

FYI reports record passengers in '14

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Fresno Yosemite International Airport saw a record number of arriving and departing passengers in 2014.

Last year 1,442,026 passengers passed through the airport's gates, breaking the previous record from 2013.

"This steady growth represents a positive trend for Fresno that is not occurring at many of our peer airports. Airlines are restructuring their routes across the country and many communities are experiencing reductions in service," said Kevin Meikle, director of aviation at FAT.

Fresno has not been immune to the recent restructuring and United Airlines discontinued all service to Las Vegas in September. However, Allegiant Air responded by adding more flights along the route and airport officials said the changes have not hurt the airport's overall numbers.

"We believe that the economic resurgence taking place in Central California has stimulated more demand and that demand is filling seats. Available seats in 2014 were 11 percent higher than they were just three years ago," Meikle said. "It is clear people have come to realize that, with service to eight airline hubs and 12 destinations, you can reach most places on the globe with just one stop from your hometown airport."

The airport currently has eight carriers including AeroMexico, Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Connection, US Airways and Volaris. It has 40 daily domestic and international departures from Fresno.

Fresno Yosemite International is municipally-owned and operates as a self-supporting enterprise, with no City of Fresno general funds used in its operations.

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