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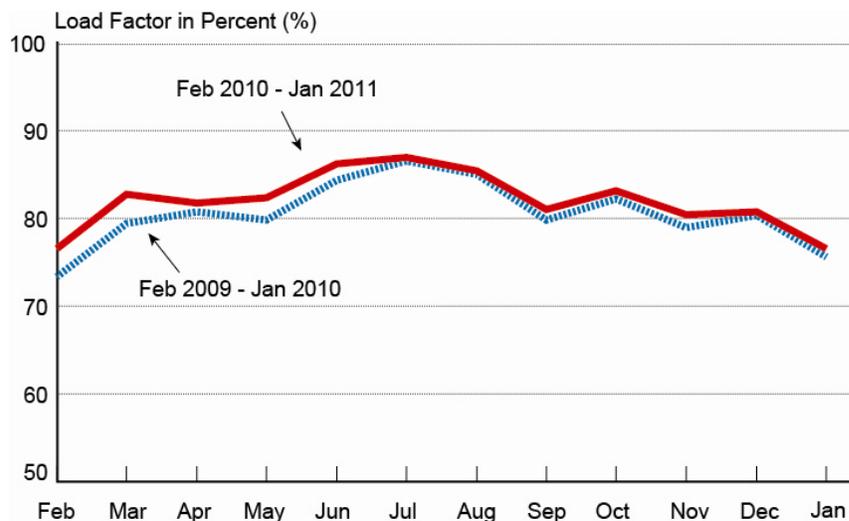
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### January 2011 Airline System Traffic Up 2.2 Percent from January 2010

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) today reported that U.S. airlines carried 53.7 million scheduled domestic and international passengers in January 2011. This is a 2.2 percent increase from January 2010 (Table 1). The January 2011 passenger total was 3.7 percent above that of two years ago in January 2009 but still remained 6.9 percent below the early recession level of 57.7 million in January 2008 (Table 2).

BTS, a part of DOT's Research and Innovative Technology Administration, also reported in a release of preliminary data that U.S. airlines carried 1.8 percent more domestic passengers in January 2011 than in January 2010 (Table 5). The number of international passengers on U.S. carriers in January 2011 increased 4.8 percent over January 2010 (Table 9). The January 2011 load factors of 76.5 percent systemwide and 76.6 percent domestic were the highest recorded for any January (Tables 1, 5).

#### Passenger Load Factor on All U.S. Scheduled Airlines (Domestic & International), Feb 2009-Jan 2011



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#### **Top Airlines in January**

In January, Southwest Airlines carried more total system and domestic passengers than any other U.S. airline (Tables 3, 7). American Airlines carried the most international passengers (Table 11).

#### **Top Airports in January**

In January, more total system and domestic passengers boarded planes at Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International than at any other U.S. airport (Tables 4 and 8); and more international passengers boarded U.S. carriers at Miami than at any other U.S. airport (Table 12).

#### **Flights Operated**

In January, U.S. airlines operated 750,500 scheduled domestic and international flights, down 1.7 percent from the number of flights operated in January 2010 (Table 1). The number of domestic flights decreased 2.1 percent in January from a year earlier while international flights were up 2.6 percent (Tables 5, 9).

For other comparisons from January 2010 to January 2011, see the following tables:

#### **System Comparisons (Tables 1-4)**

**Table 1** (January and previous calendar years):

Revenue passenger-miles (RPMs)

Available seat-miles (ASMs)

Passenger load factor

Flight stage length

Passenger trip length

#### **Table 2**

System scheduled enplanements on U.S. airlines by month since January 2009

#### **Airline Rankings**

##### **Table 3**

January: Top 10 airlines by scheduled passenger enplanements

#### **Airport Rankings**

##### **Table 4**

January: Top 10 airports by scheduled passenger enplanements on U.S. airlines

#### **Domestic Air Travel (Tables 5-8)**

**Table 5** (January and previous calendar years):

Domestic revenue passenger-miles (RPMs)

Domestic available seat-miles (ASMs)

Domestic passenger load factor

Domestic flight stage length

Domestic passenger trip length

#### **Table 6**

Domestic scheduled enplanements on U.S. airlines by month since January 2009

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**Airline Rankings**

**Table 7**

January: Top 10 domestic airlines by scheduled passenger enplanements

**Airport Rankings**

**Table 8**

January: Top 10 domestic airports by scheduled passenger enplanements

**International Air Travel (Tables 9-12)**

**Table 9** (January and previous calendar years):

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

**Table 10**

International scheduled enplanements on U.S. airlines by month since January 2009

**Table 11**

January: Top 10 U.S. airlines by scheduled international passenger enplanements

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January: Top 10 airports by scheduled international passenger enplanements on U.S. airlines

**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 81 carriers as of April 5 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/).

Traffic numbers are available on the BTS website at TranStats, at <http://transtats.bts.gov>. Click on "Aviation." For system passengers, RPMs and ASMs by carrier through January, 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 January and international numbers through October 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.

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TranStats system and international totals do not include U.S. carriers' foreign point-to-point flights. For January, U.S. carriers reported 230,378 foreign point-to-point passengers.

Data are subject to revision. BTS has scheduled May 12 for the release of February traffic data.

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

	Monthly			Previous Calendar Years		
	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Change %	2009	2010	Change %
Passengers (in millions)	52.6	53.7	2.2	703.9	720.5	2.4
Flights (in thousands)	763.3	750.5	-1.7	9,565.8	9519.3	-0.5
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	58.7	60.7	3.5	769.4	798	3.7
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	77.5	79.3	2.3	957.1	972.6	1.6
Load Factor*	75.7	76.5	0.8	80.4	82.1	1.7
Flight Stage Length**	727.1	746.2	2.6	716.4	729.2	1.8
Passenger Trip Length***	1,116.1	1,131.0	1.3	1,093.0	1,107.6	1.3

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)

	2009	2010	2009-2010	2011	2010-2011
			Pct. Change		Pct. Change
<b>January</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>2.2</b>
February	49.8	48.7	-2.3		
March	61.0	62.2	2.0		
April	59.5	59.6	0.2		
May	59.7	61.5	2.9		
June	63.6	65.0	2.3		
July	68.1	68.4	0.5		
August	65.0	66.3	1.9		
September	54.7	57.4	4.9		
October	58.8	62.1	5.6		
November	54.8	58.2	6.1		
December	56.9	58.6	2.9		
<b>1 Mo. Total</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Yr. Total</b>	<b>703.9</b>	<b>720.5</b>	<b>2.4</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 2011 System\* Scheduled Enplanements**  
 Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan 2011 Rank	Carrier	Jan 2011 Enplaned Passengers	Jan 2010 Rank	Jan 2010 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2010-2011
1	Southwest	8.307	2	7.576	9.7
2	Delta	7.955	1	7.832	1.6
3	American	6.706	3	6.699	0.1
4	US Airways	4.028	5	3.883	3.7
5	United	3.873	4	4.099	-5.5
6	Continental	3.453	6	3.320	4.0
7	JetBlue	1.913	7	1.749	9.4
8	SkyWest	1.841	8	1.743	5.6
9	AirTran	1.679	9	1.689	-0.6
10	Alaska	1.313	11	1.181	11.2

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. Airports ranked by January 2011 System\* Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Airlines\*\***  
 Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan 2011 Rank	Airport	Jan 2011 Enplaned Passengers	Jan 2010 Rank	Jan 2010 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2010-2011
1	Atlanta	2.981	1	3.022	-1.4
2	Dallas/Ft. Worth	2.024	3	1.995	1.5
3	Chicago O'Hare	2.010	2	2.063	-2.6
4	Denver	1.866	4	1.784	4.6
5	Los Angeles	1.756	5	1.671	5.1
6	Phoenix	1.545	6	1.463	5.6
7	Las Vegas	1.436	8	1.354	6.1
8	Houston Bush	1.429	7	1.426	0.2
9	Charlotte	1.415	9	1.301	8.7
10	Orlando	1.301	10	1.253	3.8

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 5: Domestic Scheduled Airline Travel on U.S. Airlines**

	Monthly			Previous Calendar Years		
	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Change %	2009	2010	Change %
Passengers (in millions)	45.5	46.3	1.8	618.1	629.5	1.9
Flights (in thousands)	694.9	680.3	-2.1	8,766.4	8,697.2	-0.8
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	40.3	41.2	2.2	539.0	552.8	2.6
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	53.8	53.8	0.0	664.6	672.4	1.2
Load Factor*	74.9	76.6	1.7	81.1	82.2	1.1
Flight Stage Length**	627.2	636.5	1.5	617.5	627.2	1.6
Passenger Trip Length***	885.7	889.5	0.4	872.1	878.2	0.7

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 6: Domestic Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Airlines**

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

	2009-2010			2010-2011	
	2009	2010	Pct. Change	2011	Pct. Change
<b>January</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>45.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>
February	43.7	42.4	-2.8		
March	53.5	54.4	1.7		
April	52.2	52.5	0.5		
May	52.9	53.8	1.7		
June	55.9	56.7	1.4		
July	59.5	59.1	-0.6		
August	56.6	57.4	1.4		
September	48.2	50.3	4.3		
October	52.3	54.8	4.9		
November	48.6	51.4	5.8		
December	49.8	51.1	2.6		
<b>1 Mo. Total</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>45.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>Yr. Total</b>	<b>618.1</b>	<b>629.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>		

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

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 7. Top 10 U.S. Airlines, ranked by January 2011 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements**

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan 2011 Rank	Carrier	Jan 2011 Enplaned Passengers	Jan 2010 Rank	Jan 2010 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2010-2011
1	Southwest	8.307	1	7.576	9.7
2	Delta	6.354	2	6.270	1.3
3	American	4.984	3	5.071	-1.7
4	US Airways	3.501	4	3.380	3.6
5	United	3.012	5	3.257	-7.5
6	Continental	2.274	6	2.296	-1.0
7	SkyWest	1.716	8	1.642	4.5
8	JetBlue	1.667	9	1.537	8.5
9	AirTran	1.635	7	1.664	-1.8
10	Alaska	1.157	11	1.026	12.7

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 8. Top 10 U.S. Airports, ranked by January 2011 Domestic Scheduled Enplanements**

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

Jan 2011 Rank	Airport	Jan 2011 Enplaned Passengers	Jan 2010 Rank	Jan 2010 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2010-2011
1	Atlanta	2.678	1	2.726	-1.8
2	Dallas/Ft. Worth	1.844	3	1.829	0.8
3	Denver	1.808	4	1.726	4.7
4	Chicago O'Hare	1.776	2	1.839	-3.4
5	Los Angeles	1.610	5	1.536	4.8
6	Phoenix	1.474	6	1.394	5.7
7	Las Vegas	1.435	7	1.353	6.0
8	Charlotte	1.315	9	1.214	8.3
9	Orlando	1.278	8	1.238	3.2
10	Houston Bush	1.141	10	1.158	-1.4

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

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 9: International Scheduled Airline Travel on U.S. Airlines**

	Monthly			Previous Calendar Years		
	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Change %	2009	2011	Change %
Passengers (in millions)	7.0	7.4	4.8	85.8	91.0	6.0
Flights (in thousands)	68.4	70.2	2.6	799.4	822.1	2.8
Revenue Passenger Miles (in billions)	18.4	19.5	6.4	230.4	245.2	6.4
Available Seat-Miles (in billions)	23.7	25.5	7.6	292.5	300.1	2.6
Load Factor*	77.6	76.5	-1.1	78.8	81.7	2.9
Flight Stage Length**	1,741.9	1,809.1	3.9	1,801.0	1,808.2	0.4
Passenger Trip Length***	2,603.4	2,644.4	1.6	2,684.1	2,695.5	0.4

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 10: International Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Airlines**

Passenger numbers in millions (000,000)

	2009-2010			2010-2011	
	2009	2010	Pct. Change	2011	Pct. Change
<b>January</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>
February	6.2	6.2	1.2		
March	7.4	7.8	4.7		
April	7.3	7.2	-1.8		
May	6.8	7.6	12.2		
June	7.7	8.3	8.4		
July	8.6	9.3	7.5		
August	8.5	8.9	4.9		
September	6.4	7.0	9.4		
October	6.5	7.3	11.8		
November	6.3	6.7	7.8		
December	7.2	7.5	5.0		
<b>1 Mo. Total</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>Yr. Total</b>	<b>85.8</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>		

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

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 11. Top 10 U.S. Airlines, ranked by January 2011 International Scheduled Enplanements**

Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Jan 2011 Rank	Carrier	Jan 2011 Enplaned Passengers	Jan 2010 Rank	Jan 2010 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2010-2011
1	American	1,722.4	1	1,627.4	5.8
2	Delta	1,601.1	2	1,562.4	2.5
3	Continental	1,179.3	3	1,023.7	15.2
4	United	860.4	4	842.7	2.1
5	US Airways	526.8	5	502.6	4.8
6	JetBlue	246.5	6	212.7	15.9
7	Alaska	155.6	7	154.1	1.0
8	SkyWest	124.3	10	101.3	22.7
9	Spirit	116.9	12	92.0	27.1
10	ExpressJet	113.8	8	151.0	-24.6

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 12. Top 10 U.S. Airports, ranked by January 2011 International Scheduled Enplanements on U.S. Airlines\***

Passenger numbers in thousands (000)

Jan 2011 Rank	Carrier	Jan 2011 Enplaned Passengers	Jan 2010 Rank	Jan 2010 Enplaned Passengers	Pct. Change 2010-2011
1	Miami	463.8	1	433.6	7.0
2	New York JFK	329.2	3	299.1	10.1
3	Atlanta	302.6	4	295.7	2.3
4	Newark	299.4	2	310.1	-3.5
5	Houston Bush	288.2	5	268.4	7.4
6	Chicago O'Hare	233.4	6	223.7	4.3
7	Dallas/Ft. Worth	179.4	7	165.9	8.1
8	Los Angeles	146.8	8	134.8	8.9
9	Washington Dulles	119.0	9	123.4	-3.5
10	San Francisco	118.4	10	107.0	10.7

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

\* Numbers do not include international enplanements on foreign carriers

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