



## Airport Sees Highest Summer on Record

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RAPID CITY, S.D. (10/05/2021) - Rapid City Regional Airport reported the highest summer season on record for passenger numbers during the months of June through August 2021.

Total passengers were 280,544, an increase of 11% over the previous record in 2019 of 253,329 passengers. Enplaned passengers rose 14% from 124,339 in 2019, to 141,382 in 2021. Year to date total passengers are 2.9% below with 457,051 total passengers in 2021, and 470,924 in 2019.

“The summer season ended well and we are very pleased with the passenger numbers,” stated Airport Executive Director Patrick Dame. “The additional flights added for the summer and the Sturgis Rally contributed to the strong season, and we are particularly grateful to our staff and tenants who worked hard this summer through a challenging year. I can’t say enough how much I appreciate all of them.”

	June-August				Year-to-Date		
	2021	2020	2019	% Chg 2021 vs. 2020	2021	2020	2019
<b>Enplaned Passengers</b>	<b>141,382</b>	<b>55,733</b>	<b>124,339</b>	<b>153.7%</b>	<b>228,896</b>	<b>115,982</b>	<b>232,354</b>
Deplaned Passengers	139,162	56,972	128,990	345.2%	228,155	120,423	238,570
<b>Total passengers</b>	<b>280,544</b>	<b>112,705</b>	<b>253,329</b>	<b>148.9%</b>	<b>457,051</b>	<b>236,405</b>	<b>470,924</b>
Total available seats	406,436	172,988	307,414	135%	670,584	382,110	564,976
Load Factor	82.4%	64.4%	82.4%	7.2%	68.2%	61.9%	83.4%
Airline Flights Operated	2,227	1,071	2,227	120.9%	4,253	2,546	3,478

Rapid City Regional Airport offers six year round nonstop routes to Dallas/Ft. Worth, Denver, Las Vegas, Mesa, Minneapolis, and Salt Lake City. The 2021 summer season included 25 different nonstop routes. The 2022 season has yet to be announced.

It is the mission of the Rapid City Regional Airport to provide a safe, environmentally responsible and fiscally self-sustainable operation ensuring high quality services and facilities. Our vision is to provide world class transportation service enhancing economic growth.

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