



Airport Breaks Passenger Number Records Again in July

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RAPID CITY, S.D. (08/21/2019) - Rapid City Regional Airport reported record breaking passenger numbers for the month of July as well as cumulatively for year-to-date 2019. In particular, July enplanements were the highest single month on record with 44,127 yielding a 15.1% increase over July 2018. Total passengers year to date through July, 387,410, also surpassed the same period 2018 by 12.5%.

“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.”

	July			Year-to-Date		
	2019	2018	% Chg 2019 vs. 2018	2019	2018	% Chg 2019 vs. 2018
Enplaned Passengers	44,127	38,347	15.1%	190,550	169,027	12.7%
Deplaned Passengers	44,927	39,176	14.7%	196,860	175,318	12.3%
Total passengers	89,054	77,523	14.9%	387,410	344,345	12.5%
Total available seats	106,346	87,056	22.2%	461,170	403,616	14.3%
Load Factor	83.7%	89.0%	-6.0%	84.0%	85.3%	-1.5%
Airline Flights Operated	783	687	14.0%	3,353	3,147	6.5%

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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