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## INTRODUCTION

The *Air Travel Consumer Report* is a monthly product of the Department of Transportation's Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings. The report is designed to assist consumers with information on the quality of services provided by the airlines.

The report is divided into four sections. These sections deal with flight delays, mishandled baggage, oversales and consumer complaints. Each section of the report is preceded by a brief explanation of how to read and understand the information provided.

The report normally is released by the end of the first week of each month. The report is available via the Internet at <a href="http://www.dot.gov/airconsumer/">http://www.dot.gov/airconsumer/</a>

## NOTE TO CONSUMERS REGARDING FLIGHT DELAY DATA

Flight delays can be caused by a variety of factors, for example: severe weather, aircraft maintenance, runway closures, customer service issues, air traffic control system decisions and equipment failures. The data on which this report is based do not identify the cause, only the occurrence, of flight delays.

## **FLIGHT DELAYS**

This section provides information about airline on-time performance, flight delays, and cancellations. It is based on data filed by airlines each month with the Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (Office of Airline Information), as described in 14 CFR Part 234 of DOT's regulations. It covers nonstop scheduled-service flights between points within the United States (including territories) by the largest U.S. air carriers, including all eleven carriers that have at least one percent of total domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues. These airlines account for more than 85 percent of domestic operating revenues.

The rule requires carriers to currently report on operations to and from the 32 U.S. airports that account for at least one percent of the nation's total domestic scheduled-service passenger enplanements (see Appendix for a complete list of the reportable airports). However, all reporting airlines have voluntarily provided data for their entire domestic systems, and that information is included in this report.

A flight is counted as "on time" if it operated less than 15 minutes after the scheduled time shown in the carriers' Computerized Reservations Systems. All tables in this report except Table 4 are based on gate arrival times; Table 4 is based on gate departure times. Cancelled and diverted operations are counted as late.

In fulfilling DOT's data reporting requirements, the reporting air carriers use automated and/or manual systems for collecting flight data. Those using an automated system rely on the Aircraft Communication Addressing and Reporting System (ACARS). Based on the latest information available to DOT, of the 12 reporting air carriers, 4 (American, Northwest, United and US Airways) use ACARS exclusively; 4 (Alaska, Aloha, America West and Southwest) rely solely on their pilots, gate agents and/or ground crews to record arrival times manually; and 4 (American Eagle, Continental, Delta and TWA) use a combination of ACARS and manual reporting systems.

As indicated above, a carrier may voluntarily file data for its entire domestic system. Tables 2, 3, and 4 are limited to the 31 required or "reportable" airports; Tables 5, 6 and 7 contain data on flights to/from all airports that were reported. Tables 1 and 8 each have one column for the 31 "reportable" airports and another for all of the airports reported; see footnote C for additional explanation.

Tables 1 through 4 display percentages of flight operations that were on time, while Tables 5 and 6 show service that was late. Tables 1, 1A, and 2 present data by carrier; airlines are ranked by performance in Table 1 and are listed in alphabetical order by carrier code in Table 2 (see Appendix for codes). Beginning with the February 1988 report, Table 1A shows carrier rankings by month and time-series data on the percentage of flight operations that arrived on time.

Tables 3 and 4 provide information by airport and time of day. Table 5 is a list Tables 3 and 4 provide information by airport and time of day. Table 5 is a list of the most frequently delayed flights, showing the percentage of each flight's operations that were late that month and the average and median number of minutes the flight was late. The flights with the highest percentage of late operations are listed first in Table 5; where percentages are identical, flights are listed alphabetically by carrier code. Table 6, like Tables 1, 1A, and 2, presents data by carrier, but lists the carriers in rank order from worst to best based on the number of flights which were late 70% of the time or more. Table 7 lists more than 200 cities in alphabetical order with the corresponding on-time arrival and departure percentages.

Tables 3, 4, and 5 contain information on the time of day that a flight operated. All times are local. A 10:50 a.m. departure from Atlanta is 10:50 a.m. Atlanta time; if that flight arrived in Dallas at 11:45 a.m., that is 11:45 a.m. Dallas time. If a flight's scheduled operating time changed during the month, Table 5 shows the time that was in effect for the last flight operation performed that month.

Table 8 displays the number of operations, number of flight cancellations, and percentage of cancellations by air carrier for the reportable airports and for the air carriers' domestic system.

This report provides summary information; except for the few flights listed in Table 5, it does not show the on-time record of individual flights. A printout showing the performance of each specific flight reported to DOT is available for inspection in the Reports Reference Room (room 4201) of the Office of Airline Information at DOT's headquarters in Washington, D.C. The on-time performance for individual markets and flights can be searched at <a href="http://www.bts.gov/ntda/oai/">http://www.bts.gov/ntda/oai/</a>. Computer tapes containing data for all reported flight operations are available for purchase from the Transportation Systems Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Department cannot respond to inquiries about the performance of individual flights.

However, information on the performance of specific flights is displayed on the Computerized Reservations Systems used by most airlines and travel agencies. Each of the reporting carriers' flights has a one-digit code between 0 and 9 representing that flight's percentage of on-time operations for the latest reported month. For example, "8" means that flight arrived on time (within 15 minutes) between 80% and 89.9% of the time during the latest reported month.

### AIR TRAVEL CONSUMER REPORT

TABLE 1. OVERALL PERCENTAGE OF REPORTED FLIGHT OPERATIONS ARRIVING ON TIME BY CARRIER

	AT 32 REPORTA	BLE AIRPORTS B/	AT ALL REPORTED AIRPORTS C/				
CARRIER A/	NUMBER OF AIRPORTS REPORTED	PERCENT OF ARRIVALS ON TIME D/	NUMBER OF AIRPORTS REPORTED	PERCENT OF ARRIVALS ON TIME D/			
ALOHA S/	1	68.8	8	87.3			
CONTINENTAL S/	31	85.5	83	86.1			
TRANS WORLD S/	30	84.7	70	85.2			
SOUTHWEST S/	15	84.6	58	85.0			
NORTHWEST S/	32	83.9	114	84.0			
DELTA S/	31	83.2	109	83.3			
US AIRWAYS S/	28	83.3	89	83.1			
AMERICAN S/	32	78.9	92	79.6			
UNITED S/	31	77.9	95	77.9			
ALASKA S/	8	75.6	36	77.3			
AMERICA WEST S/	26	76.9	51	77.0			
AMERICAN EAGLE S/	17	72.2	103	71.6			
TOTAL		81.1		81.5			

For simplicity, statistics are displayed to one decimal place. Actual ranking order is based on our computer carrying out the number of decimal places to nine.

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<sup>\*</sup> All U.S. airlines with at least one percent of total domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues, plus other carriers that report voluntarily. At the present time, and beginning with the December 2000 report, Aloha Airlines is the only carrier that reports voluntarily. American Eagle reporting effective January 2001.

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TABLE 1A. OVERALL PERCENTAGE OF REPORTED FLIGHT OPERATIONS ARRIVING ON TIME AND CARRIER RANK, BY MONTH, QUARTER, AND DATA BASE TO DATE

CARRIER	2ND QUARTER 04-06 2000	3RD QUARTER 07-09 2000	4TH QUARTER 10-12 2000	1ST QUARTER 01-03 2001	03 2001	04 2001	05 2001	12 MONTHS ENDING 05 2001	DATA BASE TO DATE 09 1987 - 05 2001
	% RANK	% RANK	% RANK	% RANK	% RANK	% RANK	% RANK	% RANK	% RANK
ALASKA	70.9 (7)	70.2 (8)	64.5 (10)	63.5 (12)	62.1 (12)	71.0 (12)	77.3 (10)	67.5 (8)	76.0 (9)
ALOHA			90.6 (1)	85.3 (1)	82.0 (1)	87.5 (1)	87.3 (1)	87.8	87.8
AMERICA WEST	66.6 (9)	66.4 (9)	64.1 (11)	68.7 (10)	69.7 (10)	73.5 (9)	77.0 (11)	67.4 (9)	78.3 (5)
AMERICAN	71.6 (6)	75.3 (6)	69.5 (7)	73.7 (7)	74.2 (8)	78.9 (8)	79.6 (8)	73.3 (7)	78.8 (3)
AMERICAN EAGL	E			63.7 (11)	66.0 (11)	71.1 (11)	71.6 (12)	66.8	66.8
CONTINENTAL	76.9 (3)	79.1 (2)	78.7 (2)	79.5 (2)	77.9 (5)	85.7 (2)	86.1 (2)	79.8 (1)	78.4 (4)
DELTA	78.0 (2)	77.2 (5)	68.7 (8)	73.2 (9)	73.4 (9)	81.4 (6)	83.3 (6)	74.6 (5)	77.4 (8)
NORTHWEST	78.3 (1)	79.6 (1)	72.2 (5)	79.1 (3)	81.2 (3)	80.6 (7)	84.0 (5)	77.7 (2)	79.8 (2)
SOUTHWEST	75.6 (4)	78.8 (3)	70.4 (6)	77.8 (4)	79.8 (4)	82.9 (4)	85.0 (4)	76.7 (3)	82.3 (1)
TRANS WORLD	74.4 (5)	78.7 (4)	73.3 (4)	76.1 (6)	81.7 (2)	83.3 (3)	85.2 (3)	76.6 (4)	77.8 (7)
UNITED	56.8 (10)	51.6 (10)	66.7 (9)	73.6 (8)	74.7 (7)	71.5 (10)	77.9 (9)	64.2 (10)	75.3 (10)
US AIRWAYS	70.7 (8)	70.9 (7)	73.3 (3)	77.3 (5)	75.2 (6)	82.9 (5)	83.1 (7)	74.5 (6)	78.2 (6)
TOTAL	72.0	72.7	70.6	74.5	75.2	79.3	81.5	73.5	78.3

For simplicity, statistics are displayed to one decimal place. Actual ranking order is based on our computer carrying out the number of decimal places to nine.

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TABLE 2. NUMBER OF REPORTED FLIGHT ARRIVALS AND PERCENTAGE ARRIVING ON TIME D/BY CARRIER AND AIRPORT (REPORTABLE AIRPORTS ONLY)

## ARRIVAL AIRPORT

				ARRIVAL AIRPOR	1			
	ATL	BOS	BWI	CLT	CVG	DCA	DEN	DFW
CARRIER	# OF % ON ARR. TIME	# OF % ON ARR. TIME	# OF % ON ARR. TIME	# OF % ON ARR. TIME	# OF % ON ARR. TIME	# OF % ON ARR. TIME	# OF % ON ARR. TIME	# OF % ON ARR. TIME
AA AQ	679 77.2 H/	1715 70.3 H/	368 76.6 H/	214 74.8 H/	93 80.6 H/	1048 76.7 H/	784 79.7 H/	14504 85.5 H/
AS CO DL HP	H/ 555 87.7 18470 83.0 152 64.5	H/ 750 78.7 2340 79.3 179 49.7	H/ 313 88.5 401 81.8 186 36.0	H/ 106 88.7 276 79.7 H/	H/ H/ 5312 89.2 H/	H/ 611 84.6 1662 84.2 153 55.6	H/ 383 85.6 580 84.5 242 67.8	599 86.6 3658 84.1 183 69.9
MQ NW TW	H/ 573 79.6 211 78.2	2731 69.8 573 69.5 270 72.6	302 71.2 389 80.2 186 84.9	H/ 235 86.0 120 94.2	182 64.8 27 77.8 H/	404 66.1 635 79.4 240 77.1	H/ 370 82.2 184 82.6	6876 82.9 494 82.8 297 84.8
UA US WN	576 78.1 627 83.7 H/	1239 70.9 2532 79.8 H/	432 76.9 2554 84.7 3800 85.1	154 72.7 10266 86.7	151 65.6 H/ H/	505 65.3 3055 88.0 H/	9014 82.7 310 90.3	751 74.8 337 82.5
TOTAL	21843 82.5	12329 74.1	8931 82.5	11371 86.2	5765 87.6	8313 81.5	11867 82.6	27699 84.2
				ARRIVAL AIRPOR	T 			

	DTW	EWR	FLL	IAD	IAH	JFK	LAS	LAX
CARRIER	# OF % ON ARR. TIME							
AA AQ	489 73.8 H/	871 70.4 H/	412 76.9 H/	421 70.5 H/	576 80.4 H/	1126 74.7 H/	680 80.0 93 68.8	3610 75.5 H/
AS	H/	H/	H/	H/	H/	H/	326 76.7	785 72.9
CO	362 83.1 337 73.9	6220 82.4 1059 75.7	516 83.9 1311 78.9	85 88.2 487 79.3	8731 89.4 277 80.1	57 86.0 1017 74.6	455 87.9 651 88.9	684 83.2 1421 82.4
DL HP	155 49.7	185 47.0	62 61.3	467 79.3 H/	161 70.8	248 56.5	2440 78.9	776 71.1
MQ	105 67.6	210 57.6	H/	, H/	H/	2035 64.4	H/	2748 55.8
NW	10354 87.1	598 77.4	124 78.2	297 82.5	413 86.2	124 70.2	371 84.9	651 80.3
TW	183 79.2	208 75.0	124 74.2	118 83.1	120 80.8	615 78.5	155 86.5	386 82.9
UA	304 74.7	902 65.4	65 76.9	2913 79.1	387 77.5	555 69.5	1142 83.7	5274 76.5
US	364 85.7	519 74.0	1033 82.1	403 78.4	337 76.3	H/	242 85.5	547 84.1
WN	570 77.9	H/	1000 83.1	H/	192 81.3	H/	5043 86.5	3576 76.9
TOTAL	13223 84.7	10772 77.4	4647 80.5	4724 78.7	11194 87.3	5777 70.2	11598 83.9	20458 74.3

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TABLE 2. NUMBER OF REPORTED FLIGHT ARRIVALS AND PERCENTAGE ARRIVING ON TIME D/BY CARRIER AND AIRPORT (REPORTABLE AIRPORTS ONLY)

## ARRIVAL AIRPORT

				ARRIVAL AIRPOR	Т			
	LGA	MCO	MDW	MIA	MSP	ORD	PDX	PHL
CARRIER	# OF % ON ARR. TIME				# OF % ON ARR. TIME		# OF % ON ARR. TIME	# OF % ON ARR. TIME
AA AQ AS CO DL HP MQ NW TW UA US WN TOTAL	1760 62 2	659 82.4 H/ H/ 559 87.1 2503 82.8 62 53.2 340 77.1 466 76.8 370 82.4 618 81.9 1638 83.8 1637 87.1	121 84.3 H/ 1/ 100.0 H/ H/ 443 83.3 H/ H/ 120 87.5 3586 86.8	3202 80.4 H/ H/ 352 83.5 438 79.5 62 69.4 1244 82.8 233 74.2	509 78.0 H/ H/ 214 81.3 337 87.8 121 56.2 H/ 10117 87.1 293 86.7 623 70.5 245 86.9 H/	9444 75.5 H/ 31 77.4 585 77.4 728 73.9 246 45.1 5058 74.4 836 74.5 320 79.1 12379 74.5 654 72.8	271 80.8 H/ 1497 83.1 146 76.7 430 86.7 180 80.0 H/ 155 80.6 154 87.7 993 80.6 H/ 949 86.0	693 71.1 H/ H/ 242 81.8 608 76.6 153 52.9 220 69.1 507 73.8 175 74.3 758 67.5 7289 77.0 H/ 10645 75.3
				ARRIVAL AIRPOR				
	PHX	PIT	SAN	SEA	SF0	SLC	STL	TPA
CARRIER  AA AQ	# OF % ON ARR. TIME  728 79.4 H/	ARR. TIME	# OF % ON ARR. TIME  756 83.7	# OF % ON ARR. TIME 638 79.6 H/	# OF % ON ARR. TIME	# OF % ON ARR. TIME	# OF % ON ARR. TIME  471 76.9	# OF % ON ARR. TIME  496 80.8
AS CO DL HP MQ NW TW UA US WN	271 78.2 362 87.3 643 89.0 6882 85.2 H/ 340 83.2 185 90.3 941 84.0 289 89.3 5335 85.6	82 87.8 245 86.5 H/ 336 69.6 207 72.0 170 84.7 179 70 4	403 80.6 243 87.7 462 91.8 394 81.2 1108 59.4 217 85.3 124 91.1 968 86.6 217 86.2	3826 71.9 335 81.5 524 79.0 197 70.1 H/ 558 75 8	538 78.3 501 88.4 741 87.3 340 72.4 H/ 402 82.1 247 89.1 6266 85.2 451 89.1 H/	186 74.2 H/ 92 87.0 4303 88.7 148 75.7 H/ 93 74.2 93 87.1 477 82.2 H/ 1180 88.0	H/ 55 89.1 213 73.7 92 58.7 H/ 410 80.7 10045 86.7 271 66.8 279 83.5 2456 81.1	H/ 431 86.5 1107 82.7 62 58.1 178 78.1 341 74.2 155 85.2 310 73.5 1224 80.5 1642 85.7

8986 76.2

10825 84.6

6572 87.1

14292 84.4

5946 81.9

7220 82.2

9508 84.7

TOTAL 15976 85.2

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TABLE 3. PERCENTAGE OF ALL CARRIERS' REPORTED FLIGHT OPERATIONS ARRIVING ON TIME D/BY AIRPORT AND TIME OF DAY (REPORTABLE AIRPORTS ONLY)

CCUEDULED							AR	RIVAL	AIRPOR	Т								
SCHEDULED ARRIVAL TIME	ATL	BOS	BWI	CLT	CVG	DCA	DEN	DFW	DTW	EWR	FLL	IAD	IAH	JFK	LAS	LAX	LGA	MCO
600 - 659 AM 700 - 759 AM 800 - 859 AM 900 - 959 AM 1000 - 1059 AM 1100 - 1159 AM 1200 - 1259 PM 100 - 159 PM 200 - 259 PM 300 - 359 PM 400 - 459 PM 500 - 559 PM 600 - 659 PM 700 - 759 PM 800 - 859 PM 900 - 959 PM 1000 - 1059 PM	74.2 88.6 84.1 86.8 88.4 89.7 86.2 84.5 85.0 79.7 80.6 78.7 79.5 475.3	83.2 91.6 81.8 84.7 81.3 84.7 78.8 71.9 64.5 66.3 64.6 62.4 67.4 71.8	90.8 94.2 89.9 92.7 89.4 93.1 91.9 89.1 82.2 80.0 78.3 71.0 76.2 77.1 74.2	90.4 80.8 83.7 85.5 84.9 80.1 76.7 78.5 80.8	95.5 96.2 90.9 94.8 82.1 89.1 87.4 84.5 87.2 82.2 86.6 65.9 76.4	90.8 86.6 91.8 91.2 88.9 84.6 85.7 80.2 75.0 76.8 77.1 70.3 75.4 71.3 78.6	91.0 92.4 90.8 87.7 87.2 83.3 86.6 87.5 83.8 76.5 76.1 72.6 72.6 72.5 75.3	89.1 86.7 85.3 87.1 87.9 89.0 84.8 81.5 81.4 77.3 78.4 80.4 74.1	92.7 92.0 86.3 87.9 91.6 92.3 89.4 84.2 77.5 82.6 79.4 82.0	91.0 93.7 95.5 91.0 82.7 84.5 81.7 77.1 72.9 68.1 67.5 66.3 69.7	94.8 89.6 84.0 89.5 78.0 85.7 78.3 74.3 75.7 66.4	91.3 87.7 92.4 89.2 78.8 88.8 85.9 81.0 77.0 68.4 81.7 72.4 74.0 73.0	92.0 95.3 88.4 90.0 91.7 89.4 86.7 87.9 84.1 83.2 81.8 574.9	84.5 87.9 92.4 79.2 55.5 88.4 67.5 73.0 67.9 65.1 55.7 55.3 67.9	81.6 80.5 84.6 77.4	89.7 85.5 73.0 67.0 72.3 74.1 76.8 77.1 72.5 72.8 68.6 66.3 71.5	79.3 76.4 68.4 62.3 71.9 61.2 59.3 64.8 65.7	94.3 91.1 90.7 92.2 90.5 85.0 86.0 88.5 87.7 86.9 80.7 76.2 77.8 78.2
TOTAL, ALL ARRIVALS BY AIRPORT	82.5	74.1	82.5	86.2	87.6	81.5	82.6	84.2	84.7	77.4	80.5	78.7	87.3	70.2	83.9	74.3	72.4	83.2
CCUEDULED							AR	RIVAL	AIRPOR	Т								
SCHEDULED ARRIVAL TIME		MIA	MSP	ORD	PDX	PHL	PHX	PIT	SAN	SEA	SF0	SLC	STL	TPA	TOTAL			
600 - 659 AM 700 - 759 AM 800 - 859 AM 900 - 959 AM 1000 - 1059 AM 1100 - 1159 AM 1200 - 1259 PM 100 - 159 PM 200 - 259 PM 300 - 359 PM 400 - 459 PM 500 - 559 PM 600 - 659 PM 700 - 759 PM 800 - 859 PM 900 - 959 PM 1000 - 1059 PM	97.6 94.8 92.9 94.3 97.8 89.2 91.2 87.1 78.2 82.6 84.0 75.6 74.2 78.6 78.8 82.5	88.8 94.0 82.8 78.2 84.2 78.8 81.8 77.4 77.3 72.1 73.9 74.4 74.0	88.2 89.4 88.9 88.1 89.1 85.2 88.7 82.1 83.9 78.7 76.0 79.0	85.9 84.0 86.2 84.7 83.4 82.0 75.5 74.2 68.4 64.0 64.5 63.3 61.1 62.5 70.6 77.3	86.8 86.1 88.4 88.7 85.9 82.1 83.9 82.2 79.0 82.2 78.1 76.1 83.3 83.0	87.6 81.1 77.0 85.4 77.6 73.0 76.1 75.0 73.7 67.0 62.3 73.9 69.3 73.6	91.5 88.7 89.6 92.5 92.0 88.0 86.6 83.7 78.0 81.8 80.5 81.3 78.0	85.9 89.8 84.1 91.8 88.1 84.7 87.4 80.7 77.5.5 80.6 80.1 72.5 81.8	76.7 80.3 86.9 92.1 86.2 84.5 78.1 80.7 80.7 80.1 80.0 74.5 80.1 82.5	95.3 87.8 80.3 77.9 76.7 78.5 78.9 71.3 74.8 66.6 71.9 70.4 73.1 76.9	97.4 91.2 86.6 87.8 82.1 85.4 86.5 83.9 83.8 782.4 80.7 79.1 82.7	93.4 93.5 91.0 84.8 85.6 92.1 87.5 85.5 86.8 84.2 87.2 77.3 76.1 83.3	92.1 88.4 88.2 89.8 88.3 85.4 84.0 81.5 80.7 82.8 85.4 85.4 85.4 80.7 82.8 85.4	95.2 96.6 92.7 86.6 86.5 89.0 82.1 83.9 77.0 74.4 76.4 76.2	88.9 87.5 87.5 88.3 84.3 84.7 82.5 76.8 76.8 76.4 74.4 74.6 76.8			
TOTAL, ALL ARRIVALS BY AIRPORT	86.4	80.4	85.5	74.6	83.1	75.3	85.2	84.7	82.2	76.2	84.6	87.1	84.4	81.9	81.1			

TABLE 4. PERCENTAGE OF ALL CARRIERS' REPORTED FLIGHT OPERATIONS DEPARTING ON TIME E/BY AIRPORT AND TIME OF DAY (REPORTABLE AIRPORTS ONLY)

SCHEDULED							DEP	ARTURE	AIRPO	RT								
DEPARTURE TIME	ATL	BOS	BWI	CLT	CVG	DCA	DEN	DFW	DTW	EWR	FLL	IAD	IAH	JFK	LAS	LAX	LGA	MCO
600 - 659 AM 700 - 759 AM 800 - 859 AM 900 - 959 AM 1000 - 1059 AM 1100 - 1159 AM 1200 - 1259 PM 200 - 259 PM 300 - 359 PM 400 - 459 PM 500 - 559 PM 600 - 659 PM 700 - 759 PM 800 - 859 PM 900 - 959 PM 1000 - 1059 PM	92.3 89.9 85.1 86.4 88.0 85.7 85.2 85.1 77.5 78.1 78.9 79.8 79.8 81.6 79.3 82.0	93.7 86.8 89.0 88.8 85.6 85.7 76.6 75.7 72.2 65.9 67.7 75.6 69.7 88.0 96.0	97.6 95.2 95.6 90.6 93.8 86.1 85.8 84.8 75.7 71.3 78.4 74.8 63.3 33.3 100.0	93.3 91.9 91.2 90.6 87.7 86.8 86.4 80.3 77.9.2 76.2 80.4 82.6 81.3 88.0 77.4	85.7 92.3 97.5 93.6 89.9 90.9 89.7 85.0 86.1 87.6 87.1 81.2 82.6 88.5 96.5	94.0 92.6 92.4 91.2 91.7 89.1 87.1 87.5 78.5 78.7 81.6 81.4 78.8	93.8 91.4 88.4 91.4 87.8 86.1 82.5 84.3 84.5 80.2 77.2 76.3 91.9	90.4 85.2 85.2 87.7 85.3 83.1 84.7 82.3 77.6 79.6 79.9 79.2 79.8 87.0 74.4	91.2 87.4 88.1 84.5 86.6 84.9 90.9 81.8 80.1 68.6 78.0 82.6 68.6 78.0 82.5		98.0 95.5 92.9 95.4 92.7 88.1 90.0 82.3 80.8 76.2 79.6 74.7 69.5 74.7	92.5 93.5 92.6 89.2 83.3 86.8 85.7 84.6 77.7 73.8 78.0 75.3 76.9 82.9	96.2 93.9 94.2 89.3 87.5 91.8 87.5 86.9 86.4 86.4 86.9 89.0 93.5	87.6 88.4 85.6 89.5 77.4 53.3 75.4 73.2 67.0 67.9 72.9 64.5 77.4 80.3	93.2 90.1 84.9 84.5 83.6 82.4 80.9 79.9 76.6 72.7 77.6 80.1 80.1 84.3 84.3	93.0 89.4 87.8 86.3 80.7 72.8 70.8 72.3 77.6 77.9 74.9 77.2 73.9 77.7	94.8 88.3 86.3 87.5 85.7 81.8 80.8 83.1 79.6 075.1 73.3 73.9 775.1 73.0 72.5 89.3	97.4 96.5 96.5 95.3 90.3 91.0 88.1 87.6 86.7 86.8 80.0 78.1 75.7 80.0 96.8
TOTAL, ALL DEPARTUR BY AIRPORT	ES, 83.5	80.4	84.0	85.3	88.6	87.6	83.4	83.5	84.3	85.2	85.9	83.8	89.4	77.0	82.6	80.4	82.0	88.3

SCHEDIII ED							DEP	ARTURE	AIRPO	RT					
SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIME	MDW	MIA	MSP	ORD	PDX	PHL	PHX	PIT	SAN	SEA	SF0	SLC	STL	TPA	TOTAL
600 - 659 AM 700 - 759 AM 800 - 859 AM 900 - 959 AM 1000 - 1059 AM 1100 - 1159 AM 1200 - 1259 PM 100 - 159 PM 200 - 259 PM 300 - 359 PM 400 - 459 PM 500 - 559 PM 700 - 759 PM 800 - 859 PM 900 - 959 PM 1000 - 1059 PM 1000 - 1059 PM	95.9 94.0 91.4 88.8 90.0 88.6 85.3 84.3 76.9 68.0 73.5 74.4 68.7 60.2	93.3 90.1 92.1 87.8 89.4 85.6 85.9 80.0 73.9 77.2 82.2 81.3 84.9 92.9	95.6 89.7 90.8 90.3 89.2 85.9 85.8 85.6 84.4 81.7 80.3 79.6 76.9 84.1	92.7 86.8 86.4 85.8 84.5 78.5 78.5 74.6 67.5 64.6 63.0 65.3 66.2 100.0	96.0 92.6 89.3 86.4 88.4 87.1 86.7 85.2 86.4 81.2 87.0 85.2 87.1 96.8	92.5 89.4 89.3 82.0 79.0 87.9 86.8 76.4 76.8 77.9 77.5 0 73.3 72.8 75.1	94.1 91.4 87.6 84.3 85.5 84.6 81.8 77.1 75.3 78.1 78.7 79.7 81.4 89.3	93.5 89.9 90.8 84.3 91.1 91.8 290.0 76.7 84.3 80.4 82.8 85.5 84.6 89.1	92.6 91.3 87.0 87.3 80.0 81.5 87.5 81.8 79.5 81.8 77.5 75.7 70.3 90.0	93.5 99.12 84.0 87.2 78.3 85.1 83.3 82.6 81.8 78.5 73.6 75.3 83.9 88.4	93.7 91.4 88.7 86.1 82.3 88.9 85.3 84.6 90.3 84.7 86.3 89.1 85.4 92.6	96.8 96.8 994.4 89.8 91.0 91.0 83.3 89.4 86.6 88.5 84.2 83.7 84.5 87.1 86.9	90.4 94.4 93.7 91.1 90.9 89.5 86.6 81.5 81.2 82.6 83.7 83.3 81.4 83.8	95.6 95.6 92.9 93.8 91.4 88.7 86.1 83.3 78.5 83.6 78.5 75.5 88.8	93.7 91.6 88.4 87.2 86.3 84.8 83.1 80.0 78.3 77.9 85.3
TOTAL, ALL DEPARTUR BY AIRPORT	•			76.0	88.5		82.7			84.1			86.4		

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## TABLE 5. LIST OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED FLIGHTS I/ ARRIVING LATE 80% OF THE TIME OR MORE

CARRIER	FLIGHT NUMBER	ORIGIN-DESTIN. AIRPORTS	SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIME	NUMBER OF OPERATIONS REPORTED		NO. OF MI AVERAGE	IN. LATE MEDIAN
AQ	482	HNL-SNA	1125	31	87.10	29	29
HP	247	LAS-BWI	2356	31	80.65	33	21

TABLE 6. NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED FLIGHTS I/ARRIVING LATE 70% OF THE TIME OR MORE

	NUMBER OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED FLIGHTS	LATE 70% OF THE	HE TIME OR MORE D/
CARRIER	FOR WHICH CARRIER REPORTED DATA	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
AMERICA WEST	600	9	1.5
ALOHA	178	2	1.1
AMERICAN EAGLE	1454	8	0.6
SOUTHWEST	2764	4	0.1
US AIRWAYS	2076	3	0.1
TRANS WORLD	726	1	0.1
UNITED	2124	2	0.1
AMERICAN	2118	1	0.0
ALASKA	446	0	0.0
CONTINENTAL	1153	0	0.0
NORTHWEST	1572	0	0.0
DELTA	2416	0	0.0
TOTAL	17,627	30	0.2

TABLE 7. ON-TIME ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PERCENTAGE BY AIRPORT

CITY (AIRPORT)	PERCE ON-TI ARR.	ME	REPO OPERA ARR.	TIONS	CITY (AIRPORT)	PERC ON-T ARR.	IME	REPO OPERA ARR.	
CITY (AIRPORT)	ON-TI ARR. -76.4 78.3 88.8 77.1 83.5 80.3 76.5 84.7 74.5 84.9 86.0 93.5 84.9 86.9 83.4 93.5 84.9 86.3 76.5 88.9	ME		TIONS DEP.  237 23 237 23 3,101 518 498 1,452 3,101 518 498 1,824 21,832 3,887 183 8,931 327 86 93 245 62 1,664 124 120 1,048 12,332 124 62 1,664 124 120 1,981 2,314 452 660 155 553 93 11,371 480 4,292 30,267 5,762 4,854 213 1,061 327 3,452 473 4,209	CITY (AIRPORT)	ON-T ARR -64.3 77.8 83.0 90.0 87.7 67.1 86.2 74.3 90.0 69.2 83.8 75.3 87.1 89.1 91.7 77.1 83.1 83.1 83.1 90.5 83.8 83.8 87.7 89.1 89.1 90.5 83.8 83.1 83.1 83.1 83.1 83.1 83.1 83.1	IME		TIONS
DENVEK, CO. (DEN) DES MOINES, IA. (DSM) DETROIT, MI. (DTW) DILLINGHAM, AK. (DLG)	74.0 84.7 77.8	83.4 83.8 84.3 80.6	11,867 782 13,223 36	784	KONA, HAWAII., HI. (KOA) KOTZEBUE, AK. (OTZ) LA CROSSE, WI. (LSE) LAFAYETTE, LA. (LFT)	88.6 77.3 70.1 79.0	90.7 80.0 77.6 84.5	766 75 147 181	766 75 147 181

TABLE 7. ON-TIME ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PERCENTAGE BY AIRPORT

CITY (AIRPORT)	PERCENT ON-TIME ARR. DEP.	REPORTED OPERATIONS ARR. DEP.	CITY (AIRPORT)	PERCENT ON-TIME ARR. DEP.	REPORTED OPERATIONS ARR. DEP.
CITY (AIRPORT)	81.2 91.2 75.6 82.1 83.9 82.6 75.8 84.2 85.3 93.0 88.2 92.4 78.6 89.0 81.5 87.7 87.2 95.0 80.1 90.7 74.3 80.4 82.3 88.6 78.5 86.0 76.1 85.6 83.2 87.7 70.0 83.9 92.1 95.6 85.5 93.4 86.4 86.5 80.4 84.1 80.1 83.9 78.0 88.3 85.5 85.8 80.9 93.6	239 123 11,598 11,598 11,592 182 183 272 272 799 799 182 182 1,363 1,366 258 258 151 20,458 20,460 1,898 1,897 712 714 570 570 1,419 1,420 30 31 114 114 152 152 5,007 5,008 6,893 6,893 6,892 638 6,893 6,892 638 1,601 1,605 12,459 12,466 92 92 328 330 154 153 335 176 176 152 152 244 242 256 256 4,937 4,936 4,492 4,493 5,777 5,777 10,691 10,772 10,770 93 80 80 4,492 4,493 5,777 5,777 10,691 10,772 10,770 93 80 1,549 1,552 1,924 1,927 1,657 1,659 3,152 1,924 1,927 1,657 1,659 3,152 3,163 3,746 8,852 8,853 92 92 453 151 62 62 10,645 10,641 15,976 15,974 9,508 9,510 838 838 4,775 4,775 2,649 2,649 3,130 3,129 123	RENO, NV. (RNO) RICHMOND, VA. (RIC) ROANOKE, VA. (ROA) ROCHESTER, MN. (RST) ROCHESTER, MN. (RST) ROCHESTER, N.Y. (ROC) SACRAMENTO, CA. (SMF) SAGINAW, MI. (MBS) SALT LAKE CITY, UT. (SLC) SAN ANGELO, TX. (SJT) SAN ANTONIO, TX. (SAT) SAN DIEGO, CA. (SAN) SAN FRANCISCO, CA. (SFO) SAN JOSE, CA. (SJC) SAN JUAN, P.R. (SJU) SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA. (SBP) SANTA BARBARA, CA. (SBA) SARASOTA/BRAD., FL. (SRQ) SAVANNAH, GA. (SAV) SCRANTON/WILKES-BARRE, PA. (AVP) SEATTLE, WA. (SEA) SHREVEPORT, LA. (SHV) SIOUX CITY, IA. (SUX) SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (FSD) SITKA, AK. (SIT) SOUTH BEND, IN. (SBN) SPOKANE, WA. (GEG) SPRINGFIELD, MO. (SGF) ST. CROIX, V.I. (STX) ST. LOUIS, MO. (STL) ST. THOMAS, V.I. (STT) SYRACUSE, N.Y. (SYR) TALLAHASSEE, FL. (TLH) TAMPA, FL. (TPA) TEXARKANA, AR. (TXK) TOLEDO, OH. (TOL) TRAVERSE CITY, MI. (TVC) TUCSON, AZ. (TUS) TULSA, OK. (TUL) TYLER, TX. (TYR) VALPARAISO, FL. (VPS) WACO, TX. (ACT) WASHINGTON, D.C. (DCA) WASHINGTON, D.C. (DCA) WASHINGTON, D.C. (IAD) WEST PALM BEACH, FL. (PBI) WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (HPN) WICHITA FALLS, TX. (SPS) WICHITA, KS. (ICT) WILMINGTON, N.C. (ILM) WORCESTER, MA. (ORH) WRANGELL, AK. (WRG) YAKUTAT, AK. (YAK)	84.0 86.0 79.8 84.2 83.1 86.3 77.6 83.4 85.2 84.4 84.6 87.8 82.8 93.3 84.1 90.0 85.4 83.8 84.2 84.0 85.4 85.5 67.3 65.9 73.7 73.2 76.5 86.9 83.1 97.6 84.1 90.0 85.4 83.8 84.5 85.5 67.3 65.9 73.7 73.2 76.5 86.9 83.1 97.6 84.1 99.5 87.7 83.3 95.5 76.2 84.8 86.8 92.2 85.6 7.3 85.5 86.8 92.8 87.7 83.3 95.1 78.2 85.6 71.0 82.3 86.8 92.2 87.3 85.5 86.8 92.2 87.3 85.6 71.0 82.3 88.3 84.4 86.2 89.2 87.3 85.6 71.0 82.3 88.3 85.6 71.0 82.3 88.4 87.7 88.5 85.6 71.7 86.9 88.7 83.8 87.1 91.1 87.3 90.5 87.1 91.1 87.3 90.5 87.1 91.1 87.3 87.6 78.7 83.8 87.1 91.1 87.3 90.5 87.1 91.1 87.3 87.6 78.7 83.8 87.1 91.1 87.3 87.6 78.7 83.8 87.1 91.1 87.3 87.6 78.7 83.8 87.1 91.1 87.3 86.9 88.5 87.6 78.7 83.8 87.1 91.1 87.3 90.5 87.1 91.1 87.3 90.5 87.6 78.7 83.8 87.1 91.1 87.3 87.6 78.7 83.8 87.1 91.1 87.3 90.5 87.6 78.7 83.8 87.1 91.1 87.3 90.5 87.6 78.7 83.8	2,242 1,655 1,655 1,655 183 183 183 1,513 1,512 3,423 3,424 319 320 6,572 6,566 209 210 3,235 3,234 7,220 7,224 5,495 10,825 10,825 10,825 6,501 6,498 2,335 211 211 509 508 311 310 621 620 124 8,986 8,988 551 553 60 61 276 105 151 1,025 1,025 449 451 62 124 8,986 1,083

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## TABLE 8. OVERALL NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF FLIGHT CANCELLATIONS BY CARRIER

AT 32 REPORTABLE AIRPORTS B/ AT ALL REPORTED AIRPORTS C/ NUMBER OF FLIGHT FLIGHT PERCENT OF NUMBER OF FLIGHT FLIGHT PERCENT OF OPERATIONS OPERATIONS AIRPORTS OPERATIONS OPERATIONS AIRPORTS CARRIER A/ REPORTED SCHEDULED CANCELLED CANCELLED REPORTED SCHEDULED CANCELLED CANCELLED AMERICAN EAGLE S/ 25189 1057 4.2 103 43282 1837 4.2 17 AMERICAN S/ 32 48963 1332 2.7 92 64075 1563 2.4 ALOHA S/ 1 92 0 8 5635 118 2.1 N/A 54946 DELTA S/ 31 1214 2.2 109 73793 1522 2.1 AMERICA WEST S/ 26 14060 272 1.9 51 18282 360 2.0 UNITED S/ 31 51941 1114 2.1 95 63938 1276 2.0 8 ALASKA S/ 7679 122 1.6 36 13598 233 1.7 US AIRWAYS S/ 28 47513 718 1.5 89 63437 953 1.5 NORTHWEST S/ 32 32216 440 1.4 112 47345 593 1.3 TRANS WORLD S/ 30 16511 137 0.8 70 21909 170 0.8 CONTINENTAL S/ 31 25145 199 0.8 84 33286 245 0.7 SOUTHWEST S/ 15 34408 248 0.7 58 81360 582 0.7 TOTAL 358,663 6,853 1.9 529,940 9452 1.8

## FOOTNOTES FOR TABLES 1 THROUGH 6 (FLIGHT DELAYS) AND 8 (CANCELLATIONS)

- A See Appendix for list of carrier codes.
- B See Appendix for list of 32 airports for which data must be reported. Data include all reported domestic flight operations to the 32 reportable airports (e.g., Albany to Atlanta, Toledo to Boston).
- All domestic airports for which carriers reported data. Data include all reported domestic flight operations to the 32 reportable airports and from those airports to other destinations (e.g., Albany to Atlanta, and Atlanta to Albany). In addition, for carriers that reported data for their entire domestic systems, the data also include all reported domestic flight operations between non-required airports (e.g., Albany to Toledo).
- **D** "On time" means an arrival less than 15 minutes after scheduled arrival time; cancelled and diverted flights are not considered on-time arrivals.
- E "On time" means a departure less than 15 minutes after scheduled departure time; cancelled flights are not considered on-time departures; diverted flights may be on time or late departures, depending on actual departure time.
- **F** Incomplete data; percentage based on operations reported.
- **G** Carrier did not report useable data.
- **H** Carrier did not serve airport.
- I Regularly scheduled flights are those for which the carrier reported at least 15 operations for the month.
- J Blanks in any time interval in Tables 3 and 4 indicate no arrival operations (Table 3) or departure operations (Table 4) for domestic flights of the reporting carriers during that time period. Other carriers, including code-sharing partners, may operate during those periods.
- S Carrier reported data for entire domestic system.
- V Carrier reported data voluntarily.

## **APPENDIX**

NOTE: The Department of Transportation has screened the reporting carriers' data for completeness and verified all arithmetic data elements computed by the carriers (e.g., length of delay). Individual flight operations records with incorrect calculations, erroneous city-pairs, or missing data elements were rejected and excluded from the data base; such rejected records accounted for less than 0.01% of the flight operations records submitted. Any errors in the data base with respect to basic flight data -- non-computed data elements such as flight numbers, scheduled and actual arrival/departure times, days of operation -- are the responsibility of the reporting carrier.

Airports Covered by the Rule		Air Carr
Atlanta. Hartsfield	ATL	Data to
Baltimore/Washington. International	BWI	
Boston. Logan International	BOS	AS
Charlotte. Douglas	CLT	HP
Chicago. Midway	MDW	AA
Chicago. O'Hare	ORD	MC
Cincinnati. Greater Cincinnati	CVG	CC
Dallas-Fort Worth. International	DFW	DL
Denver. International	DEN	NV
Detroit. Metro Wayne County	DTW	WI
Ft. Lauderdale. International	FLL	TW
Houston. George Bush	IAH	UA
Las Vegas. McCarran International	LAS	US
Los Angeles. International	LAX	
Miami. International	MIA	41.0
Minneapolis-St. Paul. International	MSP	Air Carr
Newark. International	EWR	<u>Data to</u>
New York. JFK International	JFK	4.0
New York. LaGuardia	LGA	AC
Orlando. International	MCO	
Philadelphia. International	PHL	
Phoenix. Sky Harbor International	PHX	
Pittsburgh. Greater International	PIT	
Portland. International	PDX	
St. Louis. Lambert	STL	
Salt Lake City. International	SLC	
San Diego. Lindbergh Field	SAN	
San Francisco. International	SFO	
Seattle-Tacoma. International	SEA	
Tampa. Tampa International	TPA	
Washington. Dulles International	IAD	
Washington. Reagan National	DCA	

## Air Carriers Required to Report Data to DOT and to CRS Vendors

AS Alaska Airlines
HP America West Airlines
AA American Airlines
MQ American Eagle Airlines
CO Continental Airlines
DL Delta Air Lines
NW Northwest Airlines
WN Southwest Airlines
TW Trans World Airlines
UA United Airlines
US Airways

## Air Carriers Voluntarily Reporting Data to DOT and to CRS Vendors

AQ Aloha Airlines

## **MISHANDLED BAGGAGE**

This section gives the rate of mishandled-baggage reports per 1,000 passengers by carrier and for the industry. The rate is based on the total number of reports each carrier received from passengers concerning lost, damaged, delayed or pilfered baggage. As with the data on flight delays in the previous section, these baggage statistics are filed with DOT's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (Office of Airline Information) on a monthly basis by U.S. airlines that have at least one percent of total domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues. See 14 CFR Part 234.

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## **MISHANDLED BAGGAGE REPORTS**

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## U.S. AIRLINES\*

			MAY 2001			MAY 2000					
RANK	AIRLINE	TOTAL BAGGAGE REPORTS	ENPLANED PASSENGERS	REPORTS PER 1,000 PASSENGERS	TOTAL BAGGAGE REPORTS	ENPLANED PASSENGERS	REPORTS PER 1,000 PASSENGERS				
1	ALASKA AIRLINES	2,831	1,039,701	2.72	3,116	988,920	3.15				
2	NORTHWEST AIRLINES	14,023	4,281,334	3.28	20,587	4,134,693	4.98				
3	AMERICA WEST AIRLINES	5,853	1,782,927	3.28	9,894	1,711,514	5.78				
4	DELTA AIR LINES	27,584	8,223,371	3.35	32,654	8,969,160	3.64				
5	AMERICAN AIRLINES	21,038	5,972,265	3.52	32,410	5,963,005	5.44				
6	CONTINENTAL AIRLINES	12,764	3,436,805	3.71	15,256	3,181,001	4.80				
7	US AIRWAYS	19,973	5,208,183	3.83	23,084	5,056,713	4.57				
8	SOUTHWEST AIRLINES	28,937	6,794,003	4.26	26,078	6,303,868	4.14				
9	UNITED AIRLINES	27,871	6,516,716	4.28	43,493	6,482,313	6.71				
10	TRANS WORLD AIRLINES	9,694	2,034,258	4.77	11,642	2,226,295	5.23				
11	AMERICAN EAGLE	5,334	1,110,961	4.80	*	*					
	TOTALS	175,902	46,400,524	3.79	218,214	45,017,482	4.85				

NOTES: For simplicity, statistics are displayed to two decimal places. Actual ranking order is based on our computer carrying out the number of decimal places to nine.

TOTAL BAGGAGE REPORTS—For the domestic system only. These are passenger reports of mishandled baggage, including those that did not subsequently result in claims for compensation.

ENPLANED PASSENGERS—For the domestic system only.

U.S. Airlines with at least one percent of total domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues. American Eagle reporting effective January 2001.

## **OVERSALES**

This section furnishes data on the number of passengers who hold confirmed reservations and are denied boarding ("bumped") from a flight because it is oversold. These figures include only passengers whose oversold flight departs without them; they do not include passengers affected by cancelled, delayed or diverted flights.

The report includes U.S. airlines that have at least one percent of total domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues (see footnote on chart for details). It provides system data for scheduled passenger service on domestic flights and data on international flight segments that originate in the United States. Information is displayed for the latest available quarter and for the year to date, for the current period and for the same period in the previous year. The data are reported quarterly to DOT's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (Office of Airline Information). The reporting requirement is found in 14 C.F.R. 250.10.

These tables give information by carrier on the number of passengers bumped involuntarily and on the number who voluntarily gave up their seat on an oversold flight in exchange for compensation. Also shown is the rate of involuntary denied boardings per 10,000 passengers. This rate determines the order in which carriers are listed; the airline with the lowest rate appears first. The number and rate of involuntary denied boardings include both passengers who received denied boarding compensation and passengers who did not qualify for compensation because of one of the exceptions in the oversales rule. There are three exceptions: 1) passenger accommodated on another flight scheduled to arrive within one hour of the original flight; 2) passenger fails to comply with ticketing, check-in or reconfirmation procedures; and 3) aircraft of smaller capacity is substituted. Totals appear at the end of each table.

The enplanement figures that are used to calculate the involuntary denied boarding rate do not include "shuttle" service on which reservations are not offered, nor do they include inbound international service, since the rule does not apply to these flights.

# JANUARY-MARCH PASSENGERS DENIED BOARDING BY U.S. AIRLINES\*

			JANUARY	/-MARCH 2001		JANUARY-MARCH 2000					
RANK	AIRLINE	DENIED BOAR		Enplaned Passengers	Involuntary DB's per 10,000 psgrs	DENIED BOARDIN Voluntary		Enplaned Passengers	Involuntary DB's per 10,000 psgrs		
1	AMERICAN AIRLINES	40,821	682	17,817,614	0.38	67,298	1,102	18,577,574	0.59		
2	DELTA AIR LINES	50,898	933	22,777,490	0.41	47,522	1,061	24,342,046	0.44		
3	AMERICA WEST AIRLINES	16,119	247	5,053,333	0.49	17,354	841	4,695,690	1.79		
4	NORTHWEST AIRLINES	24,148	622	12,017,912	0.52	24,822	141	12,132,199	0.12		
5	US AIRWAYS	26,484	708	13,550,384	0.52	22,539	998	12,400,715	0.80		
6	UNITED AIRLINES	32,692	1,412	17,280,438	0.82	30,196	3,006	18,617,529	1.61		
7	CONTINENTAL AIRLINES	17,109	1,249	9,601,442	1.30	15,608	849	9,578,794	0.89		
8	ALASKA AIRLINES	9,001	478	3,192,066	1.50	6,930	464	3,160,695	1.47		
9	SOUTHWEST AIRLINES	20,550	2,811	17,916,390	1.57	24,852	2,796	16,418,368	1.70		
10	TRANS WORLD AIRLINES	12,245	1,357	5,252,809	2.58	14,183	1,068	5,855,293	1.82		
11	AMERICAN EAGLE	488	202	508,844	3.97	508	129	538,442	2.40		
	TOTALS	250,555	10,701	124,968,722	0.86	271,812	12,455	126,317,345	0.99		

For simplicity, statistics are displayed to two decimal places. Actual ranking order is based on our computer carrying out the number of decimal places to nine.

Note: Totals for January thru March 2000 reflect corrections of the Continental Airlines and Trans World Airlines data for the 1st Q of 2000.

\* U.S. Airlines with at least one percent of total domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues. American Eagle ranking effective 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2001.

## **CONSUMER COMPLAINTS**

This section summarizes aviation consumer complaints filed with the Department in writing, by telephone, via e-mail, or in person. DOT has not determined the validity of the complaints. The report does not include safety complaints, which are handled by the Federal Aviation Administration. An explanation of each section of the report appears below:

**Summary**. Table 1 gives the total number of complaints, and also breaks down complaints by industry groups (U.S. airlines, tour operators, etc.). As with most other sections of the report, figures for the current month are compared to the same month in the previous year.

**Complaint Categories**. Table 2 ranks the categories of complaints (baggage, refunds, etc.). Beginning with the October 2000 report, "Animals" was added as a new category. A detailed explanation of each category appears at the end of the report.

**U.S. Airlines**. Table 3 shows the number of complaints against individual U.S. airlines, listed alphabetically and broken down by complaint category.

**Incident Date**. Table 4 shows the number of complaints against individual U.S. airlines, listed alphabetically and broken down by the percentage of complaints where the incident occurred in the most recent month versus previous periods. (Table 4 data are not included in YTD reports.)

**Companies Other Than U.S. Airlines**. Table 5 (Table 4 in YTD reports) provides the same information as above for foreign airlines, and for tour operators, travel agents, etc.

**Airline Rankings**: Table 6 (Table 5 in YTD reports) ranks the largest U.S. airlines (those that each account for one percent of total domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues) according to the rate of complaints per 100,000 passengers. This ranking takes into account airline size when identifying the carriers against whom the most complaints have been filed.

Table 1

## AIR TRAVEL CONSUMER REPORT CONSUMER COMPLAINTS SUMMARY

		MAY	2001		MAY 2000					
	COMPLAINTS	OPINIONS	COMPLIMENTS	INFO REQUESTS	COMPLAINTS	OPINIONS	COMPLIMENTS	INFO REQUESTS		
U.S. AIRLINES	987	54	8	29	1,544	137	10	104		
FOREIGN AIRLINES	135	3	0	4	145	2	0	2		
TRAVEL AGENTS	15	0	0	0	17	1	0	0		
TOUR OPERATORS	7	0	0	0	8	1	0	0		
MISCELLANEOUS*	14	8	0	14	15	9	0	11		
INDUSTRY TOTALS	1,158	65	8	47	1,729	150	10	117		

<sup>\*</sup> EFFECTIVE WITH THE SEPTEMBER 1999 REPORT, COMPLAINTS AGAINST "CARGO COMPANIES" (FORMERLY A SEPARATE GROUPING) ARE INCLUDED WITH THE "MISCELLANEOUS" GROUPING.

Table 2 AIR TRAVEL CONSUMER REPORT

## COMPLAINT CATEGORIES\*

		MAY 2001		MAY 2000					
COMPLAINT CATEGORY	RANKING	COMPLAINTS**	SUB CATEGORY	RANKING	COMPLAINTS**	SUB CATEGORY			
COM EXERT CATEGORY	TOTAL		SOB CATEGORY	TOWNE		SOB CATEGORY			
FLIGHT PROBLEMS DELAYS CANCELLATIONS MISCONNECTIONS	1	399	140 136 41	1	648	220 240 66			
CUSTOMER SERVICE	2	212		2	341				
BAGGAGE	3	175		3	228				
RES/TKTG/BOARDING	4	115		4	125				
REFUNDS	5	60		5	93				
FARES	6	50		7	79				
OVERSALES	7	49		6	80				
DISABILITY	8	48		9	50				
OTHER FREQUENT FLYER	9	40	17	8	76	38			
TOURS OR CHARTERS	10	4		11	4				
ADVERTISING	10	4		10	5				
ANIMALS	12	2		12	0				
COMPLAINT TOTAL		1,158			1,729				

NOTE: EFFECTIVE WITH THE OCTOBER 2000 REPORT, "ANIMALS" WAS ADDED AS A NEW CATEGORY.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>ast}$  A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE COMPLAINT CATEGORIES IS ATTACHED.  $^{\ast\ast}$  INCLUDES FIGURES FOR SUB-CATEGORIES.

Table 3

### AIR TRAVEL CONSUMER REPORT

### COMPLAINTS AGAINST U.S. AIRLINES BY COMPLAINT CATEGORY\*

MAY 2001

U.S. AIRLINES**	FLIGHT	OVER-	RES/TKTG/				CUSTOMER	DIS-	ADVER-				
ALPHABETICAL	PROBLEMS	SALES	BOARDING	FARES	REFUNDS	BAGGAGE	SERVICE	ABILITY	TISING	TOURS	ANIMALS	OTHER	TOTAL
AIRTRAN AIRWAYS	10	2	4	1	2	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	31
ALASKA AIRLINES	4	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
AMERICA WEST AIRLINES	22	3	3	0	1	7	7	3	0	0	0	1	47
AMERICAN AIRLINES	55	6	17	5	4	24	34	11	1	0	2	9	168
AMERICAN EAGLE	5	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	12
AMERICAN TRANS AIR	10	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST AIRLINES	3	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	8
COMAIR	4	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
CONTINENTAL AIRLINES	16	2	9	3	2	7	15	6	0	0	0	4	64
DELTA AIR LINES	36	1	9	12	6	18	22	2	0	0	0	8	114
DELTA CONNECTION	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	8
HAWAIIAN AIRLINES	2	0	4	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	11
MIDWAY AIRLINES	3	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	8
NATIONAL AIRLINES	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
NORTHWEST AIRLINES	23	5	12	4	5	7	14	2	0	0	0	1	73
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES	3	0	2	0	0	4	6	2	0	0	0	0	17
SPIRIT AIRLINES	9	3	3	0	2	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	24
SUN COUNTRY AIRLINES	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
TRANS WORLD AIRLINES	11	0	8	2	4	5	9	1	0	0	0	3	43
UNITED AIRLINES	81	8	10	6	5	24	37	5	0	0	0	4	180
UNITED EXPRESS	1	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	7
US AIRWAYS	28	1	4	7	4	5	13	6	1	0	0	1	70
VANGUARD AIRLINES	6	1	1	0	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	16
OTHER U.S. AIRLINES	15	2	3	2	7	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	41
TOTAL MAY 2001	357	42	94	43	46	133	190	45	3	0	2	32	987
% OF TOTAL COMPLAINTS	36.2	4.3	9.5	4.4	4.7	13.5	19.3	4.6	0.3	0.0	0.2	3.2	307
70 O. TOTAL COM LAINTS	30.2	1.5	3.3		1.7	13.3	13.3	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.2	J. L	
TOTAL MAY 2000	611	69	105	69	74	186	310	47	4	3	0	66	1,544
% OF TOTAL COMPLAINTS	39.6	4.5	6.8	4.5	4.8	12.0	20.1	3.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	4.3	

<sup>\*</sup> EFFECTIVE WITH THE OCTOBER 2000 REPORT, "ANIMALS" WAS ADDED AS A NEW CATEGORY.

<sup>\*\*</sup>AIRLINES ARE LISTED INDIVIDUALLY IF DOT RECEIVED 5 OR MORE COMPLAINTS AGAINST THEM DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. COMPLAINTS AGAINST U.S. AIRLINES ACCOUNTING FOR FEWER COMPLAINTS THAN THAT ARE INCLUDED UNDER 'OTHER U.S. AIRLINES'.

Table 4

## AIR TRAVEL CONSUMER REPORT

## COMPLAINTS AGAINST U.S. AIRLINES BY INCIDENT DATE

MAY 2001

U.S. AIRLINES* ALPHABETICAL	COMPS RECD IN MAY	INCI- DENTS IN MAY	PERCENT	INCI- DENTS IN APRIL	PERCENT	INCI- DENTS IN ALL PRIOR MONTHS	PERCENT	UN- KNOWN INCI- DENT DATE	PERCENT
AIRTRAN AIRWAYS	31	12	38.7	8	25.8	5	16.1	6	19.4
ALASKA AIRLINES	9	2	22.2	3	33.3	0	0.0	4	44.4
AMERICA WEST AIRLINES	47	7	14.9	6	12.8	10	21.3	24	51.1
AMERICAN AIRLINES	168	15	8.9	16	9.5	30	17.9	107	63.7
AMERICAN EAGLE	12	2	16.7	1	8.3	0	0.0	9	75.0
AMERICAN TRANS AIR	13	4	30.8	0	0.0	3	23.1	6	46.2
ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST AIRLINES	8	1	12.5	0	0.0	4	50.0	3	37.5
COMAIR	9	0	0.0	1	11.1	0	0.0	8	88.9
CONTINENTAL AIRLINES	64	19	29.7	6	9.4	9	14.1	30	46.9
DELTA AIR LINES	114	25	21.9	12	10.5	32	28.1	45	39.5
DELTA CONNECTION	8	0	0.0	3	37.5	0	0.0	5	62.5
HAWAIIAN AIRLINES	11	1	9.1	0	0.0	6	54.5	4	36.4
MIDWAY AIRLINES	8	3	37.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	62.5
NATIONAL AIRLINES	7	1	14.3	1	14.3	1	14.3	4	57.1
NORTHWEST AIRLINES	73	7	9.6	8	11.0	13	17.8	45	61.6
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES	17	3	17.6	3	17.6	3	17.6	8	47.1
SPIRIT AIRLINES	24	5	20.8	1	4.2	5	20.8	13	54.2
SUN COUNTRY AIRLINES	7	1	14.3	1	14.3	1	14.3	4	57.1
TRANS WORLD AIRLINES	43	12	27.9	4	9.3	4	9.3	23	53.5
UNITED AIRLINES	180	33	18.3	32	17.8	24	13.3	91	50.6
UNITED EXPRESS	7	3	42.9	3	42.9	0	0.0	1	14.3
US AIRWAYS	70	17	24.3	13	18.6	11	15.7	29	41.4
VANGUARD AIRLINES	16	1	6.2	1	6.2	4	25.0	10	62.5
OTHER U.S. AIRLINES	41	8	19.5	8	19.5	7	17.1	18	43.9
TOTALS	987	182	18.4	131	13.3	172	17.4	502	50.9
PREVIOUS YEAR'S TOTALS	1,544	664	43.0	450	29.1	336	21.8	94	6.1

<sup>\*</sup>AIRLINES ARE LISTED INDIVIDUALLY IF DOT RECEIVED 5 OR MORE COMPLAINTS AGAINST THEM DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. COMPLAINTS AGAINST U.S. AIRLINES ACCOUNTING FOR FEWER COMPLAINTS THAN THAT ARE INCLUDED UNDER 'OTHER U.S. AIRLINES'.

Table 5

## AIR TRAVEL CONSUMER REPORT

### COMPANIES OTHER THAN U.S. AIRLINES\* BY COMPLAINT CATEGORY\*\*

MAY 2001

1	FLIGHT PROBLEMS	OVER- SALES	RES/TKTG/ BOARDING	FARES	REFUNDS	BAGGAGE	CUSTOMER SERVICE	DIS- ABILITY	ADVER- TISING	TOURS	ANIMALS	OTHER	TOTAL
FOREIGN AIRLINES													
AIR FRANCE	3	0	3	1	0	7	3	1	0	0	0	0	18
AIR JAMAICA	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
ALITALIA AIRLINES	3	0	3	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	13
BRITISH AIRWAYS	3	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	8
IBERIA AIRLINES	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
KLM	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	9
LUFTHANSA	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
OTHER FOREIGN AIRLINES	17	3	5	2	6	26	6	1	0	2	0	2	70
TOTALS	34	7	15	4	6	40	19	3	0	2	0	5	135
TRAVEL AGENTS													
PRICELINE.COM	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5
OTHER TRAVEL AGENTS	0	0	1	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	10
TOTALS	0	0	3	2	6	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	15
TOUR OPERATORS													
OTHER TOUR OPERATORS	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	7
TOTALS	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	7
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>													
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	4	0	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	14
TOTALS	4	0	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	14

<sup>\*</sup> COMPANIES ARE LISTED INDIVIDUALLY IF DOT RECEIVED 5 OR MORE COMPLAINTS AGAINST THEM DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. COMPLAINTS AGAINST COMPAINES ACCOUNTING FOR FEWER COMPLAINTS THAN THAT ARE INCLUDED UNDER 'OTHER FOREIGN AIRLINES,' 'OTHER TOUR OPERATORS,' ETC.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star\star}$  effective with the october 2000 report, "animals" is added as a new category.

TABLE 6

MAY
CONSUMER COMPLAINTS: RANKINGS
U.S. AIRLINES \*

			MAY 2001		MAY 2000			
Rank	Airline	COMPLAINTS	SYSTEMWIDE ENPLANEMENTS	COMPLAINTS PER 100,000 ENPLANEMENTS	COMPLAINTS	SYSTEMWIDE ENPLANEMENTS	COMPLAINTS PER 100,000 ENPLANEMENTS	
1	SOUTHWEST AIRLINES	17	6,618,574	0.26	29	6,314,868	0.46	
2	ALASKA AIRLINES	9	1,195,523	0.75	28	1,130,084	2.48	
3	AMERICAN EAGLE AIRLINES	12	1,140,060	1.05	37	1,043,519	3.55	
4	US AIRWAYS	70	5,492,392	1.27	120	5,262,757	2.28	
5	DELTA AIR LINES	114	8,588,957	1.33	151	9,378,949	1.61	
6	NORTHWEST AIRLINES	73	4,964,497	1.47	109	5,025,627	2.17	
7	CONTINENTAL AIRLINES	64	3,924,439	1.63	88	3,916,828	2.25	
8	TRANS WORLD AIRLINES	43	2,010,109	2.14	80	2,306,275	3.47	
9	AMERICAN AIRLINES	168	7,017,658	2.39	206	7,439,695	2.77	
10	UNITED AIRLINES	180	7,016,299	2.57	372	7,298,937	5.10	
11	AMERICA WEST AIRLINES	47	1,744,669	2.69	96	1,743,456	5.51	
	TOTAL	797	49,713,177	1.60	1,316	50,860,995	2.59	

Note: For simplicity, statistics are displayed to two decimal places. Actual ranking order is based on our computer carrying out the number of decimal places to nine.

<sup>\*</sup> U.S. airlines with at least one percent of total domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues. American Eagle ranking effective January 2001.

## **COMPLAINT CATEGORIES\***

Flight Problems: Cancellations, delays, or any other deviations from schedule, whether planned or unplanned.

**Oversales:** All bumping problems, whether or not the airline complied with DOT oversale regulations.

**Reservations, Ticketing, Boarding:** Airline or travel agent mistakes in reservations and ticketing; problems in making reservations and obtaining tickets due to busy telephone lines or waiting in line, or delays in mailing tickets. Problems boarding the aircraft (except oversales).

**Fares:** Incorrect or incomplete information about fares, discount fare conditions and availability, overcharges, fare increases and level of fares in general.

**Refunds:** Problems in obtaining refunds for unused or lost tickets, fare adjustments, or bankruptcies.

**Baggage:** Claims for lost, damaged or delayed baggage, charges for excess baggage, carry-on problems, and difficulties with airline claims procedures.

**Customer Service:** Rude or unhelpful employees, inadequate meals or cabin service, treatment of delayed passengers.

**Disability:** Civil rights complaints by air travelers with disabilities.

**Advertising**: Advertising that is unfair, misleading or offensive to consumers.

**Tours:** Problems with scheduled or charter tour packages.

**Animals:** Loss, injury or death of an animal during air transport provided by an air carrier.

**Other:** Frequent flyer, smoking, credit, cargo problems, security, airport facilities, claims for bodily injury, and others not classified above.

\*Note: Effective with the October 2000 report, "animals" was added as a new category.