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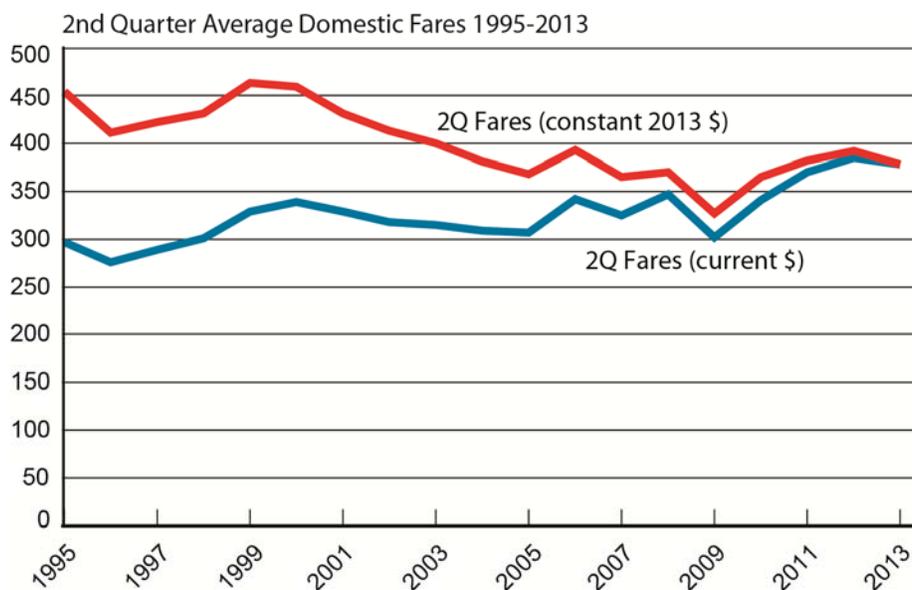
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2nd-Quarter 2013 Domestic Air Fare Down 3.6% from 2nd Quarter 2012 (Adjusted for Inflation)

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

Domestic Air Fares



The average domestic air fare decreased to \$378 in the second quarter of 2013, down 3.6 percent from the average fare of \$392 in the second quarter of 2012, measured in constant 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, \$547, while Atlantic City, N.J., had the lowest, \$159 (Table 6).

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 either the airport or onboard the aircraft. Averages do not include frequent-flyer or “zero fares,” or abnormally high reported fares.

The second-quarter 2013 fare was down 18.4 percent in constant 2013 dollars from the average fare of \$463 in 1999, which was the highest of any second quarter, adjusted for inflation (Table 2). The 18.4 percent decline took place while there was an increase in overall consumer prices of 40.5 percent. In the 18 years BTS began collecting air fare records in 1995, inflation-adjusted fares declined 16.9 percent compared to a 53.1 percent increase in overall consumer prices (Table 2). See [BTS Air Fare web page](#) for historic data.

U.S. passenger airlines collected 70.6 percent of their total revenue from passenger fares during the second quarter of 2013, down from 1990 when 87.6 percent of airline revenue was received from fares (Table 1A).

Quarter-to-Quarter Change

Over the past three years, from the second quarter of 2010 to the second quarter of 2013, inflation-adjusted fares decreased 0.6 percent (Table 3).

Air Fares in Unadjusted Dollars

Not adjusting for inflation, the \$378 second-quarter 2013 average fare was the second highest average fare for any second quarter since 1995. The highest unadjusted second quarter fare was \$385 in 2012 (Table 4).

Unadjusted second-quarter 2013 fares were down 0.3 percent from the first 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 second quarter: Huntsville had the highest average fare (\$547) while Atlantic City had the lowest (\$159). 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 second quarter of 2012 to the second quarter of 2013: Colorado Springs, Colo., had the largest increase (9.6 percent) and Bellingham, Wash., had the largest decrease (21.6 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 second quarter of 2000 to the first quarter of 2013: Newport News/Williamsburg, Va., had the largest increase (30.6 percent) and Bellingham had the largest decrease (55.2 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. Third-quarter 2013 average fare data will be released in January.

Table 1. 2nd Quarter Average Fare 1995-2013, Adjusted for Inflation

	Average Fare in 2013 dollars (\$)	Year-to-Year Percent Change in Average Fare (2Q to 2Q) (%)	Cumulative Percent Change in Average Fare (2Q 1995 to 2Q of each year) (%)
1995	454	-	-
1996	411	-9.6	-9.6
1997	422	2.6	-7.2
1998	431	2.3	-5.1
1999	463	7.3	1.8
2000	459	-0.7	1.1
2001	431	-6.1	-5.1
2002	413	-4.3	-9.2
2003	400	-3.1	-12.0
2004	381	-4.7	-16.2
2005	368	-3.3	-19.0
2006	393	6.8	-13.5
2007	365	-7.2	-19.8
2008	370	1.5	-18.5
2009	327	-11.8	-28.1
2010	365	11.7	-19.7
2011	382	4.8	-15.8
2012	392	2.4	-13.8
2013	378	-3.6	-16.9

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)	70.1
2013 (2Q)	70.6
2013 (1Q+2Q)	70.4

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

(2nd Quarter to 2nd Quarter for fares; June to June for inflation)

Since 2nd Quarter of ...	Duration in Years	Average Fare in 2013 dollars (\$)	Percent Change in Average Fare to 2nd Quarter 2013 (%)	Inflation Rate Change to Jun 2013
2013		378		
2012	1	392	-3.6	1.8
2011	2	382	-1.3	3.4
2010	3	365	3.4	7.1
2009	4	327	15.6	8.3
2008	5	370	2.0	6.7
2007	6	365	3.5	12.1
2006	7	393	-4.0	15.1
2005	8	368	2.5	20.1
2004	9	381	-0.9	23.1
2003	10	400	-5.6	27.1
2002	11	413	-8.5	29.8
2001	12	431	-12.4	31.2
2000	13	459	-17.8	35.4
1999	14	463	-18.4	40.5
1998	15	431	-12.4	43.3
1997	16	422	-10.4	45.7
1996	17	411	-8.1	49.0
1995	18	454	-16.9	53.1

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 (%)
2Q 2010	365	3.7
3Q 2010	363	-0.5
4Q 2010	357	-1.8
1Q 2011	372	4.2
2Q 2011	382	2.9
3Q 2011	371	-2.9
4Q 2011	381	2.7
1Q 2012	379	-0.5
2Q 2012	392	3.2
3Q 2012	370	-5.4
4Q 2012	381	2.7
1Q 2013	380	-0.2
2Q 2013	378	-0.6

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.

Table 4. Unadjusted 2nd Quarter Average Fares, 1995-2013

	Average Fare in current dollars (\$)	Year-to-Year Percent Change in Average Fare (2Q to 2Q) (%)	Cumulative Percent Change in Average Fare (2Q 1995 to 2Q of each year) (%)
1995	297		
1996	276	-7.1	-7.1
1997	289	5.0	-2.5
1998	301	4.0	1.4
1999	329	9.4	11.0
2000	339	3.0	14.3
2001	329	-3.1	10.7
2002	318	-3.3	7.1
2003	315	-1.1	6.0
2004	309	-1.6	4.3
2005	307	-0.9	3.3
2006	342	11.4	15.1
2007	325	-4.7	9.6
2008	347	6.6	16.9
2009	302	-13.0	1.7
2010	341	12.9	14.8
2011	370	8.5	24.6
2012	385	4.1	29.7
2013	378	-1.9	27.2

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 (%)
2Q 2010	341	3.8
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

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
2nd Quarter 2013**

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

Rank	Origin	2nd Quarter 2013 (\$)
Highest Average Fares		
1	Huntsville, AL	547
2	Cincinnati, OH	518
3	Houston Bush, TX	492
4	Washington Dulles	480
5	Memphis, TN	476
Average Fare at All Airports		378
Lowest Average Fares		
1	Atlantic City, NJ	159
2	Bellingham, WA	210
3	Long Beach, CA	237
4	Las Vegas, NV	257
5	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	275

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, 2nd Quarter 2012 to 2nd Quarter 2013

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

Rank	Origin	2nd Quarter 2012 (2013\$)	2nd Quarter 2013 (2013\$)	Percent Change (%)
Largest Increases				
1	Colorado Springs, CO	405.70	444.68	9.6
2	Huntsville, AL	512.72	547.49	6.8
3	Milwaukee, WI	333.73	351.67	5.4
4	White Plains, NY	364.64	383.28	5.1
5	Atlanta, GA	372.98	383.05	2.7
Average Fare at All Airports		391.56	377.56	-3.6
Largest Decreases				
1	Bellingham, WA	267.28	209.62	-21.6
2	Charleston, SC	464.62	394.79	-15.0
3	Providence, RI	385.10	342.25	-11.1
4	Las Vegas, NV	286.06	257.01	-10.2
5	Islip, NY	312.41	281.73	-9.8

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	2nd Quarter 2000 (2013\$)	2nd Quarter 2013 (2013\$)	Percent Change (%)
Largest Increases				
1	Newport News/Williamsburg, VA	319.39	417.13	30.6
2	Dallas Love, TX	236.29	290.80	23.1
3	Reno, NV	302.84	352.41	16.4
4	Houston Hobby, TX	296.78	336.65	13.4
5	Burbank/Glendale/Pasadena, CA	252.19	284.82	12.9
Average Fare at All Airports		459.37	377.56	-17.8
Largest Decreases				
1	Bellingham, WA	467.81	209.62	-55.2
2	White Plains, NY	772.76	383.28	-50.4
3	Atlantic City, NJ	303.05	159.41	-47.4
4	Long Beach, CA	442.95	236.82	-46.5
5	Denver, CO	599.16	323.72	-46.0

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