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January 2009 Passenger Airline Employment Down 6.9 Percent from January 2008

U.S. scheduled passenger airlines employed 6.9 percent fewer workers in January 2009 than in January 2008, the seventh consecutive decrease in full-time equivalent employee (FTE) levels for the scheduled passenger carriers from the same month of the previous year and the largest year-to-year decrease since December 2003, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) reported today (Table 2). The January FTE total of 390,000 for the scheduled passenger carriers was the lowest total since 1993. FTE calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

All the network airlines decreased employment from January 2008 to January 2009 (Table 9) as did low-cost carriers AirTran Airways, Frontier Airlines and Spirit Airlines (Table 12). Regional carriers American Eagle Airlines, SkyWest Airlines, ExpressJet Airlines, Comair, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Horizon Air, Mesa Airlines, Executive Airlines, Shuttle America Airlines, Republic Airlines and PSA Airlines also reported reduced employment levels compared to last year (Table 15).

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

The seven network carriers employed 263,900 FTEs in January, 67.7 percent of the passenger airline total, while low-cost carriers employed 16.1 percent and regional carriers employed 14.6 percent (Table 4).

American Airlines employed the most FTEs in January among the network carriers, Southwest Airlines employed the most among low-cost carriers, and American Eagle employed the most among regional carriers. Seven of the top 10 employers in the industry are network carriers (Table 6).

America West Airlines and US Airways now operate under a single certificate. Joint reporting began with October 2007 data. 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.

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Network Airlines

FTEs at the group of seven network carriers decreased 6.3 percent in January 2009 compared to January 2008, the fifth monthly decrease from the same month of the previous year after 16 consecutive months of year-over-year growth. Prior to an increase in May 2007, the network group had reduced FTEs from the previous year every month since September 2001 (Table 7).

Within the group, all network carriers decreased FTEs from January 2008 to January 2009: United Airlines, 12.8 percent; Delta Air Lines, 6.3 percent; Northwest Airlines, 5.1 percent; American, 4.6 percent; US Airways, 4.4 percent; Continental Airlines, 3.8 percent; and Alaska Airlines, 3.7 percent (Table 9).

FTEs at four network carriers declined during the four years from January 2005 to January 2009. The biggest percentage decline was at Northwest, down 27.7 percent, a reduction of 10,600 FTEs, followed by Delta at 20.5 percent. The other FTE decreases during that time were United, down 19.6 percent, and American, down 8.9 percent. The increases were at Continental, 9.1 percent; Alaska, 3.5 percent; and the recently combined US Airways, 29.5 percent (Table 9).

Network carriers 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 Airlines

Low-cost carrier FTEs declined 3.1 percent in January from January 2008, the fourth consecutive monthly decline in the group's FTEs not influenced by the US Airways-America West post-merger reporting. Since the America West and US Airways reports were combined in October 2007, low-cost carrier FTEs decreased each month for 12 consecutive months through September compared to the same month of the previous year, but the previous year numbers included America West while the recent data did not (Tables 10, 11).

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Four low-cost carriers reported year-to-year increases: Virgin America, 71.1 percent; Allegiant Airlines, 15.1 percent; Southwest, 3.9 percent and JetBlue Airways, 1.1 percent. AirTran, Spirit and Frontier reported year-to-year FTE decreases. ATA Airlines, which reported 2,233 FTEs in January 2008, stopped operating on April 3 and ceased reporting employment data effective in April 2008. SkyBus also stopped reporting in April 2008 but employed 431 FTEs in January 2008 (Table 12).

Low-cost carriers are those that the industry recognizes as operating under a lowcost business model, with lower infrastructure costs and higher productivity.

Regional Airlines

Regional carrier FTEs were down 7.1 percent in January 2009 compared to January 2008 (Table 13).

ExpressJet, down 31.2 percent, and Republic, down 33.5 percent, reported the largest decreases in the regional group. Compass Airlines, up 109.6 percent, and Mesaba Airlines, up 25.9 percent, reported the largest increases in the group (Table 15).

Regional carrier FTEs rose from 55,800 in January 2005 to 56,700 in January 2009, an increase of 1.7 percent (Table 14).

The 12 regional carriers reporting employment data in both 2005 and 2009 employed 4.5 percent fewer FTEs in January 2009 than in January 2005. PSA reported the largest percentage decline, down 44.4 percent, followed by Air Wisconsin, down 28.5 percent, and Atlantic Southeast, down 24.8 percent. American Eagle, ExpressJet, Comair, Mesa and Executive also reported fewer FTEs in January 2009 than January 2005 (Table 15).

Pinnacle Airlines reported the biggest four-year gain, 38.0 percent, followed by SkyWest Airlines at 24.9 percent and Mesaba at 20.7 percent. Horizon Airlines also reported more FTEs in January 2009 than January 2005 (Table 15).

Effective with April 2008 reporting, Trans States Airlines no longer met the reporting requirements for filing monthly airline employment data. Trans States reported 1,315 FTEs in January 2008.

Regional carrier Lynx Airlines began reporting employment data in February 2008. Lynx reported 354 FTEs in January (Table 15). Regional carrier Colgan Airlines began reporting employment data in April 2008. Colgan reported 1,274 FTEs in January (Table 15).

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

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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 March 6. Additional airline employment data can be found on the BTS website at

<u>http://www.bts.gov/programs/airline_information/number_of_employees/</u>. BTS has scheduled release of February airline employment data for April 21.

Month	Network Carriers** (Pct. Change) From Table 7	Low-Cost Carriers (Pct. Change) From Table 10	Regional Carriers (Pct. Change) From Table13	All Passenger Airlines*** (Pct. Change) From Table 2
Jan. 2007-Jan. 2008	7.5	-11.4	3.7	3.4
Feb. 2007-Feb. 2008	7.7	-11.9	1.1	3.0
Mar 2007-Mar 2008	7.5	-15.2	0.6	1.6
Apr. 2007-Apr. 2008	7.1	-15.9	2.0	1.3
May 2007-May 2008	6.4	-15.4	1.3	0.8
June 2007-June 2008	5.3	-15.6	1.8	0.1
July 2007-July 2008	4.3	-16.8	1.4	-0.8
Aug. 2007-Aug. 2008	2.7	-17.1	0.3	-2.1
Sept. 2007-Sept. 2008	-0.2	-17.9	-2.1	-4.5
Oct. 2007-Oct. 2008	-5.4	-1.9	-5.3	-5.7
Nov. 2007-Nov. 2008	-6.2	-2.8	-6.0	-6.5
Dec. 2007-Dec. 2008	-6.3	-3.3	-5.2	-6.7
Jan. 2008-Jan. 2009	-6.3	-3.1	-7.1	-6.9

Table 1: Change in Passenger Airline Full-time Equivalent Employees* by Carrier Group Percent change compared to same month the previous year for the most recent 13 months Low Cost Designation

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

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

*** 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, Midwest Airlines, Sun Country Airlines and USA3000 Airlines. Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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•	Month 2000 2007 2000 2000										
Month	2006	2007	2008	2009							
January	-6.0	-0.4	3.4	-6.9							
February	-5.8	0.4	3.0								
March	-5.4	0.7	1.6								
April	-4.6	1.4	1.3								
May	-4.9	2.2	0.8								
June	-4.8	2.5	0.1								
July	-5.9	2.8	-0.8								
August	-3.1	2.6	-2.1								
September	-2.6	3.0	-4.5								
October	-2.2	3.5	-5.7								
November	-1.6	3.7	-6.5								
December	-0.9	3.7	-6.7								

Table 2: Change in Total Passenger Airline* Full-time Equivalent Employees** from the Previous Year Percent change compared to same month the previous year

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 fulltime 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	Chai 2005- 2009	
January	431.5	405.7	404.3	418.8	390.0	-9.6%	-6.9%
February	428.9	404.5	406.0	418.3		,.	01070
March	427.7	405.1	408.0	414.8			
April	424.1	404.5	410.2	415.5			
May	424.4	403.6	412.4	415.6			
June	424.3	403.8	414.0	414.6			
July	428.5	403.3	414.6	411.1			
August	417.5	404.7	415.4	406.8			
September	414.5	403.7	416.3	397.4			
October	412.7	403.6	417.9	394.3			
November	411.0	404.5	419.4	392.2			
December	408.8	405.0	419.8	391.9			

Percent

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 fulltime employee.

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

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Table 4: Total Number of Full-time Equivalent Employees* (FTEs) by Carrier Group, January 2005-2009

FTE Numbers in thousands (000's)

	Network**	Low-Cost**	Regional	All Passenger Airlines***
2005	292.7	72.0	55.8	431.5
2006	269.1	68.4	57.2	405.7
2007	262.0	71.7	58.9	404.5
2008	281.7	64.7	61.1	418.8
2009	263.9	62.7	56.7	390.0
Pct. Change 2005-2009	-9.8%	-12.9%	1.7%	-9.6%
Percent of Total Passenger Airline Employees in 2009	67.7%	16.1%	14.6%	

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one fulltime 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: Full-time Equivalent Employees* by Carrier Group, Year-to-Year Change, January 2005-2009

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Percent Change from the previous year

	Network**	Low-Cost**	Regional	All Passenger Airlines****
2005	-4.1	0.6	15.5	-0.8
2006	-8.1	-5.0	2.5	-6.0
2007	-2.6	4.8	3.0	-0.4
2008	7.5	-9.8	3.7	3.6
2009	-6.3	-3.1	-7.1	-6.9

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one fulltime 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, January 2009 Ranked by Number of Full-Time Equivalent Employees*

Rank	Airline	Total FTE Employees (000)	Carrier Group	Top 10 Airlines January 2008
1	American	69.9	Network	American
2	United	45.8	Network	United
3	Delta	45.0	Network	Delta
4	Southwest	35.5	Low Cost	Continental
5	Continental	34.8	Network	Southwest
6	US Airways	31.2	Network	US Airways
7	Northwest	27.8	Network	Northwest
8	JetBlue	10.5	Low Cost	JetBlue
9	Alaska	9.5	Network	SkyWest
10	American Eagle	9.2	Regional	Alaska

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

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

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

Table 7: Network Airline Full-time Equivalent Employees* Change from the Previous Year**

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one fulltime 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' numbers in the network category.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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

	0005	2005 2006 2007	0007	0000	2000	Percent Change	
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	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			
March	289.3	267.8	264.1	283.9			
April	285.8	266.6	264.8	283.7			
May	285.8	265.8	266.6	283.6			
June	284.8	265.3	268.6	282.8			
July	288.2	264.9	268.7	280.3			
August	277.8	264.8	268.8	276.1			
September	275.4	264.0	268.8	268.4			
October	274.1	263.0	281.9	266.6			
November	272.4	263.0	282.7	265.2			
December	270.6	262.9	282.7	264.7			

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: Network Carrier Full-time Equivalent Employees*, January 2005-2009** (Ranked by January 2009 FTEs) Numbers in thousands (000's)

							Percent	Change
Rank	ĸ	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005- 2009	2008- 2009
1	American	76.7	74.7	72.7	73.3	69.9	-8.9	-4.6
2	United	56.9	53.4	52.0	52.5	45.8	-19.6	-12.8
3	Delta	56.6	47.9	44.5	48.0	45.0	-20.5	-6.3
4	Continental	31.9	33.1	34.8	36.1	34.8	9.1	-3.8
5	US Airways	24.1	19.9	19.5	32.7	31.2	29.5	-4.4
6	Northwest	38.4	31.0	29.1	29.3	27.8	-27.7	-5.1
7	Alaska	9.2	9.0	9.3	9.9	9.5	3.5	-3.7
	Total	293.7	269.1	262.0	281.7	263.9	-9.8	-6.3

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: Change in Low-Cost Airline Full-time Equivalent Employees* from the Previous Year**

Month	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	-5.0	4.8	-9.7	-3.1
February	-3.7	5.3	-10.2	
March***	-2.6	4.7	-13.3	
April	-1.8	6.0	-15.2	
Мау	-1.7	5.6	-14.8	
June	-1.6	5.6	-14.9	
July	-2.1	6.1	-16.1	
August	-0.3	5.5	-16.4	
September	0.1	6.2	-17.3	
October	1.2	-11.3	-1.5	
November	1.3	-10.3	-2.8	
December	1.8	-10.6	-3.3	

Percent change compared to same month the previous year

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 Carrier Full-time Equivalent Employees* by Month** Numbers in thousands (000's)

			0000 0007***		2000	Percent Change		
	2005***	2006	2007***	2008	2009	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				
March****	71.2	69.4	72.6	62.9				
April	70.9	69.6	73.8	62.5				
May	71.0	69.8	73.7	62.8				
June	71.3	70.1	74.0	63.0				
July	71.7	70.2	74.5	62.5				
August	71.5	71.3	75.2	62.9				
September	71.0	71.1	75.5	62.5				
October	70.9	71.7	63.6	62.7				
November	71.0	71.9	64.5	62.7				
December	71.2	72.5	64.8	62.6				

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: Low-Cost Carrier Full-time Equivalent Employees,* January 2005-2009** (Ranked by January 2009 FTEs)

Percent Change

Rank		2005***	2006	2007****	2008	2009	2005- 2009	2008- 2009
1	Southwest	31,011	31,430	32,490	34,186	35,523	14.5	3.9
2	JetBlue	6,849	8,812	9,538	10,398	10,517	53.6	1.1
3	AirTran	5,866	6,684	7,359	8,058	7,631	30.1	-5.3
4	Frontier	4,091	4,179	4,545	5,274	4,414	7.9	-16.3
5	Spirit	2,475	2,055	2,065	2,224	1,962	-20.7	-11.8
6	Allegiant	387	617	868	1,175	1,353	249.6	15.1
7	Virgin America	N/A	N/A	N/A	760	1,300	N/A	71.1
8	ATA****	5,810	3,199	2,418	2,233	N/A	N/A	N/A
9	SkyBus	N/A	N/A	N/A	431	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	Independence	4,019	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
11	America West	10,137	11,435	12,435	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Total	71,987	68,409	71,717	64,736	62,699	-12.9	-3.1

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.

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: Change in Regional Airline 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	-7.1	
February	1.1	5.9	1.1		
March	0.5	5.6	0.6		
April	0.6	5.6	2.0		
Мау	-0.6	7.2	1.3		
June	-1.6	5.1	1.8		
July	-0.8	4.8	1.4		
August	-1.0	4.9	0.3		
September	-0.3	5.2	-2.1		
October	0.6	5.5	-5.3		
November	2.4	5.1	-6.0		
December	3.0	4.9	-5.2		

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. Trans States Airlines no longer met reporting requirements beginning in April 2008.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Percent Change 2005** 2006 2007*** 2008**** 2009 2005-2008-2009 2009 -7.1 57.2 61.1 56.7 1.7 January 55.8 58.9 February 55.9 56.6 59.9 60.5 March 56.4 56.7 59.9 60.2 April 56.6 56.9 60.1 61.3 Mav 56.9 56.5 60.6 61.4 June 57.6 57.0 59.9 61.0 July 57.6 57.1 59.9 60.7 57.2 60.2 61.6 August 57.8 September 57.6 57.4 60.7 59.4 October 57.4 57.7 61.2 58.0 57.5 November 56.8 58.1 61.1 December 56.5 58.2 61.1 57.9

Table 14: Regional Carrier Full-time Equivalent Employees* by Month Numbers in thousands (000's)

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: Regional Carrier Full-time Equivalent Employees*, January 2005-2009 (Ranked by January 2009 FTEs)

Rank		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009		cent 1ge** 2008- 2009
1	American Eagle	9,267	9,366	9,320	9,666	9,235	-0.3	-4.5
2	SkyWest	7,217	8,103	9,175	10,260	9,013	24.9	-12.2
3	ExpressJet	6,419	6,391	7,034	7,665	5,276	-17.8	-31.2
4	Comair	6,229	6,161	6,163	6,140	5,152	-17.3	-16.1
5	Atlantic Southeast	5,740	5,450	5,747	4,388	4,317	-24.8	-1.6
6	Mesaba	3,154	3,124	2,532	3,024	3,806	20.7	25.9
7	Pinnacle	2,624	2,963	3,194	3,569	3,622	38.0	1.5
8	Horizon	3,339	4,120	3,714	3,751	3,398	1.8	-9.4
9	Mesa	3,230	3,208	3,228	3,015	2,878	-10.9	-4.5
10	Air Wisconsin	3,617	2,273	2,322	2,135	2,586	-28.5	21.1
11	Executive	1,761	1,765	1,711	1,759	1,661	-5.7	-5.6
12	Colgan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,274	N/A	N/A
13	Shuttle America	N/A	752	1,068	1,128	1,070	N/A	-5.1
14	PSA	1,730	1,617	1,436	1,199	962	-44.4	-19.8
15	Republic	N/A	313	677	1,335	888	N/A	-33.5
16	Compass	N/A	N/A	N/A	384	805	N/A	109.6
17	GoJet	N/A	237	322	375	450	N/A	20.0
18	Lynx	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	354	N/A	N/A
19	Trans States***	1,472	1,366	1,280	1,315	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Total	55,799	57,205	58,921	61,104	56,745	-4.5	-7.1

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 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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