



TSA WAIT TRACKER

Complete User Guide

Real-time crowdsourced TSA security wait times
70+ airports · All 50 states · AI-powered predictions

tsawaittracker.com

About TSA Wait Tracker

TSA Wait Tracker is a free, real-time app that shows you how long the security line is at your airport — before you leave home. Built by travelers, for travelers.

The app uses crowdsourced reports submitted by real travelers to build accurate, up-to-the-minute wait time data. The more people who report, the more accurate the data becomes for everyone.

70+

Airports Tracked

50

States Covered

Free

Always Free to Check

Quick Start — 60 Seconds to Your First Check

No account needed. No download required. Open your phone browser and go to:

tsawaittracker.com

Tap the Airports tab at the bottom → Search your airport → See live wait times. If your airport has no reports yet — you can be the first to submit one.

1. The App Design — Dark Radar Theme

TSA Wait Tracker uses a dark aviation radar theme designed for maximum readability in any environment — bright airport terminals, dim cabin lighting, or at home in the dark. The deep blue background with cyan accents and color-coded status indicators makes it instantly clear whether your airport is good to go or needs extra time.

Home Screen

- Live status banner
- Most congested airports
- 12-hour forecast chart
- Pulsing status rings
- Status color guide

Airport Detail





- Large airport code display
- Wait time by lane type
- AI prediction (sign in)
- Recent reports feed
- Be first to report CTA

The Pulsing Rings

When an airport has real crowdsourced data, you will see concentric rings pulsing outward from the status dot — like a radar signal. The faster they pulse, the worse the wait. Red rings pulse fast (severe delay). Green rings pulse slowly (clear). If you see no rings, the airport has no reports yet.

2. Bottom Navigation — Five Tabs

The app has five tabs at the bottom of the screen:


Icon	Tab	What It Does
	HOME	Your main dashboard. Shows the most congested airports right now, a 12-hour national forecast chart, and the status color guide. If no reports exist yet you will see a prompt to submit the first report.
	AIRPORTS	Browse and search all 70+ airports. Tap any airport to see its detail page with wait times by terminal and lane. Airports with no reports show a 'Report →' button to encourage you to be first.
+	REPORT	Submit your own wait time. Use the built-in timer or type the minutes manually. This is the most important tab — every submission helps other travelers.
	ALERTS	Set custom wait time alerts for your home airport. Requires a free account. Get notified when waits exceed your chosen threshold.
	FEED	Real-time stream of all wait time reports submitted by travelers across all airports. Updates live as new reports come in.

3. Checking Wait Times at Your Airport

1 Open the app

Go to tsawaittracker.com in your phone browser — Safari on iPhone, Chrome on Android.

2 Tap the Airports tab

Tap the  Airports icon at the bottom of the screen.

3 Search your airport

Type your airport code (OKC, ATL, LAX) or city name in the search bar.

4 Tap your airport

Tap the airport row to open its detail page.

5 Read the wait times






If reports exist you will see the average wait time and a breakdown by terminal and lane. Pulsing rings show the severity. If no reports exist yet you will see a prompt to be the first to report.

Which terminal am I in?

Your terminal is printed on your boarding pass next to your gate — for example Gate B22 means Terminal B. If unsure check your airline app or the airport website.

4. Understanding the Status Colors

Every airport and lane uses a color-coded status system with pulsing indicator rings. The color tells you at a glance how bad the wait is:

Ring	Status	Wait Time	What to Do
	CLEAR	Under 15 min	Moving quickly. Good timing. Proceed as planned. Rings pulse slowly.
	MODERATE	16 – 30 min	Expect some wait. Arrive at least 90 min before your flight. Rings pulse at medium speed.
	LONG	31 – 60 min	Plan extra time. Arrive at least 2.5 hours before. Rings pulse quickly.
	SEVERE	Over 60 min	Arrive very early. Consider PreCheck or CLEAR. Rings pulse very fast.
	NO DATA	No reports yet	No travelers have reported from this airport yet. Tap 'Report →' to be the first.

5. How to Submit a Wait Time Report

This is the most important thing you can do. Reports from real travelers are what make this app accurate. If you are at an airport right now please take 30 seconds to submit your wait time — your report immediately helps every other traveler checking that airport.

REPORT SCREEN — Step by Step

- Step 1 → Select your Airport from the dropdown
- Step 2 → Select your Terminal (check your boarding pass — Gate B22 = Terminal B)
- Step 3 → Select your Lane Type (Standard / TSA PreCheck / CLEAR + PreCheck)
- Step 4 → Tap START when you join the security line (or skip to Step 5)
- Step 5 → Tap STOP & USE when you clear security — your time fills in automatically
OR Type the number of minutes you waited in the Wait Time field
- Step 6 → Tap SUBMIT REPORT — done! No account required.

Timer vs Manual Entry

The built-in timer is the most accurate method — start it when you join the line and stop it when you clear security. Your exact wait time fills in automatically. If you forgot to start the timer just type the approximate number of minutes in the Wait Time field.

6. Getting an AI Prediction

The AI prediction gives you a forecast of wait times for the next 1–2 hours based on current reports, time of day, day of week, and historical patterns. It also tells you the best lane to use right now and a pro tip specific to your airport.

AI predictions require a free account. Here is how to access them:

1 Go to an airport detail page

Tap Airports → search your airport → tap it to open the detail page.

2 Scroll to AI Prediction section

You will see an AI Prediction card with a button.

3 Tap 'Sign in to unlock AI'

This opens the sign in screen. Sign in or create a free account.

4 Tap 'Get AI Prediction'

Once signed in tap the button. The AI analyzes current data and returns a forecast within seconds.

5 Read your forecast

You will see: Risk Level (LOW / MEDIUM / HIGH / CRITICAL), Trend (RISING / FALLING / STABLE), a 1–2 hour forecast, best lane right now, and a pro tip for your airport.

 **How Accurate is the AI?**

The AI prediction improves as more real reports come in. With no recent reports it relies on historical time-of-day patterns. With multiple recent reports from real travelers it becomes much more precise. This is why submitting your own wait time helps everyone — including you on your next trip.

7. Setting Up Wait Time Alerts

Alerts notify you when wait times at your chosen airport exceed a threshold you set. This means you can check the app once before leaving home, set an alert, and get notified if things get bad — before you are stuck in traffic on the way to the airport.

Creating a Free Account

1. Go to tsawaittracker.com
2. Tap Sign In at the top right
3. Tap 'Don't have an account? Sign up free'
4. Enter your name, email, and password (minimum 6 characters)
5. Tap Create Free Account
6. Check your email — tap the confirmation link
7. Return to tsawaittracker.com and sign in

Adding an Alert

8. Tap the @ Alerts tab at the bottom
9. Select your airport from the dropdown
10. Set your threshold in minutes — 30 minutes is a good starting point
11. Tap + Add Alert
12. Allow notifications when your browser asks

Alert Cooldown

Alerts have a 30-minute cooldown to prevent notification spam. If wait times stay high you will receive one notification every 30 minutes. You can pause or delete any alert from the Alerts tab at any time.

8. Understanding the Live Feed

The Feed tab shows every wait time report submitted by travelers across all airports in real time — newest reports at the top. It updates automatically as new reports come in without needing to refresh.

Each row in the feed shows:

- Airport code (e.g. ATL, LAX, OKC)
- Terminal and lane type (e.g. Terminal B · TSA PreCheck)
- Wait time in minutes
- Reporter nickname or 'Anonymous'
- How long ago the report was submitted

Tap any row to go directly to that airport's detail page. The colored dot on the left matches the status color system — green for clear, amber for moderate, red for long, dark red for severe.

Why is the Feed Empty?

The feed only shows real reports from real travelers — there is no fake data. If the feed is empty it means no one has submitted a report yet today. You can be the first — tap the + Report tab and submit your wait time. Your report will appear in the feed instantly.

9. Add to Home Screen (Recommended)

TSA Wait Tracker works as a web app — no App Store download needed. But you can add it to your phone's home screen so it opens instantly like a regular app.

On iPhone (Safari)

13. Open Safari and go to tsawaittracker.com
14. Tap the Share button — the box with an arrow pointing up at the bottom of Safari
15. Scroll down and tap 'Add to Home Screen'
16. Tap Add in the top right corner
17. The TSA Tracker icon now appears on your home screen — tap it any time for instant access

On Android (Chrome)

18. Open Chrome and go to tsawaittracker.com
19. Tap the three dots menu at the top right
20. Tap 'Add to Home Screen'
21. Tap Add to confirm

10. Troubleshooting

Problem	Solution
All airports show no data	The app is live and honest — it only shows real crowdsourced data. Submit your wait time to be the first reporter at your airport.
App shows blank page	Check your internet connection. Make sure you are going to tsawaittracker.com. Try refreshing by pulling down on mobile.
Can't find my airport	Try searching by 3-letter airport code (e.g. OKC) instead of city name.
AI Prediction button says 'Sign in'	Tap the button — it will open the sign in screen directly. Create a free account or sign in to unlock AI predictions.
Not getting alert notifications	On iPhone: Settings → Notifications → Safari → Allow. On Android: Chrome settings → Site Settings → Notifications → Allow.
Submit button is greyed out	All required fields must be filled: Airport, Terminal, and Wait Time. Make sure all three are selected before tapping Submit.
Confirmation email not received	Check your spam folder. On the confirmation screen tap 'Resend confirmation email'.
The pulsing rings disappeared	Rings only appear when real crowdsourced data exists for that airport. If rings disappear it means the data aged out and no new reports have come in.

11. Privacy & Data

- No account required to check wait times or submit reports
- Reports show your chosen nickname or 'Anonymous' if you skip the name field
- Your GPS location is never stored — only used to improve accuracy
- We never sell your data to third parties
- Email addresses are used only for account login and alert notifications
- All data is stored securely and encrypted in transit

12. Contact & Feedback

TSA Wait Tracker is built and maintained by Leo Nkweti in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

- Website & App: tsawaittracker.com
- Info & Guide: info.tsawaittracker.com
- Email: contactokremodeling@gmail.com
- Missing an airport? Email us the 3-letter code and we will add it.
- Found a bug? Screenshot it and send it to our email.
- Want to partner or license our data? Email us with 'Partnership' in the subject line.

Help Us Grow

This app gets better as more travelers report. Share tsawaittracker.com with anyone flying soon. Every report you submit today could save someone from missing their flight tomorrow. Thank you for being part of building something useful for American travelers.