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**BTS Releases February Airline Traffic Data;
 Domestic Enplanements Rise 5.1 Percent from February 2002;
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U.S. airlines carried 40.6 million domestic passengers in February, a 5.1 percent increase from February 2002, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics of the U.S. Department of Transportation reported today in a release of preliminary data.

Domestic enplanements fell 5.6 percent in February 2003 from January on domestic flights operated by U.S. airlines. Month-to-month changes can be affected by seasonal factors.

Table 1. Domestic Enplanements (millions)

Month	2001	2002	2003	% change 2002 - 2003
January	44.1	38.5	43.0	11.6%
February	43.2	38.6	40.6	5.1%
March	53.1	48.5		
April	50.8	45.4		
May	51.1	47.1		
June	53.5	49.2		
July	55.8	51.1		
August	56.4	51.2		
September	30.5	40.2		
October	40.3	48.2		
November	40.7	44.0		
December	40.9	49.8		
Year to Date	87.2	77.1	83.6	8.4%
Total	560.4	551.8		

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.”

Table 2. Top 10 Airlines, ranked by domestic enplanements

	Carrier Name	Code	February-02	January-03	February-03	Feb-02 Rank
1	Delta Airlines, Inc	DL	6,037,664	6,261,054	5,871,287	1
2	Southwest Airlines, Co.	WN	5,117,611	5,488,639	5,359,029	3
3	American Airlines, Inc.	AA	5,526,501	5,660,534	5,225,578	2
4	United Airlines, Inc.	UA	3,955,720	4,369,263	4,102,945	4
5	Northwest Airlines, Inc.	NW	2,993,855	3,101,026	3,117,397	6
6	US Airways, Inc.	US	3,439,276	2,647,486	2,636,579	5
7	Continental Airlines, Inc.	CO	2,391,658	2,284,065	2,182,741	7
8	America West Airlines, Inc.	HP	1,256,170	1,404,771	1,366,113	8
9	American Eagle Airlines, Inc.	MQ	790,754	973,514	867,613	10
10	Alaska Airlines, Inc.	AS	838,832	878,763	856,459	9

Source: T-100 Domestic Market

Table 3. Top 10 Airports ranked by domestic enplanements

	Airport Name	Airport	February-02	January-03	February-03	Feb-02 Rank
1	Hartsfield International, Atlanta	ATL	2,437,453	2,690,438	2,558,792	1
2	O'Hare International, Chicago	ORD	1,723,877	2,047,968	1,983,514	2
3	Dallas-Ft. Worth International	DFW	1,600,502	1,745,207	1,592,354	3
4	Los Angeles International	LAX	1,295,223	1,520,764	1,350,673	4
5	Phoenix Sky Harbor International	PHX	1,092,675	1,335,219	1,294,584	7
6	Las Vegas-McCarran International	LAS	1,134,597	1,279,806	1,188,642	5
7	Denver International	DEN	1,109,244	1,259,119	1,173,043	6
8	Minneapolis-St. Paul International	MSP	980,723	993,080	989,201	8
9	George Bush Intercontinental, Houston	IAH	962,947	1,002,070	938,423	9
10	Orlando International	MCO	941,398	1,001,647	908,027	10

Source: T-100 Domestic Market

Domestic flights start and end within the United States and U.S. territories. Data are compiled from monthly reports filed with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics by commercial air carriers detailing operations, passenger traffic and freight traffic. Reports from commuter carriers are included in data beginning October 2002 and were not included in earlier reports. February traffic data are preliminary and include data received by BTS as of May 6. Data are subject to revision.

Revised January data is posted at <http://transtats.bts.gov>. BTS will release March traffic data on June 5.

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