

Table 1046. **Commuter/Regional Airline Operations Summary: 2003 to 2007**

[Calendar year data (112.6 represents 112,600,000). Commuter/regional airlines operate primarily aircraft of predominately 75 passengers or less and 18,000 pounds of payload capacity serving short haul and small community markets. Represents operations within all North America by U.S. Regional Carriers. Averages are means. For definition of mean, see Guide to Tabular Presentation]

Item	Unit	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Passenger carriers operating	Number . . .	73	75	75	71	72
Passengers enplaned	Millions . . .	112.6	134.1	154.2	153.9	159.0
Average passengers enplaned per carrier . . .	1,000	1,542.5	1,787.7	2,055.6	2,168.0	2,208.5
Revenue passenger miles (RPM)	Billions . . .	47.7	62.6	73.8	70.8	73.8
Average RPMs per carrier	Millions . . .	652.8	835.1	983.7	997.2	1,024.7
Available seat miles	Billions . . .	72.2	91.6	104.8	94.8	99.0
Average load factor	Percent . . .	66.0	68.4	70.4	74.7	74.6
Departures completed	Millions . . .	4.6	5.0	5.3	5.0	5.0
Airports served	Number . . .	823	846	846	688	666
Average trip length	Miles	423.2	467.1	478.5	460.0	464.0
Average seating capacity (seats)	Number . . .	48.9	52.4	54.4	51.0	52.4
Fleet flying hours	1,000	5,940.3	6,595.5	7,333.0	7,133.1	7,306.7

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