

Okaloosa County News Release

The Northwest Florida Regional Airport (VPS) has record-breaking year

Northwest Florida Regional Airport located in Fort Walton Beach served a record **900,563 passengers** in Fiscal Year 2011, an increase of 22.80 percent compared to 733,348 in 2010 and far exceeding the previous yearly traffic high of 816,875 in 2000.

“A 23% increase in passengers compared to the national average of 5% is extraordinary,” stated Airport’s Business Development Manager Mike Stenson.

In 2011, VPS offered 32 daily departures to 24 non-stop cities on American Eagle, Continental Airlines, Delta Airlines, US Airways and Vision Airlines.

“Our entire community is thrilled to experience this dramatic increase in passenger numbers and corresponding lower fares. The activity is a reflection that all five of our airlines are doing extremely well” stated Airport Director Greg Donovan. “

Northwest Florida Regional Airport (VPS) is a joint-use facility established on Eglin AFB in 1957. For further information, please visit www.flyvps.com or call (850) 651-7160.

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