Reno airport passenger, cargo numbers surge

Reno-Tahoe International Airport in 2016 had the highest yearover-year increase in passengers since 2004.

Last year 3,650,830 passengers used the airport, a 6.4 percent increase from 2015.

Additional flights and improved economy helped spur the growth.

This is the main airport for people traveling to Lake Tahoe and Truckee.

2016 was the best year for cargo, with 156,410,910 pounds processed.

"The positive impact of major warehousing, e-commerce and distribution facilities in the region cannot be understated. While boosting the local economy, these facilities also increase air cargo growth at RNO," President-CEO Marily Mora said in a statement. "As our region continues to grow and diversify, we expect to continue to see strong air cargo lift at Reno-Tahoe International."

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