

Table 1041. Airline Cost Indexes: 1980 to 2006

[2000 = 100. Covers U.S. major and national passenger carriers. Major carriers have operating revenues of \$1 billion or more; nationals have operating revenues from \$100 million to \$1 billion]

Index	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Composite index ¹	81.5	91.5	103.3	99.5	100.0	106.5	106.8	112.0	125.2	150.6	176.1
Labor costs	84.7	109.6	119.9	150.0	100.0	110.0	118.2	121.0	119.6	113.0	114.2
Fuel	123.4	122.0	101.9	71.1	100.0	91.9	93.9	113.7	151.1	215.0	262.9
Aircraft ownership ²	25.8	39.0	58.2	72.0	100.0	94.7	90.6	77.8	88.9	85.4	80.9
Nonaircraft ownership	37.8	52.8	88.8	104.0	100.0	140.0	112.0	112.9	105.0	102.3	102.4
Professional services	28.8	46.7	68.3	86.9	100.0	103.2	96.4	96.5	97.1	105.4	110.1
Food and beverage	91.4	97.3	125.9	107.6	100.0	92.2	86.8	72.7	67.3	62.6	59.1
Landing fees	55.6	60.9	83.2	97.7	100.0	111.7	117.1	108.7	118.6	126.1	134.7
Maintenance material	65.1	76.6	115.3	91.2	100.0	94.7	72.8	57.5	57.6	54.3	58.7
Aircraft insurance	221.8	357.6	117.1	264.7	100.0	117.0	218.3	151.2	149.0	125.0	127.7
Nonaircraft insurance	71.1	124.5	70.4	229.4	100.0	169.8	540.0	423.9	352.2	307.4	245.2
Passenger commissions	121.8	171.5	226.7	184.8	100.0	86.6	57.9	42.7	38.0	33.1	30.5
Communication	53.3	74.6	86.9	88.2	100.0	110.9	101.4	85.1	77.3	74.4	70.7
Advertising and promotion	117.4	160.0	165.8	108.5	100.0	85.4	74.3	68.2	77.1	75.5	81.8
Utilities and office supplies	65.8	84.0	94.2	84.6	100.0	108.0	90.1	78.8	78.4	81.8	88.7
Transportation-related expenses	(NA)	(NA)	45.4	47.8	100.0	111.5	107.0	202.2	285.4	379.5	411.3
Other operating expenses	85.5	86.2	101.9	93.9	100.0	99.9	112.9	91.6	96.1	111.6	99.7
Interest ³	153.1	171.5	170.6	165.3	100.0	96.8	87.9	91.6	91.5	124.8	121.6

NA Not available. ¹ Weighted average of all components, including interest. ² Includes lease, aircraft and engine rentals, depreciation, and amortization. ³ Interest on long-term debt and capital and other interest expense

Source: Air Transport Association of America, Washington, DC, *Airline Cost Index, Major and National Carriers, First Quarter 2007*. See Internet site <<http://www.airlines.org/economics/>> (accessed 17 July 2007).