



Unclaimed Money at Airports, Fiscal Year 2016

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Fiscal Year 2017 Report to Congress



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Message from the Acting Administrator

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I am pleased to present the following report, “Unclaimed Money at Airports, Fiscal Year 2016,” which has been prepared by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

In response to a requirement accompanying the Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act (P.L. 108-334), this report provides the amount of unclaimed money recovered from each airport and the total amount recovered during FY 2016, and how unclaimed money is being used for civil aviation security.

Pursuant to congressional requirements, this report is being provided to the following Members of Congress:



The Honorable John R. Carter
Chairman, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard
Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable John Boozman
Chairman, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Jon Tester
Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable William “Bill” Shuster
Chairman, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Ranking Member, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

The Honorable John Thune
Chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

The Honorable Bill Nelson
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Inquiries relating to this report may be directed to me at (571) 227-2801 or to the Department's Chief Financial Officer (Acting), Stacy Marcott, at (202) 447-5751.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Huban A. Gowadia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Huban A. Gowadia, Ph.D
Acting Administrator

Executive Summary

The FY 2005 DHS Appropriations Act (P.L. 108-334) requires the TSA Administrator to report to Congress annually on the collection of unclaimed money at airports and the expenditure of those funds.

This report provides the amount of unclaimed money recovered from each airport and the total amount recovered during FY 2016, and describes how unclaimed money is being used for civil aviation security.



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I. Legislative Language

This document constitutes the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) annual report on the collection of unclaimed money at airports during Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, and the expenditure of those funds as required by the FY 2005 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act (P.L. 108-334).

Specifically, section 515(b) of P.L. 108-334 states:

(b) ANNUAL REPORT – Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act and annually thereafter, the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration shall transmit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives; the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation of the Senate; and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, a report that contains a detailed description of the amount of unclaimed money recovered in total and at each individual airport, and specifically how the unclaimed money is being used to provide civil aviation security.

II. Background

Unclaimed money is defined as money that passengers inadvertently leave behind at airport screening checkpoints. In most cases, this consists of coins that passengers remove from their pockets so as not to cause a metal detector alarm. During FY 2016, TSA collected \$867,812.39 in unclaimed money. Receipts of unclaimed money are deposited into a Special Fund account so that the resources can be tracked easily and subsequently expended.

Section 44945 of title 49, United States Code, grants TSA statutory budget authority to expend unclaimed money:

§ 44945 Disposition of unclaimed money. Notwithstanding section 3302 of title 31, unclaimed money recovered at any airport security checkpoint shall be retained by the Transportation Security Administration and shall remain available until expended for the purpose of providing civil aviation security as required in this chapter.

III. Unclaimed Money Collections and Expenditures

A. Section 3.1 – Unclaimed Money Collections

The following table lists the total amount of unclaimed money collected during FY 2016 by airport. A **hub** is a central airport that flights are routed through, and **spokes** are the routes that planes take out of the hub airport. Spoke airports deposit unclaimed money collected at their checkpoints to the respective hub airports. The hub airports then deposit a combined total of collections and send the receipt of deposits to TSA headquarters. The amounts recorded to the airports in the table below reflect collected U.S. currency. However, due to economies of scale regarding costs of conversion into U.S. currency, all foreign currency is combined before it is exchanged into U.S. dollars. During the FY 2016 reporting period, all deposits totaled \$867,812.39, which includes \$79,751.56 in foreign currency.

Airport	Hub Airport	Amount
ABE	Lehigh Valley International Airport	\$ 303.13
ABQ	Albuquerque International Sunport Airport	\$ 2,205.02
ACY	Atlantic City International Airport	\$ 760.32
ALB	Albany International Airport	\$ 986.01
ANC	Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport	\$ 1,140.78
ATL	Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport	\$ 10,497.58
AUS	Austin-Bergstrom International	\$ 5,188.79
BDL	Bradley International Airport	\$ 2,571.77
BHM	Birmingham International Airport	\$ 1,300.63
BIL	Billings Logan International Airport	\$ 1,402.72
BIS	Bismarck Airport	\$ 603.22
BNA	Nashville International Airport	\$ 9,097.26
BOI	Boise Air Terminal/Gowen Field	\$ 1,623.80
BOS	Logan International Airport	\$ 23,691.83
BTR	Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport	\$ 2,921.53
BTV	Burlington International Airport	\$ 998.92
BUF	Buffalo Niagara International Airport	\$ 2,183.28
BUR	Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport	\$ 1,695.82
BWI	Baltimore-Washington International Airport	\$ 5,946.50
CAE	Columbia Airport	\$ 832.07
CHS	Charleston International Airport/AFB	\$ 3,054.19
CLE	Cleveland-Hopkins International	\$ 7,133.42
CLT	Charlotte Douglas International Airport	\$ 7,480.07
CMH	Port Columbus International Airport	\$ 4,297.79
COS	Colorado Springs Municipal	\$ 152.38
CPR	Natrona County International Airport	\$ 934.67
CRW	Yeager Airport	\$ 219.28
CVG	Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport	\$ 3,154.68

Airport	Hub Airport	Amount
DAL	Dallas Love Field	\$ 7,023.05
DCA	Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport	\$ 18,753.31
DEN	Denver International Airport	\$ 12,130.06
DFW	Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport	\$ 42,305.26
DSM	Des Moines International Airport	\$ 1,780.84
DTW	Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport	\$ 19,404.46
ELP	El Paso International Airport	\$ 2,584.28
EWR	Newark International Airport	\$ 19,590.43
FAI	Fairbanks International Airport	\$ 2,893.88
FAT	Fresno Yosemite International Airport	\$ 200.35
FLL	Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport	\$ 11,681.04
FSD	Sioux Falls Airport	\$ 401.26
GEG	Spokane International Airport	\$ 22.22
GJT	Walker Field Airport	\$ 153.88
GRB	Austin Straubel International Airport	\$ 3,313.45
GRR	Gerald Ford Airport	\$ 1,202.12
GSN	Saipan International Airport	\$ 167.14
GUM	Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport	\$ 583.32
HNL	Honolulu International Airport	\$ 7,044.01
HOU	Houston - Hobby Airport	\$ 5,631.66
IAD	Washington Dulles International Airport	\$ 20,801.25
IAH	George Bush Intercontinental Airport	\$ 23,723.25
ICT	Wichita Mid-Continent Airport	\$ 450.33
IND	Indianapolis International Airport	\$ 4,102.99
JAN	Jackson Evers International Airport	\$ 1,074.76
JAX	Jacksonville International Airport	\$ 3,172.89
JFK	John F. Kennedy International Airport	\$ 70,615.00
KOA	Kona Hawaii Airport	\$ 1,481.39
LAS	McCarran International Airport	\$ 32,671.38
LAX	Los Angeles International Airport	\$ 44,811.84
LBB	Lubbock International Airport	\$ 1,115.43
LGA	LaGuardia Airport	\$ 27,963.46
LGB	Long Beach Airport	\$ 1,279.97
LIH	Lihue Airport	\$ 971.69
LIT	Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport	\$ 1,302.80
MCI	Kansas City International Airport	\$ 5,624.98
MCO	Orlando International Airport	\$ 17,551.13
MDW	Chicago Midway Airport	\$ 10,359.75
MEM	Memphis International Airport	\$ 1,636.15
MHT	Manchester Boston Regional Airport	\$ 1,289.46
MIA	Miami International Airport	\$ 43,991.36
MKE	General Mitchell International Airport	\$ 1,663.54
MLI	Moline - Quad City International Airport	\$ 601.65

Airport	Hub Airport	Amount
MOB	Mobile Regional Airport	\$ 247.02
MSN	Dane County/Madison Airport	\$ 327.83
MSP	Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport	\$ 11,099.00
MSY	New Orleans International Airport	\$ 5,358.86
OAK	Metropolitan Oakland International Airport	\$ 6,407.16
OGG	Kahului Airport	\$ 2,473.44
OKC	Will Rogers World Airport	\$ 685.15
OMA	Eppley Airfield	\$ 2,347.01
ONT	Ontario International Airport	\$ 4,537.91
ORD	O'Hare International Airport	\$ 25,425.75
PBI	Palm Beach International Airport	\$ 2,640.57
PDX	Portland International Airport	\$ 8,790.80
PHL	Philadelphia International Airport	\$ 13,437.11
PHX	Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport	\$ 10,771.14
PIT	Pittsburgh International Airport	\$ 3,343.79
PNS	Pensacola Airport	\$ 846.04
PPG	Pago Pago International Airport	\$ 2.11
PVD	T. F. Green State Airport	\$ 1,042.21
PWM	Portland International Jetport	\$ 789.83
RDU	Raleigh-Durham International Airport	\$ 4,002.26
RIC	Richmond International Airport	\$ 3,730.90
RNO	Reno/Tahoe International Airport	\$ 2,270.81
ROC	Greater Rochester International Airport	\$ 1,374.00
RSW	Southwest Florida International Airport	\$ 4,303.32
SAN	San Diego International Airport	\$ 5,566.69
SAT	San Antonio International Airport	\$ 4,830.65
SAV	Savannah International Airport	\$ 1,904.86
SBA	Santa Barbara Municipal Airport	\$ 271.60
SDF	Louisville International Airport	\$ 1,489.20
SEA	Seattle-Tacoma International Airport	\$ 15,302.58
SFO	San Francisco International Airport	\$ 24,711.34
SJC	San Jose International Airport	\$ 4,475.75
SJU	Luis Munoz Marin International Airport	\$ 1,227.30
SLC	Salt Lake City International Airport	\$ 4,490.64
SMF	Sacramento International Airport	\$ 6,866.70
SNA	John Wayne Airport	\$ 2,800.45
STL	Lambert St Louis International Airport	\$ 4,959.50
STT	Cyril E. King International Airport	\$ 686.64
SYR	Syracuse-Hancock International Airport	\$ 620.80
TLH	Tallahassee Regional Airport	\$ 241.05
TPA	Tampa International Airport	\$ 11,178.51
TUL	Tulsa International Airport	\$ 1,560.38
TUS	Tucson International Airport	\$ 931.27

Airport	Hub Airport	Amount
TVC	Cherry Capital Airport	\$ 190.97
Total	Subtotal - U.S. Currency	\$ 788,060.83
	Subtotal - Foreign Currency	\$ 79,751.56
	Grand Total	\$ 867,812.39

B. Section 3.2 – Unclaimed Money Expenditures

TSA uses these funds to provide civil aviation security in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 44945. In FY 2016, TSA collected \$867,812.39, and as of January 13, 2017, funds have not been designated for an authorized use, as a full-year funding vehicle for FY 2017 had not been enacted.

IV. Conclusion

TSA will continue to inform Congress on the use of unclaimed money to improve civil aviation security. TSA is committed to protecting the Nation's transportation systems to ensure the freedom of movement for people and commerce. TSA strives to ensure that all traveler property, including loose change, finds its way back to the proper owner. Unclaimed money that passengers inadvertently leave behind at airport screening checkpoints is directed to critical aviation security programs.