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Record Breaking Summer for Palm Springs Airport

Palm Springs, California – Palm Springs International Airport (PSP) has set its third monthly passenger record for the year and is now celebrating its busiest summer in history. Total Passenger Counts for August reached 117,952, or a 20.4% increase over the previous record set in August 2019 when 97,941 total passengers chose to fly Palm Springs. August 2021 passenger numbers were up 223% compared to August 2020.

At the start of the year, PSP forecasted passenger numbers would average approximately 50% of 2019 levels throughout 2021 and predicted they would not return to pre-pandemic numbers until early 2023. However, the Total Passenger Count for summer 2021 (June-August) came in at 191,547, making it the busiest summer on record for Palm Springs International Airport. Summer 2019, previously recorded as PSP's busiest summer, had a Total Passenger Count of 153,361, but this summer beat 2019 with a nearly 25% increase in passengers. Year-to-date passenger numbers are up 28% compared to 2020, however they still lag 2019 year-to-date by approximately 34%.

"This summer has provided an unexpected boost to the airport," said Harry Barrett, Assistant Executive Director of Aviation. "These record passenger numbers have come along with more flights and nonstop routes which has helped us sustain and will ultimately help us recover from the pandemic more quickly than we had anticipated."

The summer passenger boost was made possible, in part, by a 20% increase in available flights from PSP. The airport recorded 2,493 scheduled departures this summer and a 41% increase in available seats compared to 2019. June through August 2019 offered 180,886 departing seats, and the same period in 2021 had 255,739 seats available to Coachella Valley residents.

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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 11 air carriers provide nonstop service to 35 airports in season, 30 in the United States and 5 in Canada. US nonstop airports include Atlanta, Austin, Bellingham, Boise, Boston, Chicago Midway, Chicago O'Hare, Dallas Love, Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver, Des Moines, Eugene, Everett, Fort Lauderdale, Houston, Indianapolis, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Nashville, New York City-JFK, Oakland, Phoenix, Portland, Provo, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, San Jose, and Seattle. Canadian nonstop routes include Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Vancouver, and Winnipeg. PSP is served by Air Canada, Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta, Flair, jetBlue, Southwest, Sun Country, United, and WestJet. Some airlines and routes operate only on a seasonal basis.

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.