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August 2008 Airline Traffic Data: Eight-Month 2008 System Traffic Down 1.4 Percent from 2007 and Down 5.1 Percent in August

The number of scheduled domestic and international passengers on U.S. airlines during the first eight months of 2008 declined by 1.4 percent from the same period in 2007, dropping to 516.2 million, 7.3 million fewer than a year earlier, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) today reported in a release of preliminary data (Table 1).

BTS, a part of DOT's Research and Innovative Technology Administration, reported that U.S. airlines carried 2.1 percent fewer domestic passengers and 4.1 percent more international passengers during the first eight months of 2008 than during the same period in 2007 (Tables 7, 13).

In August, the most recent data month, U.S. airlines carried 67.7 million scheduled domestic and international passengers, 5.1 percent fewer than in August 2007, the sixth consecutive monthly decline from the same month of the previous year (Table 2). The number of domestic passengers decreased 6.1 percent in August from a year earlier and international passengers increased 2.0 percent (Tables 7, 13).

The combined domestic and international system load factor of 80.5 percent for January through August was down 0.7 load factor points from last year's record for the eight-month period (Table 1). Load factor measures the use of the airlines' passenger capacity.

Top Airlines

Southwest Airlines carried more total system and more domestic passengers for the first eight months than any other U.S. airline (Tables 3 and 9). American Airlines carried more international passengers than any other U.S. carrier (Table 15).

America West Airlines and US Airways now operate under a single certificate and report jointly as US Airways. Numbers reported as US Airways in this release for previous years do not include America West's numbers. See the notes for system, domestic and international airline ranking tables 3, 4, 9, 10, 15 and 16 for America West's 2007 passenger numbers.

BTS has introduced new air cargo carrier snapshots in addition to passenger carrier snapshots. Snapshots for 24 cargo carriers with more than \$20 million annual operating revenue can be found, along with the passenger carrier snapshots, at <http://www.transtats.bts.gov/carriers.asp>

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Top Airports

More total system and domestic passengers boarded planes in the first eight months at Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International than at any other U.S. airport (Tables 5 and 11); and more international passengers boarded U.S. carriers at Miami International than at any other U.S. airport (Table 17).

Flights Operated

U.S. carriers operated 7.0 million domestic and international flights in the first eight months of 2008, 2.3 percent fewer than were operated during the same period in 2007 (Table 1). Domestic flights decreased 2.6 percent from the previous year while international flights were up 0.5 percent (Tables 7, 13).

In August, U.S. airlines operated 897,800 scheduled domestic and international flights, down 5.7 percent from the number of flights operated in August 2007 (Table 1). The number of domestic flights decreased 6.0 percent in August from a year earlier while international flights were down 2.4 percent (Tables 7, 13).

System (Domestic + International) Comparisons (Tables 1-6)

In other total system comparisons from the first eight months of 2007 to the first eight months of 2008 and from August 2007 to August 2008 (Table 1):

Revenue passenger-miles (RPMs), a measure of the number of passengers and the distance flown, were up 0.5 percent in the first eight months of 2008. In August, RPMs were down 2.6 percent.

Available seat-miles (ASMs), a measure of airline capacity using the number of seats and the distance flown, were up 1.3 percent in the first eight months of 2008. In August, ASMs were down 1.2 percent.

Passenger load factor, passenger miles as a proportion of available seat-miles, was down 0.7 load factor points at 80.5 percent in the first eight months of 2008. In August, load factor decreased 1.2 load factor points to 83.2 percent.

Flight stage length, the average non-stop distance flown per departure, was up 2.8 percent in the first eight months of 2008. In August, flight stage length was up 3.0 percent.

Passenger trip length, the average distance flown per passenger, was up 1.9 percent in the first eight months of 2008. In August, passenger trip length was up 2.7 percent.

Among U.S. airlines, Southwest carried 70.6 million passengers on its system in the first eight months of 2008, the most of any airline (Table 3). In August, Southwest carried 9.0 million passengers on its system, the most of any airline (Table 4).

Among airports, Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson was the busiest U.S. airport in the first eight months of 2008, with 29.1 million domestic and international passenger boardings (Table 5). In August, Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson was the busiest U.S. airport with 3.9 million domestic and international passenger boardings on U. S. carriers (Table 6).

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Domestic Air Travel (Tables 7-12)

U.S. airlines carried 451.4 million scheduled domestic passengers during the first eight months of 2008, down 2.1 percent from the 461.3 million carried during the same period in 2007 (Table 7). The passengers were carried on 6.4 million flights, down 2.6 percent from the number of flights operated in 2007 (Table 7).

In the most recent data month, August, the airlines carried 58.8 million scheduled domestic passengers, down 6.1 percent from the number of passengers carried during August 2007 (Table 8). The passengers were carried on 820,100 flights, down 6.0 percent from the 872,300 flights operated in August 2007 (Table 7).

In other domestic comparisons from the first eight months of 2007 to the first eight months of 2008 and from August 2007 to August 2008 (Table 7):

Domestic revenue passenger-miles (RPMs), a measure of the number of passengers and the distance flown, were down 1.6 percent in the first eight months of 2008. In August, domestic RPMs were down 5.6 percent.

Domestic available seat-miles (ASMs), a measure of airline capacity using the number of seats and the distance flown, were down 0.7 percent in the first eight months of 2008. In August, domestic ASMs were down 3.9 percent.

Domestic passenger load factor, passenger miles as a proportion of available seat-miles, was down 0.7 load factor points at 80.7 percent in the first eight months of 2008. In August, domestic load factor was down 1.5 load factor points at 83.4 percent.

Domestic flight stage length, the average non-stop distance flown per departure, was up 1.8 percent in the first eight months of 2008. In August, domestic flight stage length was up 1.6 percent.

Domestic passenger trip length, the average distance flown per passenger, was up 0.5 percent in the first eight months of 2008. In August, domestic passenger trip length was also up 0.5 percent.

Southwest carried 70.6 million domestic passengers in the first eight months of 2008, the most of any airline (Table 9). In August, Southwest carried 9.0 million domestic passengers, the most of any airline (Table 10).

Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson was the busiest domestic airport in the first eight months of 2008, with 26.3 million domestic passenger boardings (Table 11). In August, Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson was the busiest domestic airport with 3.5 million domestic passenger boardings (Table 12).

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International Air Travel (Tables 13-18)

U.S. airlines carried 64.7 million scheduled international passengers during the first eight months of 2008, up 4.1 percent from the 62.2 million carried during the same period in 2007 (Table 14). The passengers were carried on 594,000 flights, up 0.5 percent from the 591,400 flights operated in 2007 (Table 13).

In the most recent data month, August, the airlines carried 8.9 million scheduled international passengers, up 2.0 percent from the number of passengers carried during August 2007. The passengers were carried on 77,700 flights, down 2.4 percent from the 79,600 flights operated in August 2007 (Table 13).

In other international comparisons from the first eight months of 2007 to the first eight months of 2008 and from August 2007 to August 2008 (Table 13):

International revenue passenger-miles (RPMs), a measure of the number of passengers and the distance flown, were up 5.8 percent in the first eight months of 2008. In August, international RPMs were up 4.8 percent.

International available seat-miles (ASMs), a measure of airline capacity using the number of seats and the distance flown, were up 6.5 percent in the first eight months of 2008. In August, international ASMs were up 5.2 percent.

International passenger load factor, passenger miles as a proportion of available seat-miles, was down 0.5 load factor points to 80.0 percent in the first eight months of 2008. In August, international load factor was down 0.3 load factor points to 82.8 percent.

International flight stage length, the average non-stop distance flown per departure, was up 5.0 percent in the first eight months of 2008. In August, international flight stage length was up 6.1 percent.

International passenger trip length, the average distance flown per passenger, was up 1.6 percent in the first eight months of 2008. In August, international passenger trip length was up 2.7 percent.

American carried 14.8 million international passengers in the first eight months of 2008, the most of any U.S. airline (Table 15). In August, American carried 2.0 million international passengers, the most of any U.S. airline (Table 16).

Miami International was the busiest U.S. airport for international travel on U.S. carriers in the first eight months of 2008, with 3.5 million international passenger boardings (Table 17). In August, Miami was the busiest U.S. airport for international travel on U.S. carriers with 460,500 international passenger boardings (Table 18).

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Reporting Notes

Data are compiled from monthly reports filed with BTS by commercial U.S. air carriers detailing operations, passenger traffic and freight traffic. This release includes data received by BTS from 87 carriers as of Nov. 7 for U.S. carrier **scheduled** civilian operations. Go to <http://www.transtats.bts.gov/releaseinfo.asp> for the complete list of reporting and non-reporting carriers. U.S. carriers' foreign point-to-point flights are included in system and international totals. To create a customized table for passengers, flights, RPMs, ASMs and other data, including non-scheduled service, go to http://www.bts.gov/programs/airline_information/air_carrier_traffic_statistics/.

Additional traffic numbers are available on the BTS website at TranStats, the Intermodal Transportation Database, at <http://transtats.bts.gov>. Click on "Aviation." For system passengers, RPMs and ASMs by carrier through August, click on "Air Carrier Summary Data (Form 41 and 298C Summary Data)," and then click on "Schedule T-1." Use crosstabs to find scheduled service.

For domestic numbers through August and international numbers through May by origin as well as by carrier, after clicking on "Aviation," click on "Air Carrier Statistics (Form 41 Traffic)." Click on "T-100 Market" for system passenger numbers, "T-100 Domestic Market" for domestic or "T-100 International Market" for international. For flights, stage length and trip length, use the appropriate T-100 Segment database. Use crosstabs to find scheduled service.

TranStats system and international totals do not include U.S. carriers' foreign point-to-point flights. For August, U.S. carriers reported 232,194 foreign point-to-point passengers. For January through August, U.S. carriers reported 1,904,315 foreign point-to-point passengers.

Data are subject to revision. BTS has scheduled Dec. 11 for the release of September traffic data.

Table 1: Scheduled System (Domestic and International) Airline Travel on U.S. Carriers

	Monthly			Year-to-Date		
	Aug 2007	Aug 2008	Change %	2007	2008	Change %
Passengers (in millions)	71.3	67.7	-5.1	523.5	516.2	-1.4
Flights (in thousands)	951.9	897.8	-5.7	7,172.2	7,004.3	-2.3
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	78.3	76.3	-2.6	564.2	566.8	0.5
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	92.8	91.7	-1.2	695.1	704.4	1.3
Load Factor*	84.4	83.2	-1.2	81.2	80.5	-0.7
Flight Stage Length**	709.3	730.5	3.0	704.8	724.7	2.8
Passenger Trip Length***	1,097.7	1,126.9	2.7	1,077.7	1,098.1	1.9

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market and Segment

*Change in load factor points

**The average non-stop distance flown per departure in miles

*** The average distance flown per passenger in miles

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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Table 2. Total System (Domestic and International) Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Carriers

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

	2006	2007	2006-2007 Pct. Change	2008	2007-2008 Pct. Change
January	55.6	57.1	2.8	57.8	1.1
February	53.3	54.1	1.4	56.6	4.6
March	65.8	67.2	2.0	67.1	-0.1
April	63.2	64.9	2.7	63.1	-2.8
May	64.4	66.8	3.6	65.9	-1.3
June	67.2	69.7	3.7	67.8	-2.7
July	69.5	72.4	4.2	70.3	-2.9
August	66.5	71.3	7.3	67.7	-5.1
September	56.4	59.2	4.9		
October	61.6	64.2	4.1		
November	60.3	61.9	2.7		
December	60.7	60.8	0.2		
8 Mo. Total	505.6	523.5	3.5	516.2	-1.4
Yr. Total	744.7	769.6	3.3		

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Table 3. Top 10 U.S. Airlines, ranked by January-August 2008 System* Scheduled Enplanements

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Aug 2008 Rank	Carrier	Jan-Aug 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Aug 2007 Rank	Jan-Aug 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007- 2008
1	Southwest	70.593	1	69.056	2.2
2	American	64.573	2	66.558	-3.0
3	Delta	48.671	3	49.853	-2.4
4	United	44.127	4	47.072	-6.3
5	US Airways**	37.889	7	25.599	48.0
6	Northwest	34.645	5	36.776	-5.8
7	Continental	33.288	6	33.530	-0.7
8	AirTran	17.170	8	16.086	6.7
9	JetBlue	15.298	10	14.651	4.4
10	SkyWest	14.267	9	14.862	-4.0

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

* System equals domestic plus international

** US Airways' Jan-Aug 2008 number is the report of the merged US Airways and America West. The Jan-Aug 2007 numbers were reported separately by US Airways and America West. America West reported 14.389 million system passengers in Jan-Aug 2007.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Note: Alaska Airlines, Allegiant Air, Republic Airlines, Shuttle America and Virgin America Airlines have requested confidentiality for traffic data. The airlines' numbers are included in summary numbers in this press release but not in individual airline ranking tables pending resolution of the confidentiality motions.

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Table 4. Top 10 U.S. Airlines, ranked by August 2008 System* Scheduled Enplanements

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Aug 2008 Rank	Carrier	Aug 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Aug 2007 Rank	Aug 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Southwest	8.970	1	9.605	-6.6
2	American	8.439	2	8.811	-4.2
3	Delta	6.475	3	6.781	-4.5
4	United	5.919	4	6.258	-5.4
5	US Airways**	4.898	7	3.389	44.5
6	Northwest	4.480	6	4.562	-1.8
7	Continental	4.377	5	4.853	-9.8
8	AirTran	2.411	8	2.303	4.7
9	JetBlue	2.095	10	2.025	3.5
10	SkyWest	1.879	9	2.066	-9.1

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

* System equals domestic plus international

** US Airways' August 2008 number is the report of the merged US Airways and America West. The August 2007 numbers were reported separately by US Airways. America West reported 1.884 million system passengers in August 2007.

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Table 5. Top 10 U.S. Airports, ranked by January-August 2008 System* Scheduled Enplanements

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Aug 2008 Rank	Airport	Jan-Aug 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Aug 2007 Rank	Jan-Aug 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Atlanta	29.114	1	28.747	1.3
2	Chicago O'Hare	21.604	2	23.258	-7.1
3	Dallas/Ft.Worth	18.308	3	18.938	-3.3
4	Denver	16.530	5	16.196	2.1
5	Los Angeles	15.638	4	16.234	-3.7
6	Las Vegas	13.831	6	14.368	-3.7
7	Houston Bush	13.475	8	13.642	-1.2
8	Phoenix	13.326	7	14.105	-5.5
9	New York JFK	11.687	13	11.287	3.5
10	Charlotte	11.637	14	11.115	4.7

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

* System equals domestic plus international

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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Table 6. Top 10 U.S. Airports ranked by August 2008 System* Scheduled Enplanements

Aug 2008 Rank	Airport	Aug 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Aug 2007 Rank	Aug 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Atlanta	3.861	1	3.916	-1.4
2	Chicago O'Hare	2.873	2	3.079	-6.7
3	Dallas/Ft.Worth	2.361	3	2.489	-5.1
4	Denver	2.234	5	2.232	0.1
5	Los Angeles	2.151	4	2.316	-7.1
6	Houston Bush	1.745	8	1.773	-1.6
7	Las Vegas	1.740	6	1.910	-8.9
8	New York JFK	1.664	9	1.640	1.5
9	Phoenix	1.588	7	1.774	-10.5
10	Seattle	1.580	12	1.551	1.8

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

* System equals domestic plus international

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Table 7: Domestic Scheduled Airline Travel on U.S. Carriers

	Aug 2007	Monthly Aug 2008	Change %	Year-to-Date 2007	Year-to-Date 2008	Change %
Passengers (in millions)	62.7	58.8	-6.1	461.3	451.4	-2.1
Flights (in thousands)	872.3	820.1	-6.0	6,580.9	6,410.3	-2.6
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	55.7	52.6	-5.6	403.7	397.1	-1.6
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	65.6	63.0	-3.9	495.9	492.3	-0.7
Load Factor*	84.9	83.4	-1.5	81.4	80.7	-0.7
Flight Stage Length**	618.4	628.3	1.6	617.5	628.6	1.8
Passenger Trip Length***	888.7	893.5	0.5	875.1	879.6	0.5

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Domestic Market and Segment

*Change in load factor points

**The average non-stop distance flown per departure in miles

*** The average distance flown per passenger in miles

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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Table 8. Domestic Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Carriers
 Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

	2006	2007	2006-2007 Pct. Change	2008	2007-2008 Pct. Change
January	48.9	50.0	2.3	50.3	0.5
February	47.3	47.8	0.9	49.6	3.9
March	58.3	59.2	1.6	58.6	-1.1
April	55.8	57.4	2.8	55.5	-3.3
May	57.1	59.3	3.7	57.9	-2.3
June	59.3	61.5	3.7	59.4	-3.4
July	60.8	63.5	4.3	61.3	-3.5
August	58.3	62.7	7.5	58.8	-6.1
September	49.9	52.3	4.7		
October	55.1	57.2	3.8		
November	53.9	55.0	2.2		
December	53.5	53.3	-0.5		
8 Mo. Total	445.9	461.3	3.5	451.4	-2.1
Yr. Total	658.4	679.2	3.2		

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Domestic Market
 Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Table 9. Top 10 U.S. Airlines, ranked by January-August 2008 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements
 Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Aug 2008 Rank	Carrier	Jan-Aug 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Aug 2007 Rank	Jan-Aug 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007- 2008
1	Southwest	70.593	1	69.056	2.2
2	American	49.754	2	51.854	-4.0
3	Delta	40.024	3	41.936	-4.6
4	United	36.109	4	38.937	-7.3
5	US Airways*	33.336	7	22.296	49.5
6	Northwest	27.479	5	30.024	-8.5
7	Continental	24.355	6	25.241	-3.5
8	AirTran	17.170	8	16.050	7.0
9	JetBlue	14.402	9	14.128	1.9
10	SkyWest	13.437	10	14.120	-4.8

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Domestic Market
 * US Airways' Jan-Aug 2008 number is the report of the merged US Airways and America West. The Jan-Aug 2007 numbers were reported separately by US Airways and America West. America West reported 13.463 million domestic passengers in Jan-Aug 2007.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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Table 10. Top 10 U.S. Airlines, ranked by August 2008 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Aug 2008 Rank	Carrier	Aug 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Aug 2007 Rank	Aug 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Southwest	8.970	1	9.605	-6.6
2	American	6.406	2	6.786	-5.6
3	Delta	5.206	3	5.641	-7.7
4	United	4.854	4	5.157	-5.9
5	US Airways*	4.271	7	2.903	47.1
6	Northwest	3.431	5	3.942	-13.0
7	Continental	3.178	6	3.367	-5.6
8	AirTran	2.411	8	2.299	4.9
9	JetBlue	1.944	10	1.927	0.9
10	SkyWest	1.755	9	1.956	-10.3

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Domestic Market

* US Airways' August 2008 number is the report of the merged US Airways and America West. The August 2007 numbers were reported separately by US Airways and America West. America West reported 1.771 million domestic passengers in August 2007.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Note: Alaska Airlines, Allegiant Air, Republic Airlines, Shuttle America and Virgin America Airlines have requested confidentiality for traffic data. The airlines' numbers are included in summary numbers in this press release but not in individual airline ranking tables pending resolution of the confidentiality motions.

Table 11. Top 10 U.S. Airports, ranked by January-August 2008 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Aug 2008 Rank	Airport	Jan-Aug 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Aug 2007 Rank	Jan-Aug 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Atlanta	26.264	1	26.029	0.9
2	Chicago O'Hare	19.423	2	21.015	-7.6
3	Dallas/Ft.Worth	16.873	3	17.483	-3.5
4	Denver	15.991	4	15.718	1.7
5	Los Angeles	14.306	5	14.844	-3.6
6	Las Vegas	13.734	6	14.257	-3.7
7	Phoenix	12.845	7	13.661	-6.0
8	Orlando	11.488	9	11.410	0.7
9	Houston Bush	11.161	8	11.475	-2.7
10	Charlotte	10.862	12	10.428	4.2

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Domestic Market

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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Table 12. Top 10 U.S. Airports, ranked by August 2008 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Aug 2008 Rank	Airport	Aug 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Aug 2007 Rank	Aug 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Atlanta	3.488	1	3.557	-1.9
2	Chicago O'Hare	2.589	2	2.788	-7.2
3	Dallas/Ft.Worth	2.182	3	2.299	-5.1
4	Denver	2.174	4	2.176	-0.1
5	Los Angeles	1.979	5	2.121	-6.7
6	Las Vegas	1.726	6	1.893	-8.8
7	Phoenix	1.534	7	1.720	-10.8
8	Seattle	1.511	9	1.486	1.7
9	Houston Bush	1.446	8	1.488	-2.9
10	Charlotte	1.424	13	1.397	1.9

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Domestic Market

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Table 13: International Scheduled Airline Travel on U.S. Carriers

	Aug 2007	Monthly Aug 2008	Change %	Year-to-Date 2007	Year-to-Date 2008	Change %
Passengers (in millions)	8.7	8.9	2.0	62.2	64.7	4.1
Flights (in thousands)	79.6	77.7	-2.4	591.4	594.0	0.5
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	22.6	23.7	4.8	160.5	169.7	5.8
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	27.2	28.6	5.2	199.2	212.1	6.5
Load Factor*	83.1	82.8	-0.3	80.6	80.0	-0.5
Flight Stage Length**	1,705.3	1,809.9	6.1	1,676.8	1,761.5	5.0
Passenger Trip Length***	2,605.6	2,675.9	2.7	2,581.0	2,621.6	1.6

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 International Market and Segment

*Change in load factor points

**The average non-stop distance flown per departure in miles

*** The average distance flown per passenger in miles

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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Table 14: International Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Carriers
 Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

	2006	2007	2006-2007 Pct. Change	2008	2007-2008 Pct. Change
January	6.7	7.1	6.0	7.5	4.9
February	6.0	6.3	5.4	6.9	9.3
March	7.6	7.9	5.0	8.5	7.2
April	7.3	7.5	1.9	7.6	1.2
May	7.3	7.5	2.5	8.0	6.5
June	7.9	8.2	3.3	8.4	2.4
July	8.7	8.9	3.2	9.1	1.3
August	8.2	8.7	6.2	8.9	2.0
September	6.5	6.9	6.6		
October	6.6	7.0	6.3		
November	6.4	6.9	6.5		
December	7.2	7.5	4.9		
8 Mo. Total	59.7	62.2	4.2	64.7	4.1
Yr. Total	86.4	90.5	4.7		

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 International Market
 Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Table 15: Top 10 U.S. Airlines, ranked by January-August 2008 International Scheduled Enplanements
 Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Jan-Aug 2008 Rank	Carrier	Jan-Aug 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Aug 2007 Rank	Jan-Aug 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007- 2008
1	American	14,818.8	1	14,703.5	0.8
2	Continental	8,932.1	2	8,289.7	7.7
3	Delta	8,647.1	4	7,917.3	9.2
4	United	8,018.3	3	8,135.4	-1.4
5	Northwest	7,166.4	5	6,752.1	6.1
6	US Airways*	4,553.3	6	3,302.5	37.9
7	ExpressJet	1,389.7	7	1,407.5	-1.3
8	Executive	1,145.1	8	1,219.4	-6.1
9	Spirit	974.1	11	867.6	12.3
10	JetBlue	895.8	15	522.5	71.4

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 International Market
 * US Airways' Jan-Aug 2008 number is the report of the merged US Airways and America West. The Jan-Aug 2007 numbers were reported separately by US Airways and America West. America West reported 926.6 thousand international passengers in Jan-Aug 2007.
 Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.
 Note: Alaska Airlines, Allegiant Air, Republic Airlines, Shuttle America and Virgin America Airlines have requested confidentiality for traffic data. The airlines' numbers are included in summary numbers in this press release but not in individual airline ranking tables pending resolution of the confidentiality motions.

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Table 16. Top 10 U.S. Airlines, ranked by August 2008 International Scheduled Enplanements

Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Aug 2008 Rank	Carrier	Aug 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Aug 2007 Rank	Aug 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	American	2,032.8	1	2,025.1	0.4
2	Continental	1,301.9	2	1,194.9	9.0
3	Delta	1,269.2	3	1,139.5	11.4
4	United	1,064.7	4	1,100.9	-3.3
5	Northwest	946.0	5	910.3	3.9
6	US Airways*	626.5	6	486.9	28.7
7	ExpressJet	161.3	7	217.2	-25.7
8	JetBlue	151.9	13	98.4	54.4
9	Executive	149.3	8	171.3	12.8
10	Spirit	146.7	9	153.1	-4.2

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 International Market

* US Airways' August 2008 number is the report of the merged US Airways and America West. The August 2007 numbers were reported separately by US Airways and America West. America West reported 113.5 thousand international passengers in August 2007.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Note: Alaska Airlines, Allegiant Air, Republic Airlines, Shuttle America and Virgin America Airlines have requested confidentiality for traffic data. The airlines' numbers are included in summary numbers in this press release but not in individual airline ranking tables pending resolution of the confidentiality motions.

Table 17. Top 10 U.S. Airports, ranked by January-August 2008 International Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Airlines

Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Jan-Aug 2008 Rank	Airport	Jan-Aug 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Aug 2007 Rank	Jan-Aug 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Miami	3,467.4	1	3,250.4	6.7
2	New York JFK	3,004.6	3	2,674.9	12.3
3	Atlanta	2,850.1	2	2,718.0	4.9
4	Newark	2,781.1	4	2,556.4	8.8
5	Houston Bush	2,313.9	6	2,167.8	6.7
6	Chicago O'Hare	2,180.9	5	2,243.2	-2.8
7	Dallas/Ft.Worth	1,435.4	7	1,454.9	-1.3
8	Los Angeles	1,331.7	8	1,390.2	-4.2
9	San Francisco	1,280.1	9	1,241.9	3.1
10	Detroit Metro	1,161.0	10	1,123.9	3.3

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 International Market

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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Table 18. Top 10 U.S. Airports, ranked by August 2008 International Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Airlines
Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Aug 2008 Rank	Airport	Aug 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Aug 2007 Rank	Aug 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Miami	460.5	1	433.0	6.4
2	New York JFK	452.1	2	411.4	9.9
3	Newark	403.7	3	371.3	8.7
4	Atlanta	372.9	4	359.1	3.9
5	Houston Bush	298.9	6	284.7	5.0
6	Chicago O'Hare	284.0	5	290.6	-2.2
7	Dallas/Ft.Worth	179.4	8	189.9	-5.6
8	Los Angeles	172.5	7	194.7	-11.4
9	San Francisco	167.7	9	167.2	0.3
10	Philadelphia	163.2	10	154.7	5.5

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 International Market
Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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