



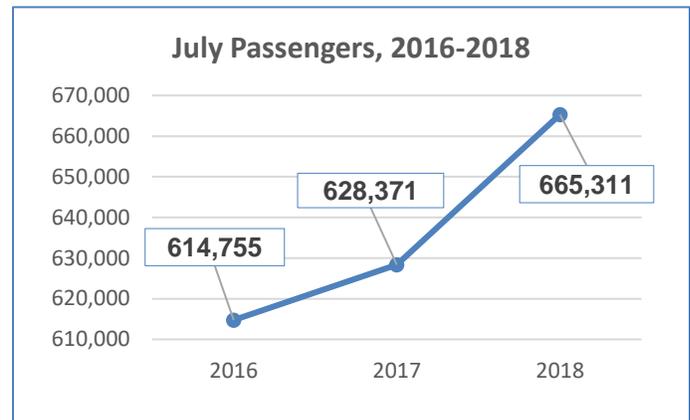
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## **MKE PASSENGER TRAFFIC SOARS NEARLY SIX PERCENT IN JULY**

**MILWAUKEE (August 28, 2018)** – Airlines continue to draw more travelers to Milwaukee County’s General Mitchell International Airport (MKE), as passenger traffic increased nearly six percent in July, compared to the previous year.

According to the latest statistics released by the Airport, 665,311 passengers used MKE in July, up 5.9% from July of 2017.

Several airlines are responsible for this summer’s growth at MKE: Southwest Airlines added nearly 27,000 passengers in July, the most of any carrier, while Allegiant offered new service to Florida. Alaska Airlines and Delta Air Lines increased seats to Seattle, and Delta added nonstop flights to Salt Lake City.



“More flights, more airlines, and larger aircraft all mean passengers have a better experience at MKE,” Airport Director Brian Dranzik said. “Travelers from across Wisconsin and northern Illinois know that MKE is the most convenient, affordable airport for their needs.”

*Mitchell Airport offers nonstop flights to 48 destinations coast-to-coast, and 160 international destinations are available from Milwaukee with just one connection. MKE is also served by Air Canada, Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, United and Volaris. The complete list of nonstop cities can be found at [www.mitchellairport.com](http://www.mitchellairport.com).*

*General Mitchell International Airport is owned by Milwaukee County and operated by the Department of Transportation, Airport Division, under the policy direction of the Milwaukee County Executive and the County Board of Supervisors. The airport is entirely funded by user fees; no property tax dollars are used for the airport’s capital improvements or for its day-to-day operation.*

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