

North America

January – March 2007 Estimate*



Passenger Numbers by Route (millions)

	Oct-Dec '06	Oct-Dec '05	% change	Jan-Mar '06	Estimate
Domestic	162.88	158.82	2.55%	155.07	159.03
International	35.69	30.92	15.42%	35.57	41.06
Total	198.57	189.75	4.65%	190.64	199.50

After a discouraging portrait at the end of 2006, the first quarter of 2007 has shown major improvements in passenger numbers. The domestic passenger numbers have increased to 2.55%, whereas international passenger numbers were significantly improved to 15.42%.

Passenger Numbers by Seat Class (millions)

	Oct-Dec '06	Oct-Dec '05	% change	Jan-Mar '06	Estimate
First	14.97	14.28	4.82%	14.38	15.07
Business	5.64	5.37	5.11%	5.42	5.70
Coach	177.96	170.10	4.62%	170.85	178.74

Similarly, passenger numbers by seat class have increased to around 5% in this quarter, with the highest growth in business class at 5.11%.

Estimated Complimentary Meal Numbers and Type by Route (millions)

	Oct-Dec '06	Oct-Dec '05	% change	Jan-Mar '06	Estimate
Domestic					
Snack	97.08	94.66	2.55%	92.42	94.78
Breakfast	12.70	12.39	2.55%	12.10	12.40
Lunch/Dinner	40.88	39.86	2.55%	38.92	39.92
International					
Snack/Breakfast	28.48	27.29	4.37%	28.38	29.62
Lunch/Dinner	28.38	27.19	4.37%	28.28	29.51

The estimated complimentary meal numbers for both domestic and international routes are noted respectively at 2.55% and 4.37%.

Passenger Numbers by Carrier (millions)

	Oct-Dec '06	Oct-Dec '05	% change	Jan-Mar '06	Estimate
American	23.62	20.47	15%	23.64	27.29
Continental	11.55	10.75	7%	10.98	11.80
Delta	17.86	19.02	-6%	18.04	16.94
North West	13.15	12.84	2%	12.12	12.42
United	16.40	16.48	0%	15.93	15.85
US Air	8.99	8.95	1%	8.81	8.85
Southwest	24.09	22.23	8%	22.03	23.88
Others	82.90	79.02	5%	79.09	82.98

After a major decrease to -3% at the end of 2006, American Airlines not only regained its position, but also led the group in passenger number in this quarter. US and Northwest also gradually recuperate from the setbacks. Delta has improved, however, remained with a negative percentage at -6%.

Current Headlines

Continental Airlines - Expansion Service between Hong Kong and New York

Continental Airlines has announced that non-stop flights between Hong Kong and New York Newark Liberty International Airport will be increased to seven times per week to meet increasing passenger and industry demand. The daily service will commence on April 1, 2007.

North America News, www.btbtravel.com, 18 January 2007

Continental Airlines - Daily Non-Stop Service Between New York and Athens

Continental Airlines has announced it will launch daily non-stop flights between New York/Newark and Athens effective June 7, 2007 (eastbound), subject to government approval. The new service will also provide a link to Greece from more than 230 other cities throughout North, Central and South America, the Caribbean and beyond. The aircraft will carry 25 passengers in the Business-First cabin and 149 in Economy. The frequency of the service will be reduced to five flights weekly during September/October and April/May and to three flights weekly from November-March due to the traditional seasonal reduction in demand.

North America News, www.btbtravel.com, 16 January 2007

Sharp Rise of Private Jet Business in the U.S.A.

Private jet business is growing so fast it could double by 2011 to more than 5000 aircraft in the USA, the National Business Aviation Association has said. Companies in the USA, where an estimated 70% of the business is located, are reporting a sharp rise in demand since the terrorist alert in London in mid-2006. NetJets controls about half of the estimated USD 2.6 billion private jet markets, according to the National Air Transportation Association, while Delta Air Elite, a subsidiary of Delta Airlines, reported a 70% increase in interest in the two weeks after the London terrorist scare.

#800.CAT22, Momberger Newsletter, 10 January 2007

Explanations

* The North American Report is classed as an estimate rather than a forecast because of the time lag in receiving data. There is a three month delay in domestic passenger data being inputted into the Intermodal Transportation Database and a four month delay for international numbers.

Passenger Numbers by Route

The data in this table is derived from the Intermodal Transportation Database available on the Bureau of Transportation Statistics website.

% change - This compares the last full quarter of this year with the same quarter in the previous year.

Estimate - The estimate is based on the trend derived from the equivalent quarter of the previous year and the percentage change in the last full quarter.

Passenger Numbers by Seat Class

The data in this table is derived from data found on Euromonitor's web pages. The seat class data is defined by country and is then applied to the major carrier for that country.

Estimated Complimentary Meal Numbers and Type by Route

The data in this table is calculated by taking the total passenger numbers by route and applying a formula to provide an estimate of the types of meals provided to passengers. This figure is then manipulated to consider the take up of this particular meal type (i.e. snack, breakfast, lunch or dinner) by passengers (based on load factor data). The formulae used to arrive at these figures are based upon consensus meal values agreed upon by a panel of experts. In the future these formulae will be subject to change on a monthly basis.

% change – Please see above.

Estimate – Please see above.

Passenger Numbers by Carrier

The data in this table is derived from the Intermodal Transportation Database available on the Bureau of Transportation Statistics website. Southwest Airlines is the only major carrier specified whose passenger numbers are for domestic (intra-continental) flights only.

The 'Others' category includes passenger numbers from other US based airlines such as Alaska Airlines and American Eagle Airlines as well as including all international carriers who have routes into/within and from the USA.

% change – Please see above.

Estimate – Please see above.