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Infrastructure improvements on the way, possibly more flights

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THE OUTLOOK for West Virginia's two largest airports includes expanded services, several infrastructure projects and working to eliminate the upcoming challenges of pilot and airline worker shortage.

West Virginia International Yeager Airport in Charleston (CRW) is the busiest commercial service airport in the state.

"This year we're trending towards over 200,000 enplanements, which is just a fancy way of saying people getting on a plane," said Dominique Ranieri, airport director and CEO. "And that's all thanks to the service provided by Delta, American, United and our newest entrant Breeze Airways."

Breeze Airways is a new low-cost carrier started by David Neeleman, founder of multiple airlines including JetBlue.

"Their mission is to offer point to point service to smaller markets like ours," Ranieri said.



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Holiday travelers at West Virginia International Yeager Airport line up to check in with their airline before heading to their boarding area on Dec. 20, 2023.

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ABOVE: This is the exterior view of Huntington Tri-State Airport, shown on Feb. 23, 2024. TOP: An Allegiant Airlines flight touches down at Tri-State Airport.