



SHREVEPORT AIRPORT AUTHORITY
SHREVEPORT REGIONAL AIRPORT—SHREVEPORT DOWNTOWN AIRPORT
 City of Shreveport



***Shreveport Regional Airport continues
to see passenger growth***

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The number of passengers choosing to use Shreveport Regional Airport (SHV) for their air travel needs has risen for the ninth consecutive month, beginning in November of 2013. During the first seven months of 2014, a total of 366,082 passengers have flown in and out of SHV. That is an increase of 29,668 passengers year-over-year, up nearly 9%.

"The numbers speak to an increasing demand for air travel to and from the Ark-La-Tex Region via Shreveport Regional Airport," said Bryant L. Francis, Director of Airports for the Shreveport Airport Authority. "We believe this impressive surge in passenger traffic indicates a strengthening local economy. The hope is that it continues so that more targeted discussion about higher passenger usage can be included in upcoming airline meetings, with a goal of increasing seat capacity and nonstop destinations in 2015. We must keep this key regional economic engine in growth mode," he said.

On Wednesday, July 2, Delta Air Lines began serving Shreveport Regional Airport (SHV) with its 110-seat Boeing 717 aircraft, offering daily First Class nonstop service to Atlanta. For the month of July, the new, larger aircraft had a 90% load factor, which is an average of only 10 empty seats per flight. The aircraft, with 12 First Class / 15 Economy Comfort / 83 Economy seats, also features WiFi on board. Delta adds a second daily Boeing 717 to its schedule on October 1. Delta has seen very strong demand for its Shreveport service, with a 93% load factor for the month of July.

American Airlines will reintroduce First Class service to the Shreveport market after a more than decade long hiatus beginning, Tuesday, August 19 operating on 2 of 7 daily flights to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, increasing to 3 of 7 daily flights with the larger aircraft in October. Flights offering First Class will be operated with the 63-seat (9 First Class / 54 Economy) Bombardier CRJ-700 aircraft.

Allegiant Air, with year round nonstop flights to Las Vegas and seasonal service to Orlando, just wrapped up its very successful expanded flight schedule for the summer, with year round flights to Las Vegas continuing to operate on Mondays and Fridays. Allegiant consistently operates with load factors in excess of 90% and generated a 95% load factor in July.

	Enplanements		Deplanements		YTD Totals		YTD Change
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	
January	20,072	23,442	20,216	23,004	40,288	46,446	15.4%+
February	19,725	20,368	19,570	20,162	79,583	86,976	9.3%+
March	23,077	25,622	23,278	25,966	125,938	138,564	10%+
April	22,594	25,246	22,430	25,199	170,962	189,009	10.6%+
May	27,173	28,857	25,965	26,924	224,100	244,790	9.2%+
June	27,918	29,808	27,724	29,320	279,742	303,816	8.6%+
July	28,207	31,464	28,465	30,700	336,414	366,082	8.8 %+
YTD Total	168,766	184,807	167,648	181,275	336,414	366,082	8.8%+

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