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Palm Springs Airport Sets New Passenger Record; Offers More Summer Flights than 2019

Palm Springs, California – Passenger traffic and flights at Palm Springs International Airport haven't just rebounded; they're setting new records! June 2021 is now the busiest June on record for the airport.

June Total Passenger Counts reached 129,872 setting a record for the month, or a 23% increase over the previous record set in June 2019 when 105,350 total passengers utilized the airport. Additionally, the number of departing flights in June exceeded 2019 by 14%, based on Cirium-Diio Mi data. July and August are currently scheduled to exceed 2019 by more than 24% each.

The number of available summer seats from Palm Springs is beating pre-pandemic numbers too. This month there are nearly 88,000 available departing seats from Palm Springs compared to just over 58,000 in July 2019. An increase of more than 50%. August is scheduled to have a 48% increase in available seats with more than 86,500 for sale to passengers.

"We're not just seeing a return to pre-pandemic numbers and consistent month-over-month gains in our passenger traffic; we've set a new passenger record," said Ulises Aguirre, Executive Director of Aviation at Palm Springs International Airport. "Additionally, the number of available flights and seats are exceeding what we saw in the summer of 2019. We originally forecasted a return to pre-pandemic numbers sometime in early 2023, but Palm Springs has already reached that and did so sooner than anticipated."

Palm Springs International Airport sees the rest of the summer remaining strong, and they expect that to continue into the fall and winter thanks to an ever-growing list of new nonstop routes and new airlines. Twelve airlines now offer flights from Palm Springs with nonstop service to 34 airports in season, which is another record for the Southern California airport. Palm Springs has service to seven new airports starting later this year and another new airline landing soon.

“Greater Palm Springs is on its way to becoming a year-round tourist destination, which has been a long-time goal for the Coachella Valley,” said Scott White, president & CEO of the Greater Palm Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau. “We are excited about the number of visitors we had in June, and we expect July and August to also be strong for our destination. Having Southwest in Palm Springs, along with more flights and new routes, has greatly supported this effort.”

Airport officials expect the passenger gains to continue throughout the year with new nonstop routes to Austin, Chicago Midway, Dallas Love, Fort Lauderdale, Nashville, San Jose, and Sacramento set to begin this fall.

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ABOUT PALM SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Palm Springs International Airport (PSP) is owned and operated by the City of Palm Springs and is the only commercial service airport in the Coachella Valley. The airport’s 12 air carriers provide non-stop flights to 29 airports in the United States and 5 airports in Canada. US non-stop routes include Atlanta, Bellingham, Boise, Boston, Chicago, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, Eugene, Everett, Fort Lauderdale, Las Vegas Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York City, Oakland, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, Reno, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, San Jose, and Seattle. Canadian non-stop routes include Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Vancouver, and Winnipeg. PSP is served by Air Canada, Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta, Flair, Frontier, jetBlue, Southwest, Sun Country, United, and WestJet. Some airlines and routes operate only on a seasonal basis at PSP.

For additional information, please refer to PalmSpringsAirport.com or get social with PSP on Facebook (www.facebook.com/flyPSP), Twitter (@flyPSP), or Instagram (@flyPSP) to stay informed about the airport and the airlines that serve the Coachella Valley.