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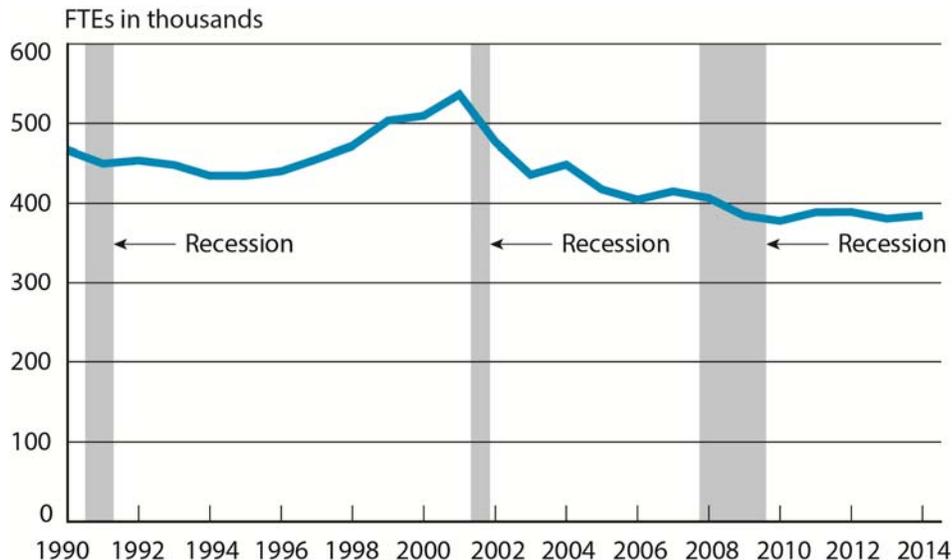
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August 2014 Passenger Airline Employment Data

U.S. scheduled passenger airlines employed 384,478 workers in August 2014, 1.0 percent more than in August 2013, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) reported today. August was the ninth consecutive month that full-time equivalent (FTE) employment for U.S. scheduled passenger airlines was higher than the same month of the previous year (Tables 1, 2, 3).

Scheduled Passenger Airline Full-Time Equivalent Employees, Month of August, 1990-2014



The August 2014 FTE total for scheduled passenger airlines was 3,992 more than in August 2013 (Table 3). 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 0.1 percent more FTEs in August 2014 than in August 2013 (Table 7). Alaska Airlines, Delta Air Lines, US Airways and American Airlines increased FTEs from August 2013 while United Airlines reduced FTEs (Table 9). 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 - Allegiant Airlines, Spirit Airlines, Frontier Airlines, Virgin America, JetBlue Airways and Southwest Airlines - all reported increases in FTEs from August 2013 (Table 12). Low-cost airlines operate under a low-cost business model, with infrastructure and aircraft operating costs below the overall industry average.

Among the 13 regional carriers, four - Chautauqua Airlines, Endeavor Airlines, Envoy Air and Shuttle America - reported reduced employment levels from August 2013. The others reported increases (Table 15). 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 66.6 percent of the total number of FTEs employed by all scheduled passenger airlines in August, the six low-cost carriers employed 18.6 percent and the 13 regional carriers employed 13.2 percent (Table 4). The three airlines with the most FTEs in August – United, Delta and American – employed 55.8 percent of the month's total passenger airline FTEs (Tables 3, 6).

Top Employers by Group: United employed the most FTEs (79,263) in August among the network airlines, Southwest employed the most FTEs (45,569) among low-cost airlines, and Envoy employed the most FTEs (10,811) 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. Southwest and AirTran Airways began joint reporting of their financial data, including employment numbers, in April 2012 under a waiver granted by the Department, while continuing to report all other data as separate carriers. American and US Airways, following their December 2013 merger announcement, will report separately until the Department approves single carrier reporting and a single economic certificate is issued.

In March 2014 (for January 2014 data), the Department began displaying combined on-time performance data, mishandled baggage data, oversales data and complaint data in its [Air Travel Consumer Report](#) for Southwest and Air Tran, as well as for American and U.S. Airways, because both sets of airlines are sufficiently integrated that consumers perceive them as a single airline. The *Air Travel Consumer Report* also continues to display the separate performance data of each of these airlines and will continue to do so until a single economic certificate is issued.

Network Airlines

Recent Changes: The network airlines employed 295 more FTEs in August 2014 than in August 2013, a 0.1 percent increase. Four of the five network carriers reported an FTE increase from August 2013 while United reported a decrease (Tables 8, 9).

Longer-term Changes: The network airlines employed 27 fewer FTEs in August 2014 than in August 2010, virtually unchanged. American (-9.3 percent) reported a decrease in FTE employment from 2010 to 2014 while Alaska (9.3 percent), US Airways (7.3 percent), and Delta (0.1 percent) reported increases. United's numbers for 2010 and 2014 are not directly comparable because of the intervening merger. United reported 4.0 percent more FTEs in August 2014 than United and Continental Airlines reported separately in August 2010 (Tables 8, 9).

Low-Cost Airlines

Recent Changes: The six low-cost airlines reported 3.0 percent more FTEs as a group from August 2013 to August 2014. All six low-cost airlines reported increases (Table 12).

Longer-term Changes: The low-cost carriers employed 7,362 more FTEs in August 2014 than in August 2010, an 11.5 percent increase. Spirit reported the largest percentage increase, 83.7 percent, while Frontier was the only low-cost carrier to report a decline, -20.9 percent. August 2014 numbers for Southwest are not directly comparable to 2010 because of the intervening merger. Southwest reported 6.7 percent more FTEs in August 2014 than Southwest and AirTran reported separately in August 2010 (Table 12).

Regional Airlines

Recent Changes: Regional airlines reported a 2.5 percent increase in FTE employment in August 2014 compared to August 2013. PSA Airlines and Republic Airlines reported the largest percentage increases in FTEs from August 2013 to August 2014. Chautauqua and Endeavor reported the largest percentage decreases (Table 15).

Longer-term Changes: The 13 regional carriers operating in August employed 2.9 percent fewer FTEs in 2014 than the 18 carriers operating in August 2010. Air Wisconsin and Horizon Air reported declines. GoJet Airlines reported the biggest four-year percentage gain. The ExpressJet/Atlantic Southeast combination reported 2.5 percent more FTE's in August 2014 than the two airlines reported separately in August 2010. The Endeavor/Mesaba combination reported 33.4 percent fewer FTE's in August 2014 than the two airlines reported separately in August 2010 (Table 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 Oct. 8. Additional [airline employment data](#) and previous [press releases](#) can be found on the BTS website. BTS has [scheduled release](#) of September passenger airline employment data for Nov. 20.

Table 1: Change from Previous Year in Scheduled Passenger Airline Full-time Equivalent Employees* by Airline Group

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

	Network Airlines	Low- Cost Airlines	Regional Airlines	All Passenger Airlines**
Aug 2012-Aug 2013	-2.5	0.0	-5.1	-2.2
Sep 2012-Sep 2013	-2.1	-0.2	-3.0	-1.6
Oct 2012-Oct 2013	-1.4	-0.1	-0.8	-0.8
Nov 2012-Nov 2013	-0.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1
Dec 2012-Dec 2013	0.4	-0.6	-0.5	0.3
Jan 2013-Jan 2014	0.4	0.3	-0.4	0.5
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

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 2: Change from Previous Year in Scheduled Passenger Airline* Full-time Equivalent Employees**
Percent change compared to same month of the previous year

Month	2011	2012	2013	2014
January	0.4	2.1	-2.3	0.5
February	1.0	2.1	-2.4	0.4
March	1.5	2.1	-2.7	0.8
April	2.0	1.8	-2.4	1.0
May	2.1	1.6	-2.5	1.1
June	1.9	1.4	-2.4	0.9
July	2.3	0.8	-2.6	1.3
August	2.8	0.1	-2.2	1.0
September	2.9	-0.6	-1.6	
October	3.0	-1.3	-0.8	
November	2.6	-2.0	-0.1	
December	2.7	-2.6	0.3	

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 2010-2014
(FTE numbers in thousands (000's))

Month	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Percent Change	
						2010-2014	2013-2014
January	379,388	380,949	388,778	380,042	381,819	0.6	0.5
February	378,020	381,831	389,901	380,414	381,985	1.0	0.4
March	377,261	382,796	390,761	380,540	383,575	1.7	0.8
April	376,204	383,411	390,243	380,487	384,265	2.1	1.0
May	376,957	384,974	390,957	381,372	385,619	2.3	1.1
June	378,297	385,383	390,923	381,672	385,243	1.8	0.9
July	378,060	386,843	391,286	381,299	386,243	2.2	1.3
August	377,835	388,523	389,000	380,486	384,478	1.8	1.0
September	377,676	388,641	386,372	380,165			
October	378,112	389,444	384,310	381,178			
November	379,335	389,361	381,639	381,224			
December	379,651	389,728	379,576	380,809			
12-Month Average	378,066	385,990	387,812	380,807			
Jan-Aug Average	377,741	383,741	390,407	380,832	384,153	1.7	0.9

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*, August 2010-2014
 FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

	Network	Low-Cost	Regional	All Passenger Airlines**
2010	256,122	64,025	52,179	377,835
2011	263,063	67,682	53,284	388,523
2012	262,426	69,379	52,079	388,992
2013	255,800	69,286	49,434	380,486
2014	256,095	71,387	50,671	384,478
Pct. Change 2010-2014	0.0%	11.5%	-2.9%	1.8%
Percent of Total Passenger Airline Employees in 2014	66.6%	18.6%	13.2%	100.0%

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*, August 2010-2014
 Percent change in FTEs from the same month of the previous year

	Network	Low-Cost	Regional	All Passenger Airlines**
2010	-0.9	2.0	-7.2	-1.7
2011	2.7	5.7	2.1	2.8
2012	-0.2	2.5	-2.3	0.1
2013	-2.5	0.0	-5.1	-2.2
2014	0.1	3.0	2.5	1.0

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, August 2014

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

Rank	Airline	Total FTE Employees	Carrier Group**	Top 10 Airlines August 2013
1	United	79,263	Network	United
2	Delta	75,734	Network	Delta
3	American	59,602	Network	American
4	Southwest	45,569	Low-Cost	Southwest
5	US Airways	31,530	Network	US Airways
6	JetBlue	13,456	Low-Cost	JetBlue
7	Envoy**	10,811	Regional	Envoy
8	Alaska	9,966	Network	Alaska
9	SkyWest	9,896	Regional	SkyWest
10	ExpressJet	9,221	Regional	ExpressJet

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

	2011	2012	2013	2014
January	0.3	1.5	-3.1	0.4
February	1.1	1.2	-3.0	0.1
March	1.5	1.2	-3.3	0.6
April	1.8	1.3	-3.0	0.4
May	2.1	1.3	-3.0	0.5
June	1.6	1.4	-2.8	0.3
July	2.1	0.8	-2.8	0.4
August	2.7	-0.2	-2.5	0.1
September	2.7	-0.8	-2.1	
October	2.7	-1.4	-1.4	
November	2.6	-2.4	-0.4	
December	2.3	-3.3	0.4	

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 2010-2014
 FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

Month	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Percent Change	
						2010-2014	2013-2014
January	257,787	258,653	262,561	254,377	255,518	-0.9	0.4
February	256,756	259,545	262,788	254,955	255,158	-0.6	0.1
March	256,504	260,454	263,464	254,871	256,342	-0.1	0.6
April	255,697	260,347	263,666	255,673	256,732	0.4	0.4
May	255,518	260,832	264,183	256,274	257,578	0.8	0.5
June	256,576	260,689	264,301	256,791	257,491	0.4	0.3
July	256,373	261,818	263,793	256,474	257,541	0.5	0.4
August	256,122	263,063	262,428	255,800	256,095	0.0	0.1
September	255,751	262,639	260,649	255,194			
October	255,890	262,912	259,245	255,741			
November	256,432	263,129	256,836	255,914			
December	256,834	262,617	254,065	255,155			
12-Month Average	256,353	261,392	261,498	255,602			
Jan-Aug Average	256,459	260,334	263,537	255,631	256,557	0.0	0.4

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 9: Network Airline Full-time Equivalent Employees*, August 2010-2014
(FTEs for August of each year. Ranked by August 2014 FTEs)
FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

Rank	Airline	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Percent Change	
							2010-2014	2013-2014
1	UA/CO Combined	76,219	78,868	81,946	82,082	79,263	4.0	-3.4
	United**	43,595	43,235	81,946	82,082	79,263	N/A	-3.4
	Continental**	32,624	35,633	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	Delta	75,694	78,688	77,145	73,873	75,734	0.1	2.5
3	American	65,715	66,302	63,752	59,140	59,602	-9.3	0.8
4	US Airways	29,376	30,248	30,345	31,180	31,530	7.3	1.1
5	Alaska	9,119	8,958	9,240	9,525	9,966	9.3	4.6
	Total	256,122	263,063	262,426	255,800	256,095	0.0	0.1

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	2011	2012	2013	2014
January	2.2	5.7	1.1	0.3
February	2.3	6.4	0.2	0.7
March	2.3	7.1	-0.1	0.8
April	4.0	5.7	-0.3	1.5
May	4.1	5.3	-0.3	1.8
June	5.0	4.0	-0.6	2.2
July	5.3	3.5	-0.4	2.5
August	5.7	2.5	0.0	3.0
September	5.9	2.5	-0.2	
October	6.2	1.9	-0.1	
November	5.9	1.4	-0.1	
December	6.6	1.3	-0.6	

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 2010-2014
FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Percent Change	
						2010-2014	2013-2014
January	63,600	64,978	68,684	69,464	69,693	9.6	0.3
February	63,845	65,321	69,473	69,630	70,135	9.9	0.7
March	63,783	65,273	69,886	69,853	70,384	10.3	0.8
April	63,571	66,114	69,861	69,677	70,751	11.3	1.5
May	63,933	66,553	70,053	69,818	71,095	11.2	1.8
June	64,046	67,261	69,969	69,574	71,074	11.0	2.2
July	63,982	67,373	69,756	69,510	71,272	11.4	2.5
August	64,025	67,682	69,380	69,286	71,387	11.5	3.0
September	64,113	67,875	69,573	69,426			
October	64,297	68,267	69,551	69,496			
November	64,657	68,450	69,441	69,402			
December	64,652	68,887	69,781	69,365			
12-Month Average	64,042	67,003	69,617	69,542			
Jan-Aug Average	63,823	66,125	69,669	69,647	70,724	10.8	1.5

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,* August 2010-2014**
(FTEs for August of each year. Ranked by August 2014 FTEs)

Rank		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Percent Change	
							2010-2014	2013-2014
1	WN/FL Combined	42,715	44,907	45,749	45,000	45,569	6.7	1.3
	Southwest**	34,768	36,737	45,749	45,000	45,569	31.1	1.3
	AirTran	7,947	8,170	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	JetBlue	11,151	11,918	12,563	12,998	13,456	20.7	3.5
3	Frontier	4,847	4,994	4,056	3,550	3,832	-20.9	7.9
4	Spirit	2,054	2,337	2,814	3,374	3,774	83.7	11.9
5	Virgin America	1,634	1,980	2,452	2,417	2,508	53.5	3.8
6	Allegiant	1,624	1,547	1,746	1,947	2,248	38.4	15.5
	Total	64,025	67,682	69,379	69,286	71,387	11.5	3.0

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	2011	2012	2013	2014
January	0.4	0.1	-4.1	-0.4
February	0.9	0.8	-5.0	0.5
March	1.8	0.2	-4.6	0.9
April	2.1	-1.5	-3.8	2.3
May	1.6	-2.2	-4.5	2.4
June	1.5	-2.5	-4.4	1.9
July	1.9	-3.3	-6.3	3.5
August	2.1	-2.3	-5.1	
September	2.0	-4.3	-3.0	
October	2.1	-6.0	-0.8	
November	0.6	-5.4	-0.5	
December	1.5	-5.4	-0.5	

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 2010-2014

FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Percent Change	
						2010-2014	2013-2014
January	52,531	52,764	52,796	50,640	50,425	-4.0	-0.4
February	51,952	52,409	52,831	50,191	50,458	-2.9	0.5
March	51,522	52,468	52,581	50,181	50,623	-1.7	0.9
April	51,502	52,596	51,811	49,387	50,526	-1.9	2.3
May	52,074	52,930	51,746	49,424	50,633	-2.8	2.4
June	52,210	52,984	51,664	49,415	50,336	-3.6	1.9
July	52,229	53,197	52,715	49,387	51,107	-2.1	3.5
August	52,179	53,284	52,082	49,434	50,671	-2.9	2.5
September	52,322	53,361	51,082	49,546			
October	52,402	53,490	50,305	49,890			
November	52,656	52,954	50,100	49,851			
December	52,549	53,328	50,426	50,191			
12-Month Average	52,177	52,980	51,678	49,795			
Jan-Aug Average	52,003	52,764	52,306	49,804	50,597	-2.7	1.6

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*, August 2010-2014
(FTEs for August of each year. Ranked by August 2014 FTEs)

Rank		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Percent Change	
							2010-2014	2013-2014
1	Envoy**	9,269	9,921	9,953	11,138	10,811	16.6	-2.9
2	SkyWest	9,078	9,401	9,450	9,427	9,896	9.0	5.0
3	XE/EV Combined	8,992	9,203	9,238	9,022	9,221	2.5	2.2
	ExpressJet***	5,364	5,362	9,238	9,022	9,221	N/A	2.2
	Atlantic Southeast***	3,628	3,841	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	9E/XJ Combined	5,619	5,721	4,504	4,069	3,741	-33.4	-8.1
	Endeavor****	3,434	3,657	4,504	4,069	3,741	N/A	-8.1
	Mesaba****	2,185	2,064	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	Republic	1,974	2,102	1,987	2,471	2,954	49.6	19.5
6	Horizon	2,876	2,832	2,748	2,666	2,794	-2.9	4.8
7	Air Wisconsin	2,545	2,513	2,587	2,467	2,466	-3.1	0.0
9	Mesa	2,052	1,908	1,732	1,722	2,055	0.1	19.3
8	Shuttle America	1,255	1,587	1,866	2,057	2,032	61.9	-1.2
10	PSA	1,010	1,026	1,071	1,066	1,540	52.5	44.5
11	Compass	982	1,030	1,098	1,096	1,203	22.5	9.8
12	GoJet	560	566	1,008	1,063	1,101	96.6	3.6
13	Chautauqua#	N/A	N/A	1,282	1,170	857	N/A	-26.8
14	Executive##	1,814	1,804	1,350	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
15	Colgan###	1,390	1,582	695	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
16	Comair####	2,547	2,092	1,513	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
17	Lynx#####	219	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Total	52,179	53,284	52,079	49,434	50,671	-2.9	2.5

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 August 2013. Pinnacle Airlines and Mesaba Airlines began reporting combined numbers in January 2012.

Effective August 2012 Chautauqua Airlines began reporting employment data.

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.