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Passengers at Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport reach an all-time high

The Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport (VPS), is experiencing tremendous growth. July reports are in with a 29 percent increase in passenger traffic for the month compared to July, 2015. Passengers reached an all-time high with 101,528 travelers through the airport. Overall, passenger numbers are up almost 13 percent which represents the highest year-to-date growth in the region.

Most of the growth can be attributed to our new service on Allegiant Air and GLO Airlines which has brought an additional \$7 million in economic impact to the region to date. Additionally, American Airlines and United Airlines upgraded from 50-seat regional jet aircraft to the larger, dual class configured, 76-seat aircraft.

Contour Airlines will begin service to VPS on September 1, with non-stop service from Bowling Green, Kentucky. VPS now has 6 airlines and non-stop service to 15 cities, which is more options than any airport between New Orleans and Jacksonville. Please find below the airlines seasonal and year round schedule:



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American Airlines (USAir)—Dallas, TX (DFW)—8 Non-Stops per day, Charlotte, NC (CLT)—4 Non-Stops per day, and Washington DC (DCA)—Seasonal with one flight on Sat and Sun.



Delta Air Lines—Atlanta, GA (ATL)—7 Non-Stops per day



Allegiant Air: Seasonal Non-stop services from VPS to:

Las Vegas (LAS): Begins October 7, 2016 and extends Year-Round (MD80-166 Seats) (Fr, Mo)
Cincinnati (CVG): Began May 20, 2016 through Jan 3, 2017 (A319-156 Seats) (Mo, Fr, Sat)
St. Louis Airport (BLV): Began June 2, 2016 through Jan 3, 2017 (A320-177 Seats) (Th, Sa, Sun)
Fort Lauderdale, FL (FLL): Began May 26, 2016 through August 14, 2016 (A320-177 Seats) (Th, Sun)
Oklahoma City (OKC): Began May 26, 2016 through August 14, 2016 (A320-177 Seats) (Th, Sun)
Memphis, TN (MEM): Began May 27, 2016 through August 15, 2016 (A320-177 Seats) (Mon, Fri)
Knoxville, TN (TYS): Began May 27, 2016 through August 15, 2016 (MD80-166 Seats) (Mon, Fri)
Book now at www.allegiant.com



United Airlines—Houston TX (IAH)—3 Non-Stops per day



GLO: Non-stop service from VPS to:

Little Rock (LIT) on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays beginning Friday, March 25, 2016. This seasonal service will run through October, 2016. SAAB 340B-30 Seat Aircraft
New Orleans (MSY) on Monday and Friday beginning June 24, 2016. This seasonal service will run through Monday, September 5, 2016. SAAB 340B-30 Seat Aircraft
Book at www.flyglo.com



Contour Airlines—From Bowling Green Kentucky-- Begins September 1, 2016—2 times per week



Southern Airways Express—Atlanta GA, Memphis TN, and Jackson MS—Flights are non-stop, business class flights. Operates out of Destin Executive Airport's FBO.
Book now at www.iflysouthern.com

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