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# Record Year At Eastern Iowa Airport

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CEDAR RAPIDS, IA (CBS2/FOX28) -- The Eastern Iowa Airport has officially reached its all-time highest number of annual passengers with 1,132,991 people flying in and out of the airport in 2014. This beat the previous record set in 2007 of 1,060,120.

This growth, an increase of 8.9 percent over last year, builds on a two year upward trend.

"The growth is directly related to the strength of the local economy," said Heather Wilson, Director of Marketing and Communication for The Eastern Iowa Airport. "We are seeing an increase in the size of aircraft being flown from CID, thereby increasing the number of seats we have in the market. When you factor in our competitive fares and local demand, we continue to fill the planes. It is all working together to grow The Eastern Iowa Airport."

This growth is a good thing for Eastern Iowa. At a time when airlines are reducing their regional aircraft fleet, many airports of similar size are seeing a decrease in the number of seats in their markets. At The Eastern Iowa Airport, they are not reducing the number of flights and just increasing the aircraft size. This is leading to additional seats in the market.

With a multi-year terminal project that includes a lobby modernization and concourse and security check point expansion, The Eastern Iowa Airport is working hard to keep up with demand.

This expansion and upgrade is being completed with no additional financial impact to the airlines or the passengers. The Eastern Iowa Airport receives no local tax dollars and is going to be debt free in 2015.

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