

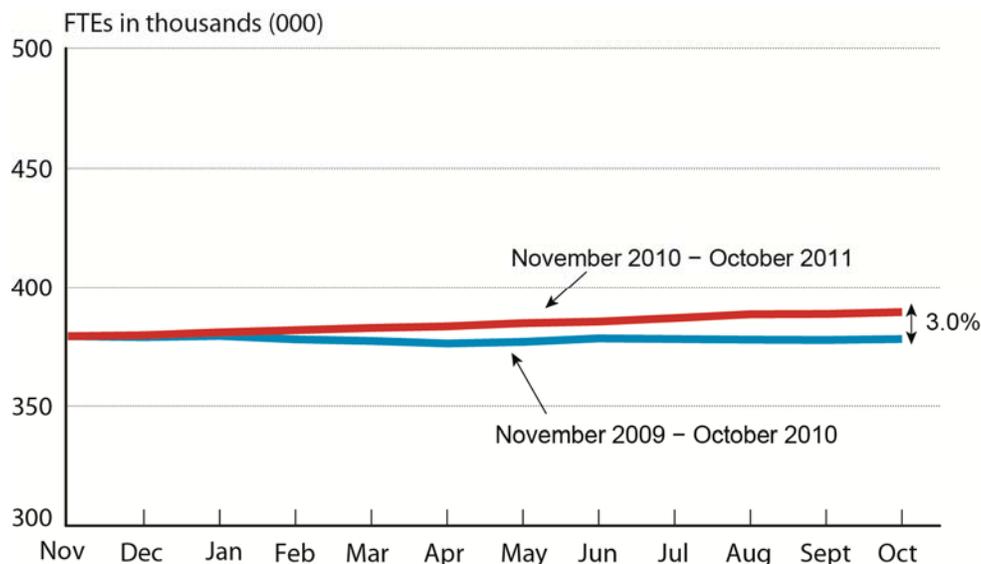


## BTS Data

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### October 2011 Passenger Airline Employment Rose 3.0 Percent from October 2010

#### Scheduled Passenger Airline Full-Time Equivalent Employees, November 2009-October 2011



U.S. scheduled passenger airlines employed 3.0 percent more workers in October 2011 than they did in October 2010, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) reported today. This is the 11th consecutive increase in full-time equivalent employee (FTE) levels for the scheduled passenger carriers from the same month of the previous year (Tables 1, 2). FTE calculations count two part-time employees as one full-time employee.

BTS, a part of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, reported that the October FTE total of 389,444 for the scheduled passenger carriers was 11,332 more than that of October 2010 and the highest employment number since April 2009 (Table 3). This 11th consecutive monthly increase in FTE levels for the scheduled passenger carriers from the same month of the previous year follows declines that began in July 2008 (Table 2). [Historic employment data](#) can be found on the BTS web site.

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Of the network airlines, only Alaska Airlines and Delta Air Lines decreased employment from October 2010 to October 2011. Continental Airlines reported 14.0 percent more FTEs in October 2011 than in October 2010, the largest increase among the network carriers. US Airways followed Continental with a 3.8 percent increase (Table 9). Network airlines operate a significant portion of flights using at least one hub where connections are made for flights to down-line destinations or spoke cities.

All seven low-cost carriers reported more FTEs in October 2011 than in October 2010, except for Allegiant Air and Frontier Airlines, which reported a 3.9 percent decrease and a 0.1 percent decrease respectively. The low-cost carriers with more reported FTEs are Virgin America Airlines, Spirit Airlines, JetBlue Airways, AirTran Airways and Southwest Airlines (Table 12).

Among the 17 regional carriers, the five carriers reporting reduced employment levels compared to last year were ExpressJet Airlines, Horizon Airlines, Comair, Mesaba Airlines, and Mesa Airlines (Table 15).

Scheduled passenger airline categories include network, low-cost, regional and other airlines.

**Carrier Groups:** The six network airlines employed 67.5 percent of the scheduled passenger airline total in October, the seven low-cost carriers employed 17.5 percent and the 17 regional carriers employed 13.7 percent (Table 4).

**Top employers by group:** Delta employed the most FTEs in October among the network airlines, Southwest employed the most FTEs among low-cost airlines, and American Eagle Airlines employed the most FTEs among regional airlines. Five of the top six employers in the industry are network airlines (Table 6).

### **Network Airlines**

**Recent Trend:** The six network airlines employed 7,020 more FTEs in October 2011 than in October 2010. All network carriers except Alaska and Delta increased FTEs from October 2010 to October 2011 (Table 9).

**Longer-Trend:** The six network airlines employed 18,982 fewer FTEs in October 2011 than in October 2007. United reported the biggest percentage decline in FTE employment from 2007 to 2011, down 16.7 percent, followed by American Airlines, down 9.3 percent and Alaska Airlines also down 9.3 percent. October 2011 numbers for Delta are not comparable to 2007 because of the intervening mergers (Tables 8, 9).

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### **Low-Cost Airlines**

**Recent Trend:** The seven low-cost airlines' FTEs were up 6.2 percent in October 2011 from October 2010, the largest year-to-year increase since [October 2007](#). All low-cost airlines except Allegiant and Frontier reported year-to-year increases (Table 12).

**Longer Trend:** The seven low-cost carriers reporting employment data in both 2007 and 2011 employed 12.0 percent more FTEs in October 2011 than in October 2007. Virgin America reported the largest percentage increase, up 205.0 percent but Frontier and AirTran reported declines (Table 12).

Low-cost airlines are those that the industry recognizes as operating under a low-cost business model, with lower infrastructure and aircraft operating costs.

### **Regional Airlines**

**Recent Trend:** The 17 regional airlines' FTEs were up 2.1 percent in October 2011 compared to October 2010. Colgan Airlines and Shuttle America reported the largest percentage increases. Comair and Mesa reported the largest percentage decreases (Table 15).

**Longer Trend:** The 16 regional carriers reporting employment data in both 2007 and 2011 employed 13.4 percent fewer FTEs in 2011 than in 2007. Comair reported the largest percentage decline followed by Mesa and Mesaba Airlines (Table 15).

Compass Airlines reported the biggest four-year percentage gain followed by Republic Airlines. Effective with January 2010 reporting, Republic's employment numbers include FTEs from Midwest Airlines. Midwest employment data were formerly included in the "Other Airlines" category (Table 15).

Regional carriers typically provide service from small cities, using primarily regional jets to support the network carriers' hub and spoke systems.

### **Reporting Notes**

Airlines that operate at least one aircraft with the capacity to carry combined passengers, cargo and fuel of 18,000 pounds – the payload factor – must report monthly employment statistics.

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The Other Carrier category generally reflects those airlines that operate within specific niche markets, such as Hawaiian Airlines serving the Hawaiian Islands and the Far East.

Data are compiled from monthly reports filed with BTS by commercial air carriers as of Dec. 7. Additional [airline employment data](#) can be found on the BTS website. BTS has scheduled release of November passenger airline employment data for Jan. 25.

**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 of the previous year

Month	Network Airlines	Low-Cost Airlines	Regional Airlines	All Passenger Airlines**
Oct. 2009-Oct. 2010	-1.2	3.0	0.5	-0.4
Nov. 2009-Nov. 2010	-0.7	3.2	-1.0	0.0
Dec. 2009-Dec. 2010	-0.5	3.3	-0.3	0.2
Jan. 2010-Jan. 2011	0.3	2.2	0.4	0.4
Feb. 2010-Feb. 2011	1.1	2.3	0.9	1.0
Mar. 2010-Mar. 2011	1.5	2.3	1.8	1.5
Apr. 2010-Apr. 2011	1.8	4.0	2.1	1.9
May 2010-May 2011	2.1	4.1	1.6	2.1
June 2010-June 2011	1.6	5.0	1.5	1.9
July 2010-July 2011	2.1	5.3	1.9	2.3
Aug. 2010-Aug. 2011	2.7	5.7	2.1	2.8
Sept. 2010-Sept. 2011	2.7	5.9	2.0	2.9
Oct. 2010-Oct. 2011	2.7	6.2	2.1	3.0

**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 USA3000 Airlines.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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

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

Percent change compared to same month the previous year

Month	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	3.4	-6.7	-2.9	0.4
February	3.0	-6.6	-3.5	1.0
March	1.9	-5.6	-3.8	1.5
April	1.3	-5.5	-4.1	2.0
May	0.8	-6.8	-2.7	2.1
June	0.1	-6.3	-2.4	1.9
July	-0.8	-5.9	-2.3	2.4
August	-2.1	-5.5	-1.7	2.8
September	-4.5	-4.4	-0.6	2.9
<b>October</b>	<b>-5.7</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>
November	-6.5	-3.3	0.0	
December	-6.7	-3.3	0.2	

**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**

Numbers in thousands (000's)

Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change	
						2007-2011	2010-2011
January	404.1	418.7	390.6	379.4	380.9	-5.7	0.4
February	405.8	419.0	391.6	378.0	381.8	-5.9	1.0
March	407.9	415.5	392.1	377.3	382.8	-6.1	1.5
April	410.0	415.4	392.1	376.2	383.4	-6.5	1.9
May	412.3	415.5	387.4	377.0	384.7	-6.7	2.1
June	413.9	414.4	387.7	378.3	385.4	-6.9	1.9
July	414.4	411.1	386.8	378.1	386.8	-6.7	2.3
August	415.2	406.7	384.3	377.8	388.5	-6.4	2.8
September	416.1	397.3	379.9	377.7	388.6	-6.6	2.9
<b>October</b>	<b>417.9</b>	<b>394.2</b>	<b>379.7</b>	<b>378.1</b>	<b>389.4</b>	<b>-6.8</b>	<b>3.0</b>
November	419.5	392.1	379.4	379.3			
December	419.7	391.8	379.0	379.7			
<b>12-Month Average</b>	<b>413.1</b>	<b>407.6</b>	<b>386.0</b>	<b>378.1</b>			
<b>Jan-Oct Average</b>	<b>411.8</b>	<b>410.8</b>	<b>387.2</b>	<b>377.8</b>	<b>385.3</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>

**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 and averages based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 4: Airline Group Full-time Equivalent Employees\*, October 2007-2011**  
 FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

	Network	Low-Cost	Regional	All Passenger Airlines**
<b>2007</b>	281.9	63.6	61.2	417.9
<b>2008</b>	266.6	62.7	58.0	394.2
<b>2009</b>	259.0	62.4	52.1	379.7
<b>2010</b>	255.9	64.3	52.4	378.1
<b>2011</b>	262.9	68.3	53.5	389.4
<b>Pct. Change 2007-2011</b>	<b>-6.7%</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>-12.6%</b>	<b>-6.8%</b>
<b>Percent of Total Passenger Airline Employees in 2011</b>	<b>67.5%</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>13.7%</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.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**Table 5: Year-to-Year Change in Airline Group Full-time Equivalent Employees\*, October 2007-2011**

Percent change in FTEs from the same month of the previous year

	Network	Low-Cost	Regional	All Passenger Airlines**
<b>2007</b>	7.2	-11.3	6.1	3.6
<b>2008</b>	-5.4	-1.5	-5.3	-5.7
<b>2009</b>	-2.8	-0.4	-10.1	-3.7
<b>2010</b>	-1.2	3.0	0.5	-0.4
<b>2011</b>	2.7	6.2	2.1	3.0

**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.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 6: Top 10 Airlines, October 2011**

Ranked by Number of Full-Time Equivalent Employees\*

Rank	Airline	Total FTE Employees (000)	Carrier Group	Top 10 Airlines October 2010**
1	Delta	76.2	Network	Delta
2	American	66.5	Network	American
3	United	43.6	Network	United
4	Southwest	37.3	Low-Cost	Southwest
5	Continental	37.1	Network	Continental
6	US Airways	30.6	Network	US Airways
7	JetBlue	12.1	Low-Cost	JetBlue
8	American Eagle	10.2	Regional	American Eagle
9	SkyWest	9.4	Regional	SkyWest
10	Alaska	8.9	Network	Alaska

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

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

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

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

Percent change compared to same month the previous year

	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	7.5	-6.3	-2.3	0.3
February	7.7	-6.4	-3.0	1.1
March	7.5	-6.7	-3.1	1.5
April	7.1	-6.5	-3.6	1.8
May	6.4	-8.2	-1.9	2.1
June	5.3	-7.8	-1.6	1.6
July	4.3	-7.1	-1.6	2.1
August	2.7	-6.4	-0.9	2.7
September	-0.2	-5.0	0.3	2.7
<b>October</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>2.7</b>
November	-6.2	-2.7	-0.7	
December	-6.3	-2.5	-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.

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**Table 8: Network Airlines Full-time Equivalent Employees\* by Month\*\***  
 Numbers in thousands (000's)

Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change	
						2007-2011	2010-2011
January	262.0	281.7	263.9	257.8	258.7	-1.3	0.3
February	262.4	282.6	264.6	256.8	259.5	-1.1	1.1
March	264.1	283.9	264.8	256.5	260.5	-1.4	1.5
April	264.8	283.7	265.2	255.7	260.3	-1.7	1.8
May	266.6	283.6	260.5	255.5	260.8	-2.2	2.1
June	268.6	282.8	260.8	256.6	260.7	-2.9	1.6
July	268.7	280.4	260.5	256.4	261.7	-2.6	2.1
August	268.8	276.1	258.6	256.1	263.1	-2.1	2.7
September	268.8	268.4	254.9	255.8	262.6	-2.3	2.7
<b>October</b>	<b>281.9</b>	<b>266.6</b>	<b>259.0</b>	<b>255.9</b>	<b>262.9</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>
November	282.7	265.2	258.1	256.4			
December	282.7	264.7	258.1	256.8			
<b>12-Month Average</b>	<b>270.2</b>	<b>276.7</b>	<b>260.8</b>	<b>256.4</b>			
<b>Jan-Oct Average</b>	<b>267.7</b>	<b>279.0</b>	<b>261.3</b>	<b>256.3</b>	<b>261.1</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

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

\*\* US Airways' employment numbers were included with network airlines prior to October 2007 while America West's numbers were included with low-cost airlines. Beginning with October 2007, US Airways' numbers are combined with America West's numbers in the network category.

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

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**Table 9: By Network Airline: Full-time Equivalent Employees\*, October 2007-2011**

(FTEs for October of each year. Ranked by October 2011 FTEs)

Numbers in thousands (000's)

Rank		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change	
							2007-2011	2010-2011
1	<b>Delta**</b>	48.4	45.7	49.0	76.3	76.2	<b>57.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
2	<b>American</b>	73.3	70.4	66.9	65.1	66.5	<b>-9.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>
3	<b>United</b>	52.4	47.2	44.1	43.6	43.6	<b>-16.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>
4	<b>Continental***</b>	36.0	34.6	33.3	32.5	37.1	<b>3.1</b>	<b>14.0</b>
5	<b>US Airways</b>	32.9	31.2	30.0	29.5	30.6	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>3.8</b>
6	<b>Alaska</b>	9.8	9.9	9.3	9.0	8.9	<b>-9.3</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
7	<b>Northwest**</b>	29.2	27.7	26.5	N/A	N/A	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>281.9</b>	<b>266.6</b>	<b>259.0</b>	<b>255.9</b>	<b>262.9</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

Note: Detail October not add to total due to rounding

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

\*\* Delta Air Lines and Northwest Airlines completed their merger and began reporting combined numbers in February 2010

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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

Percent change compared to same month the previous year

Month	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	-9.7	-3.1	1.4	2.2
February	-10.2	-3.0	1.4	2.3
March**	-13.3	0.1	1.2	2.3
April	-15.2	1.2	0.5	4.0
May	-14.8	1.2	0.6	4.1
June	-14.9	0.8	0.9	5.0
July	-16.1	0.9	1.5	5.3
August	-16.4	-0.2	2.0	5.7
September	-17.3	-0.1	2.7	5.9
<b>October</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>6.2</b>
November	-2.8	-0.1	3.2	
December	-3.3	0.0	3.3	

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

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

\*\* ATA Airlines ceased operating April 3, 2008 and stopped reporting employment data in April.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 11: Low-Cost Airlines Full-time Equivalent Employees\* by Month\*\***  
 Numbers in thousands (000's)

	2007***	2008	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change	
						2007-2011	2010-2011
January	71.7	64.7	62.7	63.6	65.0	-9.4	2.2
February	72.3	64.9	63.0	63.8	65.3	-9.4	2.3
March****	72.6	62.9	63.0	63.8	65.3	-10.1	2.3
April	73.8	62.5	63.3	63.6	66.1	-10.4	4.0
May	73.7	62.8	63.5	63.9	66.6	-9.7	4.1
June	74.0	63.0	63.5	64.0	67.3	-9.2	5.0
July	74.5	62.5	63.0	64.0	67.4	-9.5	5.3
August	75.2	62.9	62.8	64.0	67.7	-10.0	5.7
September	75.5	62.5	62.4	64.1	67.9	-10.1	5.9
<b>October</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>62.7</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>64.3</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>6.2</b>
November	64.5	62.7	62.6	64.7			
December	64.8	62.6	62.6	64.7			
<b>12-Month Average</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>64.0</b>			
<b>Jan-Oct Average</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

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

\*\* US Airways' employment numbers were included with the network airlines prior to October 2007 while America West's numbers were included with the low-cost airlines. Beginning with October 2007, US Airways' numbers are combined with America West Airlines' numbers in the network category.

\*\*\* Virgin America and SkyBus began reporting employment data in October 2007. SkyBus stopped reporting employment data effective in April 2008 resulting from its bankruptcy filing.

\*\*\*\* ATA Airlines ceased operating on April 3, 2008 and stopped reporting employment data effective in April.

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

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**Table 12: By Low-Cost Carrier: Full-time Equivalent Employees,\* October 2007-2011\*\***  
(FTEs for October of each year. Ranked by October 2011 FTEs)

Rank		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change**	
							2007-2011	2010-2011
1	<b>Southwest</b>	33,876	35,665	34,748	34,990	37,349	<b>10.3</b>	<b>6.7</b>
2	<b>JetBlue</b>	9,804	10,360	10,801	11,245	12,108	<b>23.5</b>	<b>7.7</b>
3	<b>AirTran</b>	8,104	7,342	7,753	7,767	7,957	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>
4	<b>Frontier</b>	5,194	4,460	4,284	4,839	4,835	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
5	<b>Spirit</b>	2,211	2,316	1,883	2,121	2,401	<b>8.6</b>	<b>13.2</b>
6	<b>Virgin America***</b>	674	1,220	1,423	1,710	2,056	<b>205.0</b>	<b>20.2</b>
7	<b>Allegiant</b>	1,079	1,307	1,515	1,627	1,563	<b>44.9</b>	<b>-3.9</b>
8	<b>SkyBus</b>	316	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
9	<b>ATA****</b>	2,381	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>63,637</b>	<b>62,668</b>	<b>62,406</b>	<b>64,299</b>	<b>68,267</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>6.2</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

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

\*\* The Percent Change 2007-2011 is based on the six carriers reporting in both years.

\*\*\* Virgin America and SkyBus began reporting employment data in October 2007. SkyBus stopped reporting employment data effective in April 2008 resulting from its bankruptcy filing.

\*\*\*\* ATA Airlines ceased operating on April 3, 2008 and stopped reporting employment data effective in April.

N/A: Carrier 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.

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

Percent change compared to same month the previous year

Month	2008***	2009	2010	2011
January	3.7	-6.0	-8.5	0.4
February	1.1	-4.9	-9.8	0.9
March	0.6	-4.9	-10.1	1.8
April	2.0	-7.4	-9.3	2.1
May	1.3	-7.7	-8.0	1.6
June	1.8	-7.2	-7.7	1.5
July	1.4	-6.9	-7.5	1.9
August	0.3	-6.8	-7.2	2.1
September	-2.1	-5.7	-6.6	2.0
<b>October</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>-10.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>
November	-6.0	-7.5	-1.0	
December	-5.2	-8.9	-0.3	

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

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

\*\* Compass began reporting employment numbers in November 2007.

\*\*\* Lynx Airlines began reporting in February 2008. Colgan Airlines began reporting in April 2008. TransStates Airlines no longer met reporting requirements beginning in April 2008.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

**Table 14: Regional Airlines Full-time Equivalent Employees\* by Month**

Numbers in thousands (000's)

	2007**	2008***	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change	
						2007-2011	2010-2011
January	58.9	61.1	57.4	52.5	52.8	-10.4	0.4
February	59.9	60.5	57.6	52.0	52.4	-12.5	0.9
March	59.9	60.2	57.3	51.5	52.5	-12.3	1.8
April	60.1	61.3	56.8	51.5	52.6	-12.5	2.1
May	60.6	61.4	56.6	52.1	52.9	-12.6	1.6
June	59.9	61.0	56.6	52.2	53.0	-11.5	1.5
July	59.9	60.7	56.5	52.2	53.2	-11.1	1.9
August	60.2	60.3	56.2	52.2	53.3	-11.5	2.1
September	60.7	59.4	56.0	52.3	53.4	-12.1	2.0
<b>October</b>	<b>61.2</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>-12.6</b>	<b>2.1</b>
November	61.1	57.5	53.2	52.7			
December	61.1	57.9	52.7	52.5			
<b>12-Month Average</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>52.2</b>			
<b>Jan-Oct Average</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>60.4</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>-11.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

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

\*\* Compass began reporting employment numbers in November 2007.

\*\*\* Lynx Airlines began reporting in February 2008. Colgan Airlines began reporting in April 2008. Trans States Airlines no longer met reporting requirements beginning in April 2008.

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**Table 15: By Regional Airline: Full-time Equivalent Employees\*, October 2007-2011**  
(FTEs for October of each year. Ranked by October 2011 FTEs)

Rank		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change**	
							2007-2011	2010-2011
1	<b>American Eagle</b>	9,709	9,424	9,024	9,457	10,184	<b>4.9</b>	<b>7.7</b>
2	<b>SkyWest</b>	10,106	8,951	8,591	9,023	9,414	<b>-6.8</b>	<b>4.3</b>
3	<b>ExpressJet</b>	7,829	5,538	5,262	5,476	5,427	<b>-30.7</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
4	<b>Atlantic Southeast</b>	4,375	4,412	3,617	3,709	3,869	<b>-11.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>
5	<b>Pinnacle</b>	3,522	3,594	3,352	3,421	3,758	<b>6.7</b>	<b>9.9</b>
6	<b>Horizon</b>	3,789	3,522	3,215	2,938	2,838	<b>-25.1</b>	<b>-3.4</b>
7	<b>Air Wisconsin</b>	2,248	2,788	2,530	2,531	2,555	<b>13.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>
8	<b>Republic***</b>	1,148	1,292	1,744	2,005	2,028	<b>76.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>
9	<b>Comair</b>	6,199	5,525	2,717	2,497	1,992	<b>-67.9</b>	<b>-20.2</b>
10	<b>Mesaba</b>	2,831	3,532	2,355	2,203	1,952	<b>-31.0</b>	<b>-11.4</b>
11	<b>Mesa</b>	3,230	2,924	2,582	2,092	1,840	<b>-43.0</b>	<b>-12.0</b>
12	<b>Executive</b>	1,672	1,617	1,784	1,771	1,799	<b>7.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>
13	<b>Shuttle America</b>	1,108	1,083	1,324	1,242	1,581	<b>42.7</b>	<b>27.3</b>
14	<b>Colgan</b>	N/A	1,295	1,263	1,391	1,580	<b>N/A</b>	<b>13.6</b>
15	<b>PSA</b>	1,498	984	970	998	1,040	<b>-30.6</b>	<b>4.2</b>
16	<b>Compass</b>	289	754	881	977	1,026	<b>255.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>
17	<b>GoJet</b>	362	407	537	552	611	<b>68.8</b>	<b>10.7</b>
18	<b>Lynx****</b>	N/A	352	397	121	N/A	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
19	<b>Trans States****</b>	1,303	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>61,215</b>	<b>57,992</b>	<b>52,143</b>	<b>52,404</b>	<b>53,490</b>	<b>-13.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>

**Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

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

\*\* The Percent Change 2007-2011 is based on the 15 carriers reporting in both years.

\*\*\* Effective with October 2009 reporting, Republic Airlines' employment numbers include FTE's from Midwest Airlines. Midwest employment data were formerly included in the "Other Airlines" category.

\*\*\*\* Effective with April 2008 reporting, Trans States Airlines no longer met the reporting requirements for filing monthly airline employment data.

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

N/A: Not applicable because carriers did not meet the standard for filing.

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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