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**BTS Releases January Airline Traffic Data;
 Domestic Enplanements Down 13 Percent from December;
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Domestic enplanements on U.S. airlines fell 7.3 million in January, a 13 percent drop from December, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics of the U.S. Department of Transportation reported today in a release of preliminary data.

Domestic enplanements rose 10.3 percent in January 2003 from January 2002 on domestic flights operated by U.S. airlines.

Table 1. Domestic Enplanements

Month	2001	2002	2003	% change 2002 - 2003
January	49,992,038	43,546,673	48,046,280	10.3%
February	48,518,158	43,351,125		
March	59,640,460	54,501,170		
April	57,020,544	50,727,915		
May	57,292,006	52,611,323		
June	60,286,689	55,276,117		
July	63,137,201	57,782,169		
August	63,630,303	57,802,175		
September	34,796,432	45,424,981		
October	44,203,071	53,397,828		
November	44,865,195	49,938,367		
December	45,781,634	55,374,597		
Year to Date	49,992,038	43,546,673	48,046,280	
Total	629,163,731	619,734,440		

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	December	January	Percent Change
1	American Airlines, Inc.	AA	7,916,529	7,024,672	-11.3%
2	Delta Airlines, Inc.	DL	7,776,803	6,774,876	-12.9%
3	Southwest Airlines, Co.	WN	6,109,854	5,488,639	-10.2%
4	United Airlines, Inc.	UA	5,959,477	5,207,603	-12.6%
5	Northwest Airlines, Inc.	NW	4,482,678	3,846,846	-14.2%
6	Continental Airlines, Inc.	CO	3,319,175	2,916,542	-12.1%
7	US Airways, Inc.	US	3,532,745	2,904,629	-17.8%
8	America West Airlines, Inc.	HP	1,650,317	1,475,249	-10.6%
9	Alaska Airlines, Inc.	AS	1,256,485	1,049,016	-16.5%
10	American Eagle Airlines, Inc.	MQ	945,801	993,124	5.0%

Table 3. Top 10 Airports ranked by domestic enplanements

	Airport Name	Airport	December	January	% Change
1	Hartsfield International, Atlanta	ATL	3,288,099	2,878,662	-12.5%
2	O'Hare International, Chicago	ORD	2,583,396	2,207,723	-14.5%
3	Dallas-Ft.Worth International	DFW	2,145,802	1,877,692	-12.5%
4	Los Angeles International	LAX	1,829,566	1,641,197	-10.3%
5	Phoenix Sky Harbor International	PHX	1,501,236	1,371,902	-8.6%
6	Denver International	DEN	1,455,368	1,289,105	-11.4%
7	Las Vegas-McCarran International	LAS	1,208,660	1,286,147	6.4%
8	George Bush Intercontinental, Houston	IAH	1,340,062	1,167,201	-12.9%
9	Minneapolis-St.Paul International	MSP	1,333,587	1,045,719	-21.6%
10	Miami International	MIA	1,037,646	1,015,138	-2.2%

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. December traffic data are preliminary and include data received by BTS as of April 18. Data are subject to revision.

Information on non-filing carriers will be available at www.bts.gov.

Revised December data is posted on the BTS website. BTS will release February traffic data on May 12.

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