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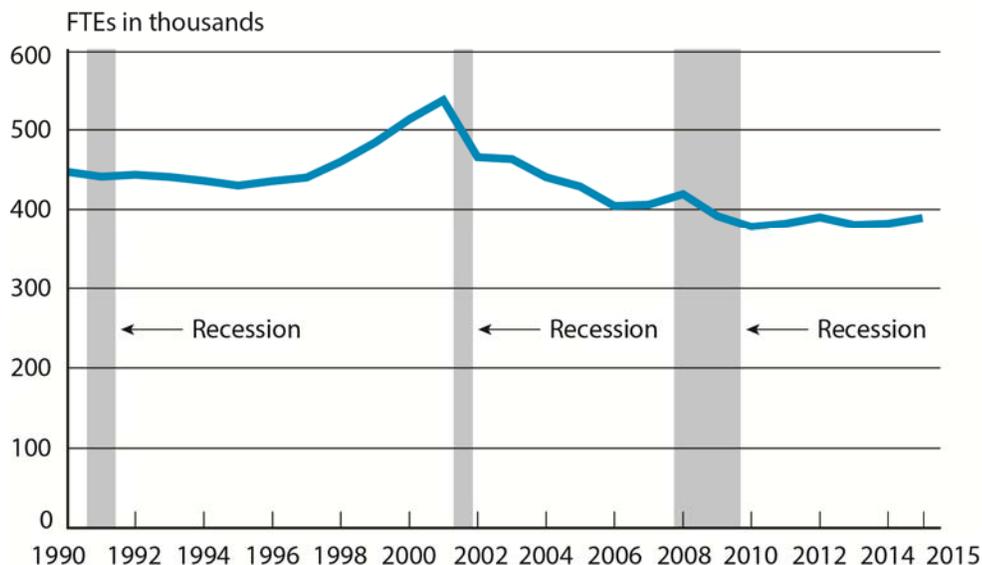
## BTS Data

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### February 2015 Passenger Airline Employment Data

U.S. scheduled passenger airlines employed 388,983 workers in February 2015, 1.8 percent more than in February 2014, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) reported today. February was the 15th consecutive month that full-time equivalent (FTE) employment for U.S. scheduled passenger airlines exceeded the same month of the previous year and was the highest monthly total since August 2012 (Tables 1, 2, 3).

Scheduled Passenger Airline Full-Time Equivalent Employees,  
Month of February, 1990-2015



Month-to-month, the number of FTEs rose 0.6 percent from January to February, following a one-month decline (Table 1A). Scheduled passenger airline categories include network, low-cost, regional and other airlines. [Historical employment data](#) can be found on the BTS web site.

The five network airlines that collectively employ two-thirds of the scheduled passenger airline FTEs reported 1.4 percent more FTEs in February 2015 than in February 2014 (Table 7). Alaska Airlines, Delta Air Lines, American Airlines and US Airways increased FTEs from February 2014 while United Airlines reduced FTEs (Table 9). Month-to-month, the number of network airline FTEs rose 0.5 percent from January to February, rising for the fifth consecutive month (Table 1A). Network airlines operate a significant portion of their flights using at least one hub where connections are made for flights to down-line destinations or spoke cities.

The six low-cost carriers reported 4.6 percent more FTEs in February 2015 than in February 2014 (Table 10). Allegiant Airlines, Spirit Airlines, JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines, Virgin America and Frontier Airlines – all reported increases (Table 12). Month-to-month, the number of low-cost airline FTEs rose 0.6 percent from January to February, rising for the second consecutive month (Table 1A). Low-cost airlines operate under a low-cost business model, with infrastructure and aircraft operating costs below the overall industry average.

The 12 regional carriers reported 0.3 percent fewer FTEs in February 2015 than in February 2014 (Table 13). Six regional airlines – PSA Airlines, Mesa Airlines, Republic Airlines, Compass Airlines, Horizon Air and GoJet Airlines – reported increased employment levels. The others reported decreases (Table 15). Month-to-month, the number of regional airline FTEs rose 1.7 percent from January to February, following two consecutive monthly declines (Table 1A). Regional carriers typically provide service from small cities, using primarily regional jets to support the network carriers' hub and spoke systems.

**Carrier Groups:** The five network airlines employed 66.5 percent of the total number of FTEs employed by all scheduled passenger airlines in February, the six low-cost carriers employed 18.9 percent and the 12 regional carriers employed 12.9 percent (Table 4). The three airlines with the most FTEs in February – United, Delta and American – employed 55.6 percent of the month's total passenger airline FTEs (Tables 3, 6).

**Top Employers by Group:** United employed the most FTEs (78,380) in February among the network airlines, Southwest employed the most FTEs (46,784) among low-cost airlines, and Envoy Air employed the most FTEs (10,936) among regional airlines. Four of the top five employers in the industry are network airlines (Table 6).

**Airline Mergers:** Airlines that announce mergers typically begin joint reporting following U.S. Department of Transportation approval and issuance of a single economic certificate. American and US Airways, following their January 2013 merger announcement, will report separately until the Department approves single carrier reporting and a single economic certificate is issued.

### **Network Airlines**

The network airlines employed 1.4 percent more FTEs in February 2015 than in February 2014 and 0.4 percent fewer FTEs in February 2015 than in February 2011 (Tables 8, 9).

### **Low-Cost Airlines**

The six low-cost airlines employed 4.6 percent more FTEs in February 2015 than in February 2014 and 12.3 percent more FTEs in February 2015 than in February 2011 (Tables 11, 12).

### **Regional Airlines**

Regional airlines employed 0.3 percent fewer FTEs in February 2015 than in February 2014. The 12 regional carriers operating in February 2015 employed 4.0 percent fewer FTEs in February 2015 than the 18 carriers reporting in February 2011 (Tables 14, 15).

Envoy operated as American Eagle prior to April 2014. Endeavor operated as Pinnacle prior to August 2013.

### **Reporting Notes**

Airlines that operate at least one aircraft that has more than 60 seats or the capacity to carry a payload of passengers, cargo and fuel weighing more than 18,000 pounds must report monthly employment statistics.

The “Other Carrier” category generally reflects those airlines that operate within specific niche markets such as the Hawaiian Islands served by Hawaiian Airlines and Island Air Hawaii.

Data are compiled from monthly reports filed with BTS by commercial air carriers as of April 13. Additional [airline employment data](#) and previous [press releases](#) can be found on the BTS website. BTS has [scheduled release](#) of March passenger airline employment data for May 21.

**Table 1: Yearly Change in Scheduled Passenger Airline Full-time Equivalent Employees\* by Airline Group**

Most recent 13 months - percent change compared to same month the previous year

	<b>Network Airlines</b>	<b>Low- Cost Airlines</b>	<b>Regional Airlines</b>	<b>All Passenger Airlines**</b>
Feb 2013-Feb 2014	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.4
Mar 2013-Mar 2014	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.8
Apr 2013-Apr 2014	0.4	1.5	2.3	1.0
May 2013-May 2014	0.5	1.8	2.4	1.1
Jun 2013-Jun 2014	0.3	2.2	1.9	0.9
Jul 2013-Jul 2014	0.4	2.5	3.5	1.3
Aug 2013-Aug 2014	0.1	3.0	2.5	1.0
Sep 2013-Sep 2014	0.4	2.9	1.9	1.1
Oct 2013-Oct 2014	0.3	3.8	-0.2	0.9
Nov 2013-Nov 2014	0.4	5.2	1.5	1.5
Dec 2013-Dec 2014	0.8	4.4	-0.2	1.4
Jan 2014-Jan 2015	0.8	4.6	-1.9	1.2
<b>Feb 2014-Feb 2015</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

\*\* Includes network, low-cost, regional and other carriers. Other Carriers generally operate within specific niche markets. They are: Hawaiian Airlines, Sun Country Airlines and Island Air Hawaii.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Note: See Table 2 for all passenger airlines, Table 7 for Network, Table 10 for Low-Cost and Table 13 for Regional.

**Table 1A: Monthly Change in Scheduled Passenger Airline Full-time Equivalent Employees\* by Airline Group**

Percent change in FTEs from the previous month

	<b>Network Airlines</b>	<b>Low-Cost Airlines</b>	<b>Regional Airlines</b>	<b>All Passenger Airlines**</b>
Feb 2014-Mar 2014	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4
Mar 2014-Apr 2014	0.2	0.5	-0.2	0.2
Apr 2014-May 2014	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.4
May 2014-Jun 2014	0.0	0.0	-0.6	-0.1
Jun 2014-Jul 2014	0.0	0.3	1.5	0.3
Jul 2014-Aug 2014	-0.6	0.2	-0.9	-0.5
Aug 2014-Sep 2014	0.0	0.1	-0.3	0.0
Sep 2014-Oct 2014	0.1	1.0	-1.4	0.1
Oct 2014- Nov 2014	0.2	1.3	1.6	0.6
Nov 2014-Dec 2014	0.2	-0.8	-1.0	-0.2
Dec 2014-Jan 2015	0.1	0.7	-1.2	0.1
<b>Jan 2015-Feb 2015</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

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\*\* Includes network, low-cost, regional and other carriers. Other Carriers generally operate within specific niche markets. They are: Hawaiian Airlines, Sun Country Airlines and Island Air Hawaii.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Note: See Table 2 for all passenger airlines, Table 7 for Network, Table 10 for Low-Cost and Table 13 for Regional.

**Table 2: Change from Previous Year in Scheduled Passenger Airline\* Full-time Equivalent Employees\*\***

Percent change compared to same month of the previous year

<b>Month</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
January	2.1	-2.3	0.5	1.2
<b>February</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.8</b>
March	2.1	-2.7	0.8	
April	1.8	-2.4	1.0	
May	1.6	-2.5	1.1	
June	1.4	-2.4	0.9	
July	0.8	-2.6	1.3	
August	0.1	-2.2	1.0	
September	-0.6	-1.6	1.1	
October	-1.3	-0.8	0.9	
November	-2.0	-0.1	1.5	
December	-2.6	0.3	1.4	

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Includes network, low-cost, regional and other carriers.

\*\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**Table 3: Scheduled Passenger Airline Full-time Equivalent Employees\* by Month 2011-2015**  
FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

Month	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Percent Change	
						2011-2015	2014-2015
January	380.9	388.8	380.0	381.8	386.6	1.5	1.2
<b>February</b>	<b>381.8</b>	<b>389.9</b>	<b>380.4</b>	<b>382.0</b>	<b>389.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>
March	382.8	390.8	380.5	383.6			
April	383.4	390.2	381.0	384.3			
May	385.0	391.0	381.4	385.6			
June	385.4	390.9	381.7	385.2			
July	386.8	391.3	381.3	386.2			
August	388.5	389.0	380.6	384.5			
September	388.6	386.4	380.2	384.4			
October	389.4	384.3	381.2	384.7			
November	389.4	381.6	381.2	386.9			
December	389.7	379.6	380.8	386.2			
<b>12-Month Average</b>	<b>386.0</b>	<b>387.8</b>	<b>380.9</b>	<b>384.6</b>			
<b>Jan-Feb Average</b>	<b>381.4</b>	<b>389.3</b>	<b>380.2</b>	<b>381.9</b>	<b>387.8</b>	1.7	1.5

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Includes network, low-cost, regional and other carriers.

\*\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**Table 4: Airline Group Full-time Equivalent Employees\*, February 2011-2015**  
FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

	Network	Low-Cost	Regional	All Passenger Airlines**
<b>2011</b>	259.8	65.3	52.4	381.8
<b>2012</b>	262.8	69.5	52.8	389.9
<b>2013</b>	255.0	69.6	50.2	380.4
<b>2014</b>	255.2	70.1	50.5	382.0
<b>2015</b>	258.8	73.4	50.3	389.0
<b>Pct. Change 2011-2015</b>	-0.4%	12.3%	-4.0%	1.9%
<b>Percent of Total Passenger Airline Employees in 2015</b>	<b>66.5%</b>	<b>18.9%</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

\*\* Includes network, low-cost, regional and other carriers.

**Table 5: Year-to-Year Change in Airline Group Full-time Equivalent Employees\*, February 2011-2015**  
Percent change in FTEs from the same month of the previous year

	Network	Low-Cost	Regional	All Passenger Airlines**
<b>2011</b>	1.2	2.3	0.9	1.0
<b>2012</b>	1.1	6.4	0.7	2.1
<b>2013</b>	-3.0	0.2	-5.0	-2.4
<b>2014</b>	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.4
<b>2015</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

\*\* Includes network, low-cost, regional and other carriers.

**Table 6: Top 10 Airlines, February 2015**

Ranked by Number of Full-Time Equivalent Employees\*  
FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

Rank	Airline	Total FTE Employees	Carrier Group**	Top 10 Airlines February 2014
1	<b>United</b>	78.4	Network	<b>United</b>
2	<b>Delta</b>	76.4	Network	<b>Delta</b>
3	<b>American</b>	61.4	Network	<b>American</b>
4	<b>Southwest</b>	46.8	Low-Cost	<b>Southwest</b>
5	<b>US Airways</b>	32.2	Network	<b>US Airways</b>
6	<b>JetBlue</b>	13.9	Low-Cost	<b>JetBlue</b>
7	<b>Envoy**</b>	10.9	Regional	<b>American Eagle</b>
8	<b>Alaska</b>	10.3	Network	<b>SkyWest</b>
9	<b>SkyWest</b>	9.7	Regional	<b>Alaska</b>
10	<b>ExpressJet</b>	8.8	Regional	<b>ExpressJet</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

\*\* Envoy operated as American Eagle prior to April 2014

\*\*\* See Table 9 for Network, Table 12 for Low-Cost and Table 15 for Regional.

**Table 7: Network Airline Year-to-Year Change in Full-time Equivalent Employees\* from the Previous Year**

Percent change compared to same month of the previous year

	2012	2013	2014	2015
January	1.5	-3.1	0.4	0.8
<b>February</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>
March	1.2	-3.3	0.6	
April	1.3	-3.0	0.4	
May	1.3	-3.0	0.5	
June	1.4	-2.8	0.3	
July	0.8	-2.8	0.4	
August	-0.2	-2.5	0.1	
September	-0.8	-2.1	0.4	
October	-1.4	-1.4	0.3	
November	-2.4	-0.4	0.4	
December	-3.3	0.4	0.8	

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

**Table 8: Network Airline Full-time Equivalent Employees\* by Month 2011-2015**

FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

Month	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Percent Change	
						2011-2015	2014-2015
January	258.9	262.6	254.4	255.5	257.6	-0.5	0.8
<b>February</b>	<b>259.8</b>	<b>262.8</b>	<b>255.0</b>	<b>255.2</b>	<b>258.8</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>
March	260.5	263.5	254.9	256.3			
April	260.3	263.7	255.7	256.7			
May	260.8	264.2	256.3	257.6			
June	260.7	264.3	256.8	257.5			
July	261.8	263.8	256.5	257.5			
August	263.1	262.4	255.8	256.1			
September	262.6	260.6	255.2	256.1			
October	262.9	259.2	255.7	256.4			
November	263.1	256.8	255.9	256.8			
December	262.6	254.1	255.2	257.3			
<b>12-Month Average</b>	<b>261.4</b>	<b>261.5</b>	<b>255.6</b>	<b>256.6</b>			
<b>Jan-Feb Average</b>	<b>259.4</b>	<b>262.7</b>	<b>254.7</b>	<b>255.3</b>	<b>258.2</b>	-0.4	1.1

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**Table 9: Network Airline Full-time Equivalent Employees\*, February 2011-2015**  
(FTEs for February of each year. Ranked by February 2015 FTEs)  
FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

Rank	Airline	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Percent Change	
							2011-2015	2014-2015
1	<b>UA/CO Combined</b>	80.6	81.7	82.2	80.7	78.4	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-2.9</b>
	United**	43.6	81.7	82.2	80.7	78.4	N/A	-2.9
	Continental**	37.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	<b>Delta</b>	74.6	76.3	73.5	73.6	76.4	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.9</b>
3	<b>American</b>	66.0	65.4	59.5	59.7	61.4	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>
4	<b>US Airways</b>	29.7	30.4	30.5	31.6	32.2	<b>8.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>
5	<b>Alaska</b>	8.9	9.0	9.3	9.6	10.3	<b>16.2</b>	<b>8.2</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>259.8</b>	<b>262.8</b>	<b>255.0</b>	<b>255.2</b>	<b>258.8</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee

\*\* United Airlines and Continental Airlines merged and began reporting combined numbers in January 2012.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**Table 10: Low-Cost Airline Year-to-Year Change in Full-time Equivalent Employees\* from the Previous Year**

Percent change compared to same month of the previous year

Month	2012	2013	2014	2015
January	5.7	1.1	0.3	4.6
<b>February</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>
March	7.1	-0.1	0.8	
April	5.7	-0.3	1.5	
May	5.3	-0.3	1.8	
June	4.0	-0.6	2.2	
July	3.5	-0.4	2.5	
August	2.5	0.0	3.0	
September	2.5	-0.2	2.9	
October	1.9	-0.1	3.8	
November	1.4	-0.1	5.2	
December	1.3	-0.6	4.4	

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**Table 11: Low-Cost Airline Full-time Equivalent Employees\* by Month 2011-2015**  
FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Percent Change	
						2011-2015	2014-2015
January	65.0	68.7	69.5	69.7	72.9	12.2	4.6
<b>February</b>	<b>65.3</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>69.6</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>73.4</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>4.6</b>
March	65.3	69.9	69.9	70.4			
April	66.1	69.9	69.7	70.8			
May	66.6	70.1	69.8	71.1			
June	67.3	70.0	69.6	71.1			
July	67.4	69.8	69.5	71.3			
August	67.7	69.4	69.4	71.4			
September	67.9	69.6	69.4	71.4			
October	68.3	69.6	69.5	72.1			
November	68.5	69.4	69.4	73.0			
December	68.9	69.8	69.4	72.4			
<b>12-Month Average</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>69.6</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>71.2</b>			
<b>Jan-Feb Average</b>	<b>65.2</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>69.9</b>	<b>73.1</b>	12.2	4.6

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

Note: Percent changes and averages based on numbers prior to rounding.

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

**Table 12: Low-Cost Carrier Full-time Equivalent Employees,\* February 2011-2015\*\***  
(FTEs for February of each year. Ranked by February 2015 FTEs)

Rank		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Percent Change	
							2011-2015	2014-2015
1	<b>WN/FL Combined</b>	<b>43,271</b>	<b>45,926</b>	<b>45,857</b>	<b>45,091</b>	<b>46,784</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>3.8</b>
	Southwest**	35,357	38,468	45,857	45,091	46,784	N/A	<b>3.8</b>
	AirTran	7,914	7,458	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	<b>JetBlue</b>	11,458	12,459	12,678	13,301	13,901	<b>21.3</b>	<b>4.5</b>
3	<b>Spirit</b>	2,243	4,508	3,850	3,565	4,079	<b>81.9</b>	<b>14.4</b>
4	<b>Frontier</b>	4,904	2,630	3,026	3,534	3,575	<b>-27.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>
5	<b>Virgin America</b>	1,828	2,305	2,352	2,510	2,552	<b>39.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>
6	<b>Allegiant</b>	1,619	1,648	1,867	2,134	2,460	<b>51.9</b>	<b>15.3</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>65,323</b>	<b>69,476</b>	<b>69,630</b>	<b>70,135</b>	<b>73,351</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>4.6</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

\*\* Southwest Airlines and AirTran Airways merged and began reporting combined employment numbers in April 2012.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**Table 13: Regional Airline Year-to-Year Change in Full-time Equivalent Employees\* from the Previous Year**

Percent change compared to same month of the previous year

Month	2012	2013	2014	2015
January	0.1	-4.1	-0.4	-1.9
<b>February</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-5.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
March	0.2	-4.6	0.9	
April	-1.5	-3.8	2.3	
May	-2.2	-4.5	2.4	
June	-2.5	-4.4	1.9	
July	-3.3	-6.3	3.5	
August	-2.3	-5.1	2.5	
September	-4.3	-3.0	1.9	
October	-6.0	-0.8	-0.2	
November	-5.4	-0.5	1.5	
<b>December</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**Table 14: Regional Airline Full-time Equivalent Employees\* by Month 2011-2015**

FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Percent Change	
						2011-2015	2014-2015
January	52.8	52.8	50.6	50.4	49.5	-6.2	-1.9
<b>February</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
March	52.5	52.6	50.2	50.6			
April	52.6	51.8	49.9	50.5			
May	52.9	51.7	49.5	50.6			
June	53.0	51.7	49.4	50.3			
July	53.2	52.7	49.4	51.1			
August	53.3	52.1	49.4	50.7			
September	53.4	51.1	49.5	50.5			
October	53.5	50.3	49.9	49.8			
November	53.0	50.1	49.9	50.6			
December	53.3	50.4	50.2	50.1			
<b>12-Month Average</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>49.8</b>	<b>50.5</b>			
<b>Jan-Feb Average</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>49.9</b>	-5.1	-1.1

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**Table 15: Regional Airline Full-time Equivalent Employees\*, February 2011-2015**  
(FTEs for February of each year. Ranked by February 2015 FTEs)

Rank		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Percent Change	
							2011-2015	2014-2015
1	<b>Envoy**</b>	9,548	9,948	11,355	10,955	10,936	14.5	-0.2
2	<b>SkyWest</b>	9,128	9,387	9,382	9,831	9,747	6.8	-0.9
3	<b>XE/EV Combined</b>	<b>8,947</b>	<b>9,442</b>	<b>8,801</b>	<b>9,201</b>	<b>8,846</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-3.9</b>
	ExpressJet***	5,215	9,442	8,801	9,201	8,846	69.6	-3.9
	Atlantic Southeast***	3,732	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	<b>9E/XJ Combined</b>	<b>5,624</b>	<b>5,088</b>	<b>4,485</b>	<b>3,892</b>	<b>3,306</b>	<b>-41.2</b>	<b>-15.1</b>
	Endeavor****	3,448	5,088	4,485	3,892	3,306	-4.1	-15.1
	Mesaba****	2,176	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	<b>Republic</b>	2,146	1,977	2,226	2,752	3,150	46.8	14.5
6	<b>Horizon</b>	2,885	2,824	2,687	2,798	2,874	-0.4	2.7
9	<b>Air Wisconsin</b>	2,585	2,600	2,538	2,544	1,917	-25.8	-24.6
8	<b>Mesa</b>	1,990	1,808	1,541	1,841	2,313	16.2	25.6
7	<b>S5/RP Combined</b>	1,306	1,811	3,231	3,101	2,791	N/A	-10.0
	Shuttle America#	1,306	1,811	2,013	1,970	2,784	N/A	N/A
	Chautauqua#	N/A	N/A	1,218	1,131	7	N/A	N/A
10	<b>PSA</b>	989	989	1,080	1,227	1,956	97.8	59.4
11	<b>Compass</b>	892	1,076	1,082	1,203	1,361	52.6	13.1
12	<b>GoJet</b>	569	769	1,039	1,113	1,128	98.2	1.3
14	<b>Executive##</b>	1,884	1,622	744	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
15	<b>Colgan###</b>	1,514	1,722	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
16	<b>Comair####</b>	2,312	1,705	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
17	<b>Lynx#####</b>	94	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	<b>Total</b>	<b>52,413</b>	<b>52,768</b>	<b>50,191</b>	<b>50,458</b>	<b>50,325</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

\* Full-time Equivalent Employee (FTE) calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

\*\* Envoy Airlines operated as American Eagle prior to April 2014.

\*\*\* ExpressJet Airlines and Atlantic Southeast Airlines began reporting combined numbers in January 2012.

\*\*\*\* Endeavor Airlines operated as Pinnacle prior to September 2013. Pinnacle Airlines and Mesaba Airlines began reporting combined numbers in January 2012.

# Effective July 2012 Chautauqua Airlines began reporting employment data. Chautauqua did not qualify for monthly reporting prior to July 2012 because it did not operate aircraft with more than 60 seats. Effective the end of December 2014, Shuttle America and Chautauqua combined operations and Chautauqua ceased operating.

## Effective the end of March 2013, Executive Airlines ceased operations.

### Effective the end of September 2012, Colgan Airlines ceased operations.

#### Effective the end of October 2012, Comair ceased operations.

##### Effective the end of March 2011, Lynx Airlines ceased operations.

N/A: Carriers did not meet the standard for filing, was no longer operating, merged with another operating carrier or failed to file. See previous notes.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

