



## **BWI Airport: Engine of Recovery**

One of Maryland's economic engines helping to lead the recovery is the Baltimore-Washington International Airport in Anne Arundel County. BWI plays a key role in Maryland's economy and infrastructure as a major international air carrier airport and an air travel center serving one of the fastest growing economic centers in America.



Air service provided by BWI touches nearly every facet of Maryland commerce - from business travellers to tourists to shippers of seafood, critical medical supplies and a host of other cargo. More than 30 carriers provide nearly 650 daily flights for 11 million passengers yearly.

The airport also ranks as the air cargo leader in the Baltimore-Washington, D.C. region. BWI airport is supported by an extensive highway system, thriving business and educational communities and close proximity to the Port of Baltimore.

Owned and operated for the state by the State Aviation Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation, BWI generates an economic impact of nearly \$2.5 billion in Maryland.

BWI has attracted new airlines and more passengers. During fiscal year 1994, 11,232,582 passengers traveled through BWI, 27% more than the previous fiscal year. Revenues rose dramatically as well, largely due to the addition of Southwest Airlines and increased service by Continental, USAir and other carriers.

**“Maryland’s (triple-A) rating reflects the state’s broad-based economy, high wealth and income levels...”**

*Standard & Poor’s,  
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