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## **Harvey and Irma, airline departure impact September traffic**

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Dayton International Airport's passenger traffic numbers took a hit from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma in September, with many popular Dayton destinations impacted by the Category 4 and 5 storms.

The airport enplaned 72,397 passengers in September, a decrease of 19 percent when compared with the September 2016 passenger traffic count of 89,380.

Airline passenger traffic continues to show year-over-year decreases because of the departure of major domestic carrier Southwest Airlines in June of this year. Passenger numbers will not recover until mid-year 2018.

American Airlines was the busiest carrier in September, with 34,827 passenger enplanements, representing a 0.5 percent increase from 2016. Delta Air Lines and United Airlines followed with 20,454 and 13,895 enplanements, respectively.

"Because Southwest Airlines left the Dayton market in June 2017, our enplanement comparisons to last year will continue to show a decrease until after June 2018," said Terry Slaybaugh, Director of Aviation for City of Dayton. "Hurricane Irma closed several Florida airports for multiple days, contributing to the September decline. The hurricanes affected air traffic throughout the United States."

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About Dayton International Airport

Located near the "Crossroads of the America" - Interstates 70 and 75 - Dayton International Airport (DAY) provides air service to travelers to and from Southwest Ohio. The DAY mission is to contribute to the prosperity of Southwest Ohio by connecting it to the rest of the world through our aviation system. Airport staff provide an enjoyable travel experience, making DAY an easy to and through

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