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## **July 2008 Airline Traffic Data: Seven-Month 2008 System Traffic Down 0.8 Percent from 2007 and Down 2.9 Percent in July**

The number of scheduled domestic and international passengers on U.S. airlines during the first seven months of 2008 declined by 0.8 percent from the same period in 2007, dropping to 448.5 million, 3.6 million less 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 1.5 percent fewer domestic passengers and 4.5 percent more international passengers during the first seven months of 2008 than during the same period in 2007 (Tables 7, 13).

In July, the most recent data month, U.S. airlines carried 70.3 million scheduled domestic and international passengers, 2.9 percent less than in July 2007, the fifth consecutive monthly decline from the same month of the previous year (Table 2). The number of domestic passengers decreased 3.5 percent in July from a year earlier and international passengers increased 1.3 percent (Tables 7, 13).

The combined domestic and international system load factor of 80.1 percent for January through July was down 0.6 load factor points from last year's record for the seven-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 seven 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 seven 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 6.1 million domestic and international flights in the first seven months of 2008, 1.8 percent fewer than were operated during the same period in 2007 (Table 1). Domestic flights decreased 2.1 percent from the previous year while international flights were up 0.9 percent (Tables 7, 13).

In July, U.S. airlines operated 915,500 scheduled domestic and international flights, down 2.5 percent from the number of flights operated in July 2007 (Table 1). The number of domestic flights decreased 2.7 percent in July from a year earlier while international flights were down 0.9 percent (Tables 7, 13).

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

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

Revenue passenger-miles (RPMs), a measure of the number of passengers and the distance flown, were up 1.0 percent in the first seven months of 2008. In July, RPMs were down 1.5 percent.

Available seat-miles (ASMs), a measure of airline capacity using the number of seats and the distance flown, were up 1.7 percent in the first seven months of 2008. In July, ASMs were up 0.8 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 seven months of 2008. In July, load factor decreased 1.9 load factor points to 84.0 percent.

Flight stage length, the average non-stop distance flown per departure, was up 2.8 percent in the first seven months of 2008. In July, flight stage length was up 2.2 percent.

Passenger trip length, the average distance flown per passenger, was up 1.8 percent in the first seven months of 2008. In July, passenger trip length was up 1.4 percent.

Among U.S. airlines, Southwest carried 61.6 million passengers on its system in the first seven months of 2008, the most of any airline (Table 3). In July, Southwest carried 9.4 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 seven months of 2008, with 25.3 million domestic and international passenger boardings (Table 5). In July, Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson was the busiest U.S. airport with 4.1 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 392.6 million scheduled domestic passengers during the first seven months of 2008, down 1.5 percent from the 398.7 million carried during the same period in 2007 (Table 7). The passengers were carried on 5.6 million flights, down 2.1 percent from the number of flights operated in 2007 (Table 7).

In the most recent data month, July, the airlines carried 61.2 million scheduled domestic passengers, down 3.5 percent from the number of passengers carried during July 2007 (Table 8). The passengers were carried on 837,500 flights, down 2.7 percent from the 860,400 flights operated in July 2007 (Table 7).

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

Domestic revenue passenger-miles (RPMs), a measure of the number of passengers and the distance flown, were down 1.0 percent in the first seven months of 2008. In July, domestic RPMs were down 3.6 percent.

Domestic available seat-miles (ASMs), a measure of airline capacity using the number of seats and the distance flown, were down 0.2 percent in the first seven months of 2008. In July, domestic ASMs were down 1.2 percent.

Domestic passenger load factor, passenger miles as a proportion of available seat-miles, was down 0.6 load factor points at 80.3 percent in the first seven months of 2008. In July, domestic load factor was down 2.1 load factor points at 84.2 percent.

Domestic flight stage length, the average non-stop distance flown per departure, was up 1.9 percent in the first seven months of 2008. In July, domestic flight stage length was up 1.2 percent.

Domestic passenger trip length, the average distance flown per passenger, was up 0.5 percent in the first seven months of 2008. In July, domestic passenger trip length was down 0.1 percent.

Southwest carried 61.6 million domestic passengers in the first seven months of 2008, the most of any airline (Table 9). In July, Southwest carried 9.4 million domestic passengers, the most of any airline (Table 10).

Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson was the busiest domestic airport in the first seven months of 2008, with 22.8 million domestic passenger boardings (Table 11). In July, Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson was the busiest domestic airport with 3.7 million domestic passenger boardings (Table 12).

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

U.S. airlines carried 55.9 million scheduled international passengers during the first seven months of 2008, up 4.5 percent from the 53.5 million carried during the same period in 2007 (Table 14). The passengers were carried on 515,000 flights, up 0.9 percent from the 510,300 flights operated in 2007 (Table 13).

In the most recent data month, July, the airlines carried 9.1 million scheduled international passengers, up 1.3 percent from the number of passengers carried during July 2007. The passengers were carried on 78,000 flights, down 0.9 percent from the 78,700 flights operated in July 2007 (Table 13).

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

International revenue passenger-miles (RPMs), a measure of the number of passengers and the distance flown, were up 5.9 percent in the first seven months of 2008. In July, international RPMs were up 3.6 percent.

International available seat-miles (ASMs), a measure of airline capacity using the number of seats and the distance flown, were up 6.7 percent in the first seven months of 2008. In July, international ASMs were up 5.5 percent.

International passenger load factor, passenger miles as a proportion of available seat-miles, was down 0.6 load factor points to 79.6 percent in the first seven months of 2008. In July, international load factor was down 1.5 load factor points to 83.7 percent.

International flight stage length, the average non-stop distance flown per departure, was up 4.9 percent in the first seven months of 2008. In July, international flight stage length was up 4.8 percent.

International passenger trip length, the average distance flown per passenger, was up 1.4 percent in the first seven months of 2008. In July, international passenger trip length was up 2.3 percent.

American carried 12.8 million international passengers in the first seven months of 2008, the most of any U.S. airline (Table 15). In July, American carried 2.1 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 seven months of 2008, with 3.0 million international passenger boardings (Table 17). In July, Miami was the busiest U.S. airport for international travel on U.S. carriers with 490,100 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 Oct. 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/](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 July, 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 July and international numbers through April 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 July, U.S. carriers reported 240,294 foreign point-to-point passengers. For January through July, U.S. carriers reported 1,672,121 foreign point-to-point passengers.

Data are subject to revision. BTS has scheduled Nov. 14 for the release of August traffic data.

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

	Monthly			Year-to-Date		
	Jul 2007	Jul 2008	Change %	2007	2008	Change %
Passengers (in millions)	72.4	70.3	-2.9	452.1	448.5	-0.8
Flights (in thousands)	939.1	915.5	-2.5	6,215.3	6,100.7	-1.8
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	79.9	78.7	-1.5	485.8	490.5	1.0
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	92.9	93.6	0.8	602.3	612.7	1.7
Load Factor*	86.0	84.0	-1.9	80.7	80.1	-0.6
Flight Stage Length**	717.8	733.5	2.2	704.6	724.5	2.8
Passenger Trip Length***	1,103.3	1,119.0	1.4	1,074.5	1,093.8	1.8

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
<b>July</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>72.4</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>-2.9</b>
August	66.5	71.3	7.3		
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		
<b>7 Mo. Total</b>	<b>439.1</b>	<b>452.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>448.5</b>	<b>-0.8</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-July 2008 System\* Scheduled Enplanements**

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Jul 2008 Rank	Carrier	Jan-Jul 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Jul 2007 Rank	Jan-Jul 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007- 2008
1	Southwest	61.622	1	59.450	3.7
2	American	56.134	2	57.746	-2.8
3	Delta	42.196	3	43.072	-2.0
4	United	38.208	4	40.814	-6.4
5	US Airways**	32.992	7	22.209	48.6
6	Northwest	30.268	5	31.923	-5.2
7	Continental	28.807	6	28.968	-0.6
8	AirTran	14.760	8	13.783	7.1
9	JetBlue	13.203	10	12.626	4.6
10	SkyWest	12.388	9	12.795	-3.2

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

\* System equals domestic plus international

\*\* US Airways Jan-July 2008 number is the report of the merged US Airways and America West. The Jan-July 2007 numbers were reported separately by US Airways and America West. America West reported 12.505 million system passengers in Jan- July 2007.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jul 2008 Rank	Carrier	Jul 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jul 2007 Rank	Jul 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Southwest	9.363	1	9.658	-3.1
2	American	8.805	2	9.127	-3.5
3	Delta	6.861	3	7.005	-2.1
4	United	5.979	4	6.281	-4.8
5	US Airways**	5.057	7	3.425	47.6
6	Northwest	4.701	5	4.930	-4.6
7	Continental	4.537	6	4.587	-1.1
8	AirTran	2.523	8	2.407	4.8
9	JetBlue	2.092	10	2.014	3.8
10	SkyWest	1.920	9	2.045	-6.1

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

\* System equals domestic plus international

\*\* US Airways 2008 number is the report of the merged US Airways and America West. The 2007 number was reported separately by US Airways. America West reported 1.947 million system passengers in July 2007.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Jul 2008 Rank	Airport	Jan-Jul 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Jul 2007 Rank	Jan-Jul 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Atlanta	25.253	1	24.831	1.7
2	Chicago O'Hare	18.731	2	20.179	-7.2
3	Dallas/Ft.Worth	15.947	3	16.450	-3.1
4	Denver	14.296	4	13.964	2.4
5	Los Angeles	13.487	5	13.918	-3.1
6	Las Vegas	12.091	6	12.459	-3.0
7	Phoenix	11.738	7	12.331	-4.8
8	Houston Bush	11.730	8	11.869	-1.2
9	Orlando	10.214	10	10.015	2.0
10	Detroit	10.129	9	10.129	0.0

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 July 2008 System\* Scheduled Enplanements**

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jul 2008 Rank	Airport	Jul 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jul 2007 Rank	Jul 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Atlanta	4.066	1	4.054	0.3
2	Chicago O'Hare	2.965	2	3.148	-5.8
3	Dallas/Ft.Worth	2.547	3	2.611	-2.4
4	Denver	2.322	4	2.294	1.2
5	Los Angeles	2.153	5	2.283	-5.7
6	Houston Bush	1.833	7	1.816	0.9
7	Las Vegas	1.755	6	1.913	-8.3
8	New York JFK	1.714	9	1.639	4.6
9	Phoenix	1.671	8	1.814	-7.9
10	Charlotte	1.564	14	1.508	3.7

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**

	Monthly			Year-to-Date		
	Jul 2007	Jul 2008	Change %	2007	2008	Change %
Passengers (in millions)	63.4	61.2	-3.5	398.7	392.6	-1.5
Flights (in thousands)	860.4	837.5	-2.7	5,705.0	5,585.8	-2.1
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	56.6	54.5	-3.6	348.0	344.5	-1.0
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	65.6	64.8	-1.2	430.3	429.3	-0.2
Load Factor*	86.3	84.2	-2.1	80.9	80.3	-0.6
Flight Stage Length**	624.7	632.5	1.2	617.7	629.2	1.9
Passenger Trip Length***	891.6	890.4	-0.1	872.9	877.5	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
<b>July</b>	<b>60.8</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>61.2</b>	<b>-3.5</b>
August	58.3	62.7	7.5		
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		
<b>7 Mo. Total</b>	<b>387.6</b>	<b>398.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>392.6</b>	<b>-1.5</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-July 2008 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements**  
 Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Jul 2008 Rank	Carrier	Jan-Jul 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Jul 2007 Rank	Jan-Jul 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007- 2008
1	Southwest	61.622	1	59.450	3.7
2	American	43.348	2	45.068	-3.8
3	Delta	34.818	3	36.294	-4.1
4	United	31.255	4	33.779	-7.5
5	US Airways*	29.065	7	19.394	49.9
6	Northwest	24.048	5	26.081	-7.8
7	Continental	21.177	6	21.874	-3.2
8	AirTran	14.760	8	13.751	7.3
9	JetBlue	12.459	9	12.202	2.1
10	SkyWest	11.681	10	12.164	-4.0

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Domestic Market  
 \* US Airways Jan-July 2008 number is the report of the merged US Airways and America West. The Jan-July 2007 numbers were reported separately by US Airways and America West. America West reported 11.692 million domestic passengers in Jan- July 2007.  
 Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jul 2008 Rank	Carrier	Jul 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jul 2007 Rank	Jul 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Southwest	9.363	1	9.658	-3.1
2	American	6.751	2	7.027	-3.9
3	Delta	5.489	3	5.766	-4.8
4	United	4.905	4	5.166	-5.0
5	US Airways*	4.419	7	2.904	52.2
6	Northwest	3.749	5	4.032	-7.0
7	Continental	3.210	6	3.335	-3.8
8	AirTran	2.523	8	2.402	5.0
9	JetBlue	1.955	10	1.923	1.7
10	SkyWest	1.801	9	1.939	-7.1

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

\* US Airways July 2008 number is the report of the merged US Airways and America West. The July 2007 numbers were reported separately by US Airways and America West. America West reported 1.844 million domestic passengers in July 2007.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Jul 2008 Rank	Airport	Jan-Jul 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Jul 2007 Rank	Jan-Jul 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Atlanta	22.776	1	22.472	1.4
2	Chicago O'Hare	16.834	2	18.226	-7.6
3	Dallas/Ft.Worth	14.691	3	15.185	-3.2
4	Denver	13.817	4	13.542	2.0
5	Los Angeles	12.328	5	12.723	-3.1
6	Las Vegas	12.007	6	12.364	-2.9
7	Phoenix	11.310	7	11.941	-5.3
8	Orlando	10.141	9	9.965	1.8
9	Houston Bush	9.715	8	9.986	-2.7
10	Charlotte	9.438	12	9.031	4.5

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 July 2008 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements**

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jul 2008 Rank	Airport	Jul 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jul 2007 Rank	Jul 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Atlanta	3.653	1	3.655	-0.1
2	Chicago O'Hare	2.683	2	2.854	-6.0
3	Dallas/Ft.Worth	2.352	3	2.403	-2.1
4	Denver	2.260	4	2.235	1.1
5	Los Angeles	1.981	5	2.087	-5.1
6	Las Vegas	1.745	6	1.900	-8.2
7	Phoenix	1.615	7	1.762	-8.4
8	Houston Bush	1.495	8	1.498	-0.2
9	Seattle	1.474	11	1.451	1.6
10	Charlotte	1.464	12	1.414	3.5

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**

	Monthly			Year-to-Date		
	Jul 2007	Jul 2008	Change %	2007	2008	Change %
Passengers (in millions)	8.9	9.1	1.3	53.5	55.9	4.5
Flights (in thousands)	78.7	78.0	-0.9	510.3	515.0	0.9
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	23.3	24.1	3.6	137.8	146.0	5.9
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	27.3	28.8	5.5	171.9	183.4	6.7
Load Factor*	85.2	83.7	-1.5	80.2	79.6	-0.6
Flight Stage Length**	1,736.0	1,818.8	4.8	1,676.8	1,758.6	4.9
Passenger Trip Length***	2,604.9	2,664.8	2.3	2,577.3	2,613.2	1.4

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
<b>July</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>
August	8.2	8.7	6.2		
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		
<b>7 Mo. Total</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Yr. Total</b>	<b>86.4</b>	<b>90.4</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-July 2008 International Scheduled Enplanements**  
 Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Jan-Jul 2008 Rank	Carrier	Jan-Jul 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Jul 2007 Rank	Jan-Jul 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007- 2008
1	American	12,785.9	1	12,678.3	0.8
2	Continental	7,630.2	2	7,094.8	7.5
3	Delta	7,378.0	4	6,777.8	8.9
4	United	6,953.6	3	7,034.4	-1.1
5	Northwest	6,220.4	5	5,841.9	6.5
6	US Airways*	3,926.8	6	2,815.6	39.5
7	ExpressJet	1,228.4	7	1,190.3	3.2
8	Executive	995.8	8	1,048.2	-5.0
9	Spirit	827.4	11	714.4	15.8
10	JetBlue	743.9	17	424.1	75.4

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

\* US Airways Jan- July 2008 number is the report of the merged US Airways and America West. The Jan- July 2007 numbers were reported separately by US Airways and America West. America West reported 813.1 thousand international passengers in Jan- July 2007.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Note: Alaska Airlines requested confidentiality for its June traffic data. Alaska's numbers are included in summary numbers in this press release but not in individual airline ranking tables.

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

Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Jul 2008 Rank	Carrier	Jul 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jul 2007 Rank	Jul 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	American	2,053.9	1	2,100.0	-2.2
2	Delta	1,372.0	3	1,239.4	10.7
3	Continental	1,326.8	2	1,251.8	6.0
4	United	1,074.0	4	1,115.0	-3.7
5	Northwest	952.1	5	897.8	6.1
6	US Airways*	637.4	6	521.3	22.3
7	ExpressJet	176.3	7	214.9	-18.0
8	Spirit	164.3	9	167.5	-1.9
9	Executive	154.6	8	171.8	-10.0
10	JetBlue	136.8	13	91.2	49.9

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

\* US Airways 2008 number is the report of the merged US Airways and America West. The 2007 number was reported separately by US Airways and America West. America West reported 103.0 thousand international passengers in July 2007.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Note: Alaska Airlines requested confidentiality for its June traffic data. Alaska's numbers are included in summary numbers in this press release but not in individual airline ranking tables.

**Table 17. Top 10 U.S. Airports, ranked by January-July 2008 International Scheduled Enplanements**

Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Jan-Jul 2008 Rank	Airport	Jan-Jul 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Jul 2007 Rank	Jan-Jul 2007 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2007-2008
1	Miami	3,006.9	1	2,817.4	6.7
2	New York JFK	2,552.4	3	2,263.5	12.8
3	Atlanta	2,477.1	2	2,359.0	5.0
4	Newark	2,377.4	4	2,185.1	8.8
5	Houston Bush	2,015.0	6	1,883.1	7.0
6	Chicago O'Hare	1,896.9	5	1,952.6	-2.9
7	Dallas/Ft. Worth	1,256.0	7	1,265.0	-0.7
8	Los Angeles	1,159.1	8	1,195.5	-3.0
9	San Francisco	1,112.4	9	1,074.7	3.5
10	Detroit Metro	1,015.0	10	970.2	4.6

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

<b>Jul 2008 Rank</b>	<b>Airport</b>	<b>Jul 2008 Enplaned Passengers</b>	<b>Jul 2007 Rank</b>	<b>Jul 2007 Enplaned Passengers</b>	<b>Pct. Change 2007-2008</b>
1	Miami	490.1	1	469.3	4.4
2	New York JFK	449.1	2	407.2	10.3
3	Atlanta	413.1	3	398.6	3.6
4	Newark	399.7	4	375.7	6.4
5	Houston Bush	337.6	5	318.8	5.9
6	Chicago O'Hare	281.4	6	294.3	-4.4
7	Dallas/Ft.Worth	195.3	7	207.9	-6.1
8	Los Angeles	172.7	8	196.1	-11.9
9	San Francisco	167.7	9	168.5	-0.5
10	Philadelphia	157.9	10	159.3	-0.9

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

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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