



KAMLOOPS AIRPORT

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

	2012	2013	Change
Monthly Travelers	24,151	24,761	2.5%
Year-To-Date Travelers	183,312	190,865	4%

As was the case in previous months, the growth in August is being led by two groups – commuting workers and leisure travelers. The number of workers who commute to Northern Alberta and BC continues to increase. Building on the work that Tourism Kamloops does to promote our area as a tourism destination is seeing growth in both leisure and visiting friends & relatives groups.

The following aircraft movements were recorded in August as compared to the same period in the previous year:

	2012	2013	Change
IFR	1,081	1,020	-6%
VFR	<u>1,779</u>	<u>2,006</u>	<u>13%</u>
Total	2,860	3,026	6%

The increase in VFR traffic in August was attributable to forestry wildfire operations.

Work is nearing completion on the Aircraft Firefighting shelter being constructed near Taxiway Alpha. Occupancy is expected by September 20. This building will house the recently acquired firefighting vehicle, staff and supplies. The Government of Canada has contributed \$544,310 toward the total project cost of \$640,000.

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