



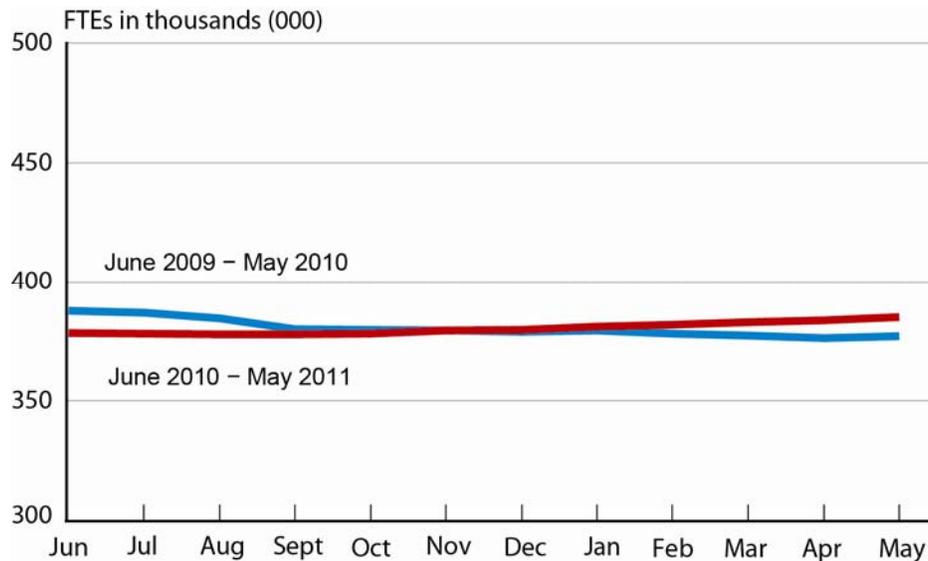
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### May 2011 Passenger Airline Employment Rose 2.1 Percent from May 2010

#### Scheduled Passenger Airline Full-Time Equivalent Employees, June 2009-May 2011



U.S. scheduled passenger airlines employed 2.1 percent more workers in May 2011 than they did in May 2010, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) reported today. This is the sixth consecutive increase 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 increase since [February 2008](#) (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 May FTE total of 384,974 for the scheduled passenger carriers was 8,017 more than that of May 2010 and the highest employment number since July 2009 (Table 3). This sixth consecutive monthly increase in FTE levels for the scheduled passenger carriers from the same month of the previous year follows declines that began in July 2008 (Table 2). [Historic employment data](#) can be found on the BTS web site.

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Of the network airlines, only Alaska Airlines decreased employment from May 2010 to May 2011. Delta Air Lines reported 4.9 percent more FTEs in May 2011 than in May 2010, the largest increase among the network carriers. Continental Airlines, which now includes employees that formerly worked for Continental Micronesia, followed Delta with a 2.1 percent increase (Table 9). Network airlines operate a significant portion of flights using at least one hub where connections are made for flights to down-line destinations or spoke cities.

All the low-cost carriers reported more FTEs in May 2011 than in May 2010 except for Allegiant Air, which reported a 6.0 percent decrease. The low-cost carriers with more reported FTEs are Virgin America Airlines, Spirit Airlines, Frontier Airlines, JetBlue Airways, AirTran Airways and Southwest Airlines (Table 12).

Among the regional carriers, ExpressJet Airlines, Mesa Airlines, Horizon Air, Mesaba Airlines, Comair, and Compass Airlines reported reduced employment levels compared to last year (Table 15).

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

**Carrier Groups:** The six network airlines employed 67.8 percent of the scheduled passenger airline total in May, the seven low-cost carriers employed 17.3 percent and the 18 regional carriers employed 13.7 percent (Table 4).

**Top employers by group:** Delta employed the most FTEs in May among the network airlines, Southwest employed the most FTEs among low-cost airlines, and American Eagle Airlines employed the most FTEs among regional airlines. Six of the top 10 employers in the industry are network airlines (Table 6).

### **Network Airlines**

**Recent Trend:** The network airlines employed 5,314 more FTEs in May 2011 than in May 2010. All network carriers except Alaska Airlines increased FTEs from May 2010 to May 2011 (Tables 7, 8, 9)

**Longer-Trend:** The network airlines employed 5,747 fewer FTEs in May 2011 than in May 2007 even though America West's numbers were not combined with US Airways in the network category until October 2007. United reported the biggest percentage decline in FTE employment from 2007 to 2011, down 15.6 percent, followed by American, down 9.4 percent. May 2011 numbers for Delta and US Airways are not comparable to 2007 because of the intervening mergers (Tables 8, 9).

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### **Low-Cost Airlines**

**Recent Trend:** Low-cost airline FTEs were up 4.1 percent in May 2011 from May 2010, the largest year-to-year increase since [September 2007](#). All seven low-cost airlines except Allegiant reported year-to-year increases (Tables 10, 11, 12).

**Longer Trend:** The six low-cost carriers reporting employment data in both 2007 and 2011 employed 9.9 percent more FTEs in May 2011 than in May 2007. Allegiant reported the largest percentage increase, up 60.0 percent (Table 12).

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**

**Recent Trend:** Regional airline FTEs were up 1.6 percent in May 2011 compared to May 2010. Colgan Airlines and Shuttle America reported the largest increases. Horizon and Comair reported the largest decreases (Tables 13, 14, 15).

**Longer Trend:** The 15 regional carriers reporting employment data in both 2007 and 2011 employed 14.9 percent fewer FTEs in 2011 than in 2007. Comair reported the largest percentage decline followed by Mesa and Atlantic Southeast Airlines (Table 15).

Republic reported the biggest four-year gain followed by GoJet. Effective with January 2010 reporting, Republic's employment numbers include FTEs from Midwest Airlines. Midwest employment data were formerly included in the "Other Airlines" category (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.

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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.

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

Data are compiled from monthly reports filed with BTS by commercial air carriers as of July 8. Additional [airline employment data](#) can be found on the BTS website. BTS has scheduled release of June passenger airline employment data for Aug. 16.

**Table 1: Change from Previous Year in Scheduled 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 Airlines	Low-Cost Airlines	Regional Airlines	All Passenger Airlines**
May 2009-May 2010	-1.9	0.6	-8.0	-2.7
June 2009-June 2010	-1.6	0.9	-7.7	-2.4
July 2009-July 2010	-1.6	1.5	-7.5	-2.3
Aug. 2009-Aug. 2010	-0.9	2.0	-7.2	-1.7
Sept. 2009-Sept. 2010	0.3	2.7	-6.6	-0.6
Oct. 2009-Oct. 2010	-1.2	3.0	0.5	-0.4
Nov. 2009-Nov. 2010	-0.7	3.2	-1.0	0.0
Dec. 2009-Dec. 2010	-0.5	3.3	-0.3	0.2
Jan. 2010-Jan. 2011	0.3	2.2	0.4	0.4
Feb. 2010-Feb. 2011	1.1	2.3	0.9	1.0
Mar. 2010-Mar. 2011	1.5	2.3	1.8	1.5
Apr. 2010-Apr. 2011	1.8	4.0	2.1	2.0
May 2010-May 2011	2.1	4.1	1.6	2.1

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

Note: See Table 7 for Network, Table 10 for Low-Cost, Table 13 for Regional, and Table 2 for all passenger airlines.

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

Percent change compared to same month the previous year

Month	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	3.4	-6.7	-2.9	0.4
February	3.0	-6.6	-3.5	1.0
March	1.9	-5.6	-3.8	1.5
April	1.3	-5.5	-4.1	2.0
<b>May</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-6.8</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>
June	0.1	-6.3	-2.4	
July	-0.8	-5.9	-2.3	
August	-2.1	-5.5	-1.7	
September	-4.5	-4.4	-0.6	
October	-5.7	-3.7	-0.4	
November	-6.5	-3.3	0.0	
December	-6.7	-3.3	0.2	

**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: Scheduled Passenger Airline\* Full-time Equivalent Employees\*\* by Month**

Numbers in thousands (000's)

Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change	
						2007-2011	2010-2011
January	404.1	418.7	390.6	379.4	380.9	-5.7	0.4
February	405.8	419.0	391.6	378.0	381.8	-5.9	1.0
March	407.9	415.5	392.1	377.3	382.8	-6.1	1.5
April	410.0	415.4	392.1	376.2	383.7	-6.4	2.0
<b>May</b>	<b>412.3</b>	<b>415.5</b>	<b>387.4</b>	<b>377.0</b>	<b>385.0</b>	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>2.1</b>
June	413.9	414.4	387.7	378.3			
July	414.4	411.1	386.8	378.1			
August	415.2	406.7	384.3	377.8			
September	416.1	397.3	379.9	377.7			
October	417.9	394.2	379.7	378.1			
November	419.5	392.1	379.4	379.3			
December	419.7	391.8	379.0	379.7			
<b>12-Month Average</b>	<b>413.1</b>	<b>407.6</b>	<b>386.0</b>	<b>378.1</b>			
<b>Jan-May Average</b>	<b>408.0</b>	<b>416.8</b>	<b>390.8</b>	<b>377.6</b>	<b>382.9</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>1.4</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\*, May 2007-2011**  
 FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

	Network**	Low-Cost**	Regional	All Passenger Airlines***
<b>2007</b>	266.6	73.7	60.6	412.3
<b>2008</b>	283.6	62.8	61.4	415.5
<b>2009</b>	260.5	63.5	56.6	387.4
<b>2010</b>	255.5	63.9	52.1	377.0
<b>2011</b>	260.8	66.6	52.9	385.0
<b>Pct. Change 2007-2011</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>	<b>-9.7%</b>	<b>-12.6%</b>	<b>-6.6%</b>
<b>Percent of Total Passenger Airline Employees in 2011</b>	<b>67.8%</b>	<b>17.3%</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\*, May 2007-2011**

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

	Network**	Low-Cost**	Regional	All Passenger Airlines***
<b>2007</b>	0.3	5.6	7.2	2.2
<b>2008</b>	6.4	-14.8	1.3	0.8
<b>2009</b>	-8.2	1.2	-7.7	-6.8
<b>2010</b>	-1.9	0.6	-8.0	-2.7
<b>2011</b>	2.1	4.8	1.6	2.1

**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, May 2011**

Ranked by Number of Full-Time Equivalent Employees\*

Rank	Airline	Total FTE Employees (000)	Carrier Group	Top 10 Airlines May 2010**
1	Delta	78.3	Network	Delta
2	American	66.4	Network	American
3	United	43.7	Network	United
4	Southwest	35.9	Low-Cost	Southwest
5	Continental	33.5	Network	Continental
6	US Airways	30.0	Network	US Airways
7	JetBlue	11.9	Low-Cost	JetBlue
8	American Eagle	9.7	Regional	American Eagle
9	SkyWest	9.3	Regional	Alaska
10	Alaska	9.0	Network	SkyWest

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

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

\*\* See Table 9 for Network, Table 12 for Low-Cost and Table 15 for Regional

**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

	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	7.5	-6.3	-2.3	0.3
February	7.7	-6.4	-3.0	1.1
March	7.5	-6.7	-3.1	1.5
April	7.1	-6.5	-3.6	1.8
<b>May</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>-8.2</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>
June	5.3	-7.8	-1.6	
July	4.3	-7.1	-1.6	
August	2.7	-6.4	-0.9	
September	-0.2	-5.0	0.3	
October	-5.4	-2.8	-1.2	
November	-6.2	-2.7	-0.7	
December	-6.3	-2.5	-0.5	

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* 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.

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

Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change	
						2007-2011	2010-2011
January	262.0	281.7	263.9	257.8	258.7	-1.3	0.3
February	262.4	282.6	264.6	256.8	259.5	-1.1	1.1
March	264.1	283.9	264.8	256.5	260.5	-1.4	1.5
April	264.8	283.7	265.2	255.7	260.3	-1.7	1.8
<b>May</b>	<b>266.6</b>	<b>283.6</b>	<b>260.5</b>	<b>255.5</b>	<b>260.8</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>
June	268.6	282.8	260.8	256.6			
July	268.7	280.4	260.5	256.4			
August	268.8	276.1	258.6	256.1			
September	268.8	268.4	254.9	255.8			
October	281.9	266.6	259.0	255.9			
November	282.7	265.2	258.1	256.4			
December	282.7	264.7	258.1	256.8			
<b>12-Month Average</b>	<b>270.2</b>	<b>276.7</b>	<b>260.8</b>	<b>256.4</b>			
<b>Jan-May Average</b>	<b>264.0</b>	<b>283.1</b>	<b>263.8</b>	<b>256.5</b>	<b>260.0</b>	<b>-1.5</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 network airlines prior to October 2007 while America West's numbers were included with 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\*, May 2007-2011\*\***  
(FTEs for May of each year. Ranked by May 2011 FTEs)  
Numbers in thousands (000's)

Rank		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change	
							2007-2011	2010-2011
1	<b>Delta***</b>	46.6	48.8	45.5	74.7	78.3	<b>68.2</b>	<b>4.9</b>
2	<b>American</b>	73.2	73.3	68.4	65.8	66.4	<b>-9.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>
3	<b>United</b>	51.8	52.2	45.6	43.6	43.7	<b>-15.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>
4	<b>Continental</b>	36.0	36.8	35.3	32.8	33.5	<b>-7.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>
5	<b>US Airways</b>	20.4	33.1	31.2	29.5	30.0	<b>47.3</b>	<b>1.7</b>
6	<b>Alaska</b>	9.5	10.1	9.5	9.2	9.0	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>-2.3</b>
7	<b>Northwest***</b>	29.1	29.4	25.1	N/A	N/A	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>266.6</b>	<b>283.6</b>	<b>260.5</b>	<b>255.5</b>	<b>260.8</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>2.1</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 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 February 2010

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**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	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	-9.7	-3.1	1.4	2.2
February	-10.2	-3.0	1.4	2.3
March**	-13.3	0.1	1.2	2.3
April	-15.2	1.2	0.5	4.0
<b>May</b>	<b>-14.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>4.1</b>
June	-14.9	0.8	0.9	
July	-16.1	0.9	1.5	
August	-16.4	-0.2	2.0	
September	-17.3	-0.1	2.7	
October	-1.5	-0.4	3.0	
November	-2.8	-0.1	3.2	
December	-3.3	0.0	3.3	

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

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

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

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)

	2007***	2008	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change	
						2007-2011	2010-2011
January	71.7	64.7	62.7	63.6	65.0	-9.4	2.2
February	72.3	64.9	63.0	63.8	65.3	-9.4	2.3
March****	72.6	62.9	63.0	63.8	65.3	-10.1	2.3
April	73.8	62.5	63.3	63.6	66.1	-10.4	4.0
<b>May</b>	<b>73.7</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>66.6</b>	<b>-9.7</b>	<b>4.1</b>
June	74.0	63.0	63.5	64.0			
July	74.5	62.5	63.0	64.0			
August	75.2	62.9	62.8	64.0			
September	75.5	62.5	62.4	64.1			
October	63.6	62.7	62.4	64.3			
November	64.5	62.7	62.6	64.7			
December	64.8	62.6	62.6	64.7			
<b>12-Month Average</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>64.0</b>			
<b>Jan-May Average</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>-9.8</b>	<b>3.0</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 April.

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

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**Table 12: By Low-Cost Carrier: Full-time Equivalent Employees,\* May 2007-2011\*\***  
(FTEs for May of each year. Ranked by May 2011 FTEs)

Rank		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change**	
							2007-2011	2010-2011
1	<b>Southwest</b>	33,230	33,909	35,411	34,613	35,882	<b>8.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>
2	<b>JetBlue</b>	9,600	10,611	10,770	11,273	11,873	<b>23.7</b>	<b>5.3</b>
3	<b>AirTran</b>	7,986	8,265	8,114	7,955	8,073	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>
4	<b>Frontier</b>	4,883	5,093	4,424	4,876	4,944	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>
5	<b>Spirit</b>	2,151	2,501	1,931	2,061	2,299	<b>6.9</b>	<b>11.5</b>
6	<b>Virgin America***</b>	N/A	1,123	1,423	1,527	1,953	<b>N/A</b>	<b>27.9</b>
7	<b>Allegiant</b>	957	1,300	1,461	1,629	1,531	<b>60.0</b>	<b>-6.0</b>
8	<b>ATA****</b>	2,408	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
9	<b>America West*****</b>	12,480	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>73,694</b>	<b>62,800</b>	<b>63,532</b>	<b>63,933</b>	<b>66,553</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>4.1</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 2007-2011 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 April.

\*\*\*\*\* 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.

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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

Month	2008***	2009	2010	2011
January	3.7	-6.0	-8.5	0.4
February	1.1	-4.9	-9.8	0.9
March	0.6	-4.9	-10.1	1.8
April	2.0	-7.4	-9.3	2.1
<b>May</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-7.7</b>	<b>-8.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>
June	1.8	-7.2	-7.7	
July	1.4	-6.9	-7.5	
August	0.3	-6.8	-7.2	
September	-2.1	-5.7	-6.6	
October	-5.3	-10.1	0.5	
November	-6.0	-7.5	-1.0	
December	-5.2	-8.9	-0.3	

**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)

	2007**	2008***	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change	
						2007-2011	2010-2011
January	58.9	61.1	57.4	52.5	52.8	-10.4	0.4
February	59.9	60.5	57.6	52.0	52.4	-12.5	0.9
March	59.9	60.2	57.3	51.5	52.5	-12.3	1.8
April	60.1	61.3	56.8	51.5	52.6	-12.5	2.1
<b>May</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>61.4</b>	<b>56.6</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>-12.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>
June	59.9	61.0	56.6	52.2			
July	59.9	60.7	56.5	52.2			
August	60.2	61.6	56.2	52.2			
September	60.7	59.4	56.0	52.3			
October	61.2	58.0	52.1	52.4			
November	61.1	57.5	53.2	52.7			
December	61.1	57.9	52.7	52.5			
<b>12-Month Average</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>52.2</b>			
<b>Jan-May Average</b>	<b>59.9</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>-12.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

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**Table 15: By Regional Airline: Full-time Equivalent Employees\*, May 2007-2011**  
(FTEs for May of each year. Ranked by May 2011 FTEs)

Rank		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change**	
							2007-2011	2010-2011
1	<b>American Eagle</b>	9,428	9,733	9,170	9,240	9,697	2.9	4.9
2	<b>SkyWest</b>	9,786	9,534	8,576	8,943	9,340	-4.6	4.4
3	<b>ExpressJet</b>	7,689	7,294	5,339	5,518	5,296	-31.1	-4.0
4	<b>Atlantic Southeast</b>	5,592	4,545	3,927	3,618	3,754	-32.9	3.8
5	<b>Pinnacle</b>	3,382	3,514	3,378	3,300	3,562	5.3	7.9
6	<b>Horizon</b>	3,797	3,785	3,265	3,026	2,835	-25.3	-6.3
7	<b>Air Wisconsin</b>	2,259	2,884	2,607	2,498	2,557	13.2	2.4
8	<b>Comair</b>	6,164	5,902	5,104	2,499	2,189	-64.5	-12.4
9	<b>Republic***</b>	924	1,477	1,461	2,057	2,179	135.8	5.9
10	<b>Mesaba</b>	2,595	3,160	3,966	2,217	2,161	-16.7	-2.5
11	<b>Mesa</b>	3,208	2,929	2,796	2,069	2,003	-37.6	-3.2
12	<b>Executive</b>	1,680	1,724	1,751	1,798	1,855	10.4	3.2
13	<b>Colgan</b>	N/A	1,348	1,275	1,243	1,534	N/A	23.4
14	<b>Shuttle America</b>	1,070	1,147	1,330	1,291	1,431	33.7	10.8
15	<b>PSA</b>	1,428	1,139	991	990	1,009	-29.3	1.9
16	<b>Compass</b>	N/A	551	825	981	950	N/A	-3.2
17	<b>GoJet</b>	313	351	476	564	581	85.6	3.0
18	<b>Lynx****</b>	N/A	345	395	225	N/A	N/A	N/A
19	<b>Trans States****</b>	1,278	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	<b>Total</b>	<b>60,590</b>	<b>61,358</b>	<b>56,626</b>	<b>52,074</b>	<b>52,930</b>	<b>-14.9</b>	<b>1.6</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 2007-2011 is based on the 15 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.

\*\*\*\*\*Effective the end of March 2011, Lynx Airlines ceased operations.

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

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

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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