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December 2009 Passenger Airline Employment Down 3.3 Percent from December 2008

U.S. scheduled passenger airlines employed 3.3 percent fewer workers in December 2009 than in December 2008, the 18th 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 December FTE total of 379,100 for the scheduled passenger carriers was 12,900 below December 2008 and the lowest total for any month since 1993 (Table 3). [Historic employment data](#) can be found on the BTS web site.

Six of the seven network airlines decreased employment from December 2008 to December 2009. Delta Air Lines, which is completing its merger with Northwest Airlines, was the lone network carrier to increase employment (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.

Low-cost carriers Southwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines and Frontier Airlines also reported decreases from December 2008 (Table 12). Regional carriers American Eagle Airlines, SkyWest Airlines, Comair, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Pinnacle Airlines, Horizon Air, Mesa Airlines, Air Wisconsin Airlines, Mesaba Airlines, 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 seven network airlines employed 258,100 FTEs in December, 68.1 percent of the passenger airline total, while low-cost carriers employed 16.5 percent and regional carriers employed 13.9 percent (Table 4).

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American Airlines employed the most FTEs in December among the network airlines, Southwest employed the most FTEs among low-cost airlines, and American Eagle employed the most FTEs among regional airlines. Seven 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 seven network airlines decreased 2.5 percent in December 2009 compared to December 2008, the 16th consecutive monthly decrease from the same month of the previous year (Table 7). The network airlines employed 6,600 fewer FTEs in December 2009 than in December 2008 (Table 8).

Within the group, all network carriers except Delta decreased FTEs from December 2008 to December 2009: Northwest, 6.1 percent; American, 4.9 percent; US Airways, 4.6 percent; United Airlines, 4.0 percent; Continental Airlines, 3.9 percent; and Alaska Airlines, 3.1 percent. Delta increased FTEs by 7.8 percent (Table 9).

FTEs at three network carriers declined during the four years from December 2005 to December 2009. The network airlines employed 12,500 fewer FTEs in December 2009 than in December 2005 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 was at United, down 18.0 percent, a reduction of 9,700 FTEs, followed by Northwest at 17.6 percent. The other 2005 to 2009 FTE decrease was American, down 10.9 percent. The increases were at Alaska, 3.4 percent; Continental, 1.4 percent; Delta, 0.7 percent; and the combined US Airways, 48.9 percent (Table 9).

Low-Cost Airlines

Low-cost airline FTEs were unchanged in December from December 2008 (Tables 10, 11).

Four low-cost airlines reported year-to-year increases: Allegiant Air, 16.1 percent; Virgin America, 12.9 percent; AirTran Airways, 4.7 percent; and JetBlue Airways, 4.6 percent. Southwest, Spirit and Frontier reported year-to-year FTE decreases (Table 12).

The six low-cost carriers reporting employment data in both 2005 and 2009 employed 14.2 percent more FTEs in December 2009 than in December 2005. Allegiant reported the largest percentage increase, up 182.0 percent. Spirit reported the only four-year decrease within the low-cost group, down 6.8 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 8.9 percent in December 2009 compared to December 2008, the 16th consecutive month with a decline from the same month of the previous year (Table 13).

Comair, down 53.1 percent, and Mesaba, down 40.4 percent, reported the largest decreases in the regional group. Republic Airlines, up 88.6 percent; and GoJet Airlines, up 25.8 percent, reported the largest increases in the group (Table 15).

Regional carrier FTEs declined 6.7 percent from December 2005 to December 2009 (Table 14).

The 15 regional carriers reporting employment data in both 2005 and 2009 employed 13.9 percent fewer FTEs in December 2009 than in December 2005. Comair reported the largest percentage decline, down 59.0 percent, followed by PSA, down 38.5 percent, and Atlantic Southeast, down 35.1 percent (Table 15).

GoJet reported the biggest four-year gain, 136.3 percent, followed by Shuttle America at 75.7 percent (Table 15).

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 Feb. 16. Additional airline employment data can be found on the BTS website at http://www.bts.gov/programs/airline_information/number_of_employees/. BTS has scheduled release of January airline employment data for March 16.

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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

Month	Network Carriers (Pct. Change) From Table 7	Low-Cost Carriers (Pct. Change) From Table 10	Regional Carriers (Pct. Change) From Table 13	All Passenger Airlines** (Pct. Change) From Table 2
Dec. 2007-Dec. 2008	-6.3	-3.3	-5.2	-6.7
Jan. 2008-Jan. 2009	-6.3	-3.1	-6.0	-6.7
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

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	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	-6.0	-0.4	3.4	-6.7
February	-5.8	0.4	3.0	-6.6
March	-5.4	0.7	1.6	-5.7
April	-4.6	1.4	1.3	-5.5
May	-4.9	2.2	0.8	-6.8
June	-4.8	2.5	0.1	-6.3
July	-5.9	2.8	-0.8	-5.9
August	-3.1	2.6	-2.1	-5.5
September	-2.6	3.0	-4.5	-4.4
October	-2.2	3.5	-5.7	-3.7
November	-1.6	3.7	-6.5	-3.3
December	-0.9	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**

Numbers in thousands (000's)

Month	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Percent Change	
						2005-2009	2008-2009
January	431.5	405.7	404.3	418.8	390.7	-9.5	-6.7
February	428.9	404.5	406.0	419.2	391.7	-8.7	-6.6
March	427.7	405.1	408.0	415.7	392.1	-8.3	-5.7
April	424.1	404.5	410.2	415.5	392.8	-7.4	-5.5
May	424.4	403.6	412.4	415.6	387.5	-8.7	-6.8
June	424.3	403.8	414.0	414.6	388.4	-8.5	-6.3
July	428.5	403.3	414.6	411.2	386.9	-9.7	-5.9
August	417.5	404.7	415.4	406.8	384.4	-7.9	-5.5
September	414.5	403.7	416.3	397.4	380.0	-8.3	-4.4
October	412.7	403.6	417.9	394.3	379.8	-8.0	-3.7
November	411.0	404.5	419.4	392.2	379.4	-7.7	-3.3
December	408.8	405.0	419.8	391.9	379.1	-7.3	-3.3
Jan-Dec Average	421.2	404.3	413.2	407.6	386.1	-8.3	-5.3

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 and averages based on numbers prior to rounding.

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Table 4: Airline Group Full-time Equivalent Employees*, December 2005-2009
 FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

	Network**	Low-Cost**	Regional	All Passenger Airlines***
2005	270.6	71.2	56.5	408.8
2006	262.9	72.5	58.2	405.0
2007	282.7	64.8	61.1	419.8
2008	264.7	62.6	57.9	391.9
2009	258.1	62.6	52.7	379.1
Pct. Change 2005-2009	-4.6%	-12.1%	-6.7%	-7.3%
Percent of Total Passenger Airline Employees in 2009	68.1%	16.5%	13.9%	

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*, December 2005-2009

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

	Network**	Low-Cost**	Regional	All Passenger Airlines***
2005	-8.5	-1.1	2.2	-5.8
2006	-2.9	1.8	3.0	-0.9
2007	7.5	-10.6	4.9	3.7
2008	-6.3	-3.3	-5.2	-6.7
2009	-2.5	0.0	-8.9	-3.3

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, December 2009

Ranked by Number of Full-Time Equivalent Employees*

Rank	Airline	Total FTE Employees (000)	Carrier Group	Top 10 Airlines December 2008
1	American	66.7	Network	American
2	Delta	49.0	Network	United
3	United	43.9	Network	Delta
4	Southwest	34.7	Low-Cost	Southwest
5	Continental	33.2	Network	Continental
6	US Airways	29.9	Network	US Airways
7	Northwest	26.2	Network	Northwest
8	JetBlue	10.9	Low-Cost	JetBlue
9	Alaska	9.3	Network	Alaska
10	American Eagle	9.0	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

Month	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	-8.1	-2.6	7.5	-6.3
February	-7.8	-2.2	7.7	-6.4
March	-7.4	-1.4	7.5	-6.7
April	-6.7	-0.7	7.1	-6.5
May	-7.0	0.3	6.7	-8.2
June	-6.8	1.3	5.3	-7.8
July	-8.1	1.5	4.3	-7.1
August	-4.7	1.5	2.7	-6.4
September	-4.1	1.8	-0.2	-5.0
October	-4.0	7.2	-5.4	-2.8
November	-3.4	7.5	-6.2	-2.7
December	-2.9	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)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Percent Change	
						2005-2009	2008-2009
January	292.7	269.1	262.0	281.7	263.9	-9.8	-6.3
February	290.9	268.2	262.4	282.6	264.6	-9.0	-6.4
March	289.3	267.8	264.1	283.9	264.8	-8.5	-6.7
April	285.8	266.6	264.8	283.7	265.2	-7.2	-6.5
May	285.8	265.8	266.6	283.6	260.5	-8.9	-8.2
June	284.8	265.3	268.6	282.8	260.8	-8.4	-7.8
July	288.2	264.9	268.7	280.4	260.5	-9.6	-7.1
August	277.8	264.8	268.8	276.1	258.6	-6.9	-6.4
September	275.4	264.0	268.8	268.4	254.9	-7.5	-5.0
October	274.1	263.0	281.9	266.6	259.0	-5.5	-2.8
November	272.4	263.0	282.7	265.2	258.1	-5.2	-2.7
December	270.6	262.9	282.7	264.7	258.1	-4.6	-2.5
Jan-Dec Average	285.6	266.3	262.0	276.6	260.8	-7.6	-5.7

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*, December 2005-2009**
(FTEs for December of each year. Ranked by December 2009 FTEs)
Numbers in thousands (000's)

Rank		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Percent Change	
							2005-2009	2008-2009
1	American	74.8	73.0	73.2	70.1	66.7	-10.9	-4.9
2	Delta	48.6	44.6	48.4	45.4	49.0	0.7	7.8
3	United	53.6	52.3	52.4	45.8	43.9	-18.0	-4.0
4	Continental	32.7	34.5	36.0	34.5	33.2	1.4	-3.9
5	US Airways	20.1	19.4	32.7	31.4	29.9	48.9	-4.6
6	Northwest	31.9	29.6	30.0	28.0	26.2	-17.6	-6.1
7	Alaska	9.0	9.4	9.9	9.6	9.3	3.4	-3.1
	Total	270.6	262.9	282.7	264.7	258,148	-4.6	-2.5

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.

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

Month	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	-5.0	4.8	-9.7	-3.1
February	-3.7	5.3	-10.2	-3.0
March***	-2.6	4.7	-13.3	0.1
April	-1.8	6.0	-15.2	2.2
May	-1.7	5.6	-14.8	1.2
June	-1.6	5.6	-14.9	1.9
July	-2.1	6.1	-16.1	0.9
August	-0.3	5.5	-16.4	-0.2
September	0.1	6.2	-17.3	-0.1
October	1.2	-11.3	-1.5	-0.4
November	1.3	-10.3	-2.8	-0.1
December	1.8	-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)

	2005***	2006	2007****	2008	2009	Percent Change	
						2005-2009	2008-2009
January	72.0	68.4	71.7	64.7	62.7	-12.9	-3.1
February	71.3	68.7	72.3	64.9	63.0	-11.7	-3.0
March*****	71.2	69.4	72.6	62.9	63.0	-11.5	0.1
April	70.9	69.6	73.8	62.5	63.9	-9.8	2.2
May	71.0	69.8	73.7	62.8	63.5	-10.5	1.2
June	71.3	70.1	74.0	63.0	64.1	-10.0	1.8
July	71.7	70.2	74.5	62.5	63.0	-12.1	0.9
August	71.5	71.3	75.2	62.9	62.8	-12.2	-0.2
September	71.0	71.1	75.5	62.5	62.4	-12.2	-0.1
October	70.9	71.7	63.6	62.7	62.4	-12.0	-0.4
November	71.0	71.9	64.5	62.7	62.6	-11.8	-0.1
December	71.2	72.5	64.8	62.6	62.6	-12.1	0.0
Jan-Dec Average	70.9	69.2	71.4	63.1	63.0	-11.1	-0.1

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.

*** Employment numbers in 2005 for Independence Air, which changed its business model from a regional to low-cost carrier in mid-2004, are included with low-cost carriers. The airline discontinued flights on Jan. 5, 2006.

**** 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,* December 2005-2009**
(FTEs for December of each year. Ranked by December 2009 FTEs)

Rank		2005***	2006	2007****	2008	2009	Percent Change	
							2005-2009	2008-2009
1	Southwest	31,729	32,664	34,378	35,499	34,726	9.4	-2.2
2	JetBlue	8,448	9,509	10,145	10,377	10,856	28.5	4.6
3	AirTran	6,703	7,415	8,236	7,489	7,844	17.0	4.7
4	Frontier	4,093	4,522	5,216	4,397	4,284	4.7	-2.6
5	Spirit	2,059	2,041	2,201	2,263	1,920	-6.8	-15.2
6	Allegiant	555	846	1,180	1,348	1,565	182.0	16.1
7	Virgin America	N/A	N/A	735	1,259	1,421	N/A	12.9
8	ATA*****	3,658	2,454	2,319	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
9	SkyBus	N/A	N/A	381	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	Independence	2,375	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
11	America West	11,579	13,038	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Total	71,198	72,487	64,788	62,631	62,615	-12.1	0.0

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

* 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 US Airways previous year numbers and for the combined number in the network category, see Table 9.

*** Employment numbers in 2005 for Independence Air, which changed its business model from a regional to low-cost carrier in mid-2004, are included with low-cost carriers. The airline discontinued flights on Jan. 5, 2006.

**** 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.

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

	2006	2007**	2008***	2009
January	2.5	3.0	3.7	-6.0
February	1.1	5.9	1.1	-4.9
March	0.5	5.6	0.6	-4.9
April	0.6	5.6	2.0	-7.4
May	-0.6	7.2	1.3	-7.7
June	-1.6	5.1	1.8	-7.2
July	-0.8	4.8	1.4	-6.9
August	-1.0	4.9	0.3	-6.8
September	-0.3	5.2	-2.1	-5.7
October	0.6	5.5	-5.3	-10.1
November	2.4	5.1	-6.0	-7.5
December	3.0	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)

	2005**	2006	2007***	2008****	2009	Percent Change	
						2005-2009	2008-2009
January	55.8	57.2	58.9	61.1	57.4	2.9	-6.0
February	55.9	56.6	59.9	60.5	57.6	3.0	-4.9
March	56.4	56.7	59.9	60.2	57.3	1.7	-4.9
April	56.6	56.9	60.1	61.3	56.8	0.4	-7.4
May	56.9	56.5	60.6	61.4	56.6	-0.4	-7.7
June	57.6	57.0	59.9	61.0	56.6	-1.8	-7.2
July	57.6	57.1	59.9	60.7	56.5	-1.9	-6.9
August	57.8	57.2	60.2	60.3	56.2	-2.7	-6.8
September	57.6	57.4	60.7	59.4	56.0	-2.8	-5.7
October	57.4	57.7	61.2	58.0	52.1	-8.6	-10.1
November	56.8	58.1	61.1	57.5	53.2	-6.4	-7.5
December	56.5	58.2	61.1	57.9	52.7	-6.7	-8.9
Jan-Dec Average	56.9	57.0	60.3	60.0	55.8	-2.0	-7.1

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

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

** Republic, Shuttle America and GoJet reported for part of 2005.

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

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

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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Table 15: By Regional Airline: Full-time Equivalent Employees*, December 2005-2009
(FTEs for December of each year. Ranked by December 2009 FTEs)

Rank		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Percent Change**	
							2005-2009	2008-2009
1	American Eagle	9,419	9,269	9,679	9,220	8,996	-4.5	-2.4
2	SkyWest	8,101	8,791	10,249	8,986	8,692	7.3	-3.3
3	ExpressJet Atlantic	6,375	6,828	7,753	5,267	5,289	-17.0	0.4
4	Southeast	5,552	5,657	4,295	4,353	3,601	-35.1	-17.3
5	Pinnacle	2,968	3,288	3,283	3,622	3,316	11.7	-8.4
6	Horizon	3,504	3,656	3,741	3,447	3,210	-8.4	-6.9
7	Republic***	N/A	670	1,324	1,418	2,674	N/A	88.6
8	Comair	6,329	6,126	6,349	5,533	2,594	-59.0	-53.1
9	Mesa	2,975	3,240	3,091	2,912	2,519	-15.3	-13.5
10	Air Wisconsin	2,198	2,314	2,179	2,660	2,510	14.2	-5.6
11	Mesaba	3,277	2,555	2,926	3,763	2,244	-31.5	-40.4
12	Executive	1,750	1,682	1,720	1,644	1,792	2.4	9.0
13	Shuttle America	711	1,104	1,119	1,232	1,249	75.7	1.4
14	Colgan	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,277	1,235	N/A	-3.3
15	PSA	1,570	1,432	1,361	988	965	-38.5	-2.3
16	Compass	N/A	N/A	355	761	888	N/A	16.7
17	GoJet	237	312	363	445	560	136.3	25.8
18	Lynx	N/A	N/A	N/A	359	399	N/A	8.1
19	Trans States****	1,302	1,278	1,293	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Total	56,514	58,202	61,080	57,884	52,730	-13.9	-8.9

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

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

** The Percent Change 2005-2009 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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