist Ned Kahn . The installation includes a large number of aluminium sheets attached to hinges to the facade of the building designed to move with the wind , creating an undulating appearance to the surface of the building .

== == General aviation , charter and commuter terminals == ==

Fixed @-@ base operators ( FBO ) Atlantic Aviation and Signature Flight Support operate separate terminals from the main commercial terminal that are used primarily for general aviation and charter service . These FBOs provide hangar space , fueling and maintenance , and traveler amenities to individuals and companies utilizing the airport for non @-@ scheduled commercial and private flights .

Some scheduled commuter service flights have utilized the Atlantic Aviation terminal in the past . Due to its inability to secure a position at the main terminal and low number of scheduled flights , Tennessee Skies operated scheduled commercial EAS flights to Jackson , Tennessee from the

Atlantic Aviation terminal . Since the cessation of Tennessee Skies flights from Nashville , no scheduled commercial service operates outside of the main terminal building , with all EAS flights operating from the main terminal .

== Airfield ==

Nashville International Airport has four runways , three of which are parallel with one crosswind . The crosswind runway , 13 / 31 , is the longest of the four at 11 @, @ 030 feet ( 3 @, @ 360 m ) . The most recent improvement was to runway 2L / 20R , the primary outbound runway under the airport 's Advanced Surface Movement Guidance and Control System . It was completely rebuilt with concrete recycling techniques that prevented having to bring in large amounts of fresh concrete to the site , with construction ending in early 2011 .

== Airlines and destinations ==

Nashville International Airport is served by 13 carriers with more than 440 average daily arriving and departing flights at 47 air carrier gates . These carriers serve 57 airports with non @-@ stop service from Nashville , with direct through service to 90 markets .

== Passenger ==

== Cargo ==

Air cargo integrators , charter cargo airlines and air express companies operate daily from the Nashville Air Cargo all @-@ cargo complex . The complex , located across the airfield from the airport 's passenger facility , is within five minutes of Interstate 40 . It provides taxiway access to Nashville International 's three parallel runways and crosswind international runway . The airport has seen considerable growth in its cargo operations in recent years with the addition of a 70 @, @ 000 sq ft ( 7 @, @ 000 m<sup>2</sup> ) FedEx facility at BNA . China Airlines ceased operations at Nashville on July 31 , 2009 . For September 2010 ? 2011 , BNA had 43 @, @ 500 t ( 43 @, @ 000 long tons ; 48 @, @ 000 short tons ) of cargo pass through its facilities .

Additional charter and unscheduled cargo service is provided by AirNet Systems , Ameristar Air Cargo , Baron Aviation Services , Cherry Air Cargo , Contract Air Cargo | IFL , McNeely Charter Service , Mountain Air , Royal Air Cargo , Special Aviation Services and USA Jet .

== Statistics ==

== Top destinations ==

== Airline market share ==

== Military facilities ==

Berry Field Air National Guard Base ( ANGB ) is located on the premises of Nashville International Airport . Since 1937 it has hosted the 118th Airlift Wing ( AW ) . Berry Field faced the removal of its flying mission with the BRAC 2005 recommendation to realign its assets to other units . It averted this fate by taking on a new role as the C @-@ 130 International Training Center .

Approximately 1 @, @ 500 personnel are assigned to both HQ , Tennessee Air National Guard and to the 118 AW at Berry ANGB . Approximately 400 are full @-@ time Active Guard and Reserve (

AGR ) and Air Reserve Technician ( ART ) personnel , augmented by approximately 1100 traditional part @-@ time air guardsmen . Approximately 100 additional foreign military personnel are also temporarily assigned to the 118 AW at any one time for training in the C @-@ 130E or C @-@ 130H aircraft .

= = Accidents and incidents = =

On October 15 , 1943 , American Airlines Flight 63 , a Douglas DC @-@ 3 , crashed near Centerville , Tennessee en route to Memphis after departing Nashville due to atmospheric icing on the aircraft 's carburetors and wings . All 11 passengers and crew were killed . This accident remains to this day the deadliest accident related to BNA .

On September 28 , 1963 , an Eastern Air Lines Douglas DC @-@ 7 crashed on landing after the aircraft 's nose gear collapsed . All 45 passengers and crew survived .

On May 31 , 1985 , a Gulfstream I crashed immediately after takeoff due to failure of the left engine . Both people on board were killed .

On January 29 , 1996 , a United States Navy F @-@ 14 Tomcat fighter crashed shortly after takeoff . The jet struck a housing development and erupted into a fireball , killing the pilot and four individuals on the ground .

On September 9 , 1999 , a TWA McDonnell Douglas DC @-@ 9 suffered a landing gear collapse after a hard touchdown . All 46 passengers and crew survived .

On October 29 , 2013 , a Cessna 172R , from Ontario , Canada , crashed at Nashville International Airport . According to preliminary information from the NTSB , the flight plans that were filed with Transport Canada was to fly to Pelee , Ontario . It is currently unclear how the plane got to Nashville International Airport . Around 3AM Eastern time , the plane crashed on runway 2C . The burned wreckage on runway 2C went unnoticed for nearly six hours before being spotted by another general aviation aircraft . There was dense fog at the airport at the time of the accident

On September 19 , 2014 , NetJets Flight 322 , an Embraer Phenom 300 arriving from Nashville International Airport , slid off the runway at Lone Star Executive Airport ( IATA : CXO ) in Conroe , Texas . The area had recently been inundated by the remains of Hurricane Odile . Neither the pilot nor co @-@ pilot were hurt .

On December 15 , 2015 , Southwest Airlines Flight 31 , a Boeing 737 @-@ 300 , from Houston , Texas , exited the taxiway and rolled into a ditch shortly after arriving into Nashville as the airplane was entering the terminal ramp . All 138 passengers and crew were safely evacuated from the plane and bussed into the airport .