



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



***Four Consecutive Months of Increased
Passengers Announced Ahead of Busy Labor Day
Weekend at Shreveport Regional Airport***

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During yesterday's Shreveport Airport Authority board meeting, airport management announced the fourth consecutive month of increased passenger traffic at Shreveport Regional Airport (SHV). In July 2018, 58,701 passengers chose to use SHV, which is an increase of more than 7,000 passengers, or 15% more than July 2017 numbers. The passenger totals for January 2018 through July 2018 are 356,486 fliers, an increase of 9% over the same time in 2017, which saw 328,479 passengers through the end of July.

Beginning in April of this year, passenger boardings started increasing year-over-year, partially in response to additional seats being offered by the four airlines in Shreveport. Both American and United Airlines are flying their new E-175 aircrafts to Shreveport, which features First Class options and 76 seats compared to the usual 50-seat aircraft. Delta is flying their CRJ700 and CRJ900 aircraft into Shreveport, which both have First Class options and more seats.

"Labor Day weekend marks the unofficial end to the summer travel season, and this summer at the airport has been one of the busiest in recent years. In response to the larger planes, more people are choosing to fly from Shreveport and multiple flights on multiple routes have sold out all weekend long. We continue to make improvements to the airport facilities in efforts to enhance the customer experience while in Shreveport. With the continued support of Ark-La-Tex residents choosing to support their local airport, we will continue to be able to make improvements that benefit everyone," said Henry Thompson, Director of Airports for the Shreveport Airport Authority.

This week also saw the 6th anniversary of non-stop Denver service with United on Tuesday, August 28. That route continues to perform well, despite the dip in oil & gas industry traffic. In recent months United has had aggressive pricing on the non-stop Denver flight, many times offering round trip tickets starting at \$275 from Shreveport. These lower Denver fares are in addition to the great fares United is offering to Houston.

Shreveport Regional Airport is the commercial carrier airport in Shreveport and serves residents in Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas. Opened on July 6, 1952, the airport expanded in 1971 to its current building and expanded again in 1999, with an all new central terminal building. Shreveport is served by four airlines: Allegiant with non-stop service to Las Vegas and Orlando, American Airlines with non-stop service to Charlotte and Dallas, Delta Air Lines with non-stop service to Atlanta, and United Airlines with non-stop service to Houston and Denver.