



Unclaimed Money at Airports in Fiscal Year 2023

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Fiscal Year 2023 Report to Congress



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Transportation Security Administration

Message from the Administrator

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I am pleased to present the following report, “Unclaimed Money at Airports in Fiscal Year 2023,” prepared by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

This report responds to a requirement in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act (P.L. 108-334). The report provides the amount of unclaimed money recovered from each airport and the total amount recovered during FY 2023, with an explanation of how unclaimed money is used for civil aviation security.



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

The Honorable Kay Granger
Committee Chair Emeritus, House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

The Honorable Ted Cruz
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Inquiries relating to this report may be directed to TSA's Legislative Affairs office at 571-227-2717.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David P. Pekoske". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and 'P'.

David P. Pekoske
Administrator

Executive Summary

The FY 2005 DHS Appropriations Act (P.L. 108-334) directs the TSA Administrator to transmit an annual report on the collection of unclaimed money at airports and the expenditure of those funds. Congress directed TSA to account for the amount of unclaimed money recovered in total and at each individual airport. TSA also was directed to describe how that money is used to provide civil aviation security.

In FY 2023, TSA collected \$956,253.38. The table in this report lists the amount of unclaimed money collected from each hub airport. Combined with unclaimed money collected in prior years that TSA has not obligated yet, TSA has a total of \$2,180,286.60 in unclaimed money resources available for use.

TSA obligated \$1,116,082.06 in FY 2023 for wireless and telecommunication equipment to support checkpoint operations for field personnel. A total of \$994,613.79 was expended during the year.



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I. Legislative Requirement

This document is the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) annual report on the collection of unclaimed money at airports during Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 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 money that passengers leave behind at airport screening checkpoints. In most cases, this money consists of coins that passengers remove from their pockets while undergoing security screening. During FY 2023, TSA collected a total of \$956,253.38 in unclaimed money left at airports. Unclaimed money is deposited into a special fund account so that collection and spending of the money may be tracked easily.

Section 44945 of title 49 of the U.S. Code requires TSA to recover and retain unclaimed money left at airport security checkpoints for use in meeting statutory civil aviation security requirements:

- (a) 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. Data Report

A. Money Collected

The following table lists the amount of unclaimed money collected from each hub airport and the grand total of collections during FY 2023.¹

Spoke airports are not listed in the chart; however, they also collect unclaimed money at their checkpoints. This money is deposited with their respective hub airports. The hub airports then deposit a combined total of collections and send receipts to TSA Headquarters.

During FY 2023, TSA collected a total of \$956,253.38, consisting of \$928,883.58 in U.S. currency and \$27,369.80 in foreign currency left at airports.

Airport Code	Hub Airport	Amount
ABQ	Albuquerque International Sunport Airport	\$3,217.72
ALB	Albany International Airport	\$3,913.71
ANC	Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport	\$7,573.96
ATL	Hartsfield - Jackson Atlanta International Airport	\$16,392.77
AUS	Austin-Bergstrom International Airport	\$8,408.54
BDL	Bradley International Airport	\$3,570.81
BHM	Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport	\$2,421.52
BIL	Billings Logan International Airport	\$2,487.70
BIS	Bismarck Airport	\$1,400.13
BNA	Nashville International Airport	\$8,105.57
BOI	Boise Airport	\$721.80
BOS	Logan International Airport	\$25,939.20
BTV	Burlington International Airport	\$744.24
BUR	Hollywood Burbank Airport	\$1,565.09
BWI	Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport	\$11,797.98
CHS	Charleston International Airport	\$6,288.94
CLT	Charlotte/Douglas International Airport	\$15,981.71
CMH	John Glenn Columbus International Airport	\$7,747.58
CPR	Casper/Natrona County International Airport	\$209.62
CRW	Yeager Airport	\$432.28
CVG	Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport	\$7,431.23

¹ A hub is a central airport through which flights are routed, and spokes are the routes that planes take out of hub airports.

Airport Code	Hub Airport	Amount
DAL	Dallas Love Field Airport	\$13.13
DCA	Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport	\$10,261.34
DEN	Denver International Airport	\$18,701.40
DFW	Dallas Fort Worth International Airport	\$42,331.71
DSM	Des Moines International Airport	\$2,352.42
DTW	Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport	\$22,843.41
ELP	El Paso International Airport	\$4,668.56
EWR	Newark Liberty International Airport	\$47,132.34
FLL	Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport	\$29,602.98
FSD	Sioux Falls Regional Airport	\$298.67
HNL	Honolulu International Airport	\$26,369.94
HOU	Houston Hobby Airport	\$4,628.79
IAD	Washington Dulles International Airport	\$25,807.13
IAH	George Bush Intercontinental Airport	\$29,618.54
ICT	Wichita Dwight D, Eisenhower National Airport	\$638.47
IND	Indianapolis International Airport	\$4,825.78
JAN	Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport	\$892.06
JAX	Jacksonville International Airport	\$8,365.46
JFK	John F. Kennedy International Airport	\$42,230.92
LAS	Harry Reid International Airport	\$39,134.45
LAX	Los Angeles International Airport	\$51,805.00
LGA	LaGuardia Airport	\$25,052.26
LIT	Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport	\$497.00
MCO	Orlando International Airport	\$30,503.06
MHT	Manchester-Boston Regional Airport	\$1,403.59
MIA	Miami International Airport	\$78,950.39
MKE	General Mitchell International Airport	\$2,464.83
MSP	Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport	\$17,018.00
MSY	Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport	\$9,761.59
OAK	Metropolitan Oakland International Airport	\$13,057.12
OKC	Will Rogers World Airport	\$4,582.09
OMA	Eppley Airfield	\$1,862.57
ORD	Chicago O'Hare International Airport	\$48,152.65
PDX	Portland International Airport	\$1,510.45
PHL	Philadelphia International Airport	\$7,902.11

Airport Code	Hub Airport	Amount
PHX	Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport	\$20,134.49
PIT	Pittsburgh International Airport	\$4,264.90
PVD	Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport	\$1,204.35
RDU	Raleigh-Durham International Airport	\$10,145.82
RIC	Richmond International Airport	\$4,401.17
RSW	Southwest Florida International Airport	\$4,726.25
SAN	San Diego International Airport	\$5,166.37
SAT	San Antonio International Airport	\$5,601.17
SEA	Seattle-Tacoma International Airport	\$16,784.91
SFO	San Francisco International Airport	\$33,690.42
SJC	San Jose International Airport	\$8,794.50
SJU	Luis Muñoz Marin International Airport	\$3,546.75
SLC	Salt Lake City International Airport	\$13,134.81
SMF	Sacramento International Airport	\$9,211.97
STL	St. Louis Lambert International Airport	\$8,336.43
TPA	Tampa International Airport	\$15,516.76
Subtotal - U.S. Currency		\$928,883.58
Subtotal - Foreign Currency		\$27,369.80
Grand Total		\$956,253.38

B. Expenditures of Unclaimed Money

In FY 2023, TSA collected \$956,253.38. Combined with unclaimed money collected in prior years that TSA has not obligated yet, TSA has a total of \$2,180,286.60 in unclaimed money resources available for use.

Of these total resources available in FY 2023, TSA obligated \$1,116,082.06 for wireless and telecommunication equipment to support checkpoint operations for field personnel. This allowed increased communication across checkpoints in our Nation's airports. A total of \$994,613.79 was expended during the year.

As of September 30, 2023, TSA had \$1,064,204.54 in unobligated, unclaimed money resources available for use.

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 freedom of movement for people and commerce with minimal inconvenience to its customers. TSA works to ensure that all traveler property, including coins, returns to the proper owner. However, when money remains unclaimed, those funds are directed to critical aviation security programs.