



AVL IS BUSIER THAN EVER

JUNE 2023 WAS THE BUSIEST MONTH IN OUR HISTORY

More than 200,000 passengers used AVL

It's a record - more passengers utilized Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) during the month of June 2023 than in any other month in the airport's history, exceeding 200,000 monthly passengers for the first time. Up 25% compared to June 2022, this remarkable number is another example of the extraordinary growth that continues to occur at AVL.

"This is a momentous milestone at Asheville Regional Airport," said Lew Bleiweis, President and CEO. "Surpassing 200,000 passengers in a single month is significant, and preliminary indicators show that July's passenger numbers will be even larger. I would like to thank each and every traveler who makes the choice to fly from AVL, and please know that we are working hard every day to keep up with this astounding growth."

The continued double-digit percentage growth in passenger traffic month after month is a testament to the region's growing popularity as a premier travel destination, as well as the region's propensity for travel. The airport's range of routes and airlines has played a pivotal role in catering to the region's travel needs, connecting travelers to an extensive network of domestic and international destinations.

AVL is the third-busiest airport in the state of North Carolina, and recent Federal Aviation Administration reports show that AVL now ranks 101 out of 403 commercial service airports in the country by annual passenger volume.

By the numbers:

June 2023	June 2022	Percent Change
226,839	181,885	24.7%



WHAT'S PAST IS PROLOGUE

Making history ... again

We're just days away from breaking ground on a completely new airport terminal. We thought now was a good time to reflect on our past. Enjoy!

"Asheville and the hills around it are full of many sights and sounds...famed as a resort city, each year the area attracts thousands of visitors from all parts of the United States...It has become a popular spot for retirees, as well as industries..." This excerpt from a newspaper article could easily have been written in 2023, but you may be surprised to learn that it was written in 1961. The article titled "Asheville 'In the Land of the Sky'" appeared in the June 1, 1961 edition of *The Piedmonitor*, a newsletter published by Piedmont Aviation that focused on the aviation industry.

"New multi-million dollar airport is latest star in Asheville's crown," states a caption beneath a photo of the newly opened Asheville Regional Airport. How did AVL evolve from a small local airport with unpaved runways to a large regional commercial airport? Let's take a brief look at the rich history of AVL.

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REGISTER SOON FOR THE RUNWAY 5K

Race is October 7



Want one of these super-cool t-shirts? Just come run or walk the Runway 5K on October 7 at Asheville Regional Airport, in partnership with Hensel Phelps and Hunter Subaru. The race is always a great time, plus **we're excited about some new enhancements this year, such as:**

- NEW location closer to the runway
- NEW, easier parking
- Food trucks (think smoothies, coffee, breakfast pastries)
- Option of a short-sleeved or long-sleeved t-shirt when you register
- 360 photo booth for pics with friends

And, as always, all proceeds benefit local aviation education scholarships.

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