

United Airlines Announces More Domestic Routes from Chicago O'Hare, Totaling 13 New Routes and Nearly 650 Daily Departures During Peak Summer 2026

CHICAGO — United Airlines is adding two more domestic routes from Chicago O'Hare International Airport, further expanding its robust service and strengthening its Midwest hub as the airline continues its largest network growth from O'Hare in more than two decades.

Beginning June 1, 2026, United will resume service between Chicago O'Hare and Erie, Pennsylvania (ERI), a market last served in May 2023. Just one week later, on June 8, 2026, United will inaugurate service between Chicago O'Hare and Tri-Cities, Tennessee (TRI), marking TRI as a brand-new destination for the airline. Both routes will operate three times daily in the summer season, significantly increasing connectivity to these communities. Additionally, United will add another Lincoln, Nebraska (LNK) departure, totaling 5x daily LNK service into O'Hare. Tickets for all these new flights are on sale today.

"As we continue our steady growth at O'Hare, reaching nearly 650 daily departures during peak summer travel, we're building on the strength of a global network that's simply unmatched in Chicago," said Mark Weithofer, United's managing director of domestic planning. "Every new route we add expands the connection opportunities available to our customers and reinforces O'Hare's role as one of the most important gateways in our system."

These additions build on United's continued expansion at O'Hare – the recent addition of five new gate spaces enabled United to grow its network and offer customers even more options to unique destinations across the country. With the launch of Erie and Tri-Cities, United marks its 12th and 13th new destinations from Chicago O'Hare this year, following the upcoming addition of Clarksburg, West Virginia (CKB), which was added yesterday.

To support the continued growth at O'Hare, United recently hired more than 2,000 new local employees, bringing the total number in the Chicagoland area to more than 18,000 and driving economic growth in United's hometown city. And, by 2027, United expects to hire 5,400 more.

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