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## **June Passenger Traffic at BHM Surpasses Pre-Covid Numbers**

*Summer Travel Season Proving to be a Busy One*

BIRMINGHAM, AL (July 25, 2023) – Traffic at Alabama’s largest airport is rising at a fast pace as we head into the final weeks of summer. For the month of June, traffic increased 19% over June, 2022 and was higher than the numbers in June, 2019, prior to the start of the pandemic. The increase in June builds on a trend that has developed during the first six months of 2023, which has been consistent, double-digit growth in passenger traffic.

“This trend is exactly what we like to see at BHM,” said Darlene Wilson, Chair of the Birmingham Airport Authority. “The more we use the service that is currently offered by the airlines, the greater our chances of getting more service in the future,” said Wilson.

The graph below shows overall traffic increases in and out of BHM since the first of the year.

2023 Traffic for First Six Months		
January	↑	17%
February	↑	13%
March	↑	12%
April	↑	13%
May	↑	14%
June	↑	19%

In June, there was a total of 277, 103 passengers coming through the terminal. These steady increases are coming at a time when the airlines that serve BHM are expanding the number of nonstop flights to some of our most popular destinations. Delta Airlines now has 3 daily departures to LaGuardia and has added another nonstop to both Detroit and Atlanta. American launched its first nonstop to LaGuardia back in May. Southwest is currently serving Las Vegas on the weekends and is adding daily nonstop flights there in October. Southwest is also increasing the number of nonstops to Orlando each day.

“The airlines are showing tremendous confidence in Birmingham, and we are thrilled to see the additional seats in the market,” said Wilson. “This passenger growth will help us make our case to airlines that are looking at Birmingham for growth potential.”

#### **About Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport**

As Alabama’s largest commercial airport, Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport has served as a gateway to the sky for more than 90 years. Governed by the Birmingham Airport Authority, the airport continues to be a catalyst for growth and economic development for the entire region. For more information, visit [flybhm.com](http://flybhm.com) or follow BHM on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).