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Des Moines Airport Authority Continues to Experience Unprecedented Passenger Growth in 2018

Des Moines, Iowa (September 11, 2018): The Des Moines Airport Authority (DMAA) has released its August 2018 passenger traffic statistics, showing an overall increase of 12.1 percent year over year. This is the second month in a row of over 12 percent growth, more than doubling the average passenger increase of 5 percent year over year. With a total of 250,046 passengers in August, this also marks the second time Des Moines International Airport has surpassed 250,000 passengers in a single month.

“This unprecedented increase of airport passengers in 2018 is an excellent indicator of the continued growth of both Des Moines and the overall Iowa economy,” said Kevin Foley, executive director, Des Moines Airport Authority. “The sustained growth only further proves our need to plan for a new facility and improvements to our existing infrastructure in order to ensure a pleasant passenger experience with adequate capacity and amenities.”

In the month of August, the passenger airline market share was dominated by American (29.3 percent), Delta (25.1 percent) and United (22.9 percent) carriers. Frontier saw the most year over year growth in passengers (50.6 percent increase) following expanded nonstop destinations, including service to San Francisco in June of this year.

To learn more about the Des Moines Airport Authority’s proposed improvements to the existing airport facilities to accommodate continued growth, see the [New Terminal Documentation](#) on the DSM website.

About the Des Moines Airport Authority

The Des Moines Airport Authority is an independent entity that oversees the operations and maintenance of the Des Moines International Airport. The Airport Authority works to improve the quality of air service and make air travel to and from Des Moines more convenient and pleasurable. For more information, visit www.dsmairport.com and follow [@dsmairport](https://twitter.com/dsmairport) on Twitter and [DSM International Airport](https://www.facebook.com/dsminternational) on Facebook.

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