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## **McCarran International Airport Continues Record Passenger Volume with 49.7 million served in 2018**

LAS VEGAS – In its 70<sup>th</sup> year of operation, McCarran International Airport welcomed 49.7 million arriving and departing passengers, making 2018 the busiest year in the airport's history. In addition to this new annual record, McCarran posted multiple all-time-high months over the course of the year, including October 2018 logging the highest single-month passenger volume in airport history. With a 2.5 percent rise in passenger volume, this is the eighth consecutive year the commercial airport serving Southern Nevada has experienced a year-over-year increase.

"McCarran has again been experiencing continuous growth for several years, setting and breaking passenger records month after month, and now, year after year," said Rosemary A. Vassiliadis, director of the Clark County Department of Aviation. "In the midst of all this hustle and bustle, McCarran was ranked No. 1, along with Orlando, in passenger satisfaction among Mega Airports in the J.D. Power 2018 North America Airport Satisfaction Study. I believe it's our commitment to customer service that our travelers notice and appreciate."

Domestic volume grew by 2.2 percent, accounting for 945,000 additional Las Vegas passengers for the year. Low-cost carriers Spirit Airlines and Sun Country Airlines posted substantial growth percentages, while perennial market-leader Southwest Airlines held steady with more than 18 million passengers transported for the year.

In 2018, international passenger volume increased by 5.6 percent over the year prior, with Westjet Airlines and Air Canada serving the bulk of international traffic. Combined with counts from newcomers Swoop and Flair, Canada was once again the top country of origin for international air travelers to Las Vegas at a total of nearly 1.9 million passengers. Mexico surpassed England to become the second-largest source of international passengers with more than 667,000 served, including flights from Frontier Airlines, the only domestic carrier with scheduled international service to Las Vegas. Asian air service also came in strong with both Hainan Airlines and Korean Airlines reporting gains for the year.

Continuing its trend of new service from markets outside of the United States, in 2018 McCarran added seasonal flights from Sao Paulo by LATAM Airlines, the first scheduled nonstop flights to Las Vegas from Brazil; and announced new non-stop from KLM (Amsterdam) and EL AL (Tel Aviv) to begin in June 2019.

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## A record 49.7 million passengers traveled through McCarran International Airport in 2018

### ARRIVING & DEPARTING PASSENGERS MONTHLY TOTAL

DECEMBER 2018	DECEMBER 2017	PERCENT CHANGE
3,903,082	3,828,139	2.0%

### ARRIVING & DEPARTING PASSENGERS YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD) TOTAL

2018 YTD	2017 YTD	PERCENT CHANGE
49,716,584	48,500,244	2.5%

### ARRIVING & DEPARTING PASSENGERS BY CARRIER TYPE

CARRIER TYPE	DEC 2018	DEC 2017	% CHANGE	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	% CHANGE
DOMESTIC	3,520,159	3,491,019	0.8%	44,855,505	43,910,927	2.2%
INTERNATIONAL	295,275	263,291	12.2%	3,783,311	3,584,474	5.6%
WEST SIDE/ HELICOPTERS	87,648	73,829	18.7%	1,077,768	1,004,843	7.3%

### ARRIVING & DEPARTING PASSENGERS TOP FIVE SCHEDULED AIRLINES SERVING McCARRAN

AIRLINE	DEC 2018	DEC 2017	% CHANGE	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	% CHANGE
SOUTHWEST	1,375,515	1,422,887	-3.3%	18,010,349	18,026,559	-0.1%
DELTA	376,077	352,981	6.5%	4,850,243	4,583,106	5.8%
AMERICAN	358,432	363,516	-1.4%	4,499,932	4,605,076	-2.3%
SPIRIT	360,444	284,539	26.7%	4,268,127	3,411,196	25.1%
UNITED	291,803	269,249	8.4%	4,071,465	3,781,997	7.7%

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Domestic	3,520,159	3,686,816	-4.52%	3,491,019	0.83%	44,855,505	43,910,927	2.15%
International	295,275	308,440	-4.27%	263,291	12.15%	3,783,311	3,584,474	5.55%
Other Terminals	87,648	92,965	-5.72%	73,829	18.72%	1,077,768	1,004,843	7.26%
Grand Total	3,903,082	4,088,221	-4.53%	3,828,139	1.96%	49,716,584	48,500,244	2.51%

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Grand Total	3,815,434	3,995,256	-4.50%	3,754,310	1.63%	48,638,816	47,495,401	2.41%

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Terminal 1	2,675,791	2,770,156	-3.41%	2,626,841	1.86%	34,027,370	33,010,312	3.08%
Terminal 3	1,139,643	1,225,100	-6.98%	1,127,469	1.08%	14,611,446	14,485,089	0.87%
Grand Total	3,815,434	3,995,256	-4.50%	3,754,310	1.63%	48,638,816	47,495,401	2.41%

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A Gates	204,130	198,195	2.99%	202,548	0.78%	2,388,845	2,458,009	-2.81%
B Gates	360,597	376,299	-4.17%	284,539	26.73%	4,268,513	3,411,196	25.13%
C Gates	1,375,515	1,446,019	-4.88%	1,423,257	-3.35%	18,010,718	18,027,913	-0.10%
D Gates	1,377,977	1,465,751	-5.99%	1,345,313	2.43%	17,500,983	16,977,074	3.09%
E Gates	497,215	508,992	-2.31%	498,653	-0.29%	6,469,757	6,621,209	-2.29%
Grand Total	3,815,434	3,995,256	-4.50%	3,754,310	1.63%	48,638,816	47,495,401	2.41%

**NOTES:**

<sup>1</sup> The Department does not currently track the number of passengers for Southwest and Allegiant in the B-Gates  
For both airlines, approximately 20% of flights operate at B Gates



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Year 2018  
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Domestic	3,520,159	3,686,816	-4.52%	3,491,019	0.83%	44,855,505	43,910,937	2.15%	22,663,453	22,326,208	1.51%
Scheduled	3,512,428	3,679,213	-4.53%	3,481,901	0.88%	44,765,337	43,814,033	2.17%	22,617,483	22,277,462	1.53%
Alaska Airlines, Inc.	180,999	186,812	-3.11%	194,637	-7.01%	2,250,398	2,462,820	-8.63%	1,121,568	1,209,665	-7.28%
Allegiant Air, LLC	204,130	198,195	2.99%	201,599	1.26%	2,387,813	2,372,950	0.63%	1,183,536	1,176,395	0.61%
American Airlines, Inc.	358,432	357,698	0.21%	363,516	-1.40%	4,499,932	4,605,076	-2.28%	2,232,753	2,303,537	-3.07%
California Pacific Airlines	153	233	-34.33%	-	0.00%	386	-	0.00%	386	-	0.00%
Corporate Flight Management dba Contour Airlines	1,040	1,110	-6.31%	-	0.00%	2,626	-	0.00%	2,626	-	0.00%
Delta Air Lines Inc	376,077	390,835	-3.78%	352,981	6.54%	4,850,243	4,583,106	5.83%	2,448,424	2,343,540	4.48%
Elite Airways LLC	-	-	0.00%	3,859	-100.00%	8,249	11,439	-27.89%	-	11,439	-100.00%
Frontier Airlines, Inc.	201,772	203,393	-0.80%	229,624	-12.13%	2,343,317	2,340,572	0.12%	1,190,650	1,297,260	-8.22%
Hawaiian Airlines, Inc.	43,169	41,563	3.86%	42,671	1.17%	499,475	521,403	-4.21%	250,698	262,841	-4.62%
JetBlue Airways Corporation	84,838	87,999	-3.59%	95,569	-11.23%	1,255,805	1,440,421	-12.82%	593,281	730,704	-18.81%
MN Airline LLC, dba Sun Country Airlines	34,056	34,429	-1.08%	20,770	63.97%	317,152	256,494	23.65%	172,483	123,784	39.34%
Southwest Airlines Co.	1,375,515	1,446,019	-4.88%	1,422,887	-3.33%	18,010,349	18,026,559	-0.09%	9,033,346	9,123,183	-0.98%
Spirit Airlines, Inc.	360,444	376,066	-4.15%	284,539	26.68%	4,268,127	3,411,196	25.12%	2,299,921	1,785,120	28.84%
United Airlines, Inc.	291,803	354,861	-17.77%	269,249	8.38%	4,071,465	3,781,997	7.65%	2,087,811	1,909,994	9.31%
Charter	7,731	7,603	1.68%	9,118	-15.21%	90,168	96,894	-6.94%	45,970	48,746	-5.69%
Air Canada	47	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	100	-	0.00%	100	-	0.00%
Allegiant Air, LLC	-	-	0.00%	949	-100.00%	1,032	4,034	-74.42%	624	2,573	-75.75%
Hawaiian Airlines, Inc.	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	882	-100.00%	-	882	-100.00%
MN Airline LLC, dba Sun Country Airlines	256	328	-21.95%	303	-15.51%	1,828	1,852	-1.30%	1,333	625	113.28%
Omni Air International, Inc.	7,428	7,275	2.10%	7,496	-0.91%	86,839	88,521	-1.90%	43,913	44,040	-0.29%
Southwest Airlines Co.	-	-	0.00%	370	-100.00%	369	1,354	-72.75%	-	444	-100.00%
Swissport USA, Inc.	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	182	-100.00%	-	182	-100.00%
Worldwide Flight Services, Inc.	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	69	-100.00%	-	-	0.00%
International	295,275	308,440	-4.27%	263,291	12.15%	3,783,311	3,584,474	5.55%	1,973,290	1,863,421	5.90%
Scheduled	295,183	308,340	-4.27%	263,153	12.17%	3,780,495	3,574,263	5.77%	1,972,528	1,858,136	6.16%
ABC Aerolineas DBA Interjet	21,383	17,069	25.27%	18,548	15.28%	183,567	173,281	5.94%	103,718	94,790	9.42%
Aerovias de Mexico, S.A. de C.V. d.b.a. Aeromexico	18,002	16,884	6.62%	18,981	-5.16%	191,599	204,191	-6.17%	106,264	106,203	0.06%
Air Canada	66,068	78,087	-15.39%	62,252	6.13%	888,423	865,264	2.68%	448,307	439,956	1.90%
British Airways PLC	23,076	24,811	-6.99%	20,215	14.15%	349,828	320,580	9.12%	175,892	160,207	9.79%
Compania Panamena De Aviacion S.A. dba Copa Airlin	8,274	6,313	31.06%	8,227	0.57%	99,509	97,748	1.80%	49,195	52,517	-6.33%
Concesionaria Vuela Compania de Aviacion SAPI de C	16,484	15,733	4.77%	15,063	9.43%	180,543	176,444	2.32%	93,335	85,855	8.71%
Condor Flugdienst GMBH	5,975	5,911	1.08%	3,922	52.35%	74,846	88,375	-15.31%	42,383	51,019	-16.93%
Delta Air Lines Inc	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	6,493	6,037	7.55%	-	-	0.00%
Edelweiss Air AG	-	528	-100.00%	-	0.00%	48,777	54,447	-10.41%	31,903	35,928	-11.20%
Eurowings GMBH, LLC	2,755	382	-100.00%	-	0.00%	33,425	19,951	67.54%	21,493	16,491	30.33%
Flair Airlines	2,460	2,045	34.72%	-	0.00%	4,800	-	0.00%	4,800	-	0.00%
Frontier Airlines, Inc.	-	1,302	88.94%	-	0.00%	7,627	-	0.00%	7,627	-	0.00%
Grupo Aereo Monterrey S.A. de C.V. Magnicharters	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	95	-100.00%	-	-	0.00%
Hainan Airlines Company, Ltd.	3,025	2,885	4.85%	4,182	-27.67%	51,124	46,993	8.79%	23,739	24,165	-1.76%
Korean Airlines Co. Ltd	11,548	10,807	6.86%	9,765	18.26%	121,748	116,240	4.74%	61,074	59,134	3.28%

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LATAM Brasil	2,610	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	21,037	-	17,131	-	0.00%	0.00%
Norwegian Air Shuttle ASA	9,383	10,663	-12.00%	11,471	-18.20%	52,701	55,869	20,668	23,873	-5.67%	-13.43%
Swissport USA, Inc.	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	1,226	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%
Swoop Inc.	15,938	13,937	14.36%	-	0.00%	31,271	-	31,271	-	0.00%	0.00%
Thomas Cook Airlines Limited	894	2,521	-64.54%	924	-3.25%	110,853	136,291	66,607	77,743	-18.66%	-14.32%
Virgin Atlantic Airways Limited	12,456	17,098	-27.15%	12,384	0.58%	266,892	284,183	140,974	151,355	-6.08%	-6.86%
Vivaerobus (Aeroenlaces Nacionales S.A. de C.V.)	11,099	9,555	16.16%	6,324	75.51%	103,733	6,324	57,585	6,324	1540.31%	810.58%
WestJet, an Alberta Partnership	63,753	71,809	-11.22%	70,895	-10.07%	950,473	921,950	468,562	472,576	3.09%	-0.85%
Charter	92	100	-8.00%	138	-33.33%	2,816	10,211	762	5,285	-72.42%	-85.58%
Air Canada	42	100	-58.00%	88	-52.27%	584	5,980	392	3,299	-90.23%	-88.12%
Swissport USA, Inc.	50	-	0.00%	50	0.00%	1,660	4,231	370	1,986	-60.77%	-81.37%
Worldwide Flight Services, Inc.	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	572	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%
Other Terminals	87,648	92,965	-5.72%	73,829	18.72%	1,077,768	1,004,843	576,867	533,465	7.26%	8.14%
GA	87,648	92,965	-5.72%	73,829	18.72%	1,077,768	1,004,843	576,867	533,465	7.26%	8.14%
Eagle Aviation Resources LTD dba Atlantic Aviation	37,776	38,446	-1.74%	22,820	65.54%	346,804	185,928	192,386	111,674	86.53%	72.27%
Maverick Helicopters, Inc.	17,628	18,305	-3.70%	16,363	7.73%	239,630	243,291	131,253	130,295	-1.50%	0.74%
Papillion Airways, Inc.	1,912	2,448	-21.90%	1,864	2.58%	33,472	38,174	16,120	18,816	-12.32%	-14.33%
Signature Flight Support	14,622	16,956	-13.77%	16,494	-11.35%	225,900	272,562	112,140	135,072	-17.12%	-16.98%
Sundance Helicopters, Inc.	15,710	16,810	-6.54%	16,288	-3.55%	231,962	264,888	124,968	137,608	-12.43%	-9.19%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,903,082</b>	<b>4,088,221</b>	<b>-4.53%</b>	<b>3,828,139</b>	<b>1.96%</b>	<b>49,716,584</b>	<b>48,500,244</b>	<b>25,213,610</b>	<b>24,723,094</b>	<b>2.51%</b>	<b>1.98%</b>