



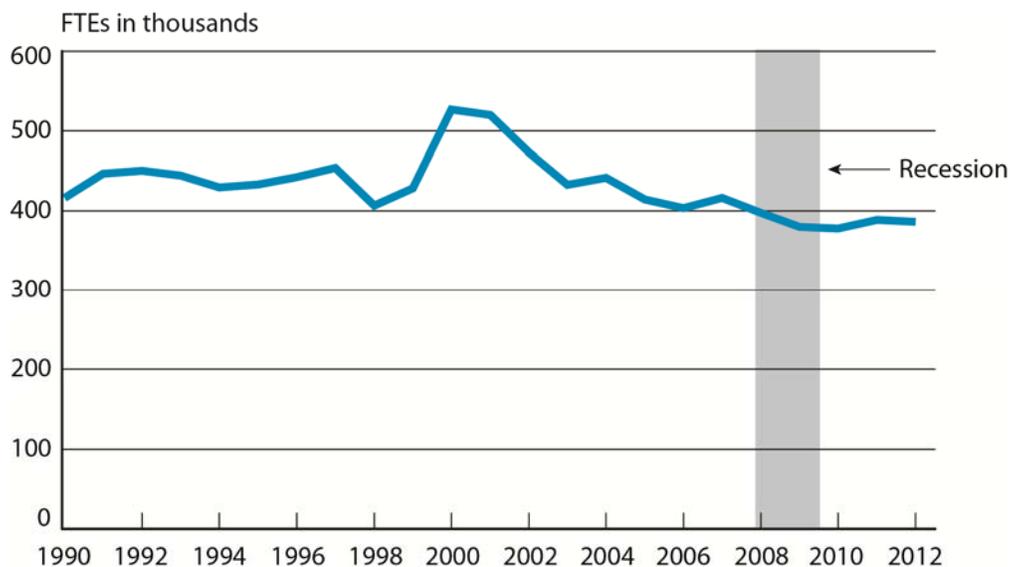
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September 2012 Passenger Airline Employment Down 0.6 Percent from September 2011

Scheduled Passenger Airline Full-Time Equivalent Employees,
Month of September, 1990-2012



U.S. scheduled passenger airlines employed 386,372 workers in September 2012, 0.6 percent less than in September 2011, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) reported today. Scheduled passenger airline categories include network, low-cost, regional and other airlines. This was the first time since October 2010, a period of 22 months, that full-time equivalent (FTE) employee levels for U.S. scheduled passenger carriers have been lower than the same month of the previous year (Table 2).

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BTS, a part of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, reported that the September 2012 FTE total of 386,372 for scheduled passenger carriers, 2,269 fewer than in September 2011, is the lowest monthly total since June 2011 (Table 3). [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 0.8 percent fewer FTEs in September, the second consecutive decline for the group. Delta Air Lines, eliminating positions following its merger with Northwest Airlines, reduced FTEs by 1.8 percent from September 2011. American Airlines, which filed for bankruptcy in November 2011, reduced FTEs by 4.4 percent. United Airlines reported a post-merger total of 82,137 FTEs in September 2012, 1,933 or 2.4 percent more FTEs than the 80,204 United and Continental Airlines reported separately in September 2011 (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.

Among the six low-cost carriers, Allegiant Airlines, Virgin America Airlines, Spirit Airlines and JetBlue Airways reported an increase in FTEs. Frontier Airlines was the only low-cost carrier reporting fewer FTEs. Southwest Airlines reported 46,048 FTEs in September 2012 in a joint report following its merger with AirTran Airways. The combined total was 988 or 2.2 percent more than the 45,060 FTEs the two airlines reported separately in September 2011 (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 16 regional carriers, nine carriers reported reduced employment levels compared to last year: Colgan Airlines, ExpressJet Airlines, Mesa Airlines, Horizon Airlines, Republic Airlines, Comair, Pinnacle Airlines, SkyWest Airlines and Executive Airlines. The total number of FTEs reported by Pinnacle – which recently merged with Mesaba Airlines – was 24.4 percent fewer than the total number of FTEs reported individually by the two airlines prior to the merger (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 67.5 percent of the total number of FTEs employed by all scheduled passenger airlines in September, the six low-cost carriers employed 18.0 percent and the 16 regional carriers employed 13.2 percent (Table 4). The three airlines with the most FTEs in September – United, Delta and American – employed 57.2 percent of the total passenger airline FTEs (Table 6).

Top employers by group: The newly-merged United employed the most FTEs (82,137) in September among the network airlines, Southwest employed the most FTEs (46,048) among low-cost airlines, and American Eagle Airlines employed the most FTEs (10,082) among regional airlines. Four of the top five employers in the industry are network airlines (Table 6).

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Network Airlines

Recent Trend: The network airlines employed 1,990 fewer FTEs in September 2012 than in September 2011. Three of the five network carriers increased FTEs from September 2011 to September 2012 (Tables 8, 9).

Five-Year Trend: The network airlines employed 7,769 fewer FTEs in September 2012 than in September 2008, a 2.9 percent decrease. American reported the biggest percentage decline in FTE employment from 2008 to 2012, 10.2 percent, followed by Alaska Airlines, down 6.2 percent. September 2008 and September 2012 numbers for United and Delta are not directly comparable because of the intervening mergers. United reported 0.5 percent fewer FTEs in September 2012 than United and Continental reported separately in September 2008; Delta reported 1.9 percent more FTEs in September 2012 than Delta and Northwest reported separately in September 2008 (Tables 8, 9).

Low-Cost Airlines

Recent Trend: The six low-cost airlines' FTEs were up 2.5 percent in September 2012 from September 2011. All low-cost airlines except Frontier reported year-to-year increases (Table 12).

Five-Year Trend: The six low-cost carriers reporting employment data in both 2008 and 2012 employed 11.3 percent more FTEs in September 2012 than in September 2008. Virgin America reported the largest percentage increase (108.7 percent), while Frontier reported a decline. September 2012 numbers for Southwest are not directly comparable to 2008 because of the intervening merger. Southwest reported 7.3 percent more FTEs in September 2012 than Southwest and AirTran reported separately in September 2008 (Table 12).

Regional Airlines

Recent Trend: Regional airlines reported a 4.3 percent decrease in FTE employment in September 2012 compared to September 2011. GoJet Airlines and Shuttle America report the largest percentage increases in FTEs from September 2011 to September 2012 among airlines not involved in mergers. Comair and Colgan reported the largest percentage decreases. Atlantic Southeast Airlines and ExpressJet Airlines reported separately in September 2011, as did Pinnacle and Mesaba, while their reports were combined in September 2012 as a result of mergers (Table 15).

Five-Year Trend: The 16 regional carriers reporting employment data in both 2008 and 2012 employed 14.0 percent fewer FTEs in 2012 than in 2008. Comair reported the largest percentage decline followed by Colgan. GoJet reported the biggest four-year percentage gain. Effective with January 2011 reporting, Republic's employment numbers include FTEs from Midwest Airlines. Midwest employment data were formerly included in the "Other Airlines" category (Table 15).

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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.

The “Other Carrier” category generally reflects those airlines that operate within specific niche markets such as Hawaiian Airlines serving the Hawaiian Islands.

Data are compiled from monthly reports filed with BTS by commercial air carriers as of Oct. 17. Additional [airline employment data](#) can be found on the BTS website. BTS has scheduled release of October passenger airline employment data for December.

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

Month	Network Airlines	Low-Cost Airlines	Regional Airlines	All Passenger Airlines**
Sep 2010-Sep 2011	2.7	5.9	2.0	2.9
Oct 2010-Oct 2011	2.7	6.2	2.1	3.0
Nov 2010-Nov 2011	2.6	5.9	0.6	2.6
Dec 2010-Dec 2011	2.3	6.5	1.5	2.7
Jan 2011-Jan 2012	1.5	5.7	0.1	2.1
Feb 2011-Feb 2012	1.2	6.4	0.9	2.1
Mar 2011-Mar 2012	1.2	7.1	0.2	2.1
Apr 2011-Apr 2012	1.3	5.7	-1.5	1.8
May 2011-May 2012	1.3	5.3	-2.2	1.6
Jun 2011-Jun 2012	1.4	4.0	-2.5	1.4
Jul 2011-Jul 2012	0.8	3.5	-3.3	0.8
Aug 2011-Aug 2012	-0.2	2.5	-2.3	0.1
Sep 2011-Sep 2012	-0.8	2.5	-4.3	-0.6

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 and Sun Country Airlines.

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.

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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	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	-6.7	-2.9	0.4	2.1
February	-6.6	-3.5	1.0	2.1
March	-5.6	-3.8	1.5	2.1
April	-5.5	-4.1	2.0	1.8
May	-6.8	-2.7	2.1	1.6
June	-6.3	-2.4	1.9	1.4
July	-5.9	-2.3	2.3	0.8
August	-5.5	-1.7	2.8	0.1
September	-4.4	-0.6	2.9	-0.6
October	-3.7	-0.4	3.0	
November	-3.3	0.0	2.6	
December	-3.3	0.2	2.7	

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

FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

Month	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Percent Change	
						2008-2012	2011-2012
January	418.7	390.6	379.4	380.9	388.8	-7.1	2.1
February	419.0	391.6	378.0	381.8	389.9	-6.9	2.1
March	415.5	392.1	377.3	382.8	390.8	-6.0	2.1
April	415.4	392.1	376.2	383.4	390.2	-6.1	1.8
May	415.5	387.4	377.0	385.0	391.0	-5.9	1.6
June	414.4	387.7	378.3	385.4	390.9	-5.7	1.4
July	411.1	386.8	378.1	386.8	390.0	-5.1	0.8
August	406.7	384.3	377.8	388.5	389.0	-4.4	0.1
September	397.3	379.9	377.7	388.6	386.4	-2.7	-0.6
October	394.2	379.7	378.1	389.4			
November	392.1	379.4	379.3	389.4			
December	391.8	379.0	379.7	389.7			
12-Month Average	407.6	385.9	378.1	386.0			
Jan-Sep Average	412.6	388.0	377.7	384.8	389.7	-5.6	1.3

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.

R: Revised with updated filing by Mesa Airlines.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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Table 4: Airline Group Full-time Equivalent Employees*, September 2008-2012
 FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

	Network	Low-Cost	Regional	All Passenger Airlines**
2008	268.4	62.5	59.4	397.3
2009	254.9	62.4	56.0	379.9
2010	255.8	64.1	52.3	377.7
2011	262.6	67.9	53.4	388.6
2012	260.6	69.6	51.1	386.4
Pct. Change 2008-2012	-2.9%	11.3%	-14.0%	-2.7%
Percent of Total Passenger Airline Employees in 2012	67.5%	18.0%	13.2%	

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*, September 2008-2012

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

	Network	Low-Cost	Regional	All Passenger Airlines**
2008	-0.2	-17.3	-2.1	-4.5
2009	-5.0	-0.1	-5.7	-4.4
2010	0.3	2.7	-6.6	-0.6
2011	2.7	5.9	2.0	2.9
2012	-0.8	2.5	-4.3	-0.6

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.

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Table 6: Top 10 Airlines, September 2012
 FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

Rank	Airline	Total FTE Employees	Carrier Group**	Top 10 Airlines September 2011
1	United	82.1	Network	Delta
2	Delta	75.5	Network	American
3	American	63.4	Network	United
4	Southwest	46.0	Low-Cost	Southwest
5	US Airways	30.4	Network	Continental
6	JetBlue	12.5	Low-Cost	US Airways
7	American Eagle	10.1	Regional	JetBlue
8	Alaska	9.2	Network	American Eagle
9	SkyWest	9.2	Regional	SkyWest
10	ExpressJet	9.1	Regional	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

	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	-6.3	-2.3	0.3	1.5
February	-6.4	-3.0	1.1	1.2
March	-6.7	-3.1	1.5	1.2
April	-6.5	-3.6	1.8	1.3
May	-8.2	-1.9	2.1	1.3
June	-7.8	-1.6	1.6	1.4
July	-7.1	-1.6	2.1	0.8
August	-6.4	-0.9	2.7	-0.2
September	-5.0	0.3	2.7	-0.8
October	-2.8	-1.2	2.7	
November	-2.7	-0.7	2.6	
December	-2.5	-0.5	2.3	

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

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

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

Month	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Percent Change	
						2008-2012	2011-2012
January	281.7	263.9	257.8	258.7	262.6	-6.8	1.5
February	282.6	264.6	256.8	259.5	262.8	-7.0	1.2
March	283.9	264.8	256.5	260.5	263.5	-7.2	1.2
April	283.7	265.2	255.7	260.3	263.7	-7.1	1.3
May	283.6	260.5	255.5	260.8	264.2	-6.9	1.3
June	282.8	260.8	256.6	260.7	264.3	-6.5	1.4
July	280.4	260.5	256.4	261.8	263.8	-5.9	0.8
August	276.1	258.6	256.1	263.1	262.4	-5.0	-0.2
September	268.4	254.9	255.8	262.6	260.6	-2.9	-0.8
October	266.6	259.0	255.9	262.9			
November	265.2	258.1	256.4	263.1			
December	264.7	258.1	256.8	262.6			
12-Month Average	276.7	260.8	256.4	261.4			
Jan-Sep Average	280.4	261.5	256.3	260.9	263.1	-6.2	0.8

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 9: By Network Airline: Full-time Equivalent Employees*, September 2008-2012

(FTEs for September of each year. Ranked by September 2012 FTEs)

FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

Rank	Airline	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Percent Change	
							2008-2012	2011-2012
1	United***	47.7	44.4	43.6	43.3	82.1	N/A	N/A
	Continental***	34.8	33.4	32.6	36.9	N/A	N/A	N/A
	UA/CO Combined	82.6	77.7	76.1	80.2	82.1	-0.5	2.4
2	Delta**	46.3	45.3	75.8	76.9	75.5	N/A	-1.8
	Northwest**	27.8	24.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	DL/NW Combined	74.1	69.9	75.8	76.9	75.5	1.9	-1.8
3	American	70.6	67.7	65.4	66.3	63.4	-10.2	-4.4
4	US Airways	31.3	30.2	29.4	30.3	30.4	-2.9	0.3
5	Alaska	9.8	9.3	9.1	8.9	9.2	-6.2	3.1
	Total	268.4	254.9	255.8	262.6	260.6	-2.9	-0.8

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

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

** Delta Air Lines and Northwest Airlines merged and began reporting combined numbers in January 2010.

*** 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 Airlines - Year-to-Year Change in Full-time Equivalent Employees* from the Previous Year

Percent change compared to same month the previous year

Month	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	-3.1	1.4	2.2	5.7
February	-3.0	1.4	2.3	6.4
March	0.1	1.2	2.3	7.1
April	1.2	0.5	4.0	5.7
May	1.2	0.6	4.1	5.3
June	0.8	0.9	5.0	4.0
July	0.9	1.5	5.3	3.5
August	-0.2	2.0	5.7	2.5
September	-0.1	2.7	5.9	2.5
October	-0.4	3.0	6.2	
November	-0.1	3.2	5.9	
December	0.0	3.3	6.6	

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.

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

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Percent Change	
						2008-2012	2011-2012
January	64.7	62.7	63.6	65.0	68.7	6.1	5.7
February	64.9	63.0	63.8	65.3	69.5	7.0	6.4
March**	62.9	63.0	63.8	65.3	69.9	11.0	7.1
April***	62.5	63.3	63.6	66.1	69.9	11.4	5.7
May	62.8	63.5	63.9	66.6	70.1	11.5	5.3
June	63.0	63.5	64.0	67.3	70.0	11.1	4.0
July	62.5	63.0	64.0	67.4	69.8	11.7	3.5
August	62.9	62.8	64.0	67.7	69.4	10.4	2.5
September	62.5	62.4	64.1	67.9	69.6	11.3	2.5
October	62.7	62.4	64.3	68.3			
November	62.7	62.6	64.7	68.5			
December	62.6	62.6	64.7	68.9			
12-Month Average	63.1	62.9	64.0	67.0			
Jan-Sep Average	63.2	63.0	63.9	66.5	69.6	10.2	4.7

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.

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

***SkyBus stopped reporting employment data effective in April 2008 resulting from its bankruptcy filing.

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Table 12: By Low-Cost Carrier: Full-time Equivalent Employees,* September 2008-2012**
(FTEs for September of each year. Ranked by September 2012 FTEs)

Rank		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Percent Change	
							2008-2012	2011-2012
1	Southwest**	35,545	34,806	34,836	37,128	46,048	29.5	24.0
	AirTran	7,372	7,717	7,742	7,932	N/A	N/A	N/A
	WN/FL Combined	42,917	42,523	42,578	45,060	46,048	7.3	2.2
2	JetBlue	10,298	10,778	11,100	11,965	12,450	20.9	4.1
3	Frontier	4,479	4,277	4,976	4,913	4,044	-9.7	-17.7
4	Spirit	2,335	1,869	2,187	2,371	2,810	20.3	18.5
5	Virgin America	1,176	1,436	1,655	2,022	2,454	108.7	21.4
6	Allegiant	1,282	1,519	1,618	1,545	1,769	38.0	14.5
	Total	62,487	62,402	64,114	67,876	69,573	11.3	2.5

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 numbers in April 2012.

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	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	-6.0	-8.5	0.4	0.1
February	-4.9	-9.8	0.9	0.8
March	-4.9	-10.1	1.8	0.2
April	-7.4	-9.3	2.1	-1.5
May	-7.7	-8.0	1.6	-2.2
June	-7.2	-7.7	1.5	-2.5
July	-6.9	-7.5	1.9	-3.3
August	-6.8	-7.2	2.1	-2.3
September	-5.7	-6.6	2.0	-4.3
October	-10.1	0.5	2.1	
November	-7.5	-1.0	0.6	
December	-8.9	-0.3	1.5	

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 Airlines Full-time Equivalent Employees* by Month

FTE numbers in thousands (000's)

	2008**	2009	2010	2011	2012	Percent Change	
						2008-2012	2011-2012
January	61.1	57.4	52.5	52.8	52.8	-13.6	0.1
February	60.5	57.6	52.0	52.4	52.8	-12.7	0.8
March	60.2	57.3	51.5	52.5	52.6	-12.7	0.2
April	61.3	56.8	51.5	52.6	51.8	-15.5	-1.5
May	61.4	56.6	52.1	52.9	51.7	-15.7	-2.2
June	61.0	56.6	52.2	53.0	51.7	-15.3	-2.5
July	60.7	56.5	52.2	53.2	51.5	-15.2	-3.3
August	60.3	56.2	52.2	53.3	52.1	-13.7	-2.3
September	59.4	56.0	52.3	53.4	51.1	-14.0	-4.3
October	58.0	52.1	52.4	53.5			
November	57.5	53.2	52.7	53.0			
December	57.9	52.7	52.5	53.3			
12-Month Average	59.9	55.8	52.2	53.0			
Jan-Sep Average	60.7	56.8	52.1	52.9	52.0	-14.3	-1.7

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

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

** 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.

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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Table 15: By Regional Airline: Full-time Equivalent Employees*, September 2008- 2012
(FTEs for September of each year. Ranked by September 2012 FTEs)

Rank								Percent Change	
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2008-2012	2011-2012	
1	American Eagle	9,452	8,999	9,352	10,056	10,082	6.7	0.3	
2	SkyWest	9,076	8,587	9,103	9,372	9,166	1.0	-2.2	
3	ExpressJet#	6,394	5,241	5,349	5,399	9,091	42.2	68.4	
	Atlantic Southeast#	4,433	3,622	3,601	3,868	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	XE/EV Combined	10,827	8,863	8,950	9,267	9,091	-16.0	-1.9	
4	Pinnacle**	3,580	3,353	3,449	3,662	4,290	19.8	17.1	
	Mesaba**	3,453	3,796	2,151	2,014	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	9E/XJ Combined	7,033	7,149	5,600	5,676	4,290	-39.0	-24.4	
5	Horizon	3,546	3,228	2,840	2,856	2,727	-23.1	-4.5	
6	Air Wisconsin	2,933	2,530	2,541	2,510	2,535	-13.6	1.0	
7	Republic***	1,303	1,675	2,077	2,083	2,012	54.4	-3.4	
8	Shuttle America	1,085	1,394	1,306	1,584	1,857	71.2	17.2	
9	Mesa	2,942	2,608	2,141	1,899	1,650	-43.9	-13.1	
10	Comair	5,717	5,135	2,542	2,041	1,493	-73.9	-26.8	
11	Executive	1,693	1,765	1,787	1,803	1,331	-21.4	-26.2	
12	Chautauqua****	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,284	N/A	N/A	
13	Compass	721	879	982	1,022	1,115	54.6	9.1	
14	PSA	991	997	999	1,049	1,073	8.3	2.3	
15	GoJet	405	541	570	578	1,029	154.1	78.0	
16	Colgan	1,333	1,267	1,360	1,568	350	-73.7	-77.7	
17	Lynx##	358	395	177	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Total	59,415	56,012	52,327	53,364	51,082	-14.0	-4.3	

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

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

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

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

**** Effective July 2012 Chautauqua Airlines began reporting employment data.

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

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.

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