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### **2010 Traffic Data for U.S Airlines and Foreign Airlines U.S. Flights: Total Passengers Up from 2009, Still Below 2008**

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) today reported that 786.7 million scheduled passengers traveled on U.S. airlines and on foreign airlines serving the United States in 2010. This is a 2.1 percent increase from 2009 (Table 1). The 2010 passenger total still remained 3.2 percent below the level of 812.3 million in 2008 (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 2.4 percent more total system passengers in 2010 than in 2009. U.S. airlines carried 1.9 percent more domestic passengers in 2010 and 5.9 percent more international passengers than in 2009. Passengers to and from the United States on foreign carriers decreased 0.3 percent from 2009 (Table 1A).

This release includes data on U.S. carrier scheduled domestic and international service and foreign carrier scheduled international service to and from the United States. BTS regular monthly air traffic releases include data on U.S. carrier scheduled service only. For U.S. domestic service data for 2010, see the [BTS December Air Traffic](#) press release.

During the first six months of 2010, the number of passengers carried on U.S. airlines and on foreign airlines to and from the United States increased 1.6 percent from the same period in 2009. During the last six months, this increase was 2.6 percent (Table 2).

#### **Top Airlines in 2010**

Delta Air Lines, following its merger with Northwest Airlines, carried more total system passengers in 2010 than any other U.S. airline for the first time since 2001 (Table 3). Delta carried more international passengers to and from the United States in 2010 than any other U.S. or foreign carrier after American had carried the most for 20 consecutive years (Table 7).

#### **Top Airports in 2010**

More total system passengers boarded planes in 2010 at Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International than at any other U.S. airport (Table 4); and more international passengers boarded planes at New York John F. Kennedy than at any other U.S. airport (Table 8).

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For more information on U.S. carrier domestic operations, see the [BTS December Air Traffic](#) press release.

### **Flights Operated**

U.S. carriers and foreign carriers serving the United States operated 10.0 million domestic and international flights in 2010, 0.8 percent fewer than operated in 2009 (Table 1).

For other U.S. and foreign airline comparisons from 2009 to 2010, see the following tables

### **Domestic + International Air Travel to and from the United States on U.S. and Foreign Airlines (Tables 1-4)**

#### **Table 1:**

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

#### **Table 2**

Scheduled enplanements on U.S. airlines and foreign airlines serving the United States by month since January 2008

### **Airline Rankings**

#### **Table 3**

Top 10 airlines by scheduled domestic and international passenger enplanements

#### **Table 4**

Top 10 airports by scheduled domestic and international passenger enplanements

### **International Air Travel to and from the United States on U.S. and Foreign Airlines (Tables 5-8)**

#### **Table 5:**

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

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**Table 6:**

International scheduled enplanements on U.S. airlines and foreign airlines serving the United States by month since January 2008.

**Table 7:**

Top 10 airlines by scheduled international passenger enplanements

**Table 8:**

Top 10 U.S. airports by scheduled international passenger enplanements

**Reporting Notes**

Data are compiled from monthly reports filed with BTS by commercial U.S. and foreign air carriers detailing operations, passenger traffic and freight traffic. This release includes data received by BTS from 173 carriers as of March 16 for U.S. and foreign carrier **scheduled** civilian operations. Go to <http://www.transtats.bts.gov/releaseinfo.asp> for the complete list of reporting and non-reporting carriers. TranStats results for foreign carriers may differ from the press release until the next database update scheduled for April 15.

For additional passenger, flight, RPM, ASM, load factor and freight numbers, go to the [BTS home page](#) and use the links in the Airline Industry box. International totals and results for foreign carriers may differ from the press release until the next database update scheduled for April 15. These tables do not include U.S. carrier foreign point-to-point operations. For 2010, U.S. carriers reported 2,751,453 foreign point-to-point passengers.

To create a customized table for U.S. carrier passengers, flights, RPMs, ASMs and other data, including non-scheduled service, go to [BTS Air Carrier Traffic Statistics](#).

Additional traffic numbers are available on the BTS website at TranStats, the Intermodal Transportation Database, at <http://transtats.bts.gov>. Click on "Aviation." For U.S. carrier 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. Complete international data will be released on July 15.

TranStats system and international totals do not include U.S. carriers' foreign point-to-point flights.

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**Table 1: Scheduled Domestic and International Airline Travel on U.S. and Foreign Airlines\***

	Annual		Change %
	2009	2010	
Passengers (in millions)	770.3	786.7	<b>2.1</b>
Flights (in thousands)	10,049.0	9,969.9	<b>-0.8</b>
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	1,027.5	1,065.0	<b>3.6</b>
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	1,289.2	1,300.3	<b>0.9</b>
Load Factor**	79.7	81.9	<b>2.2</b>
Flight Stage Length***	811.6	824.7	<b>1.6</b>
Passenger Trip Length****	1,333.8	1,353.8	<b>1.5</b>

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

\* Includes U.S. carrier scheduled domestic and international service and foreign carrier scheduled international service to and from the United States. For U.S. carrier domestic and international service data for 2009, see the [BTS December air traffic press release](#)

\*\* 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 1A. Passengers on U.S. Carriers and on Foreign Carriers' U.S. Flights 2009-2010**  
Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

		2009	2010	Change %
U.S. Carrier	Domestic	618.0	629.5	<b>1.9</b>
	International	85.8	90.9	<b>5.9</b>
	<b>System</b>	<b>703.8</b>	<b>720.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Foreign Carrier	To and From U.S.	66.5	66.3	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>770.3</b>	<b>786.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

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**Table 2. Scheduled Domestic and International Enplanements by Month on U.S. and Foreign Airlines\***

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

	2008	2009	2008- 2009 Pct. Change	2010	2009- 2010 Pct. Change
January	63.3	57.1	-9.7	58.1	1.6
February	62.0	54.3	-12.5	53.3	-1.7
March	73.7	66.2	-10.1	67.8	2.4
April	68.8	65.1	-5.4	65.0	0.0
May	71.9	64.9	-9.6	67.4	3.8
June	74.2	69.3	-6.6	71.3	2.9
July	77.1	74.7	-3.2	74.9	0.3
August	74.5	71.7	-3.9	72.3	0.9
September	59.6	60.1	0.8	62.7	4.3
October	65.1	64.4	-1.1	67.5	4.8
November	59.1	59.9	1.3	62.9	5.0
December	63.0	62.7	-0.4	63.5	1.3
<b>Yr. Total</b>	<b>812.3</b>	<b>770.3</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>786.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

\* Includes U.S. carrier scheduled domestic and international service and foreign carrier scheduled international service to and from the United States. For U.S. carrier domestic and international service data for 2009, see the [BTS December air traffic press release](#)

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**Table 3. Top 10 Airlines, ranked by January-December 2010 Scheduled Domestic and International Enplanements\***

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

2010 Rank	Airline	2010 Enplaned Passengers	2009 Rank	2009 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2009- 2010
1	Delta**	110.925	3	67.745	63.7
2	Southwest	106.228	1	101.338	4.8
3	American	86.129	2	85.720	0.5
4	United	54.080	4	56.025	-3.5
5	US Airways	51.814	5	50.975	1.6
6	Continental	43.479	6	43.946	-1.1
7	AirTran	24.558	8	23.968	2.5
8	SkyWest	24.218	10	21.246	14.0
9	JetBlue	24.199	9	22.378	8.1
10	Alaska	16.478	12	15.523	6.1

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

\* Includes U.S. carrier scheduled domestic and international service and foreign carrier scheduled international service to and from the United States. For U.S. carrier domestic and international service data for 2009, see the [BTS December air traffic press release](#)

\*\* Delta's January-December 2010 number is the report of the merged Delta and Northwest. The January-December 2009 numbers were reported separately by Delta and Northwest. Northwest reported 40.865 million system passengers in January-December 2009.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 4. Top 10 Airports ranked by January-December 2010 Scheduled Domestic and International Enplanements on U.S. and Foreign Airlines\***  
Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

<b>2010 Rank</b>	<b>Airport</b>	<b>2010 Enplaned Passengers</b>	<b>2009 Rank</b>	<b>2009 Enplaned Passengers</b>	<b>Pct. Change 2009-2010</b>
1	Atlanta	42.983	1	42.130	2.0
2	Chicago O'Hare	32.062	2	31.103	3.1
3	Los Angeles	28.531	3	27.468	3.9
4	Dallas/Ft. Worth	27.022	4	26.587	1.6
5	Denver	25.183	5	23.949	5.2
6	New York JFK	22.813	6	22.720	0.4
7	Houston Bush	19.457	7	19.255	1.1
8	San Francisco	19.173	10	18.445	3.9
9	Phoenix	18.845	9	18.538	1.7
10	Las Vegas	18.711	8	19.193	-2.5

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, T-100 Market

\* Includes U.S. carrier scheduled domestic and international service and foreign carrier scheduled international service to and from the United States. For U.S. carrier domestic and international service data for 2009, see the [BTS December air traffic press release](#)

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 5. International Scheduled Airline Travel on U.S. and Foreign Airlines\***

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009 % of Total</b>	<b>Annual 2010</b>	<b>2010 % of Total</b>	<b>2009-2010 Change %</b>
Passengers (in millions)	<b>152.3</b>		<b>157.2</b>		<b>3.2</b>
U.S. Carriers	85.8	56.3	90.9	57.8	<b>5.9</b>
Foreign Carriers	66.5	43.7	66.3	42.2	<b>-0.3</b>
Flights (in thousands)	<b>1,285.5</b>		<b>1,282.1</b>		<b>-0.3</b>
U.S. Carriers	799.4	62.2	822.0	64.1	<b>2.8</b>
Foreign Carriers	486.1	37.8	460.1	35.9	<b>-5.3</b>
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	<b>486.9</b>		<b>510.4</b>		<b>4.8</b>
U.S. Carriers	230.4	47.3	245.1	48.0	<b>6.4</b>
Foreign Carriers	256.5	52.7	265.3	52.0	<b>3.4</b>
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	<b>622.3</b>		<b>625.5</b>		<b>0.5</b>
U.S. Carriers	292.5	47.0	300.1	48.0	<b>2.6</b>
Foreign Carriers	329.8	53.0	325.4	52.0	<b>-1.3</b>
Load Factor**	<b>78.2</b>		<b>81.6</b>		<b>3.4</b>
U.S. Carriers	78.8		81.7		<b>2.9</b>
Foreign Carriers	77.8		81.5		<b>3.7</b>
Flight Stage Length***	2,128.5		2,153.6		<b>1.2</b>
Passenger Trip Length****	3,196.8		3,246.4		<b>1.6</b>

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

\* Includes U.S. carrier scheduled international service and foreign carrier scheduled international service to and from the United States. For U.S. carrier scheduled international service data for 2009, see the [BTS December air traffic press release](#)

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**Table 6. International Scheduled Enplanements by Month on U.S. and Foreign Airlines\***

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

	2008	2009	2008- 2009 Pct. Change	2010	2009- 2010 Pct. Change
January	13.0	12.3	-5.6	12.6	2.2
February	11.9	10.6	-11.0	10.9	3.0
March	14.4	12.7	-12.1	13.4	5.5
April	13.2	12.8	-2.8	12.6	-1.9
May	13.8	12.0	-13.3	13.6	13.0
June	14.6	13.4	-8.4	14.6	9.0
July	15.7	15.2	-3.2	15.7	3.6
August	15.6	15.1	-3.0	14.9	-1.1
September	12.0	11.9	-0.7	12.4	4.4
October	12.2	12.1	-0.3	12.7	4.4
November	11.5	11.3	-1.4	11.5	1.2
December	12.7	12.9	1.5	12.4	-3.7
<b>Yr. Total</b>	<b>160.6</b>	<b>152.3</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>157.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>

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

\* Includes U.S. carrier scheduled international service and foreign carrier scheduled international service to and from the United States. For U.S. carrier scheduled international service data for 2009, see the [BTS December air traffic press release](#)

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**Table 7. Top 10 Airlines, ranked by January-December 2010 International Scheduled Enplanements\***

Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

2010 Rank	Airline	2010 Enplaned Passengers	2009 Rank	2009 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2009-2010
1	Delta**	20,973.6	2	12,117.8	73.1
2	American	20,417.2	1	19,578.0	4.3
3	Continental	12,872.5	3	12,030.5	7.0
4	United	10,773.2	4	10,454.1	3.1
5	US Airways	6,673.3	6	6,460.0	3.3
6	British Airways	5,324.5	7	5,635.3	-5.5
7	Lufthansa	4,896.5	8	4,787.1	2.3
8	Air France	3,475.4	10	3,559.2	-2.4
9	Virgin Atlantic	3,135.8	11	3,113.1	0.7
10	JetBlue	3,069.4	13	2,369.8	29.5

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

\* Includes U.S. carrier scheduled international service and foreign carrier scheduled international service to and from the United States. For U.S. carrier scheduled international service data for 2009, see the [BTS December air traffic press release](#)

\*\* Delta's January-December 2010 number is the report of the merged Delta and Northwest. The January-December 2009 numbers were reported separately by Delta and Northwest. Northwest reported 8333.1 thousand international passengers in January-December 2009.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 8. Top 10 Airports ranked by January-December 2010 International Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. and Foreign Airlines\***  
 Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

<b>2010 Rank</b>	<b>Airport</b>	<b>2010 Enplaned Passengers</b>	<b>2009 Rank</b>	<b>2009 Enplaned Passengers</b>	<b>Pct. Change 2009-2010</b>
1	New York JFK	11,265.1	1	10,739.3	4.9
2	Miami	8,035.4	2	7,768.3	3.4
3	Los Angeles	7,367.7	3	7,343.6	0.3
4	Newark	5,592.7	4	5,341.4	4.7
5	Chicago O'Hare	5,067.6	5	5,057.6	0.2
6	Atlanta	4,507.3	6	4,325.5	4.2
7	Houston Bush	4,123.6	8	3,811.3	8.2
8	San Francisco	4,024.1	7	3,939.6	2.1
9	Washington Dulles	2,964.9	9	2,926.6	1.3
10	Dallas/Ft. Worth	2,520.9	10	2,318.3	8.7

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

\* Includes U.S. carrier scheduled international service and foreign carrier scheduled international service to and from the United States. For U.S. carrier scheduled international service data for 2009, see the [BTS December air traffic press release](#)

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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