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Shreveport Regional Airport Reports Increased Traffic Three Months In a Row

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Airline passenger traffic is up at Shreveport Regional Airport.

For three months in a row, more customers are using Shreveport Regional Airport (SHV) than they were in the same period in 2009. Boardings reported by the airlines serving SHV have increased in August, September and October 2010 when compared to the same months in 2009.

The October 2010 report released today shows 22,849 passengers boarded flights at SHV, up 12.55 percent from October 2009. The October report marked the third consecutive month of growth when comparing month to month traffic from the previous year.

In August 2010, the airport reported a 4.89 percent increase in passengers compared to August 2009. In September, the airport reported a 12.33 percent increase.

“We are encouraged by the increase in passengers using Shreveport Regional,” said Keith Gamble, Chairman of the Shreveport Airport Authority. “We have experienced nearly two years of declines due to the weak national economy and the downturn in the airline industry. We hope that this turnaround continues in order to maintain the service with our four airlines and to help our efforts to recruit more service.”

Shreveport Regional Airport is served by American Airlines, Continental Airlines and Delta Air Lines, which recently merged with Northwest Airlines. In addition, low-cost carrier Allegiant Air offers direct flights to Las Vegas.

“Despite the challenges caused by the national economy, Shreveport Regional has maintained its service levels with the same number of flights comparing 2009 to 2010,” said Director of Airports Roy H. Miller, Jr., A.A.E. “As the national and local economies strengthen, the Airport Authority will continue to seek increased airline service from Shreveport in order to serve our customers throughout this region.”

A key reason for the improved passenger count is the local economy, said Shreveport Mayor Cedric B. Glover

“The Ark-La-Tex Region is benefitting from the expansions occurring at Barksdale Air Force Base with Global Strike Command, the increased activity of the natural gas industry, and the continued presence of the film industry,” Mayor Glover said. “Each of these success stories offers our team the opportunity to seek additional airline service for our community. Rest assured that we are constantly seeking additional flights, new connections and bigger aircraft to serve our community.”

Additionally, Shreveport Regional has seen numerous airfare specials offered to consumers using the airport. To help shoppers, the airport now has airfarewatchdog™ that alerts customers to fare specials from Shreveport Regional. Go to [www.airfarewatchdog](http://www.airfarewatchdog.com) or to www.flyshreveport.com to enroll in the email service.

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