



Unclaimed Money at Airports, Fiscal Year 2017

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Fiscal Year 2018 Report to Congress



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Message from the Administrator

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I am pleased to present the following report, “Unclaimed Money at Airports, Fiscal Year 2017” 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 2017, 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 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 the Department's Acting Chief Financial Officer, Stacy Marcott, at (202) 447-5751.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David P. Pecoske". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'D' at the beginning.

David P. Pecoske
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 2017, 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) 2017, 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 2017, TSA collected \$869,839.56 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 2017 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. During the FY 2017 reporting period, all deposits totaled \$869,839.56, which includes \$36,684.12 in foreign currency. Because of economies of scale regarding costs of conversion into U.S. currency, all foreign currency is combined before it is exchanged into U.S. dollars.

Airport Code	Hub Airport	Amount
ABQ	Albuquerque Int'l Sunport Airport	\$ 1,482.87
ALB	Albany Int'l Airport	\$ 4,731.64
ANC	Ted Stevens Anchorage Int'l Airport	\$ 4,280.87
ATL	Hartsfield Atlanta Int'l Airport	\$ 13,635.64
AUS	Austin-Bergstrom Int'l	\$ 6,927.70
BDL	Hartford - Bradley Int'l Airport	\$ 3,915.31
BHM	Birmingham Int'l Airport	\$ 784.09
BIL	Billings Logan Int'l Airport	\$ 1,480.63
BIS	Bismarck Airport	\$ 1,115.27
BNA	Nashville Int'l Airport	\$ 12,156.56
BOI	Boise Air Terminal/Gowen Field	\$ 1,761.37
BOS	Logan Int'l Airport	\$ 25,066.19
BTV	Burlington Int'l Airport	\$ 620.77
BUR	Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport	\$ 5,309.12
BWI	Baltimore-Washington Int'l Airport	\$ 14,598.00
CHS	Charleston Int'l Airport/AFB	\$ 4,311.64
CLT	Charlotte Douglas Int'l Airport	\$ 4,649.26
CMH	Port Columbus Int'l Airport	\$ 9,275.17
CPR	Natrona County Int'l Airport	\$ 236.78
CRW	Yeager Airport	\$ 511.67
CVG	Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Int'l Airport	\$ 5,891.69
DAL	Dallas Love Field	\$ 6,430.02
DCA	Reagan Washington National Airport	\$ 12,659.72
DEN	Denver Int'l Airport	\$ 20,503.13
DFW	Dallas/Fort Worth Int'l Airport	\$ 41,859.26
DSM	Des Moines Int'l Airport	\$ 1,906.85

Airport Code	Hub Airport	Amount
DTW	Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport	\$ 13,072.68
ELP	El Paso Int'l Airport	\$ 1,627.19
EWR	Newark Int'l Airport	\$ 14,155.71
FLL	Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood Int'l Airport	\$ 16,801.10
FSD	Sioux Falls Airport	\$ 608.44
GRR	Gerald Ford Airport	\$ 1,985.62
HNL	Honolulu Int'l Airport	\$ 12,394.12
HOU	Houston - Hobby Airport	\$ 8,344.37
IAD	Washington Dulles Int'l Airport	\$ 22,547.78
IAH	George Bush Intercontinental Airport	\$ 35,173.00
ICT	Wichita Mid-Continent Airport	\$ 660.01
IND	Indianapolis Int'l Airport	\$ 3,826.18
JAN	Jackson Evers Int'l Airport	\$ 862.22
JAX	Jacksonville Int'l Airport	\$ 6,366.80
JFK	John F. Kennedy Int'l Airport	\$ 58,500.50
LAS	McCarran Int'l Airport	\$ 35,595.26
LAX	Los Angeles Int'l Airport	\$ 62,230.79
LGA	LaGuardia Airport	\$ 17,842.51
LIT	Bill and Hillary Clinton Airport	\$ 1,181.58
MCO	Orlando Int'l Airport	\$ 22,075.43
MDW	Chicago Midway Airport	\$ 10,639.77
MHT	Manchester Boston Regional Airport	\$ 980.43
MIA	Miami Int'l Airport	\$ 43,722.08
MKE	General Mitchell Int'l Airport	\$ 3,815.87
MLI	Moline - Quad City Int'l Airport	\$ 602.13
MSP	Minneapolis-St. Paul Int'l Airport	\$ 9,847.00
MSY	New Orleans Int'l Airport	\$ 10,808.85
OAK	Metropolitan Oakland Int'l Airport	\$ 6,897.45
OKC	Will Rogers World Airport	\$ 1,636.31
OMA	Omaha - Eppley Airfield	\$ 1,739.94
ORD	O'Hare Int'l Airport	\$ 33,831.47
PBI	Palm Beach Int'l Airport	\$ 3,863.00
PDX	Portland Int'l Airport	\$ 5,993.94
PHL	Philadelphia Int'l Airport	\$ 10,788.22
PHX	Phoenix Sky Harbor Int'l Airport	\$ 14,391.48
PIT	Pittsburgh Int'l Airport	\$ 3,580.50
PNS	Pensacola Airport	\$ 233.90
PVD	T. F. Green State Airport	\$ 1,379.76
RDU	Raleigh-Durham Int'l Airport	\$ 5,380.49
RIC	Richmond Int'l Airport	\$ 6,550.99
RNO	Reno/Tahoe Int'l Airport	\$ 19.85
RSW	Southwest Florida Int'l Airport	\$ 4,154.88

Airport Code	Hub Airport	Amount
SAN	San Diego Int'l Airport, Lindbergh	\$ 5,623.07
SAT	San Antonio Int'l Airport	\$ 3,645.33
SAV	Savannah Int'l Airport	\$ 1,311.88
SEA	Seattle-Tacoma Int'l Airport	\$ 15,631.08
SFO	San Francisco Int'l Airport	\$ 44,164.05
SJC	San Jose Int'l Airport	\$ 5,203.50
SJU	Luis Munoz Marin Int'l Airport	\$ 6,668.05
SLC	Salt Lake City Int'l Airport	\$ 3,979.65
SMF	Sacramento Int'l Airport	\$ 5,635.98
STL	Lambert St Louis Int'l Airport	\$ 10,039.39
TPA	Tampa Int'l Airport	\$ 8,442.64
Total	Subtotal - U.S. Currency	\$ 833,155.44
	Subtotal - Foreign Currency	\$ 36,684.12
	Grand Total	\$ 869,839.56

B. Section 3.2 – Unclaimed Money Expenditures

In FY 2017, TSA collected \$869,839.56. TSA uses these funds to provide civil aviation security in accordance with P.L. 108-334. However, as of February 12, 2018, funds have not been designated for an authorized use, because a full-year funding vehicle for FY 2018 has 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.