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### **September 2009 Airline Traffic Data: System Traffic Up 0.8 Percent from September 2008**

The number of scheduled domestic and international passengers on U.S. airlines in September 2009 increased by 0.8 percent from September 2008, growing by 0.5 million to 54.7 million, the Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) today reported (Table 1). September was the first month with an increase in passengers from the previous year since March 2008 following 17 consecutive months of decreases (Table 2).

BTS, a part of DOT's Research and Innovative Technology Administration, in a release of preliminary data, reported that U.S. airlines carried 1.2 percent more domestic passengers than in September 2008. International passengers on U.S. carriers decreased 1.7 percent (Tables 7, 13).

For the first nine months of 2009, the number of scheduled domestic and international passengers on U.S. airlines declined by 6.8 percent from the same period in 2008, dropping to 533.3 million, 38.8 million fewer than a year earlier, and the lowest January-to-September total since 2004 (Tables 1, 2). For historic numbers, see [Traffic](#).

U.S. airlines carried 6.7 percent fewer domestic passengers and 7.6 percent fewer international passengers in the first nine months of 2009 than during the same period in 2008 (Tables 7, 13).

#### **Top Airlines**

In September, Southwest Airlines carried more total system and more domestic passengers for the first nine months than any other U.S. airline (Tables 4 and 10). American Airlines carried more international passengers than any other U.S. carrier (Table 16).

During the first nine months of 2009, Southwest carried more total system and more domestic passengers than any other U.S. airline (Tables 3 and 9). American carried more international passengers than any other U.S. carrier (Table 15).

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**Top Airports**

In September, more total system and domestic passengers boarded planes at Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International than at any other U.S. airport (Tables 6 and 12); and more international passengers boarded U.S. carriers at New York JFK than at any other U.S. airport (Table 18).

During the first nine months of 2009, more total system and domestic passengers boarded planes at Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International than at any other U.S. airport (Tables 5 and 11); and more international passengers boarded U.S. carriers at Miami International than at any other U.S. airport (Table 17).

**Flights Operated**

In September, U.S. airlines operated 767,800 scheduled domestic and international flights, down 2.8 percent from the number of flights operated in September 2008 (Table 1). The number of domestic flights decreased 2.8 percent in September from a year earlier while international flights were down 3.2 percent (Tables 7, 13).

During the first nine months of 2009, U.S. carriers operated 7.2 million domestic and international flights, 7.6 percent fewer than were operated during the same period in 2008 (Table 1). Domestic flights decreased 7.7 percent from the previous year while international flights were down 7.0 percent (Tables 7, 13).

For other comparisons from the first nine months of 2008 to the first nine months of 2009 and from September 2008 to September 2009, see the following tables:

**System (Domestic + International) (Tables 1-6)**

**Table 1** (September and January through September):

Revenue passenger-miles (RPMs)  
Available seat-miles (ASMs)  
Passenger load factor  
Flight stage length  
Passenger trip length

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System scheduled enplanements on U.S. Airlines by month since January 2007

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Domestic revenue passenger-miles (RPMs)

Domestic available seat-miles (ASMs)

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##### **Table 13** (September and January through September):

International revenue passenger-miles on U.S. airlines (RPMs)

International available seat-miles on U.S. airlines (ASMs)

International passenger load factor on U.S. airlines

International flight stage length on U.S. airlines

International passenger trip length on U.S. airlines

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International scheduled enplanements on U.S. airlines by month since January 2007

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**Reporting Notes**

Data are compiled from monthly reports filed with BTS by commercial U.S. air carriers detailing operations, passenger traffic and freight traffic. This release includes data received by BTS from 85 carriers as of Dec. 2 for U.S. carrier **scheduled** civilian operations. Go to <http://www.transtats.bts.gov/releaseinfo.asp> for the complete list of reporting and non-reporting carriers. U.S. carriers' foreign point-to-point flights are included in system and international totals. To create a customized table for passengers, flights, RPMs, ASMs and other data, including non-scheduled service, go to [http://www.bts.gov/programs/airline\\_information/air\\_carrier\\_traffic\\_statistics/](http://www.bts.gov/programs/airline_information/air_carrier_traffic_statistics/).

Additional traffic numbers can be found on the [BTS website](#) in the Airline Industry box. Click on a link in the column on the right.

Traffic numbers are available on the BTS website at TranStats, the Intermodal Transportation Database, at <http://transtats.bts.gov>. Click on "Aviation." For system passengers, RPMs and ASMs by carrier through September, click on "Air Carrier Summary Data (Form 41 and 298C Summary Data)," and then click on "Schedule T-1." Use crosstabs to find scheduled service.

For domestic numbers through September and international numbers through June by origin as well as by carrier, after clicking on "Aviation," click on "Air Carrier Statistics (Form 41 Traffic)." Click on "T-100 Market" for system passenger numbers, "T-100 Domestic Market" for domestic or "T-100 International Market" for international. For flights, stage length and trip length, use the appropriate T-100 Segment database. Use crosstabs to find scheduled service.

TranStats system and international totals do not include U.S. carriers' foreign point-to-point flights. For September, U.S. carriers reported 223,024 foreign point-to-point passengers. For January through September, U.S. carriers reported 1,999,815 foreign point-to-point passengers.

Data are subject to revision. BTS has scheduled Jan. 14, 2010 for the release of October traffic data.

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**Table 1: Scheduled System (Domestic and International) Airline Travel on U.S. Airlines**

	Monthly			Year-to-Date		
	Sep 2008	Sep 2009	Change %	2008	2009	Change %
Passengers (in millions)	54.2	54.7	<b>0.8</b>	572.1	533.3	<b>-6.8</b>
Flights (in thousands)	790.0	767.8	<b>-2.8</b>	7,842.2	7,242.4	<b>-7.6</b>
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	60.3	60.5	<b>0.4</b>	628.0	585.5	<b>-6.8</b>
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	78.7	75.9	<b>-3.6</b>	784.1	728.6	<b>-7.1</b>
Load Factor*	76.6	79.7	<b>3.1</b>	80.1	80.4	<b>0.3</b>
Flight Stage Length**	707.9	707.2	<b>-0.1</b>	721.6	718.9	<b>-0.4</b>
Passenger Trip Length***	1,111.7	1,106.8	<b>-0.4</b>	1,097.6	1,098.0	<b>0.0</b>

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market and Segment

\*Change in load factor points

\*\*The average non-stop distance flown per departure in miles

\*\*\* The average distance flown per passenger in miles

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**Table 2. Total System (Domestic and International) Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Airlines**

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

	2007	2008	2007-2008	2009	2008-2009
			Pct. Change		Pct. Change
January	57.1	57.7	1.0	51.8	-10.2
February	54.1	57.0	5.5	49.8	-12.6
March	67.2	67.7	0.8	61.0	-10.0
April	64.9	63.2	-2.6	59.5	-5.8
May	66.8	66.0	-1.1	59.7	-9.5
June	69.7	67.9	-2.5	63.6	-6.4
July	72.4	70.5	-2.7	68.1	-3.4
August	71.3	67.8	-4.9	65.0	-4.1
<b>September</b>	<b>59.2</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>-8.4</b>	<b>54.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>
October	64.2	59.7	-7.0		
November	61.9	54.1	-12.7		
December	60.8	57.4	-5.7		
<b>9 Mo. Total</b>	<b>582.7</b>	<b>572.1</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>533.3</b>	<b>-6.8</b>
<b>Yr. Total</b>	<b>769.6</b>	<b>743.2</b>	<b>-3.4</b>		

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 3. Top 10 U.S. Airlines, ranked by January-September 2009 System\*  
Scheduled Enplanements**  
Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Sep 2009 Rank	Carrier	Jan-Sep 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Sep 2008 Rank	Jan-Sep 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	Southwest	75.952	1	77.946	-2.6
2	American	64.829	2	71.338	-9.1
3	Delta	51.357	3	54.206	-5.3
4	United	42.885	4	48.971	-12.4
5	US Airways	38.878	5	41.990	-7.4
6	Continental	33.348	7	36.322	-8.2
7	Northwest	31.840	6	38.232	-16.7
8	AirTran	18.065	8	18.834	-4.1
9	JetBlue	16.932	9	16.737	1.2
10	SkyWest	15.866	10	15.970	-0.6

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

\* System equals domestic plus international

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Note: For previous rankings see [BTS Air Traffic Press Releases](#)

**Table 4. Top 10 U.S. Airlines, ranked by September 2009 System\* Scheduled  
Enplanements**  
Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Sep 2009 Rank	Carrier	Sep 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Sep 2008 Rank	Sep 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	Southwest	7.950	1	7.353	8.1
2	American	6.515	2	6.765	-3.7
3	Delta	5.362	3	5.534	-3.1
4	United	4.422	4	4.844	-8.7
5	US Airways	3.838	5	4.101	-6.4
6	Continental	3.190	7	3.034	5.1
7	Northwest	3.015	6	3.586	-15.9
8	SkyWest	1.792	9	1.657	8.1
9	AirTran	1.787	8	1.663	7.4
10	JetBlue	1.620	10	1.439	12.6

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

\* System equals domestic plus international

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 5. Top 10 U.S. Airports, ranked by January-September 2009 System\* Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Airlines\*\***  
 Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Sep 2009 Rank	Airport	Jan-Sep 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Sep 2008 Rank	Jan-Sep 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008-2009
1	Atlanta	31.549	1	32.470	-2.8
2	Chicago O'Hare	21.855	2	24.097	-9.3
3	Dallas/Ft.Worth	19.763	3	20.322	-2.7
4	Denver	18.014	4	18.376	-2.0
5	Los Angeles	16.297	5	17.510	-6.9
6	Houston Bush	13.993	7	14.835	-5.7
7	Las Vegas	13.864	6	15.359	-9.7
8	Phoenix	13.749	8	14.719	-6.6
9	Charlotte	12.867	9	12.970	-0.8
10	New York JFK	12.408	10	12.964	-4.3

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

\* System equals domestic plus international

\*\* Numbers do not include international enplanements on foreign carriers

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Note: For previous rankings see [BTS Air Traffic Press Releases](#)

**Table 6. Top 10 U.S. Airports ranked by September 2009 System\* Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Airlines\*\***  
 Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Sep 2009 Rank	Airport	Sep 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Sep 2008 Rank	Sep 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008-2009
1	Atlanta	3.301	1	3.344	-1.3
2	Chicago O'Hare	2.360	2	2.488	-5.2
3	Dallas/Ft.Worth	2.052	3	2.006	2.3
4	Denver	1.926	4	1.883	2.3
5	Los Angeles	1.697	5	1.644	3.2
6	Las Vegas	1.503	6	1.519	-1.0
7	Houston Bush	1.371	14	1.187	15.5
8	San Francisco	1.367	9	1.276	7.1
9	Phoenix	1.366	7	1.378	-0.9
10	Charlotte	1.313	8	1.325	-0.9

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

\* System equals domestic plus international

\*\* Numbers do not include international enplanements on foreign carriers

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 7: Domestic Scheduled Airline Travel on U.S. Airlines**

	Monthly			Year-to-Date		
	Sep 2008	Sep 2009	Change %	2008	2009	Change %
Passengers (in millions)	47.7	48.2	1.2	500.8	467.3	-6.7
Flights (in thousands)	728.4	708.1	-2.8	7,184.5	6,630.5	-7.7
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	41.0	41.7	1.6	438.9	409.0	-6.8
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	53.9	52.4	-2.7	547.2	503.0	-8.1
Load Factor*	76.1	79.6	3.5	80.2	81.3	1.1
Flight Stage Length**	605.3	606.9	0.3	625.3	618.0	-1.2
Passenger Trip Length***	860.2	863.7	0.4	876.5	875.1	-0.2

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Domestic Market and Segment

\*Change in load factor points

\*\*The average non-stop distance flown per departure in miles

\*\*\* The average distance flown per passenger in miles

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**Table 8. Domestic Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Airlines**  
Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

	2007	2008	2007-2008	2009	2008-2009
			Pct. Change		Pct. Change
January	50.0	50.2	0.4	44.8	-10.8
February	47.8	50.1	4.9	43.7	-12.8
March	59.2	59.2	-0.1	53.5	-9.6
April	57.4	55.6	-3.1	52.2	-6.0
May	59.3	58.0	-2.1	52.9	-8.8
June	61.5	59.5	-3.2	55.9	-6.1
July	63.5	61.4	-3.2	59.5	-3.2
August	62.7	59.0	-5.9	56.6	-4.1
<b>September</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>-8.8</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>
October	57.2	53.0	-7.4		
November	55.0	47.7	-13.4		
December	53.3	50.2	-5.7		
<b>9 Mo. Total</b>	<b>513.6</b>	<b>500.8</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>467.3</b>	<b>-6.7</b>
<b>Yr. Total</b>	<b>679.2</b>	<b>651.6</b>	<b>-4.1</b>		

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Domestic Market

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 9. Top 10 U.S. Airlines, ranked by January-September 2009 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements**  
Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Sep 2009 Rank	Carrier	Jan-Sep 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Sep 2008 Rank	Jan-Sep 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	Southwest	75.952	1	77.946	-2.6
2	American	49.990	2	54.996	-9.1
3	Delta	42.031	3	44.611	-5.8
4	United	34.922	4	40.083	-12.9
5	US Airways	33.723	5	37.027	-8.9
6	Northwest	25.283	6	30.214	-16.3
7	Continental	24.053	7	26.574	-9.5
8	AirTran	17.949	8	18.834	-4.7
9	JetBlue	15.145	9	15.751	-3.8
10	SkyWest	14.952	10	15.035	-0.6

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Domestic Market

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Note: For previous rankings see [BTS Air Traffic Press Releases](#)

**Table 10. Top 10 U.S. Airlines, ranked by September 2009 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements**  
Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Sep 2009 Rank	Carrier	Sep 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Sep 2008 Rank	Sep 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	Southwest	7.950	1	7.353	8.1
2	American	5.068	2	5.242	-3.3
3	Delta	4.381	3	4.587	-4.5
4	United	3.555	4	3.974	-10.5
5	US Airways	3.393	5	3.691	-8.1
6	Northwest	2.376	6	2.735	-13.1
7	Continental	2.361	7	2.219	6.4
8	AirTran	1.779	8	1.663	7.0
9	SkyWest	1.688	9	1.555	8.6
10	JetBlue	1.447	10	1.349	7.3

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Domestic Market

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 11. Top 10 U.S. Airports, ranked by January-September 2009 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements**

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Sep 2009 Rank	Airport	Jan-Sep 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Sep 2008 Rank	Jan-Sep 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	Atlanta	28.517	1	29.323	-2.7
2	Chicago O'Hare	19.608	2	21.670	-9.5
3	Dallas/Ft. Worth	18.284	3	18.742	-2.4
4	Denver	17.501	4	17.789	-1.6
5	Los Angeles	15.175	5	16.035	-5.4
6	Las Vegas	13.767	6	15.251	-9.7
7	Phoenix	13.235	7	14.199	-6.8
8	Charlotte	12.029	10	12.142	-0.9
9	Houston Bush	11.622	9	12.347	-5.9
10	Orlando	11.374	8	12.431	-8.5

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Domestic Market

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Note: For previous rankings see [BTS Air Traffic Press Releases](#)

**Table 12. Top 10 U.S. Airports, ranked by September 2009 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements**

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Sep 2009 Rank	Airport	Sep 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Sep 2008 Rank	Sep 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	Atlanta	3.020	1	3.048	-0.9
2	Chicago O'Hare	2.125	2	2.241	-5.2
3	Dallas/Ft. Worth	1.899	3	1.861	2.0
4	Denver	1.887	4	1.835	2.8
5	Los Angeles	1.584	5	1.520	4.2
6	Las Vegas	1.495	6	1.507	-0.8
7	Phoenix	1.329	7	1.339	-0.8
8	Charlotte	1.254	8	1.272	-1.5
9	San Francisco	1.236	10	1.139	8.5
10	Seattle	1.202	9	1.203	-0.2

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Domestic Market

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 13: International Scheduled Airline Travel on U.S. Airlines**

	Monthly			Year-to-Date		
	Sep 2008	Sep 2009	Change %	2008	2009	Change %
Passengers (in millions)	6.6	6.4	-1.7	71.4	65.9	-7.6
Flights (in thousands)	61.6	59.6	-3.2	657.7	612.0	-7.0
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	19.3	18.9	-2.2	189.0	176.6	-6.6
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	24.8	23.4	-5.5	236.9	225.6	-4.8
Load Factor*	77.8	80.8	3.0	79.8	78.3	-1.5
Flight Stage Length**	1,921.0	1,898.2	-1.2	1,773.2	1,812.7	2.2
Passenger Trip Length***	2,941.3	2,926.5	-0.5	2,649.2	2,678.5	1.1

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 International Market and Segment

\*Change in load factor points

\*\*The average non-stop distance flown per departure in miles

\*\*\* The average distance flown per passenger in miles

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**Table 14: International Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Airlines**

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

	2007-2008			2008-2009	
	2007	2008	Pct. Change	2009	Pct. Change
January	7.1	7.5	4.9	7.0	-6.4
February	6.3	6.9	9.6	6.2	-11.1
March	7.9	8.5	7.4	7.4	-12.5
April	7.5	7.6	1.3	7.3	-3.8
May	7.5	8.0	6.5	6.8	-14.8
June	8.2	8.4	2.5	7.7	-8.6
July	8.9	9.1	1.4	8.6	-4.8
August	8.7	8.9	2.0	8.5	-4.5
<b>September</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>-5.0</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>-1.7</b>
October	7.0	6.7	-3.6		
November	6.9	6.4	-6.8		
December	7.5	7.1	-5.6		
<b>9 Mo. Total</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>-7.6</b>
<b>Yr. Total</b>	<b>90.5</b>	<b>91.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>		

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 International Market

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 15: Top 10 U.S. Airlines, ranked by January-September 2009 International Scheduled Enplanements**

Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Jan-Sep 2009 Rank	Carrier	Jan-Sep 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Sep 2008 Rank	Jan-Sep 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	American	14,839.4	1	16,341.5	-9.2
2	Delta	9,326.3	3	9,594.5	-2.8
3	Continental	9,295.1	2	9,747.6	-4.6
4	United	7,963.5	4	8,888.5	-10.4
5	Northwest	6,556.4	5	8,017.1	-18.2
6	US Airways	5,154.4	6	4,963.7	3.8
7	JetBlue	1,786.7	11	986.1	81.2
8	ExpressJet	1,342.3	7	1,543.6	-13.0
9	Alaska	1,108.2	8	1,536.2	-27.9
10	SkyWest	914.1	12	934.2	-2.2

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 International Market

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Note: For previous rankings see [BTS Air Traffic Press Releases](#)

**Table 16. Top 10 U.S. Airlines, ranked by September 2009 International Scheduled Enplanements**

Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Sep 2009 Rank	Carrier	Sep 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Sep 2008 Rank	Sep 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	American	1,447.4	1	1,522.8	-4.9
2	Delta	981.3	2	947.4	3.6
3	United	867.6	3	870.2	-0.3
4	Continental	829.1	5	815.5	1.7
5	Northwest	638.6	4	850.8	-24.9
6	US Airways	445.0	6	410.4	8.4
7	JetBlue	173.1	10	90.3	91.8
8	ExpressJet	138.9	7	115.0	20.8
9	American Eagle	108.8	14	78.9	37.8
10	SkyWest	104.0	8	102.5	1.5

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 International Market

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 17. Top 10 U.S. Airports, ranked by January-September 2009 International Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Airlines\***  
 Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Jan-Sep 2009 Rank	Airport	Jan-Sep 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Sep 2008 Rank	Jan-Sep 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	Miami	3,721.8	1	3,824.6	-2.7
2	New York JFK	3,274.0	2	3,345.4	-2.1
3	Atlanta	3,032.1	3	3,147.3	-3.7
4	Newark	2,952.9	4	3,077.9	-4.1
5	Houston Bush	2,370.1	5	2,488.5	-4.8
6	Chicago O'Hare	2,247.0	6	2,427.4	-7.4
7	Dallas/Ft. Worth	1,479.5	7	1,580.1	-6.4
8	Philadelphia	1,238.2	11	1,210.4	2.3
9	Washington Dulles	1,140.1	12	1,138.8	0.1
10	San Francisco	1,138.7	9	1,417.1	-19.6

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 International Market

\* Numbers do not include international enplanements on foreign carriers

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 18. Top 10 U.S. Airports, ranked by September 2009 International Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Airlines\***  
 Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Sep 2009 Rank	Airport	Sep 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Sep 2008 Rank	Sep 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	New York JFK	361.1	2	340.8	5.9
2	Miami	347.4	1	357.2	-2.7
3	Newark	284.3	3	296.8	-4.2
4	Atlanta	281.3	4	295.9	-4.9
5	Chicago O'Hare	234.3	5	246.6	-5.0
6	Houston Bush	199.8	6	174.6	14.4
7	Dallas/Ft. Worth	153.8	7	144.7	6.3
8	Philadelphia	145.1	10	127.7	13.6
9	San Francisco	131.1	8	137.0	-4.3
10	Washington Dulles	127.1	12	119.2	6.6

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 International Market

\* Numbers do not include international enplanements on foreign carriers

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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