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## **September 2008 Airline Traffic Data: System Traffic Down 8.4 Percent in September from 2007 and Down 2.1 Percent for January-to-September**

The number of scheduled domestic and international passengers on U.S. airlines during September 2008 declined by 8.4 percent from September 2007, dropping by 5 million to 54.2 million, in the seventh consecutive monthly decline from the same month of the previous year and the largest percentage monthly decrease since August 2002, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) today reported (Table 1).

BTS, a part of DOT's Research and Innovative Technology Administration, in a release of preliminary data, reported that the number of domestic passengers decreased 8.9 percent in September from a year earlier, the steepest monthly decrease for domestic passengers since August 2002. International passengers decreased 5.0 percent, the first monthly year-to-year decrease in international passengers since August 2003 (Tables 7, 13).

For the first nine months of 2008, the number of scheduled domestic and international passengers on U.S. airlines declined by 2.1 percent from the same period in 2007, dropping to 570.4 million, 12.3 million fewer than a year earlier

U.S. airlines carried 2.8 percent fewer domestic passengers and 3.2 percent more international passengers in the first nine months of 2008 than during the same period in 2007 (Tables 7, 13).

The combined domestic and international system load factor of 80.1 percent for January through September was down 0.6 load factor points from last year's record for the nine-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 nine 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.

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#### **Top Airports**

More total system and domestic passengers boarded planes in the first nine 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 7.8 million domestic and international flights in the first nine months of 2008, 3.1 percent fewer than were operated during the same period in 2007 (Table 1). Domestic flights decreased 3.4 percent from the previous year while international flights were down 0.3 percent (Tables 7, 13).

In September, U.S. airlines operated 789,600 scheduled domestic and international flights, down 9.4 percent from the number of flights operated in September 2007 (Table 1). The number of domestic flights decreased 9.6 percent in September from a year earlier while international flights were down 7.3 percent (Tables 7, 13).

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

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

Revenue passenger-miles (RPMs), a measure of the number of passengers and the distance flown, were down 0.3 percent in the first nine months of 2008. In September, RPMs were down 6.9 percent.

Available seat-miles (ASMs), a measure of airline capacity using the number of seats and the distance flown, were up 0.5 percent in the first nine months of 2008. In September, ASMs were down 6.8 percent.

Passenger load factor, passenger miles as a proportion of available seat-miles, was down 0.6 load factor points at 80.1 percent in the first nine months of 2008. In September, load factor decreased 0.2 load factor points to 76.6 percent.

Flight stage length, the average non-stop distance flown per departure, was up 2.6 percent in the first nine months of 2008. In September, flight stage length was up 0.5 percent.

Passenger trip length, the average distance flown per passenger, was up 1.9 percent in the first nine months of 2008. In September, passenger trip length was up 1.6 percent.

Among U.S. airlines, Southwest carried 77.9 million passengers on its system in the first nine months of 2008, the most of any airline (Table 3). In September, Southwest carried 7.4 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 nine months of 2008, with 32.5 million domestic and international passenger boardings (Table 5). In September, Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson was the busiest U.S. airport with 3.3 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 499.1 million scheduled domestic passengers during the first nine months of 2008, down 2.8 percent from the 513.6 million carried during the same period in 2007 (Table 7). The passengers were carried on 7.1 million flights, down 3.4 percent from the number of flights operated in 2007 (Table 7).

In the most recent data month, September, the airlines carried 47.7 million scheduled domestic passengers, down 8.9 percent from the number of passengers carried during September 2007 (Table 8). The passengers were carried on 727,900 flights, down 9.6 percent from the 805,100 flights operated in September 2007 (Table 7).

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

Domestic revenue passenger-miles (RPMs), a measure of the number of passengers and the distance flown, were down 2.4 percent in the first nine months of 2008. In September, domestic RPMs were down 9.4 percent.

Domestic available seat-miles (ASMs), a measure of airline capacity using the number of seats and the distance flown, were down 1.7 percent in the first nine months of 2008. In September, domestic ASMs were down 9.9 percent.

Domestic passenger load factor, passenger miles as a proportion of available seat-miles, was down 0.6 load factor points at 80.2 percent in the first nine months of 2008. In September, domestic load factor was up 0.4 load factor points at 76.1 percent.

Domestic flight stage length, the average non-stop distance flown per departure, was up 1.5 percent in the first nine months of 2008. In September, domestic flight stage length was down 1.3 percent.

Domestic passenger trip length, the average distance flown per passenger, was up 0.4 percent in the first nine months of 2008. In September, domestic passenger trip length was down 0.5 percent.

Southwest carried 77.9 million domestic passengers in the first nine months of 2008, the most of any airline (Table 9). In September, Southwest carried 7.4 million domestic passengers, the most of any airline (Table 10).

Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson was the busiest domestic airport in the first nine months of 2008, with 29.3 million domestic passenger boardings (Table 11). In September, Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson was the busiest domestic airport with 3.0 million domestic passenger boardings (Table 12).

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**International Air Travel (Tables 13-18)**

U.S. airlines carried 71.3 million scheduled international passengers during the first nine months of 2008, up 3.2 percent from the 69.1 million carried during the same period in 2007 (Table 14). The passengers were carried on 655,700 flights, down 0.3 percent from the 657,800 flights operated in 2007 (Table 13).

In the most recent data month, September, the airlines carried 6.6 million scheduled international passengers, down 5.0 percent from the number of passengers carried during September 2007. The passengers were carried on 61,600 flights, down 7.3 percent from the 66,500 flights operated in September 2007 (Table 13).

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

International revenue passenger-miles (RPMs), a measure of the number of passengers and the distance flown, were up 5.0 percent in the first nine months of 2008. In September, international RPMs were down 1.4 percent.

International available seat-miles (ASMs), a measure of airline capacity using the number of seats and the distance flown, were up 5.9 percent in the first nine months of 2008. In September, international ASMs were up 0.8 percent.

International passenger load factor, passenger miles as a proportion of available seat-miles, was down 0.6 load factor points to 79.8 percent in the first nine months of 2008. In September, international load factor was down 1.7 load factor points to 77.8 percent.

International flight stage length, the average non-stop distance flown per departure, was up 5.1 percent in the first nine months of 2008. In September, international flight stage length was up 6.4 percent.

International passenger trip length, the average distance flown per passenger, was up 1.7 percent in the first nine months of 2008. In September, international passenger trip length was up 3.9 percent.

American carried 16.3 million international passengers in the first nine months of 2008, the most of any U.S. airline (Table 15). In September, American carried 1.5 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 nine months of 2008, with 3.8 million international passenger boardings (Table 17). In September, Miami was the busiest U.S. airport for international travel on U.S. carriers with 357,200 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 84 carriers as of Dec. 2 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/](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 September, 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 September and international numbers through June 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 September, U.S. carriers reported 225,557 foreign point-to-point passengers. For January through September, U.S. carriers reported 2,129,872 foreign point-to-point passengers.

Data are subject to revision. BTS has scheduled Jan. 15, 2009 for the release of October traffic data.

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

	Monthly			Year-to-Date		
	Sept 2007	Sept 2008	Change %	2007	2008	Change %
Passengers (in millions)	59.2	54.2	-8.4	582.7	570.4	-2.1
Flights (in thousands)	871.5	789.6	-9.4	8,043.7	7,793.9	-3.1
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	64.8	60.3	-6.9	628.9	627.1	-0.3
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	84.4	78.7	-6.8	779.4	783.0	0.5
Load Factor*	76.8	76.6	-0.2	80.7	80.1	-0.6
Flight Stage Length**	704.5	708.2	0.5	704.8	723.0	2.6
Passenger Trip Length***	1,094.1	1,111.9	1.6	1,079.3	1,099.4	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
<b>September</b>	<b>56.4</b>	<b>59.2</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>-8.4</b>
October	61.6	64.2	4.1		
November	60.3	61.9	2.7		
December	60.7	60.8	0.2		
<b>9 Mo. Total</b>	<b>562.0</b>	<b>582.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>570.4</b>	<b>-2.1</b>
<b>Yr. Total</b>	<b>744.7</b>	<b>769.6</b>	<b>3.3</b>		

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-September 2008 System\* Scheduled Enplanements**

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Sept 2008 Rank	Carrier	Jan-Sept 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Sept 2007 Rank	Jan-Sept 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007- 2008
1	Southwest	77.946	1	77.035	1.2
2	American	71.338	2	74.076	-3.7
3	Delta	54.206	3	55.433	-2.2
4	United	48.971	4	52.329	-6.4
5	US Airways**	41.990	7	28.636	46.6
6	Northwest	38.232	5	40.938	-6.6
7	Continental	36.322	6	37.138	-2.2
8	AirTran	18.834	8	17.814	5.7
9	JetBlue	16.737	10	16.136	3.7
10	SkyWest	15.913	9	16.672	-4.6

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

\* System equals domestic plus international

\*\* US Airways' Jan-Sept 2008 number is the report of the merged US Airways and America West. The Jan-Sept 2007 numbers were reported separately by US Airways and America West. America West reported 15.657 million system passengers in Jan-Sept 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 September 2008 System\* Scheduled Enplanements**

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Sept 2008 Rank	Carrier	Sept 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Sept 2007 Rank	Sept 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Southwest	7.353	1	7.979	-7.9
2	American	6.765	2	7.519	-10.0
3	Delta	5.534	3	5.580	-0.8
4	United	4.844	4	5.257	-7.9
5	US Airways**	4.101	7	3.038	35.0
6	Northwest	3.586	5	4.162	-13.8
7	Continental	3.034	6	3.607	-15.9
8	AirTran	1.663	9	1.728	-3.7
9	SkyWest	1.645	8	1.810	-9.1
10	JetBlue	1.439	11	1.486	-3.1

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

\* System equals domestic plus international

\*\* US Airways' September 2008 number is the report of the merged US Airways and America West. The September 2007 numbers were reported separately by US Airways. America West reported 1.268 million system passengers in September 2007.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Sept 2008 Rank	Airport	Jan-Sept 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Sept 2007 Rank	Jan-Sept 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Atlanta	32.458	1	32.022	1.4
2	Chicago O'Hare	24.092	2	25.994	-7.3
3	Dallas/Ft.Worth	20.314	3	21.084	-3.7
4	Denver	18.412	4	18.086	1.8
5	Los Angeles	17.281	5	18.021	-4.1
6	Las Vegas	15.350	6	16.093	-4.6
7	Phoenix	14.704	7	15.615	-5.8
8	Houston Bush	14.661	8	15.112	-3.0
9	Charlotte	12.962	14	12.386	4.7
10	New York JFK	12.956	12	12.569	3.1

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 September 2008 System\* Scheduled Enplanements**

<b>Sept 2008 Rank</b>	<b>Airport</b>	<b>Sept 2008 Enplaned Passengers</b>	<b>Sept 2007 Rank</b>	<b>Sept 2007 Enplaned Passengers</b>	<b>Pct. Change 2007-2008</b>
1	Atlanta	3.343	1	3.275	2.1
2	Chicago O'Hare	2.488	2	2.736	-9.1
3	Dallas/Ft.Worth	2.005	3	2.146	-6.5
4	Denver	1.883	4	1.890	-0.4
5	Los Angeles	1.643	5	1.787	-8.1
6	Las Vegas	1.519	6	1.725	-11.9
7	Phoenix	1.378	7	1.510	-8.8
8	Charlotte	1.325	12	1.270	4.3
9	San Francisco	1.276	14	1.239	2.9
10	New York JFK	1.268	10	1.282	-1.2

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**

	<b>Sept 2007</b>	<b>Monthly Sept 2008</b>	<b>Change %</b>	<b>Year-to-Date 2007</b>	<b>Year-to-Date 2008</b>	<b>Change %</b>
Passengers (in millions)	52.3	47.7	<b>-8.9</b>	513.6	499.1	<b>-2.8</b>
Flights (in thousands)	805.1	727.9	<b>-9.6</b>	7,385.9	7,138.3	<b>-3.4</b>
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	45.2	41.0	<b>-9.4</b>	448.9	438.1	<b>-2.4</b>
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	59.8	53.9	<b>-9.9</b>	555.7	546.2	<b>-1.7</b>
Load Factor*	75.7	76.1	<b>0.4</b>	80.8	80.2	<b>-0.6</b>
Flight Stage Length**	613.7	605.6	<b>-1.3</b>	617.1	626.3	<b>1.5</b>
Passenger Trip Length***	864.9	860.3	<b>-0.5</b>	874.0	877.7	<b>0.4</b>

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
<b>September</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>-8.9</b>
October	55.1	57.2	3.8		
November	53.9	55.0	2.2		
December	53.5	53.3	-0.5		
<b>9 Mo. Total</b>	<b>495.9</b>	<b>513.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>499.1</b>	<b>-2.8</b>
<b>Yr. Total</b>	<b>658.4</b>	<b>679.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>		

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-September 2008 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements**  
 Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Sept 2008 Rank	Carrier	Jan-Sept 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Sept 2007 Rank	Jan-Sept 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007- 2008
1	Southwest	77.946	1	77.035	1.2
2	American	54.996	2	57.714	-4.7
3	Delta	44.611	3	46.628	-4.3
4	United	40.083	4	43.234	-7.3
5	US Airways*	37.027	7	24.959	48.4
6	Northwest	30.214	5	33.375	-9.5
7	Continental	26.574	6	27.966	-5.0
8	AirTran	18.834	8	17.778	5.9
9	JetBlue	15.751	10	15.561	1.2
10	SkyWest	14.980	9	15.843	-5.4

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

\* US Airways' Jan-Sept 2008 number is the report of the merged US Airways and America West. The Jan-Sept 2007 numbers were reported separately by US Airways and America West. America West reported 14.667 million domestic passengers in Jan-Sept 2007.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Sept 2008 Rank	Carrier	Sept 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Sept 2007 Rank	Sept 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Southwest	7.353	1	7.979	-7.9
2	American	5.242	2	5.860	-10.5
3	Delta	4.587	3	4.692	-2.2
4	United	3.974	4	4.297	-7.5
5	US Airways*	3.691	7	2.663	38.6
6	Northwest	2.735	5	3.352	-18.4
7	Continental	2.219	6	2.725	-18.6
8	AirTran	1.663	8	1.728	-3.7
9	SkyWest	1.543	9	1.723	-10.4
10	JetBlue	1.349	11	1.432	-5.9

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

\* US Airways' September 2008 number is the report of the merged US Airways and America West. The September 2007 numbers were reported separately by US Airways. America West reported 1.204 million domestic passengers in September 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-September 2008 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements**

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Sept 2008 Rank	Airport	Jan-Sept 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Sept 2007 Rank	Jan-Sept 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Atlanta	29.312	1	29.011	1.0
2	Chicago O'Hare	21.664	2	23.477	-7.7
3	Dallas/Ft.Worth	18.734	3	19.472	-3.8
4	Denver	17.826	4	17.559	1.5
5	Los Angeles	15.826	5	16.489	-4.0
6	Las Vegas	15.241	6	15.966	-4.5
7	Phoenix	14.184	7	15.132	-6.3
8	Orlando	12.429	9	12.510	-0.6
9	Houston Bush	12.173	8	12.744	-4.5
10	Charlotte	12.134	12	11.643	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 September 2008 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements**

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Sept 2008 Rank	Airport	Sept 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Sept 2007 Rank	Sept 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Atlanta	3.047	1	2.982	2.2
2	Chicago O'Hare	2.241	2	2.462	-9.0
3	Dallas/Ft.Worth	1.861	3	1.989	-6.4
4	Denver	1.835	4	1.841	-0.4
5	Los Angeles	1.519	6	1.645	-7.6
6	Las Vegas	1.507	5	1.709	-11.8
7	Phoenix	1.339	7	1.471	-9.0
8	Charlotte	1.272	9	1.215	4.7
9	Seattle	1.203	10	1.201	0.2
10	San Francisco	1.139	14	1.089	4.6

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**

	Sept 2007	Monthly Sept 2008	Change %	Year-to-Date 2007	Year-to-Date 2008	Change %
Passengers (in millions)	6.9	6.6	-5.0	69.1	71.3	3.2
Flights (in thousands)	66.5	61.6	-7.3	657.8	655.7	-0.3
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	19.5	19.3	-1.4	180.0	189.0	5.0
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	24.6	24.8	0.8	223.8	236.8	5.9
Load Factor*	79.5	77.8	-1.7	80.4	79.8	-0.6
Flight Stage Length**	1,804.6	1,921.0	6.4	1,689.7	1,776.5	5.1
Passenger Trip Length***	2,831.5	2,941.5	3.9	2,606.1	2,651.0	1.7

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
<b>September</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>-5.0</b>
October	6.6	7.0	6.3		
November	6.4	6.9	6.5		
December	7.2	7.5	4.9		
<b>9 Mo. Total</b>	<b>66.2</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>71.3</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>Yr. Total</b>	<b>86.4</b>	<b>90.5</b>	<b>4.7</b>		

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-September 2008 International Scheduled Enplanements**  
 Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Jan-Sept 2008 Rank	Carrier	Jan-Sept 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Sept 2007 Rank	Jan-Sept 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007- 2008
1	American	16,341.5	1	16,362.1	-0.1
2	Continental	9,747.6	2	9,172.0	6.3
3	Delta	9,594.5	4	8,805.0	9.0
4	United	8,888.5	3	9,095.5	-2.3
5	Northwest	8,017.1	5	7,562.9	6.0
6	US Airways*	4,963.7	6	3,677.5	35.0
7	ExpressJet	1,504.7	7	1,562.7	-3.7
8	Executive	1,228.6	8	1,333.8	-7.9
9	Spirit	1,057.3	11	957.6	10.4
10	JetBlue	986.1	15	575.7	71.3

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 International Market  
 \* US Airways' Jan-Sept 2008 number is the report of the merged US Airways and America West. The Jan-Sept 2007 numbers were reported separately by US Airways and America West. America West reported 990.3 thousand international passengers in Jan-Sept 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 September 2008 International Scheduled Enplanements**

Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Sept 2008 Rank	Carrier	Sept 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Sept 2007 Rank	Sept 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	American	1,522.8	1	1,658.6	-8.2
2	Delta	947.4	3	887.7	6.7
3	United	870.2	2	960.2	-9.4
4	Northwest	850.8	5	810.7	4.9
5	Continental	815.5	4	882.2	-7.6
6	US Airways*	410.4	6	375.0	9.4
7	ExpressJet	115.0	7	155.2	-25.9
8	SkyWest	102.0	11	87.3	16.9
9	JetBlue	90.3	15	53.2	69.8
10	Continental Micronesia	84.8	9	95.6	-11.2

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

\* US Airways' September 2008 number is the report of the merged US Airways and America West. The September 2007 numbers were reported separately by US Airways. America West reported 63.7 thousand international passengers in September 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-September 2008 International Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Airlines**

Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Jan-Sept 2008 Rank	Airport	Jan-Sept 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Sept 2007 Rank	Jan-Sept 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Miami	3,824.6	1	3,606.0	6.1
2	New York JFK	3,345.4	3	2,998.0	11.6
3	Atlanta	3,145.9	2	3,011.0	4.5
4	Newark	3,077.9	4	2,850.5	8.0
5	Houston Bush	2,488.5	6	2,367.9	5.1
6	Chicago O'Hare	2,427.4	5	2,517.8	-3.6
7	Dallas/Ft.Worth	1,580.1	7	1,612.2	-2.0
8	Los Angeles	1,455.6	8	1,532.7	-5.0
9	San Francisco	1,417.1	9	1,392.5	1.8
10	Detroit Metro	1,295.1	10	1,262.2	2.6

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 September 2008 International Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Airlines**  
Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

<b>Sept 2008 Rank</b>	<b>Airport</b>	<b>Sept 2008 Enplaned Passengers</b>	<b>Sept 2007 Rank</b>	<b>Sept 2007 Enplaned Passengers</b>	<b>Pct. Change 2007- 2008</b>
1	Miami	357.2	1	355.6	0.5
2	New York JFK	340.8	2	323.1	5.5
3	Newark	296.8	3	294.1	0.9
4	Atlanta	295.9	4	293.0	1.0
5	Chicago O'Hare	246.6	5	274.6	-10.2
6	Houston Bush	174.6	6	200.1	-12.7
7	Dallas/Ft.Worth	144.7	7	157.3	-8.0
8	San Francisco	137.0	8	150.6	-9.0
9	Detroit Metro	134.1	10	138.3	-3.1
10	Philadelphia	127.7	11	133.0	-4.0

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

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