



Airport Breaks Passenger Number Records for 2019

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RAPID CITY, S.D. (07/24/2019) - Rapid City Regional Airport reported record breaking enplanement numbers for the first half of calendar year 2019. In particular, June enplanements were the highest single month on record with 38,408 enplaned passengers yielding a 16.6% increase over June 2018. Total passengers year to date through June, 298,356, also surpassed the same period 2018 by 11.8%.

“We are experiencing tremendous growth right now, based on the air service development efforts our staff has made in the past few years. It is great to see,” stated Airport Executive Director Patrick Dame. “I can’t say enough how much I appreciate all the hard work from our staff, tenants and most importantly, our customers who fly locally.”

	June			Year-to-Date		
	2019	2018	% Chg 2019 vs. 2018	2019	2018	% Chg 2019 vs. 2018
Enplaned Passengers	38,408	32,936	16.6%	146,423	130,680	12.0%
Deplaned Passengers	42,353	36,478	16.1%	151,933	136,142	11.6%
Total passengers	80,761	69,414	16.3%	298,356	266,822	11.8%
Total available seats	97,662	76,924	27.0%	354,824	316,560	12.1%
Load Factor	82.7%	90.2%	-8.4%	84.1%	84.3%	-0.2%
Airline Flights Operated	708	613	15.5%	2,570	2,460	4.5%

Most recently, the airport added nonstop, daily year-round service to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport beginning September 4.

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 14 top destinations: Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis/St. Paul, New York/Newark, Phoenix-Mesa, Phoenix-Sky Harbor, 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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