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December 2009 Airline Traffic Data: System Traffic Down 0.6 Percent from December 2008

The number of scheduled domestic and international passengers on U.S. airlines in December 2009 decreased by 0.6 percent from December 2008, decreasing by 0.4 million to 57.0 million, the Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) today reported (Table 1). The December 2009 passenger total was 6.2 percent below that of December 2007 (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 0.7 percent fewer domestic passengers in December 2009 than in December 2008. The number of international passengers on U.S. carriers increased 0.3 percent (Tables 7, 13). The system, domestic and international load factors in December 2009 were all the highest ever for the month of December.

For the full year 2009, the number of scheduled domestic and international passengers on U.S. airlines declined by 5.3 percent from 2008, dropping to 703.9 million, 39.4 million fewer than a year earlier, and the lowest annual total since 2004 (Tables 1, 2). For historic numbers, see [Traffic](#) on the BTS website. The full-year system load factor of 80.4 percent and the domestic load factor of 81.1 were annual record highs.

For the year, U.S. airlines carried 5.2 percent fewer domestic passengers and 6.3 percent fewer international passengers in 2009 than in 2008 (Tables 7, 13).

Top Airlines

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

Southwest Airlines carried more total system passengers in 2009 than any other U.S. airline for the third consecutive year (Table 3). Southwest also carried more domestic passengers in 2009 than any other U.S. airline for the sixth consecutive year (Table 9). American Airlines carried more international passengers in 2009 than any other U.S. carrier for the 20th consecutive year (Table 15).

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Top Airports

In December, 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 Miami than at any other U.S. airport (Table 18).

More total system and domestic passengers boarded planes in 2009 at Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International than at any other U.S. airport for the 14th consecutive year (Tables 5 and 11); and more international passengers boarded U.S. carriers at Miami International than at any other U.S. airport for the 15th consecutive year (Table 17).

Flights Operated

In December, U.S. airlines operated 769,600 scheduled domestic and international flights, down 2.1 percent from the number of flights operated in December 2008 (Table 1). The number of domestic flights decreased 2.2 percent in December from a year earlier while international flights were down 0.9 percent (Tables 7, 13).

In 2009, U.S. carriers operated 9.6 million domestic and international flights, 6.6 percent fewer than were operated during 2008 (Table 1). Domestic flights decreased 6.6 percent from the previous year while international flights were down 6.0 percent (Tables 7, 13).

For other comparisons from 2008 to 2009 and from December 2008 to December 2009, see the following tables:

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

Table 1 (December and January through December):

Revenue passenger-miles (RPMs)

Available seat-miles (ASMs)

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Table 13 (December and January through December):

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

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

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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 82 carriers as of March 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/.

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 December, 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 December and international numbers through September 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 December, U.S. carriers reported 259,297 foreign point-to-point passengers. For January through December, U.S. carriers reported 2,736,096 foreign point-to-point passengers.

Data are subject to revision. BTS has scheduled April 15 for the release of January traffic data.

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

	Monthly			Year-to-Date		
	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Change %	2008	2009	Change %
Passengers (in millions)	57.4	57.0	-0.6	743.3	703.9	-5.3
Flights (in thousands)	786.2	769.6	-2.1	10,223.9	9,551.0	-6.6
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	62.7	62.5	-0.4	812.4	769.5	-5.3
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	79.9	77.7	-2.7	1,021.3	957.2	-6.3
Load Factor*	78.5	80.4	1.9	79.5	80.4	0.9
Flight Stage Length**	722.1	725.4	0.5	718.9	717.5	-0.2
Passenger Trip Length***	1,092.7	1,095.1	0.2	1,092.9	1,093.1	0.0

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 Pct. Change	2009	2008- 2009 Pct. Change
January	57.1	57.7	1.0	51.8	-10.2
February	54.1	57.1	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	68.0	-2.5	63.6	-6.5
July	72.4	70.5	-2.7	68.1	-3.4
August	71.3	67.8	-4.9	65.0	-4.1
September	59.2	54.2	-8.4	54.7	0.8
October	64.2	59.7	-7.0	58.8	-1.4
November	61.9	54.1	-12.7	54.8	1.5
December	60.8	57.4	-5.7	57.0	-0.6
Yr. Total	769.6	743.3	-3.4	703.9	-5.3

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-December 2009 System* Scheduled Enplanements

Jan-Dec 2009 Rank	Carrier	Jan-Dec 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Dec 2008 Rank	Jan-Dec 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	Southwest	101.338	1	101.921	-0.6
2	American	85.720	2	92.772	-7.6
3	Delta	67.745	3	71.615	-5.4
4	United	56.025	4	63.071	-11.2
5	US Airways	50.975	5	54.776	-6.9
6	Continental	43.946	7	46.919	-6.3
7	Northwest	40.865	6	48.772	-16.2
8	AirTran	23.968	8	24.574	-2.5
9	JetBlue	22.378	9	21.824	2.5
10	SkyWest	21.246	10	20.668	2.8

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 December 2009 System* Scheduled Enplanements
Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Dec 2009 Rank	Carrier	Dec 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Dec 2008 Rank	Dec 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	Southwest	8.355	1	7.965	4.9
2	American	7.077	2	7.278	-2.8
3	Delta	5.359	3	5.816	-7.9
4	United	4.339	4	4.658	-6.8
5	US Airways	4.009	5	4.328	-7.4
6	Continental	3.707	6	3.657	1.4
7	Northwest	3.041	7	3.491	-12.9
8	AirTran	1.976	8	1.943	1.7
9	JetBlue	1.957	9	1.835	6.6
10	SkyWest	1.805	10	1.445	25.0

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- December 2009 System* Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Airlines**
 Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Dec 2009 Rank	Airport	Jan-Dec 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Dec 2008 Rank	Jan-Dec 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	Atlanta	41.740	1	43.100	-3.2
2	Chicago O'Hare	28.979	2	31.304	-7.4
3	Dallas/Ft. Worth	26.247	3	26.750	-1.9
4	Denver	23.702	4	23.906	-0.9
5	Los Angeles	21.644	5	22.647	-4.4
6	Houston Bush	18.587	7	19.390	-4.1
7	Phoenix	18.303	8	19.202	-4.7
8	Las Vegas	18.244	6	19.796	-7.8
9	Charlotte	17.065	9	17.174	-0.6
10	New York JFK	16.309	10	16.944	-3.7

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 December 2009 System* Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Airlines**
 Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Dec 2009 Rank	Airport	Dec 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Dec 2008 Rank	Dec 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	Atlanta	3.309	1	3.528	-6.2
2	Chicago O'Hare	2.293	2	2.285	0.3
3	Dallas/Ft. Worth	2.171	3	2.190	-0.9
4	Denver	1.942	4	1.854	4.7
5	Los Angeles	1.833	5	1.762	4.0
6	Houston Bush	1.624	6	1.605	1.2
7	Phoenix	1.547	7	1.531	1.1
8	Charlotte	1.394	9	1.396	-0.1
9	Las Vegas	1.347	8	1.397	-3.6
10	New York JFK	1.342	10	1.382	-2.9

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		
	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Change %	2008	2009	Change %
Passengers (in millions)	50.2	49.9	-0.7	651.7	618.1	-5.2
Flights (in thousands)	718.9	702.9	-2.2	9,373.7	8,751.7	-6.6
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	43.8	43.7	-0.2	568.2	539.1	-5.1
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	55.4	54.7	-1.1	712.3	664.7	-6.7
Load Factor*	79.1	79.9	0.8	79.8	81.1	1.3
Flight Stage Length**	622.8	630.8	1.3	622.4	618.6	-0.6
Passenger Trip Length***	872.1	876.7	0.5	871.9	872.1	0.0

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 Pct. Change	2009	2008- 2009 Pct. Change
January	50.0	50.2	0.4	44.8	-10.8
February	47.8	50.1	4.9	43.7	-12.9
March	59.2	59.2	-0.1	53.5	-9.6
April	57.4	55.6	-3.1	52.2	-6.1
May	59.3	58.0	-2.1	52.9	-8.8
June	61.5	59.6	-3.1	55.9	-6.2
July	63.5	61.4	-3.2	59.5	-3.2
August	62.7	59.0	-5.9	56.6	-4.1
September	52.3	47.7	-8.8	48.2	1.2
October	57.2	53.0	-7.4	52.3	-1.3
November	55.0	47.7	-13.4	48.6	2.0
December	53.3	50.2	-5.7	49.9	-0.7
Yr. Total	679.2	651.7	-4.0	618.1	-5.2

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- December 2009 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements
Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Dec 2009 Rank	Carrier	Jan-Dec 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Dec 2008 Rank	Jan-Dec 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008-2009
1	Southwest	101.338	1	101.921	-0.6
2	American	66.142	2	71.539	-7.5
3	Delta	55.627	3	59.276	-6.2
4	United	45.571	4	51.661	-11.8
5	US Airways	44.515	5	48.504	-8.2
6	Northwest	32.532	6	38.449	-15.4
7	Continental	31.915	7	34.501	-7.5
8	AirTran	23.807	8	24.571	-3.1
9	SkyWest	20.026	10	19.454	2.9
10	JetBlue	20.008	9	20.479	-2.3

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 December 2009 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements
Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Dec 2009 Rank	Carrier	Dec 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Dec 2008 Rank	Dec 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008-2009
1	Southwest	8.355	1	7.965	4.9
2	American	5.392	2	5.558	-3.0
3	Delta	4.345	3	4.822	-9.9
4	US Airways	3.530	4	3.846	-8.2
5	United	3.474	5	3.781	-8.1
6	Continental	2.697	7	2.709	-0.5
7	Northwest	2.426	6	2.735	-11.3
8	AirTran	1.952	8	1.941	0.6
9	JetBlue	1.736	9	1.696	2.3
10	SkyWest	1.702	10	1.360	25.2

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- December 2009 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan-Dec 2009 Rank	Airport	Jan-Dec 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Dec 2008 Rank	Jan-Dec 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	Atlanta	37.823	1	39.021	-3.1
2	Chicago O'Hare	26.045	2	28.169	-7.5
3	Dallas/Ft. Worth	24.269	3	24.690	-1.7
4	Denver	23.050	4	23.165	-0.5
5	Los Angeles	20.127	5	20.774	-3.1
6	Las Vegas	18.129	6	19.651	-7.7
7	Phoenix	17.618	7	18.517	-4.9
8	Charlotte	16.001	9	16.120	-0.7
9	Houston Bush	15.447	8	16.163	-4.4
10	Orlando	14.884	10	15.980	-6.9

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 December 2009 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Dec 2009 Rank	Airport	Dec 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Dec 2008 Rank	Dec 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	Atlanta	2.965	1	3.173	-6.5
2	Chicago O'Hare	2.056	2	2.042	0.7
3	Dallas/Ft. Worth	1.994	3	2.019	-1.2
4	Denver	1.888	4	1.797	5.1
5	Los Angeles	1.684	5	1.619	4.0
6	Phoenix	1.478	6	1.468	0.7
7	Las Vegas	1.346	7	1.386	-2.9
8	Houston Bush	1.321	8	1.321	0.0
9	Charlotte	1.304	9	1.307	-0.2
10	San Francisco	1.219	13	1.128	8.0

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		
	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	Change %	2008	2009	Change %
Passengers (in millions)	7.1	7.2	0.3	91.6	85.8	-6.3
Flights (in thousands)	67.3	66.7	-0.9	850.3	799.4	-6.0
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	18.9	18.7	-0.8	244.1	230.4	-5.6
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	24.5	23.0	-6.2	309.0	292.5	-5.4
Load Factor*	77.1	81.3	4.2	79.0	78.8	-0.2
Flight Stage Length**	1,783.1	1,722.0	-3.4	1,783.1	1,801.0	1.0
Passenger Trip Length***	2,647.2	2,618.2	-1.1	2,665.0	2,684.1	0.7

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	2007- 2008 Pct. Change	2009	2008- 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
September	6.9	6.6	-5.0	6.4	-1.7
October	7.0	6.7	-3.6	6.5	-2.8
November	6.9	6.4	-6.8	6.3	-2.3
December	7.5	7.1	-5.6	7.2	0.3
Yr. Total	90.5	91.6	1.3	85.8	-6.3

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- December 2009 International Scheduled Enplanements
 Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Jan-Dec 2009 Rank	Carrier	Jan-Dec 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Dec 2008 Rank	Jan-Dec 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	American	19,578.0	1	21,233.2	-7.8
2	Delta	12,117.8	3	12,339.1	-1.8
3	Continental	12,030.5	2	12,417.8	-3.1
4	United	10,454.1	4	11,409.4	-8.4
5	Northwest	8,333.1	5	10,322.9	-19.3
6	US Airways	6,460.0	6	6,271.7	3.0
7	JetBlue	2,369.8	10	1,345.5	76.1
8	ExpressJet	1,800.9	7	1,944.8	-7.4
9	Alaska	1,482.8	8	1,942.4	-23.7
10	SkyWest	1,220.5	12	1,214.6	0.5

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 December 2009 International Scheduled Enplanements
 Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Dec 2009 Rank	Carrier	Dec 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Dec 2008 Rank	Dec 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	American	1,684.7	1	1,720.7	-2.1
2	Delta	1,014.3	2	993.7	2.1
3	Continental	1,010.4	3	947.5	6.6
4	United	865.8	4	877.0	-1.3
5	Northwest	614.7	5	756.0	-18.7
6	US Airways	479.0	6	482.9	-0.8
7	JetBlue	221.2	8	139.4	58.7
8	Alaska	160.7	7	158.0	1.7
9	ExpressJet	156.3	9	138.8	12.6
10	Executive	109.7	11	97.0	13.1

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- December 2009 International Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Airlines*
Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Jan-Dec 2009 Rank	Airport	Jan-Dec 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Jan-Dec 2008 Rank	Jan-Dec 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	Miami	4,959.8	1	5,078.7	-2.3
2	New York JFK	4,322.9	2	4,355.2	-0.7
3	Atlanta	3,917.3	3	4,078.9	-4.0
4	Newark	3,846.9	4	3,949.6	-2.6
5	Houston Bush	3,140.2	5	3,227.3	-2.7
6	Chicago O'Hare	2,933.7	6	3,135.2	-6.4
7	Dallas/Ft. Worth	1,978.1	7	2,060.4	-4.0
8	Philadelphia	1,550.7	12	1,504.7	3.1
9	Washington Dulles	1,518.9	11	1,508.6	0.7
10	Los Angeles	1,517.3	8	1,872.3	-19.0

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.

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

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

Dec 2009 Rank	Airport	Dec 2009 Enplaned Passengers	Dec 2008 Rank	Dec 2008 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2008- 2009
1	Miami	461.7	1	457.3	0.9
2	New York JFK	374.4	2	361.4	3.6
3	Atlanta	343.8	3	354.8	-3.1
4	Newark	321.3	4	298.9	7.5
5	Houston Bush	303.6	5	284.1	6.9
6	Chicago O'Hare	236.2	6	242.5	-2.6
7	Dallas/Ft. Worth	176.4	7	170.5	3.5
8	Los Angeles	148.2	8	142.8	3.8
9	Washington Dulles	131.0	10	127.6	2.7
10	San Francisco	120.0	9	128.4	-6.5

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

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