



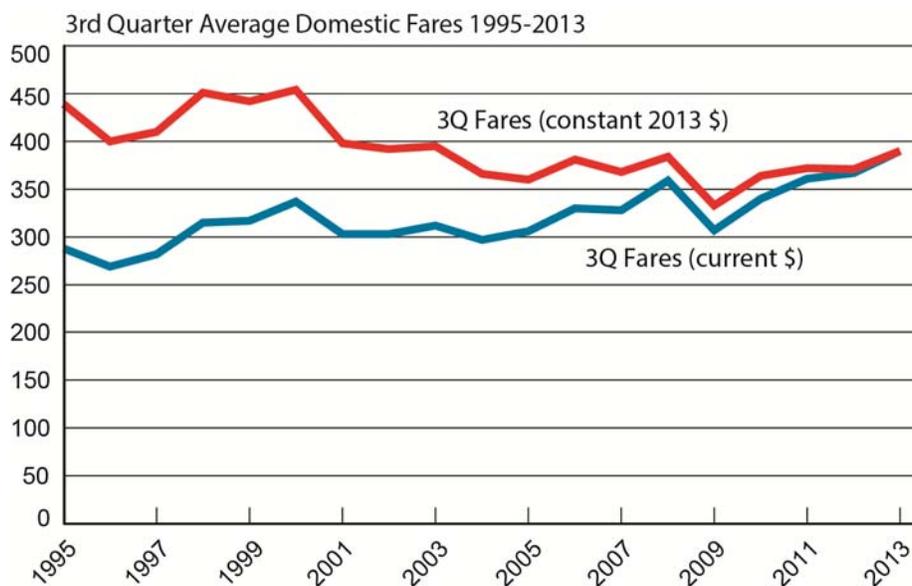
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3rd-Quarter 2013 Domestic Air Fare Up 5.1% from 3rd Quarter 2012 (Adjusted for Inflation)

Top 100 Airports: Highest Fares at Huntsville, Lowest Fares at Atlantic City

Domestic Air Fares



The average domestic air fare increased to \$390 in the third quarter of 2013, up 5.1 percent from the average fare of \$371 in the third quarter of 2012, measured in constant 2013 dollars (Table 1), the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) reported today. During that July to September period, Huntsville, Ala., had the highest average fare, \$559, while Atlantic City, N.J., had the lowest, \$157 (Table 6).

BTS reports average fares based on domestic itinerary fares. Itinerary fares consist of round-trip fares, unless the customer does not purchase a return trip. In that case, the one-way fare is included. One-way trips were 32 percent of fares calculated for the third quarter of 2013. Fares are based on the total ticket value, which consists of the price charged by the airlines plus any additional taxes and fees levied by an outside entity at the time of purchase. Fares include only the price paid at the time of the ticket purchase and do not include other fees, such as baggage fees, paid at either the airport or onboard the aircraft. Averages do not include frequent-flyer or “zero fares,” or abnormally high reported fares.

The third-quarter 2013 fare was down 14.0 percent in constant 2013 dollars from the average fare of \$453 in 2000, which was the highest of any third quarter, adjusted for inflation, in the 18 years since BTS began collecting air fare records in 1995 (Table 2). The 14.0 percent decline took place while there was an increase in overall consumer prices of 34.8 percent. In the 18 years since 1995, inflation-adjusted fares declined 11.2 percent compared to a 52.8 percent increase in overall consumer prices (Table 2). See [BTS Air Fare web page](#) for historic data.

U.S. passenger airlines collected 71.5 percent of their total revenue from passenger fares during the third quarter of 2013, down from 1990 when 87.6 percent of airline revenue was received from fares (Table 1A).

Quarter-to-Quarter Change

In the three-year period from the third quarter of 2010 to the third quarter of 2013, inflation-adjusted fares decreased 1.9 percent. In the two-year period from the third quarter of 2011 to the third quarter of 2013, inflation-adjusted fares increased 8.4 percent (Table 3).

Air Fares in Unadjusted Dollars

Not adjusting for inflation, the \$390 third-quarter 2013 average fare was the highest average fare for any third quarter since 1995. The previous highest unadjusted third quarter fare was \$367 in 2012 (Table 4).

Unadjusted third-quarter 2013 fares were up 3.4 percent from the second quarter of 2013 (Table 5). See [Tables 13-16](#) for additional unadjusted fare data by airport.

Fares by Airport

Tables 6-8 provide fare data on the [top 100 airports](#) based on 2012 originating passengers. All figures are reported in 2013 dollars.

Table 6: Five highest and five lowest average fares in the third quarter: Huntsville had the highest average fare (\$559) while Atlantic City had the lowest (\$157). For the Top 100 Airports, see [Table 10](#) on the BTS website.

Table 7: Five largest increases and five largest decreases in constant 2013 dollars from the third quarter of 2012 to the third quarter of 2013: Atlanta, Ga., had the largest increase (22.6 percent) and Bellingham, Wash., had the largest decrease (16.4 percent). For the Top 100 Airports, see [Table 11](#) on the BTS website.

Table 8: Five largest increases and five largest decreases in constant 2013 dollars from the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2013: Newport News/Williamsburg, Va., had the largest increase (41.9 percent) and Bellingham had the largest decrease (59.3 percent). For the Top 100 Airports, see [Table 12](#) on the BTS website.

For additional data, see [Top 100 Airports, Rankings](#) or [All Airports](#). Since average fares are based on the [Origin and Destination Survey](#) 10 percent ticket sample, averages for airports with smaller samples may be less reliable. Fares for Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico airports are not included in rankings but are available on the web page. Fourth-quarter 2013 average fare data will be released on April 22.

Table 1. 3rd Quarter Average Fare 1995-2013, Adjusted for Inflation

	Average Fare in constant 2013 dollars (\$)	Year-to-Year Percent Change in Average Fare (3Q to 3Q) (%)	Cumulative Percent Change in Average Fare (3Q 1995 to 3Q of each year) (%)
1995	439		
1996	400	-9.0	-9.0
1997	410	2.5	-6.7
1998	451	10.0	2.7
1999	442	-2.0	0.7
2000	454	2.6	3.3
2001	398	-12.3	-9.4
2002	392	-1.4	-10.7
2003	395	0.7	-10.1
2004	366	-7.4	-16.8
2005	360	-1.5	-18.0
2006	381	5.7	-13.3
2007	368	-3.4	-16.3
2008	384	4.4	-12.6
2009	333	-13.4	-24.3
2010	364	9.4	-17.1
2011	372	2.2	-15.3
2012	371	-0.2	-15.5
2013	390	5.1	-11.2

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Note: Percent change based on unrounded numbers

Table 1A. Passenger Airline Revenue from Fares 1990-2013

Year	Revenue from Passenger Fares as Percent of Total Scheduled Passenger Airline Revenue* (%)
1990	87.6
1995	85.6
2000	84.1
2001	82.7
2002	82.3
2003	79.5
2004	76.6
2005	75.0
2006	74.4
2007	74.3
2008	72.9
2009	70.2
2010	71.3
2011	71.0
2012	70.3
2013 (1Q)	70.2
2013 (2Q)	70.8
2013 (3Q)	71.5
2013 (thru 3Q)	70.9

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, P-12

* Scheduled passenger airline total revenue is the sum of the following Schedule P12 accounts with account numbers: Reservation cancellation fees (3919.1), Baggage fees (3906.2), Miscellaneous Operating Revenue (3919.2), Transport-Related Revenue (4898) and Passenger Revenue (Fares) (3901).

Table 2. Percent Changes to 2013 in Average Domestic Average Fares and the Inflation Rate* by Year Since 1995

(3rd Quarter to 3rd Quarter for fares; Sept to Sept for inflation)

Since 3rd Quarter of ...	Duration in Years	Average Fare in constant 2013 dollars (\$)	Percent Change in Average Fare to 3rd Quarter 2013 (%)	Inflation Rate Change to Sep 2013
2013		390		
2012	1	371	5.1	1.2
2011	2	372	4.9	3.2
2010	3	364	7.2	7.2
2009	4	333	17.3	8.4
2008	5	384	1.6	7.0
2007	6	368	6.1	12.3
2006	7	381	2.5	15.4
2005	8	360	8.4	17.8
2004	9	366	6.8	23.3
2003	10	395	-1.1	26.4
2002	11	392	-0.5	29.4
2001	12	398	-1.9	31.3
2000	13	454	-14.0	34.8
1999	14	442	-11.7	39.5
1998	15	451	-13.5	43.1
1997	16	410	-4.8	45.3
1996	17	400	-2.4	48.4
1995	18	439	-11.2	52.8

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

* Rate calculated using Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index

Table 3. Inflation-Adjusted Average Domestic Airline Fares by Quarter
Average Fare and Percent Change by Quarter

Average Domestic Fare (2013\$)		
Quarter/Year	Average Fare in constant 2013 dollars (\$)	Quarter-to-Quarter Percent Change in Average Fare (%)
3Q 2010	398	-12.3
4Q 2010	392	-1.4
1Q 2011	395	0.7
2Q 2011	366	-7.4
3Q 2011	360	-1.5
4Q 2011	381	5.7
1Q 2012	368	-3.4
2Q 2012	384	4.4
3Q 2012	333	-13.4
4Q 2012*	364	9.4
1Q 2013*	372	2.2
2Q 2013*	371	-0.2
3Q 2013*	390	5.1

SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Note: Percent change based on unrounded numbers

* Fares for the most recent four quarters are in current dollars, not adjusted for inflation.

Table 4. Unadjusted 3rd Quarter Average Fares, 1995-2013

	Average Fare in current dollars (\$)	Year-to-Year Percent Change in Average Fare (3Q to 3Q) (%)	Cumulative Percent Change in Average Fare (3Q 1995 to 3Q of each year) (%)
1995	288		
1996	269	-6.3	-6.3
1997	282	4.7	-1.8
1998	315	11.7	9.6
1999	317	0.6	10.3
2000	337	6.1	17.1
2001	303	-10.0	5.4
2002	303	0.1	5.5
2003	312	3.0	8.7
2004	297	-5.1	3.1
2005	306	3.2	6.4
2006	330	7.9	14.8
2007	328	-0.8	13.9
2008	359	9.6	24.8
2009	307	-14.5	6.8
2010	340	10.7	18.2
2011	361	6.2	25.5
2012	367	1.8	27.7
2013	390	6.3	35.8

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics
Note: Percent change based on unrounded numbers

Table 5. Unadjusted Average Domestic Airline Fares by Quarter
Average Fare and Percent Change by Quarter

Quarter/Year	Average Domestic Fare (current\$)	
	Average Fare in current dollars (\$)	Quarter-to-Quarter Percent Change in Average Fare (%)
3Q 2010	340	-0.3
4Q 2010	335	-1.5
1Q 2011	356	6.3
2Q 2011	370	3.9
3Q 2011	361	-2.4
4Q 2011	368	2.1
1Q 2012	373	1.2
2Q 2012	385	3.2
3Q 2012	367	-4.6
4Q 2012	374	1.9
1Q 2013	379	1.2
2Q 2013	378	-0.3
3Q 2013	390	3.4

SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics
Note: Percent change based on unrounded numbers

**Table 6. Airports with Highest and Lowest U.S. Domestic Average Itinerary Fares
3rd Quarter 2013**

Top 100 Airports* Based on 2012 U.S. Originating Domestic Passengers

Rank	Origin	3rd Quarter 2013 (\$)
Highest Average Fares		
1	Huntsville, AL	559
2	Cincinnati, OH	531
3	Houston Bush, TX	507
4	Washington Dulles	506
5	Newark-Liberty, NJ	491
Average Fare at All Airports		390
Lowest Average Fares		
1	Atlantic City, NJ	157
2	Bellingham, WA	208
3	Long Beach, CA	250
4	Las Vegas, NV	265
5	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	289

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

* Not including Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico

Note: Percent change based on unrounded numbers

Table 7. One-Year Change by Airport: Top 5 Percentage Increases and Decreases in U.S. Domestic Average Itinerary Fare, 3Q 2012 to 3Q 2013

Top 100 Airports* Based on 2012 U.S. Originating Domestic Passengers, Fares Adjusted for Inflation

Rank	Origin	3rd Quarter 2012 (2013\$)	3rd Quarter 2013 (2013\$)	Percent Change (%)
Largest Increases				
1	Atlanta, GA	352	432	22.6
2	Colorado Springs, CO	385	464	20.4
3	Atlantic City, NJ	135	157	16.5
4	White Plains, NY	330	382	15.8
5	Ft. Myers, FL	301	347	15.1
Average Fare at All Airports		371	390	5.1
Largest Decreases				
1	Bellingham, WA	249	208	-16.4
2	Charleston, SC	433	398	-8.1
3	Providence, RI	360	336	-6.7
4	Burlington, VT	437	414	-5.2
5	Manchester, NH	366	354	-3.2

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

* Not including Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico

Note: Percent change based on unrounded numbers

Table 8. 12-Year Change by Airport: Top 5 Percentage Increases and Decreases in U.S. Domestic Average Itinerary Fare, 2000-2013

Top 100 Airports* Based on 2012 U.S. Originating Domestic Passengers, Fares Adjusted for Inflation

Rank	Origin	3rd Quarter 2000 (2013\$)	3rd Quarter 2013 (2013\$)	Percent Change (%)
Largest Increases				
1	Newport News/Williamsburg, VA	314	445	41.9
2	Houston Hobby, TX	296	359	21.3
3	Burbank/Glendale/Pasadena, CA	255	297	16.3
4	Dallas Love, TX	259	300	15.8
5	Reno, NV	313	361	15.1
Average Fare at All Airports		454	390	-14.0
Largest Decreases				
1	Bellingham, WA	511	208	-59.3
2	White Plains, NY	749	382	-49.0
3	Denver, CO	587	335	-42.9
4	Long Beach, CA	426	250	-41.4
5	Atlantic City, NJ	254	157	-38.2

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

* Not including Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico

Note: Percent change based on unrounded numbers

For **air fares** for the following airports, go to
<http://apps.bts.gov/xml/atpi/src/index.xml>

Multiple airport areas for which a single average fare calculation is available are:
Boston, Chicago, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco
and Washington, DC.

Airports covered by average fare calculations are:

Alabama	Birmingham, Huntsville
Arizona	Phoenix, Tucson
Arkansas	Little Rock
California	Burbank, Fresno, Long Beach, Los Angeles Intl, Oakland, Ontario/San Bernardino, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Ana (Orange County)
Colorado	Colorado Springs, Denver
Connecticut	Hartford
District of Columbia	Dulles, Reagan National
Florida	Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Myers, Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Pensacola, Tampa, West Palm Beach
Georgia	Atlanta, Savannah
Idaho	Boise
Illinois	Chicago Midway, Chicago O'Hare
Indiana	Indianapolis
Iowa	Des Moines
Kansas	Wichita
Kentucky	Lexington, Louisville
Louisiana	New Orleans
Maine	Portland
Maryland	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Boston
Michigan	Detroit, Grand Rapids
Minnesota	Minneapolis/St. Paul
Mississippi	Jackson/Vicksburg
Missouri	Kansas City, St. Louis
Nebraska	Omaha
Nevada	Las Vegas, Reno
New Hampshire	Manchester
New Jersey	Atlantic City, Newark
New Mexico	Albuquerque
New York	Albany, Buffalo, Islip, New York JFK, New York LaGuardia, Rochester, Syracuse, White Plains

North Carolina	Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh/Durham
Ohio	Akron/Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City, Tulsa
Oregon	Portland
Pennsylvania	Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh
Rhode Island	Providence
South Carolina	Charleston, Greenville-Spartanburg
Tennessee	Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville
Texas	Austin, Dallas Love, Dallas/Ft. Worth, El Paso, Houston Bush, Houston Hobby, San Antonio
Utah	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Burlington
Virginia	Norfolk, Richmond
Washington	Bellingham, Seattle, Spokane
Wisconsin	Madison, Milwaukee