



Airport Breaks Passenger Number Records for First Quarter 2019

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RAPID CITY, S.D. (04/26/2019) - Rapid City Regional Airport reported a record breaking first quarter for calendar year 2019 for the number of enplaned passengers. The airport welcomed 57,695 enplaned passengers from January through March, up 7.6% from the same period in 2018; and 3.9% over the previous record period from 2008.

Total passengers, 114,420, also surpassed the same period 2018 by 7.1% and 4.3% over the previous record from 2008.

“In the past two years, we have met multiple times with our four carriers and have attended meetings at three of their headquarters,” stated Airport Executive Director Patrick Dame. “We want to have a strong presence with the carriers so they have our airport top of mind when they have airplane assets available.” Dame further stated, “We have also increased our marketing efforts by more than two times in areas that have a strong tendency to visit national parks and the outdoors. We feel all these efforts are paying off.”

	1 st Qtr 2019 Prev Year			1 st Qtr 2019 Prev Record Year		
	2019	2018	% Change	2019	2008	% Change
Enplaned Passengers	57,695	53,624	7.6%	57,695	55,548	3.9%
Deplaned Passengers	56,725	53,223	6.6%	56,725	54,152	4.8%
Total Passengers	114,420	106,847	7.1%	114,420	109,700	4.3%

Serving the Black Hills of South Dakota, Rapid City Regional Airport welcomed nearly 626,000 passengers in 2018. The airport is served by Allegiant, American, Delta, and United Airlines. Passengers can enjoy nonstop flights from Rapid City to 13 top destinations: Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Mesa-Phoenix, Minneapolis/St. Paul, New York/Newark, Salt Lake City, and San Francisco. Some flights are only offered during the summer connecting passengers to hundreds of cities worldwide.

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