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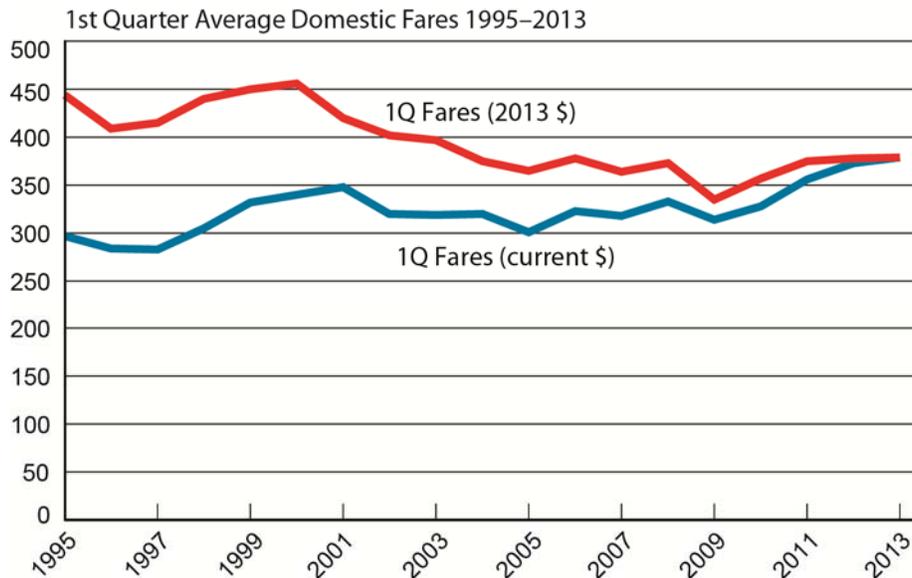
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BTS Releases 1st-Quarter 2013 Air Fare Data; 1st-Quarter 2013 Domestic Air Fare Almost Unchanged from 1st Quarter 2012 (Adjusted for Inflation)

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

Domestic Air Fares



The average domestic air fare rose to \$379 in the first quarter of 2013, up 0.1 percent from the average fare of \$378 in the first quarter of 2012, measured in 2013 dollars (Table 1), the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) reported today. Huntsville, Ala., had the highest average fare, \$543, while Atlantic City, N.J., had the lowest, \$169 (Table 6).

The first-quarter 2013 fare in 2013 dollars was down 19.1 percent from the average fare of \$468 in 1999, the highest of any first quarter adjusted for inflation (Table 2).

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BTS, a part of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, 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. 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 the airport or onboard the aircraft. Averages do not include frequent-flyer or “zero fares” or abnormally high reported fares.

Passenger airlines collected 70.1 percent of their total revenue from passenger fares during the first three months of 2013, down from 1990 when 87.6 percent of airline revenue was received from fares (Table 1A).

From 2000 to 2013, inflation-adjusted fares declined 18.1 percent while there was an overall increase in consumer prices of 36 percent. In the 18 years from 1995, inflation-adjusted fares declined 17 percent compared to a 53.7 percent increase in consumer prices (Table 2). See [BTS Air Fare web page](#) for historic data.

Quarter-to-Quarter Change

Over the past three years, from the second quarter of 2010 to the first quarter of 2013, inflation-adjusted fares rose 5.6 percent (Table 3).

Air Fares in Unadjusted Dollars

Not adjusted for inflation, the \$379 first-quarter 2013 average fare was the highest average fare for any first quarter since BTS began collecting air fare records in 1995. The previous first-quarter high was \$373 in 2012 (Table 4).

Unadjusted first-quarter 2013 fares were up 1.2 percent from the fourth quarter of 2012 (Table 5). See [Tables 13-16](#) for additional unadjusted fare data by airport.

Fares by Airport

See Tables 6-8 for data about the [top 100 airports](#) based on 2012 originating passengers. All figures in 2013 dollars.

Table 6: Five highest and five lowest average fares in the first quarter: Huntsville had the highest average fare (\$543) while Atlantic City had the lowest (\$169). For the Top 100 Airports, see [Table 10](#) on the BTS website.

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Table 7: Five largest increases and five largest decreases in 2013 dollars from the first quarter of 2012 to the first quarter of 2013: Knoxville, Tenn., had the largest increase (16.3 percent) and Memphis, Tenn., had the largest decrease (9.0 percent). For the Top 100 Airports, see [Table 11](#) on the BTS website.

Table 8: Five largest increases and five largest decreases in 2013 dollars from the first quarter of 2000 to the first quarter of 2013: Dallas Love, Texas., had the largest increase (27.4 percent) and Long Beach, Calif., had the largest decrease (53.0 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. Second-quarter 2013 average fare data will be released on Oct. 31.

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

	Average Fare in 2013 dollars (\$)	Year-to-Year Percent Change in Average Fare (1Q to 1Q) (%)	Cumulative Percent Change in Average Fare (1Q 1995 to 1Q of each year) (%)
1995	444	-	-
1996	409	-7.9	-7.9
1997	415	1.5	-6.5
1998	440	6.0	-0.9
1999	450	2.3	1.4
2000	456	1.3	2.7
2001	420	-7.9	-5.4
2002	402	-4.3	-9.5
2003	397	-1.2	-10.6
2004	375	-5.5	-15.5
2005	365	-2.7	-17.8
2006	378	3.6	-14.9
2007	364	-3.7	-18.0
2008	373	2.5	-16.0
2009	335	-10.2	-24.5
2010	357	6.6	-19.6
2011	375	5.0	-15.5
2012	378	0.9	-14.8
2013(1Q)	379	0.1	-14.7

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

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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(Q1)	70.1

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).

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

(1st Quarter to 1stQuarter for fares; Mar to Mar for inflation)

Since 1st Quarter ...	Duration in Years	Average Fare in 2013 dollars (\$)	Percent Change in Average Fare to 1st Quarter 2013 (%)	Inflation Rate Change to Mar 2013
2013		379		
2012	1	378	0.1	1.5
2011	2	371	2.2	4.2
2010	3	351	7.9	7.0
2009	4	343	10.3	9.4
2008	5	363	4.2	9.0
2007	6	360	5.1	13.4
2006	7	377	0.5	16.5
2005	8	363	4.3	20.4
2004	9	398	-4.8	24.2
2003	10	403	-6.1	26.4
2002	11	417	-9.1	30.2
2001	12	459	-17.6	32.1
2000	13	463	-18.1	36.0
1999	14	468	-19.1	41.1
1998	15	437	-13.4	43.5
1997	16	412	-8.2	45.5
1996	17	425	-10.8	49.5
1995	18	456	-17.0	53.7

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

* Rate calculated using Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index

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

Quarter/Year	Average Domestic Fare (2013\$)	
	Average Fare in 2013 dollars (\$)	Quarter-to-Quarter Percent Change in Average Fare (%)
3Q 2010	360	
4Q 2010	352	-2.4
1Q 2011	370	5.2
2Q 2011	377	1.9
3Q 2011	368	-2.4
4Q 2011	376	2.1
1Q 2012	376	0.2
2Q 2012	385	2.2
3Q 2012	367	-4.6
4Q 2012	374	1.9
1Q 2013	379	1.2

SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Note: Percent change based on unrounded numbers

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

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Table 4. Unadjusted 1st Quarter Average Fares, 1995-2013

	Average Fare in current dollars (\$)	Year-to-Year Percent Change in Average Fare (1Q to 1Q) (%)	Cumulative Percent Change in Average Fare (1Q 1995 to 1Q of each year) (%)
1995	297	-	-
1996	284	-4.4	-4.4
1997	283	-0.2	-4.5
1998	305	7.5	2.6
1999	332	8.9	11.7
2000	340	2.6	14.6
2001	348	2.2	17.1
2002	320	-8.0	7.8
2003	319	-0.3	7.5
2004	320	0.3	7.9
2005	301	-5.9	1.5
2006	323	7.3	8.9
2007	318	-1.7	7.1
2008	333	4.9	12.3
2009	314	-5.8	5.7
2010	328	4.6	10.5
2011	356	8.4	19.8
2012	373	4.8	25.6
2013(Q1)	379	1.6	27.5

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

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

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**Table 6. Airports with Highest and Lowest U.S. Domestic Average Itinerary Fares
1st Quarter 2013**

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

Rank	Origin	1st Quarter 2013 (\$)
Highest Average Fares		
1	Huntsville, AL	543
2	Cincinnati, OH	519
3	Houston Bush, TX	503
4	Washington Dulles	493
5	Savannah, GA	493
Average Fare at All Airports		379
Lowest Average Fares		
1	Atlantic City, NJ	169
2	Long Beach, CA	220
3	Burbank/Glendale/Pasadena, CA	273
4	Las Vegas, NV	274
5	Bellingham, WA	283

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

* Not including Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico

Note: Percent change based on unrounded numbers

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Table 7. One-Year Change by Airport: Top 5 Percentage Increases and Decreases in U.S. Domestic Average Itinerary Fare, 1st Quarter 2012 to 1st Quarter 2013

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

Rank	Origin	1st Quarter 2012 (2013\$)	1st Quarter 2013 (2013\$)	Percent Change (%)
Largest Increases				
1	Knoxville TN	410	477	16.3
2	Milwaukee, WI	316	358	13.2
3	San Francisco, CA	382	414	8.4
4	Lexington, KY	405	437	7.8
5	Spokane, WA	360	386	7.4
Average Fare at All Airports		376	379	0.6
Largest Decreases				
1	Memphis, TN	525	478	-9.0
2	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	454	416	-8.4
3	Des Moines, IA	438	408	-6.9
4	Colorado Springs, CO	414	386	-6.8
5	Washington Reagan National	394	372	-5.7

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

* Not including Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico

Note: Percent change based on unrounded numbers

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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	1st Quarter 2000 (2013\$)	1st Quarter 2013 (2013\$)	Percent Change (%)
Largest Increases				
1	Dallas Love, TX	223	285	27.4
2	Spokane, WA	325	386	18.9
3	Reno, NV	284	338	18.8
4	Houston Hobby, TX	289	335	16.0
5	Burbank/Glendale/Pasadena, CA	242	273	12.6
Average Fare at All Airports		463	379	-18.2
Largest Decreases				
1	Long Beach, CA	468	220	-53.0
2	White Plains, NY	826	398	-51.9
3	Denver, CO	603	321	-46.8
4	Atlantic City, NJ	289	169	-41.6
5	Greenville/Spartanburg, SC	703	412	-41.5

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

* Not including Alaska, Hawaii or Puerto Rico

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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
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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

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