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**BTS Releases June Airline Traffic Data;
Six-Month Domestic Traffic Up 8.2 Percent From 2003**

U.S. airlines carried 8.2 percent more domestic passengers in the first half of 2004 than they did during the same period in 2003, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) today reported, in a release of preliminary data (Table 1).

The airlines carried 307.7 million domestic passengers in during the first six months of 2004, up from the 284.4 million in 2003. These passengers were carried on 4.8 million flights, up 3.6 percent from the flights operated in 2003 (Table 2).

In other domestic comparisons from the first six months of 2003 to the first six months of 2004:

Revenue passenger miles, a measure of the number of passengers and the distance flown, were up 11.2 percent.

Available seat-miles, a measure of airline capacity, were up 8.4 percent.

Load factor, a measure of how many seats are sold and used, was up 1.8 percentage points.

Flight stage length, the average non-stop distance, was up 5.2 percent.

Passenger trip length, the average distance passengers travel, was up 2.9 percent.

Among airlines, Southwest Airlines carried 39.8 million domestic passengers during the first half of 2004, the most of any airline (Table 3).

Among airports, Hartsfield-Jackson International in Atlanta was the busiest U.S. airport for domestic travel during the first six months of 2004, with 18.7 million passenger boardings (Table 4).

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AIRLINE TRAFFIC PRESS RELEASE**ADD ONE****Table 1. Total Industry Domestic Enplanements**

Month	2003	2004
January	43,294,291	44,191,628
February	41,449,003	45,656,000
March	50,370,774	54,496,497
April	47,368,701	53,633,777
May	49,461,885	52,568,073
June	52,538,147	57,164,777
July	56,152,979	
August	54,320,275	
September	44,577,353	
October	50,345,777	
November	47,456,552	
December	50,132,233	
Jan-June Total	284,482,801	307,710,752

Source: T-100 Domestic Market

Table 2: Domestic Airline Travel January to June

	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004
Passengers	284,482,801	307,710,752
Flights	4,673,647	4,839,678
Revenue Passenger Miles(000)	239,055,941	265,800,019
Available Seat-Miles(000)	333,093,510	361,188,603
Load factor	71.8%	73.6%
Flight stage length	574	604
Passenger trip length	840	864

Source: T-100 Domestic Market and Segment

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AIRLINE TRAFFIC PRESS RELEASE**ADD TWO****Table 3. Top 10 Airlines, ranked by January to June 2004 Domestic Enplanements**

Rank	Airline Name	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2003 Rank
1	Southwest Airlines	36,636,964	39,842,391	2
2	Delta Air Lines	38,427,310	39,414,562	1
3	American Airlines	35,871,839	36,210,392	3
4	United Airlines	27,596,396	29,129,969	4
5	Northwest Airlines	21,026,881	22,247,359	5
6	US Airways	18,423,814	18,709,014	6
7	Continental Airlines	15,101,353	15,514,869	7
8	America West Airlines	9,407,573	9,752,089	8
9	American Eagle Airlines	5,514,500	6,755,229	10
10	Alaska Airlines	6,057,063	6,696,542	9

Source: T-100 Domestic Market

Table 4. Top 10 Airports ranked by January to June 2004 Domestic Enplanements

Rank	Airport Name	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2003 Rank
1	Hartsfield-Jackson International	17,332,606	18,686,472	1
2	O'Hare International	13,818,050	14,909,837	2
3	Dallas-Ft Worth International	11,002,407	12,679,021	3
4	Los Angeles International	9,435,045	10,310,374	4
5	Denver International	8,177,705	9,540,491	6
6	Las Vegas McCarran International	8,123,287	9,498,782	7
7	Phoenix Sky Harbor International	8,865,505	9,236,885	5
8	Minneapolis-St. Paul International	7,121,835	7,808,182	8
9	Orlando International	6,262,608	7,396,706	11
10	Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County	6,802,728	7,323,606	9

Source: T-100 Domestic Market

June 2004 Airline Traffic

In June 2004, U.S. airlines carried 57.2 million domestic passengers, 8.8 percent more than in June 2003 (Table 5).

These passengers were carried on 825,417 flights, up 2.1 percent from the flights operated in June 2003.

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In other domestic comparisons from June 2003 to June 2004:

Revenue passenger miles, a measure of the number of passengers and the distance flown, were up 10.5 percent.

Available seat-miles, a measure of airline capacity, were up 7.7 percent.

Load factor, a measure of how many seats are sold and used, was up 2.1 percentage points.

Flight stage length, the average non-stop distance, was up 5.8 percent.

Passenger trip length, the average distance passengers travel, was up 1.6 percent.

The number of domestic airline passengers rose 8.7 percent in June from May (Table 1). Month-to-month comparisons may be affected by seasonal factors.

Among airlines, Southwest Airlines carried 7.4 million domestic passengers during June, the most of any airline (Table 6).

Among airports, Hartsfield-Jackson International in Atlanta was the busiest U.S. airport for domestic travel during June, with 3.4 million passenger boardings (Table 7).

Table 5: Domestic Airline Travel in June

	June 2003	June 2004
Passengers	52,538,147	57,164,777
Flights	808,571	825,417
Revenue Passenger Miles(000)	44,824,566	49,543,141
Available Seat-Miles(000)	56,999,994	61,389,668
Load factor	78.6%	80.7%
Flight stage length	572	605
Passenger trip length	853	867

Source: T-100 Domestic Market and Segment

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AIRLINE TRAFFIC PRESS RELEASE**ADD FOUR****Table 6. Top 10 Airlines, ranked by June 2004 Domestic Enplanements**

Rank	Airline Name	June 2003	May 2004	June 2004	June 2003 Rank
1	Southwest Airlines	6,778,615	7,143,265	7,376,924	2
2	Delta Air Lines	6,823,463	6,763,930	7,230,138	1
3	American Airlines	6,548,796	6,081,481	6,520,999	3
4	United Airlines	5,038,178	5,120,358	5,604,549	4
5	Northwest Airlines	3,872,273	3,811,950	4,281,734	5
6	US Airways	3,301,177	3,191,354	3,322,300	6
7	Continental Airlines	2,797,292	2,601,105	2,822,594	7
8	America West Airlines	1,708,504	1,675,911	1,781,286	8
9	Alaska Airlines	1,246,523	1,155,343	1,355,855	9
10	American Eagle Airlines	1,034,670	1,200,075	1,275,621	10

Source: T-100 Domestic Market

Table 7. Top 10 Airports ranked by June 2004 Domestic Enplanements

Rank	Airport Name	June 2003	May 2004	June 2004	June 2003 Rank
1	Hartsfield-Jackson International	3,179,911	3,250,108	3,392,852	1
2	O'Hare International	2,604,077	2,595,585	2,890,179	2
3	Dallas-Ft Worth International	2,068,133	2,183,577	2,338,086	3
4	Los Angeles International	1,787,884	1,781,538	1,947,382	4
5	Denver International	1,575,584	1,625,840	1,845,687	5
6	Las Vegas McCarran International	1,433,649	1,682,580	1,651,820	7
7	Phoenix Sky Harbor International	1,565,045	1,567,579	1,620,187	6
8	Minneapolis-St. Paul International	1,354,798	1,281,557	1,529,625	8
9	Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County	1,255,495	1,263,033	1,389,181	9
10	George Bush Intercontinental/Houston	1,226,363	1,187,320	1,270,335	10

Source: T-100 Domestic Market

Additional airline traffic data can be found on the BTS website at TranStats, the Intermodal Transportation Database at <http://transtats.bts.gov>. Click on "Aviation", then on "Air Carrier Statistics (Form 41 Traffic)", then click on "T-100 Domestic Market."

Data are compiled from monthly reports filed with BTS by commercial air carriers detailing operations, passenger traffic and freight traffic. June 2004 traffic data are preliminary and include data received by BTS from 99 airlines as of September 14. Data are subject to revision.

Revised data from May and previous months are posted on the BTS website at <http://transtats.bts.gov>. BTS will release July traffic data on October 15.

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