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### **February 2010 Passenger Airline Employment Down 3.5 Percent from February 2009**

U.S. scheduled passenger airlines employed 3.5 percent fewer workers in February 2010 than in February 2009, the 20th consecutive decrease in full-time equivalent employee (FTE) levels for the scheduled passenger carriers from the same month of the previous year, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) reported today (Tables 1, 2). FTE calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

BTS, a part of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, reported that the February FTE total of 378,100 for the scheduled passenger carriers was almost 13,600 below that of February 2009 and the lowest monthly total for any month since at least 1990 (Table 3). [Historic employment data](#) can be found on the BTS web site.

Five network airlines decreased employment from February 2009 to February 2010. Delta Air Lines, after completing its merger with Northwest Airlines, is reporting combined numbers in 2010 compared to separate reporting through December 2009 (Table 9). Network airlines operate a significant portion of their flights using at least one hub where connections are made for flights to down-line destinations or spoke cities.

Southwest Airlines and AirTran were the only low-cost carriers to report a decrease from February 2009 (Table 12). Regional carriers American Eagle Airlines, SkyWest Airlines, Comair, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Pinnacle Airlines, Horizon Air, Mesa Airlines, Air Wisconsin Airlines, Mesaba Airlines, Shuttle America, PSA Airlines and Colgan Airlines also reported reduced employment levels compared to last year (Table 15).

Scheduled passenger airline categories include network, low-cost, regional and other airlines.

The six network airlines employed 256,800 FTEs in February, 67.9 percent of the passenger airline total, while low-cost carriers employed 16.9 percent and regional carriers employed 13.7 percent (Table 4).

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Delta employed the most FTEs in February among the network airlines, Southwest employed the most FTEs among low-cost airlines, and American Eagle employed the most FTEs among regional airlines. Six of the top 10 employers in the industry are network airlines (Table 6).

Beginning with October 2007 data, US Airways' numbers are combined with numbers for America West Airlines in the network category. For previous months, America West's numbers were included with the low-cost airlines.

### **Network Airlines**

FTEs at the group of six network airlines decreased 3.0 percent in February 2010 compared to December 2009, the 18th consecutive monthly decrease from the same month of the previous year (Table 7). The network airlines employed 7,800 fewer FTEs in February 2010 than in February 2009 (Table 8). Delta and Northwest reported separately in February 2009 while their reports were combined in February 2010.

Within the group, all network carriers except Delta decreased FTEs from February 2009 to February 2010: US Airways, 5.4 percent; Continental Airlines, 5.4 percent; American, 4.9 percent; United Airlines, 4.5 percent; and Alaska Airlines, 2.8 percent. Delta increased FTEs by 2.0 percent compared to total Delta and Northwest FTEs for February 2009 (Table 9).

The network airlines employed 11,500 fewer FTEs in February 2010 than in 2006 even though America West's numbers were not combined with US Airways in the network category until October 2007 (Table 8).

The biggest percentage decline in FTE employment from 2006 to 2010 was at United, down 18.1 percent, a reduction of 9,700 FTEs, followed by American, down 10.8 percent. The increases were at Alaska, 2.3 percent; and Continental, 0.1 percent. February 2010 numbers for Delta and US Airways are not comparable to 2006 because of the intervening mergers (Table 9).

### **Low-Cost Airlines**

Low-cost airline FTEs were up 1.4 percent in February 2010 from February 2009 (Tables 10, 11).

Six low-cost airlines reported year-to-year increases: Frontier Airlines, 14.9 percent; Virgin America, 12.4 percent; Allegiant Air, 11.6 percent; JetBlue Airways, 6.3 percent; and Spirit Airlines, 3.3 percent. Southwest and AirTran reported year-to-year FTE decreases (Table 12).

The six low-cost carriers reporting employment data in both 2006 and 2010 employed 17.9 percent more FTEs in February 2010 than in February 2006. Allegiant reported the largest percentage increase, up 139.6 percent. Spirit reported the only four-year decrease within the low-cost group, down 5.3 percent (Table 12).

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Low-cost airlines are those that the industry recognizes as operating under a low-cost business model, with lower infrastructure and aircraft operating costs.

### **Regional Airlines**

Regional airline FTEs were down 9.8 percent in February 2010 compared to February 2009, the 18th consecutive month with a decline from the same month of the previous year (Table 13).

Comair, down 50.7 percent, and Mesaba, down 42.7 percent, reported the largest decreases in the regional group. Republic Airlines, up 30.3 percent; and Compass Airlines, up 18.0 percent, reported the largest increases in the group (Table 15).

Regional carrier FTEs declined 8.2 percent from February 2006 to February 2010 (Table 14).

The 15 regional carriers reporting employment data in both 2006 and 2010 employed 10.4 percent fewer FTEs in February 2010 than in 2006. Comair reported the largest percentage decline, down 57.8 percent, followed by PSA, down 40.2 percent, and Atlantic Southeast, down 32.8 percent (Table 15).

Republic reported the biggest four-year gain, 464.5 percent, followed by GoJet at 150.0 percent (Table 15). Effective with October 2009 reporting, Republic's employment numbers include FTE's from Midwest Airlines. Midwest employment data were formerly included in the "Other Airlines" category.

Regional carriers typically provide service from small cities, using primarily regional jets to support the network carriers' hub and spoke systems.

### **Reporting Notes**

Airlines that operate at least one aircraft with the capacity to carry combined passengers, cargo and fuel of 18,000 pounds – the payload factor – must report monthly employment statistics.

The Other Carrier category generally reflects those airlines that operate within specific niche markets, such as Continental Micronesia and Hawaiian Airlines serving the Hawaiian Islands.

Data are compiled from monthly reports filed with BTS by commercial air carriers as of April 12. Additional airline employment data can be found on the BTS website at [http://www.bts.gov/programs/airline\\_information/number\\_of\\_employees/](http://www.bts.gov/programs/airline_information/number_of_employees/). BTS has scheduled release of March passenger airline employment data for May 18.

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**Table 1: Change from Previous Month in Passenger Airline Full-time Equivalent Employees\* by Airline Group**

Most recent 13 months - percent change compared to same month of the previous year

<b>Month</b>	<b>Network Carriers (Pct. Change) From Table 7</b>	<b>Low-Cost Carriers (Pct. Change) From Table 10</b>	<b>Regional Carriers (Pct. Change) From Table 13</b>	<b>All Passenger Airlines** (Pct. Change) From Table 2</b>
Feb. 2008-Feb. 2009	-6.4	-3.0	-4.9	-6.6
Mar. 2008-Mar. 2009	-6.7	0.1	-4.9	-5.7
Apr. 2008-Apr. 2009	-6.5	2.2	-5.6	-5.5
May 2008-May 2009	-8.2	1.2	-7.7	-6.8
June 2008-June 2009	-7.8	1.8	-7.2	-6.3
July 2008-July 2009	-7.1	0.9	-6.9	-5.9
Aug. 2008-Aug. 2009	-6.4	-0.2	-6.8	-5.5
Sept. 2008-Sept. 2009	-5.0	-0.1	-5.7	-4.4
Oct. 2008-Oct. 2009	-2.8	-0.4	-10.1	-3.7
Nov. 2008-Nov. 2009	-2.7	-0.1	-7.5	-3.3
Dec. 2008-Dec. 2009	-2.5	0.0	-8.9	-3.3
Jan. 2009-Jan. 2010	-2.3	1.4	-8.5	-2.9
<b>Feb. 2009-Feb. 2010</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-9.8</b>	<b>-3.5</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

\*\* Includes network, low-cost, regional and other carriers. Other Carriers generally operate within specific niche markets. They are: Casino Express Airlines, Continental Micronesia, Hawaiian Airlines, Sun Country Airlines and USA3000 Airlines.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 2: Change from Previous Year in Total Passenger Airline\* Full-time Equivalent Employees\*\***

Percent change compared to same month the previous year

Month	2007	2008	2009	2010
January	-0.4	3.4	-6.7	-2.9
<b>February</b>	0.4	3.0	-6.6	<b>-3.5</b>
March	0.7	1.6	-5.7	
April	1.4	1.3	-5.5	
May	2.2	0.8	-6.8	
June	2.5	0.1	-6.3	
July	2.8	-0.8	-5.9	
August	2.6	-2.1	-5.5	
September	3.0	-4.5	-4.4	
October	3.5	-5.7	-3.7	
November	3.7	-6.5	-3.3	
December	3.7	-6.7	-3.3	

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Includes network, low-cost, regional and other carriers.

\*\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**Table 3: Total Passenger Airline\* Full-time Equivalent Employees\*\* by Month**

Month	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Percent Change	
						2006-2010	2009-2010
January	405.7	404.3	418.8	390.7	379.5	-6.5	-2.9
<b>February</b>	404.5	406.0	419.2	391.7	<b>378.1</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>-3.5</b>
March	405.1	408.0	415.7	392.1			
April	404.5	410.2	415.5	392.8			
May	403.6	412.4	415.6	387.5			
June	403.8	414.0	414.6	388.4			
July	403.3	414.6	411.2	386.9			
August	404.7	415.4	406.8	384.4			
September	403.7	416.3	397.4	380.0			
October	403.6	417.9	394.3	379.8			
November	404.5	419.4	392.2	379.4			
December	405.0	419.8	391.9	379.1			
<b>12-Month Average</b>	<b>404.3</b>	<b>413.2</b>	<b>407.8</b>	<b>386.1</b>			
<b>Jan-Feb Average</b>	<b>405.1</b>	<b>405.1</b>	<b>419.0</b>	<b>391.2</b>	<b>378.8</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>-3.2</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Includes network, low-cost, regional and other carriers.

\*\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

Note: Percent changes and averages based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 4: Airline Group Full-time Equivalent Employees\*, February 2006-2010**  
 FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

	<b>Network**</b>	<b>Low-Cost**</b>	<b>Regional</b>	<b>All Passenger Airlines***</b>
<b>2006</b>	268.2	68.7	56.6	404.5
<b>2007</b>	262.4	72.3	59.9	406.0
<b>2008</b>	282.6	64.9	60.5	419.2
<b>2009</b>	264.6	63.0	57.6	391.7
<b>2010</b>	256.8	63.8	52.0	378.1
<b>Pct. Change 2006-2010</b>	<b>-4.3%</b>	<b>-7.0%</b>	<b>-8.2%</b>	<b>-6.5%</b>
<b>Percent of Total Passenger Airline Employees in 2010</b>	<b>67.9%</b>	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

\*\* America West's employment numbers were included with the low-cost airlines prior to October 2007. Beginning with October 2007, America West's numbers are combined with US Airways numbers in the network category.

\*\*\* Includes network, low-cost, regional and other carriers.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**Table 5: Year-to-Year Change in Airline Group Full-time Equivalent Employees\*, February 2006-2010**

Percent change in FTEs from the same month of the previous year

	<b>Network**</b>	<b>Low-Cost**</b>	<b>Regional</b>	<b>All Passenger Airlines***</b>
<b>2006</b>	-7.8	-3.7	1.1	-5.7
<b>2007</b>	-2.2	5.3	5.9	0.4
<b>2008</b>	7.7	-10.2	1.1	3.2
<b>2009</b>	-6.4	-3.0	-4.9	-6.6
<b>2010</b>	-3.0	1.4	-9.8	-3.5

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

\*\* America West's employment numbers were included with the low-cost airlines prior to October 2007. Beginning with October 2007, America West's numbers are combined with US Airways numbers in the network category.

\*\*\* Includes network, low-cost, regional and other carriers.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 6: Top 10 Airlines, February 2010**

Ranked by Number of Full-Time Equivalent Employees\*

Rank	Airline	Total FTE Employees (000)	Carrier Group	Top 10 Airlines February 2009**
1	Delta	74.6	Network	American
2	American	66.5	Network	United
3	United	43.7	Network	Delta
4	Southwest	34.7	Low-Cost	Southwest
5	Continental	33.1	Network	Continental
6	US Airways	29.5	Network	US Airways
7	JetBlue	11.2	Low-Cost	Northwest
8	Alaska	9.2	Network	JetBlue
9	American Eagle	9.0	Regional	Alaska
10	SkyWest	8.9	Regional	American Eagle

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

**Table 7: Network Airlines - Year-to-Year Change in Full-time Equivalent Employees\* from the Previous Year\*\***

Percent change compared to same month the previous year

	2007	2008	2009	2010
January	-2.6	7.5	-6.3	-2.3
<b>February</b>	-2.2	7.7	-6.4	<b>-3.0</b>
March	-1.4	7.5	-6.7	
April	-0.7	7.1	-6.5	
May	0.3	6.7	-8.2	
June	1.3	5.3	-7.8	
July	1.5	4.3	-7.1	
August	1.5	2.7	-6.4	
September	1.8	-0.2	-5.0	
October	7.2	-5.4	-2.8	
November	7.5	-6.2	-2.7	
December	7.5	-6.3	-2.5	

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

\*\* US Airways' employment numbers were included with the network airlines prior to October 2007 while America West's numbers were included with the low-cost airlines. Beginning with October 2007, US Airways' numbers are combined with America West's numbers in the network category.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 8: Network Airlines Full-time Equivalent Employees\* by Month\*\***  
 Numbers in thousands (000's)

Month	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Percent Change	
						2006-2010	2009-2010
January	269.1	262.0	281.7	263.9	257.8	-4.2	-2.3
<b>February</b>	268.2	262.4	282.6	264.6	<b>256.8</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-3.0</b>
March	267.8	264.1	283.9	264.8			
April	266.6	264.8	283.7	265.2			
May	265.8	266.6	283.6	260.5			
June	265.3	268.6	282.8	260.8			
July	264.9	268.7	280.4	260.5			
August	264.8	268.8	276.1	258.6			
September	264.0	268.8	268.4	254.9			
October	263.0	281.9	266.6	259.0			
November	263.0	282.7	265.2	258.1			
December	262.9	282.7	264.7	258.1			
<b>12-Month Average</b>	<b>265.5</b>	<b>270.2</b>	<b>276.7</b>	<b>260.8</b>			
<b>Jan-Feb Average</b>	<b>268.7</b>	<b>262.2</b>	<b>282.2</b>	<b>264.2</b>	<b>257.3</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>-2.6</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

\*\* US Airways' employment numbers were included with the network airlines prior to October 2007 while America West's numbers were included with the low-cost airlines. Beginning with October 2007, US Airways' numbers are combined with America West's numbers in the network category.

Note: Percent changes and averages based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 9: By Network Airline: Full-time Equivalent Employees\*, February 2006-2010\*\***  
(FTEs for February of each year. Ranked by February 2010 FTEs)  
Numbers in thousands (000's)

Rank		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Percent Change	
							2006-2010	2009-2010
1	<b>Delta***</b>	54.5	47.4	48.5	45.3	74.6	<b>57.6</b>	<b>64.7</b>
2	<b>American</b>	76.0	74.6	73.2	69.9	66.5	<b>-10.8</b>	<b>-4.9</b>
3	<b>United</b>	56.9	53.4	52.4	45.8	43.7	<b>-18.1</b>	<b>-4.5</b>
4	<b>Continental</b>	31.8	33.1	36.3	35.0	33.1	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-5.4</b>
5	<b>US Airways</b>	38.4	31.0	32.8	31.2	29.5	<b>49.3</b>	<b>-5.4</b>
6	<b>Alaska</b>	9.0	9.3	9.9	9.5	9.2	<b>2.3</b>	<b>-2.8</b>
7	<b>Northwest***</b>	31.0	29.2	29.4	27.8	N/A	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>268.2</b>	<b>262.4</b>	<b>282.6</b>	<b>264.6</b>	<b>256.8</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-3.0</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

\*\* Beginning with October 2007, US Airways' numbers are combined with America West Airlines' numbers in the network category. For America West's previous year numbers in the low-cost category, see Table 12.

\*\*\* Delta Air Lines and Northwest Airlines completed their merger and began reporting combined numbers in January 2010

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 10: Low-Cost Airlines - Year-to-Year Change in Full-time Equivalent Employees\* from the Previous Year\*\***

Percent change compared to same month the previous year

<b>Month</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
January	4.8	-9.7	-3.1	1.4
<b>February</b>	5.3	-10.2	-3.0	<b>1.4</b>
March***	4.7	-13.3	0.1	
April	6.0	-15.2	2.2	
May	5.6	-14.8	1.2	
June	5.6	-14.9	1.9	
July	6.1	-16.1	0.9	
August	5.5	-16.4	-0.2	
September	6.2	-17.3	-0.1	
October	-11.3	-1.5	-0.4	
November	-10.3	-2.8	-0.1	
December	-10.6	-3.3	0.0	

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

\*\* US Airways' employment numbers were included with the network airlines prior to October 2007 while America West's numbers were included with the low-cost airlines. Beginning with October 2007, US Airways' numbers are combined with America West's numbers in the network category.

\*\*\* ATA Airlines ceased operating on April 3, 2008 and stopped reporting employment data effective in March.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 11: Low-Cost Airlines Full-time Equivalent Employees\* by Month\*\***  
 Numbers in thousands (000's)

	2006	2007***	2008	2009	2010	Percent Change	
						2006-2010	2009-2010
January	68.4	71.7	64.7	62.7	63.6	-7.0	1.4
<b>February</b>	68.7	72.3	64.9	63.0	<b>63.8</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>
March****	69.4	72.6	62.9	63.0			
April	69.6	73.8	62.5	63.9			
May	69.8	73.7	62.8	63.5			
June	70.1	74.0	63.0	64.1			
July	70.2	74.5	62.5	63.0			
August	71.3	75.2	62.9	62.8			
September	71.1	75.5	62.5	62.4			
October	71.7	63.6	62.7	62.4			
November	71.9	64.5	62.7	62.6			
December	72.5	64.8	62.6	62.6			
<b>12-Month Average</b>	<b>70.4</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>63.0</b>			
<b>Jan-Feb Average</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

\*\* US Airways' employment numbers were included with the network airlines prior to October 2007 while America West's numbers were included with the low-cost airlines. Beginning with October 2007, US Airways' numbers are combined with America West Airlines' numbers in the network category.

\*\*\* Virgin America and SkyBus began reporting employment data in August 2007. SkyBus stopped reporting employment data effective in April 2008 resulting from its bankruptcy filing.

\*\*\*\* ATA Airlines ceased operating on April 3, 2008 and stopped reporting employment data effective in March.

Note: Percent changes and averages based on numbers prior to rounding.

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

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**Table 12: By Low-Cost Carrier: Full-time Equivalent Employees,\* February 2006-2010\*\***  
(FTEs for February of each year. Ranked by February 2010 FTEs)

Rank		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Percent Change**	
							2006-2010	2009-2010
1	<b>Southwest</b>	31,462	32,829	34,070	35,543	34,730	10.4	-2.3
2	<b>JetBlue</b>	8,959	9,467	10,446	10,539	11,201	25.0	6.3
3	<b>AirTran</b>	6,755	7,532	8,111	7,842	7,833	16.0	-0.1
4	<b>Frontier</b>	4,257	4,614	5,255	4,405	5,061	18.9	14.9
5	<b>Spirit</b>	2,060	2,137	2,370	1,889	1,951	-5.3	3.3
6	<b>Allegiant</b>	651	895	1,220	1,398	1,560	139.6	11.6
7	<b>Virgin America***</b>	N/A	N/A	828	1,344	1,510	N/A	12.4
8	<b>ATA****</b>	3,078	2,410	2,189	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
9	<b>SkyBus</b>	N/A	N/A	448	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	<b>America West*****</b>	11,435	12,401	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	<b>Total</b>	<b>68,655</b>	<b>72,284</b>	<b>64,935</b>	<b>62,958</b>	<b>63,845</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

\*\* The Percent Change 2006-2010 is based on the six carriers reporting in both years.

\*\*\* Virgin America and SkyBus began reporting employment data in August 2007. SkyBus stopped reporting employment data effective in April 2008 resulting from its bankruptcy filing.

\*\*\*\* ATA Airlines ceased operating on April 3, 2008 and stopped reporting employment data effective in March.

\*\*\*\*\* Beginning with October 2007, US Airways' numbers are combined with America West Airlines' numbers in the network category. For US Airways previous year numbers and for the combined number in the network category, see Table 9.

N/A: Carrier did not meet the standard for filing, was no longer operating, merged with another operating carrier or failed to file. See previous notes.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

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**Table 13: Regional Airlines - Year-to-Year Change in Full-time Equivalent Employees\* from the Previous Year**

Percent change compared to same month the previous year

	2007**	2008***	2009	2010
January	3.0	3.7	-6.0	-8.5
<b>February</b>	5.9	1.1	-4.9	<b>-9.8</b>
March	5.6	0.6	-4.9	
April	5.6	2.0	-7.4	
May	7.2	1.3	-7.7	
June	5.1	1.8	-7.2	
July	4.8	1.4	-6.9	
August	4.9	0.3	-6.8	
September	5.2	-2.1	-5.7	
October	5.5	-5.3	-10.1	
November	5.1	-6.0	-7.5	
December	4.9	-5.2	-8.9	

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

\*\* Compass began reporting employment numbers in November 2007.

\*\*\* Lynx Airlines began reporting in February 2008. Colgan Airlines began reporting in April 2008. TransStates Airlines no longer met reporting requirements beginning in April 2008.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**Table 14: Regional Airlines Full-time Equivalent Employees\* by Month**

Numbers in thousands (000's)

	2006	2007**	2008***	2009	2010	Percent Change	
						2006-2010	2009-2010
January	57.2	58.9	61.1	57.4	52.5	-8.2	-8.5
<b>February</b>	56.6	59.9	60.5	57.6	<b>52.0</b>	<b>-8.2</b>	<b>-9.8</b>
March	56.7	59.9	60.2	57.3			
April	56.9	60.1	61.3	56.8			
May	56.5	60.6	61.4	56.6			
June	57.0	59.9	61.0	56.6			
July	57.1	59.9	60.7	56.5			
August	57.2	60.2	60.3	56.2			
September	57.4	60.7	59.4	56.0			
October	57.7	61.2	58.0	52.1			
November	58.1	61.1	57.5	53.2			
December	58.2	61.1	57.9	52.7			
<b>12-Month Average</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>55.8</b>			
<b>Jan-Feb Average</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>59.4</b>	<b>60.8</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>-8.2</b>	<b>-9.2</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

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**Table 15: By Regional Airline: Full-time Equivalent Employees\*, February 2006-2010**  
(FTEs for February of each year. Ranked by February 2010 FTEs)

Rank		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Percent Change**	
							2006-2010	2009-2010
1	<b>American Eagle</b>	9,345	9,343	9,704	9,214	9,044	-3.2	-1.8
2	<b>SkyWest</b>	8,147	9,277	10,151	9,018	8,945	9.8	-0.8
3	<b>ExpressJet</b>	6,429	7,357	7,622	5,264	5,344	-16.9	1.5
4	<b>Atlantic Southeast</b>	5,294	6,015	4,458	4,209	3,557	-32.8	-15.5
5	<b>Pinnacle</b>	2,991	3,324	3,595	3,610	3,277	9.6	-9.2
6	<b>Horizon</b>	3,508	3,711	3,742	3,395	3,149	-10.2	-7.2
7	<b>Comair</b>	6,087	6,149	6,035	5,213	2,571	-57.8	-50.7
8	<b>Air Wisconsin</b>	2,358	2,285	2,144	2,584	2,495	5.8	-3.4
9	<b>Mesa</b>	3,222	3,244	2,937	2,851	2,328	-27.7	-18.3
10	<b>Mesaba</b>	3,065	2,620	3,091	3,848	2,204	-28.1	-42.7
11	<b>Republic***</b>	341	784	690	1,477	1,925	464.5	30.3
12	<b>Executive</b>	1,778	1,697	1,740	1,677	1,803	1.4	7.5
13	<b>Shuttle America</b>	740	1,014	1,072	1,313	1,252	69.2	-4.6
14	<b>Colgan</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,273	1,223	N/A	-3.9
15	<b>PSA</b>	1,595	1,442	1,173	980	954	-40.2	-2.7
16	<b>Compass</b>	N/A	N/A	411	804	949	N/A	18.0
17	<b>GoJet</b>	218	337	370	480	545	150.0	13.5
18	<b>Lynx</b>	N/A	N/A	301	374	390	N/A	4.3
19	<b>Trans States****</b>	1,452	1,280	1,314	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	<b>Total</b>	<b>56,566</b>	<b>59,876</b>	<b>60,547</b>	<b>57,581</b>	<b>51,952</b>	<b>-10.4</b>	<b>-9.8</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

\*\* The Percent Change 2006-2010 is based on the 12 carriers reporting in both years.

\*\*\* Effective with October 2009 reporting, Republic Airlines' employment numbers include FTE's from Midwest Airlines. Midwest employment data were formerly included in the "Other Airlines" category.

\*\*\*\* Effective with April 2008 reporting, Trans States Airlines no longer met the reporting requirements for filing monthly airline employment data.

N/A: Not applicable because carriers did not meet the standard for filing.

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

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