



## Airport Breaks Passenger Number Records in August

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RAPID CITY, S.D. (09/23/2019) - Rapid City Regional Airport is again breaking passenger number records! Total enplaned passengers year to date through August, were 232,354, a 13% increase over the record set last year for the same time period. Total passengers were 470,924, up 12.8% over last year.

“It is the goal of the Airport Administration, as part of our Strategic Plan, to Grow and Develop Air Service. Our staff have been working hard for new destinations, more seats, and larger aircraft size. All have happened here in Rapid City over this past year and improved air service means more economic development for the Region.” stated Airport Executive Director Patrick Dame. “This is great for the greater western South Dakota economy.”

	August			Year-to-Date		
	2019	2018	% Chg 2019 vs. 2018	2019	2018	% Chg 2019 vs. 2018
<b>Enplaned Passengers</b>	<b>41,804</b>	<b>36,603</b>	<b>14.2%</b>	<b>232,354</b>	<b>205,630</b>	<b>13.0%</b>
Deplaned Passengers	41,710	36,450	14.4%	238,570	211,768	12.7%
<b>Total passengers</b>	<b>83,514</b>	<b>73,053</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>470,924</b>	<b>417,398</b>	<b>12.8%</b>
Total available seats	103,406	83,910	23.2%	564,976	487,526	15.9%
Load Factor	80.8%	87.1%	-7.2%	83.4%	85.6%	-2.6%
Airline Flights Operated	736	649	13.4%	4,093	3,796	7.8%

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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