



KAMLOOPS AIRPORT

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Kamloops Airport announces the traveler numbers for the month of December as compared to the same period in the previous year:

	2011	2012	Change
Monthly Travelers	24,896	26,087	4.6%
Year-End Travelers	263,290	275,424	4.4%

The December travel season was marked by higher than ever numbers of travelers at Kamloops Airport. Good value air fares combined with a generally positive economic outlook encouraged more people to travel. Leisure travel now accounts for 60% of the travelers and this is attributable to the work that both Tourism Kamloops and Tourism Sun Peaks does to promote the area.

The following aircraft movements were recorded in December (and totals for full year) as compared to the same period in the previous year:

	Dec 2011	Dec 2012	Change	Year End 2011	Year End 2012	Change
IFR	1,062	1,042	-2%	12,530	12,607	nil
VFR	437	479	9%	8,794	11,273	28%
Local	464	794	71%	11,668	14,971	28%
Total	1,963	2,315	18%	32,992	38,851	18%

Over the year, the generally good weather generated an increase in the VFR (Visual Flight Rules) traffic while the IFR (Instrument Flight Rules) traffic remained even year over year. The addition of Canadian Flight Center flight school contributed to the large increase in Local flight activity.

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