



## KCI Airport



### KCI Airport (IATA Code: MCI)

Kansas City International Airport was built by the City of Kansas City, Missouri and opened in 1972. Its low congestion and small number of flight delays have long established it as one of the most appealing commercial airports in the world.

The MCI complex spans more than 10,000 acres, and its three runways can accommodate up to 139 aircraft operations per hour. Uncongested air and ground space, short taxi time, and a low weather-related closure/cancellation rate are why MCI consistently ranks among the lowest in delays of all U.S. airports. Three runways, two of them parallel with 6,575 feet of separation, Category III instrument Landing System and other features help keep operations smooth in even the worst of weather. New surfaces on the runways, taxiways and terminal aprons, along with ongoing infrastructure improvements, enhance the airport's efficiency and convenience to air carriers.

On-airport Fixed-Base Operator, [Signature Flight Support](#), offers basic fueling, charter and ground transportation services. Many regional aircraft operators merely fly into Kansas City International Airport and are shuttled to the airline terminals to be transported to their final destination outside the region. For more information, visit our [MCI Operations and Pilot Information](#) page.

KCI was originally called Mid-Continent International Airport, or MCI, and the International Air Transportation Association (IATA) adopted MCI as the airport's designator code. Also, U.S. airports cannot use codes beginning with N, K or W as the first letter of the prefix. N is the prefix reserved for aircraft, and K and W are reserved for radio call sign prefixes. For many years, MCI served as the landing strip for the TWA overhaul base and as an alternate airport for the old Kansas City Municipal Airport. When Municipal was deemed too small and unable to grow, terminals and additional runways were built at what is now KCI. Municipal was renamed Kansas City Downtown Airport, and later Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport.

KCI participates in the City of Kansas City, Missouri's "One Percent for Art" program administered by the Municipal Art Commission. Along with over 300 other U.S. cities and counties, this program stipulates that one percent of public construction costs be set aside for public art enhancements. A panel of aviation professionals, community representatives and artists select the artist for each project at KCI. Through the One Percent for Art Program, the Municipal Art Commission is able to serve as a catalyst for artistic growth and aesthetic excellence in our communities, and in doing so, enhance the vitality of Kansas City and enrich the lives of its citizens. To learn more about the art at KCI, please [click here](#).

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