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Top 100 airlines by traffic

Top passenger airline operations: 1 to 50

Ranking	Airline operation		Country	Pax traffic (RPK)		Seat capacity (ASK)		Load factor		Pax number		Fleet	Notes
	2016	2015		Million	Change %	Million	Change %	Percent	Pt change	Million	Change %		
1	(1)	American Airlines	USA	359,574	0.2	439,916	1.7	81.7	-1.2	198.7	-1.3	1,122	Group
2	(2)	Delta Air Lines	USA	342,860	1.7	405,236	2.1	84.6	-0.3	183.7	2.4	994	Group
3	(3)	United Airlines	USA	338,388	0.8	408,026	1.4	82.9	-0.5	143.2	2.0	743	Group
4	(4)	Emirates Airline	UAE	276,608	8.4	368,102	10.3	75.1	-1.3	56.1	8.2	258	
5	(5)	Southwest Airlines	USA	200,964	6.2	239,190	5.7	84.0	0.4	151.8	4.9	737	
6	(6)	China Southern Airlines	China	161,879	7.1	198,461	7.1	81.6	0.0	84.9	3.5	527	ICAO
7	(10)	Ryanair ^{EST}	Ireland	148,676	13.9	158,000	12.3	94.1	1.3	119.8	12.6	401	ASK & PLF estimated
8	(7)	Lufthansa	Germany	145,878	-0.3	184,428	1.1	79.1	-1.1	62.4	0.1	318	Includes LH regional airlines
9	(9)	British Airways	UK	145,170	2.2	178,732	2.6	81.2	-0.3	44.5	2.8	267	
10	(14)	Qatar Airways	Qatar	142,037	24.1	185,208	21.9	76.7	1.4	32.0	20.1	200	
11	(8)	Air France	France	140,447	-1.4	166,742	-1.4	84.2	-0.1	49.8	-1.4	224	Includes Hop
12	(12)	China Eastern Airlines	China	138,528	14.7	170,413	14.1	81.3	0.4	80.9	6.6	394	ICAO; Inc Jiangsu
13	(11)	Air China	China	135,646	8.7	168,995	8.0	80.3	0.5	62.4	6.1	387	Includes Dalian Airlines
14	(13)	Turkish Airlines	Turkey	126,815	6.2	170,092	11.0	74.6	-3.3	62.8	2.5	292	
15	(16)	Air Canada Group	Canada	123,058	13.2	149,196	14.7	82.5	-1.0	44.8	9.1	170	Group
16	(15)	Cathay Pacific	Hong Kong	110,248	1.2	129,140	2.8	85.4	-1.3	24.4	1.6	144	ICAO; excl Cathay Dragon
17	(19)	Aeroflot	Russia	105,397	13.4	130,040	9.3	81.0	2.9	39.2	7.9	272	Excludes Pobeda
18	(18)	KLM	Netherlands	97,737	4.8	112,065	3.9	87.2	0.8	30.4	6.4	114	
19	(17)	Singapore Airlines	Singapore	92,914	-1.4	117,662	-0.6	79.0	-0.7	19.0	-0.2	109	
20	(20)	Etihad Airways	UAE	90,000	8.1	114,250	9.0	78.8	-0.6	18.5	5.1	125	RPK & ASK calculated
21	(21)	All Nippon Airways	Japan	84,594	6.9	119,229	4.5	71.0	1.6	52.1	2.5	205	Group
22	(22)	EasyJet	UK	81,496	5.0	87,724	4.6	92.9	0.3	73.1	6.6	278	
23	(23)	Qantas	Australia	79,245	5.0	99,859	4.1	79.4	0.7	28.2	3.0	138	Inc Qantaslink; excl JetStar
24	(24)	Korean Air	South Korea	75,907	5.9	96,655	3.8	78.5	1.6	26.9	7.7	172	
25	(25)	JetBlue Airways	USA	73,492	9.4	86,412	8.8	85.0	0.4	38.3	9.0	232	
26	(28)	Japan Airlines	Japan	60,658	4.5	79,550	2.1	76.3	1.7	32.9	1.5	160	Excl JAL subsidiaries
27	(27)	Thai Airways Int'l	Thailand	59,754	1.1	81,010	0.4	73.8	0.5	18.2	-1.4	77	
28	(26)	LATAM Airlines Brazil	Brazil	57,007	-6.1	68,314	-7.5	83.4	1.3	33.8	-8.9	143	ANAC
29	(34)	Hainan Airlines	China	54,321	29.8	62,326	30.5	87.2	-0.5	27.4	27.3	181	ICAO
30	(29)	Saudia	Saudi Arabia	53,481	8.1	76,087	12.2	70.3	-2.7	28.2	3.3	175	AACO (scheduled)
31	(30)	Alaska Airlines	USA	52,870	8.3	62,292	7.8	84.9	0.4	24.4	6.8	157	
32	(31)	Iberia	Spain	51,064	5.1	62,282	4.0	82.0	0.9	17.8	9.0	98	Includes Iberia Express
33	(33)	Norwegian	Norway	50,798	20.1	57,910	18.1	87.7	1.5	29.3	13.8	135	
34	(32)	Air Berlin	Germany	45,815	-2.5	54,341	-2.7	84.3	0.1	28.9	-4.4	70	
35	(49)	IndiGo	India	43,797	28.1	51,828	26.5	84.5	1.1	41.1	30.9	135	DGCA
36	(39)	Shenzhen Airlines	China	42,779	9.4	52,091	8.4	82.1	0.7	27.6	7.9	168	ICAO; excl Kunming Airlines
37	(37)	Asiana Airlines	South Korea	42,430	6.9	51,387	3.4	82.6	2.7	19.3	6.5	82	RPK, ASK & PLF from ICAO
38	(36)	Swiss	Switzerland	42,290	5.6	52,731	9.1	80.2	-2.7	18.0	2.5	70	Includes Edelweiss Air
39	(38)	Jet Airways	India	41,119	4.8	50,526	6.4	81.4	-1.2	24.4	4.3	111	
40	(41)	Air India	India	40,991	7.5	53,749	6.6	76.3	0.6	19.8	6.7	115	DGCA
41	(46)	EVA Air	Taiwan	40,946	16.0	51,166	17.2	80.0	-0.8	11.2	11.7	76	
42	(43)	China Airlines	Taiwan	38,702	4.4	49,392	5.1	78.4	-0.6	14.7	0.3	83	
43	(47)	WestJet	Canada	38,565	11.3	47,140	8.9	81.8	1.8	22.0	8.2	119	
44	(45)	Sichuan Airlines	China	38,347	8.6	45,145	10.5	84.9	-1.5	23.0	7.9	124	ICAO
45	(44)	Avianca	Colombia	38,233	7.8	47,145	5.9	81.1	1.4	29.5	4.2	144	
46	(56)	Wizz Air	Hungary	37,628	22.2	41,691	19.7	90.1	1.9	23.8	18.9	83	
47	(55)	Xiamen Airlines	China	37,169	14.3	48,798	13.6	76.2	0.5	24.5	7.5	146	ICAO
48	(42)	Virgin Atlantic Airways	UK	37,126	-0.1	47,175	-2.5	78.7	1.9	5.4	-8.5	37	
49	(50)	SAS	Sweden	36,940	9.4	48,620	9.8	76.0	-0.3	29.4	2.0	162	
50	(40)	Gol	Brazil	35,928	-6.5	46,329	-6.9	77.5	0.3	32.6	-16.1	116	

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			2016	2015	Million	Change %		
51	(48) Alitalia ^{EST}	Italy	35,000	1.8	45,000	1.3	77.8	FAB estimate
52	(54) Garuda Indonesia	Indonesia	34,790	6.2	47,566	11.3	73.1	
53	(61) Spirit Airlines	USA	34,725	19.9	41,021	20.0	84.7	
54	(58) AirAsia	Malaysia	34,676	15.6	40,086	7.2	86.5	
55	(52) Lion Air ^{EST}	Indonesia	34,500	4.5	39,250	4.9	88.0	FAB estimate
56	(51) Thomson Airways	UK	34,415	3.1	36,589	2.7	94.1	UK CAA
57	(62) Vietnam Airlines ^{EST}	Vietnam	33,500	18.3	40,000	18.4	83.8	FAB estimate
58	(59) Air New Zealand	New Zealand	33,223	11.0	39,684	11.5	83.7	
59	(57) Jetstar	Australia	32,982	8.1	40,370	6.4	81.7	
60	(63) Philippine Airlines	Philippines	32,503	14.8	46,997	13.4	69.2	
61	(53) Virgin Australia	Australia	32,283	-1.7	41,135	-3.2	78.5	
62	(35) Malaysia Airlines	Malaysia	31,541	-21.9	42,391	-24.9	74.4	
63	(69) Ethiopian Airlines	Ethiopia	28,962	15.5	42,617	13.6	68.0	
64	(60) TAP Portugal	Portugal	28,536	-3.4	36,269	-3.5	78.7	ICAO
65	(67) Copa Airlines	Panama	28,463	8.5	35,407	1.5	80.4	
66	(65) SkyWest Airlines	USA	28,235	3.4	34,268	4.2	82.4	
67	(66) Aeromexico	Mexico	28,101	5.1	34,270	4.8	82.0	ICAO
68	(70) Vueling Airlines	Spain	28,046	13.2	33,884	11.2	82.8	
69	(64) Condor	Germany	27,286	-2.2	30,806	-0.7	88.6	ICAO
70	(68) Finnair	Finland	27,065	5.8	33,914	6.5	79.8	
71	(76) Shandong Airlines	China	26,434	23.4	33,987	20.1	77.8	
72	(75) Frontier Airlines	USA	25,759	19.5	29,539	18.5	87.2	
73	(71) Hawaiian Airlines	USA	24,927	7.1	29,581	3.7	84.3	
74	(74) Spring Airlines	China	24,759	11.7	27,004	13.1	91.7	
75	(77) Pegasus	Turkey	24,721	16.5	30,510	9.1	76.4	ICAO
76	(79) LATAM Airlines Chile	Chile	24,082	17.1	28,069	15.9	85.8	
77	(72) Air Europa	Spain	23,813	5.8	28,344	6.0	84.0	
78	(73) Thomas Cook Airlines	UK	23,584	5.0	26,261	7.3	89.8	UK CAA
79	(90) AirAsia X	Malaysia	23,188	32.1	29,343	25.5	79.0	
80	(84) Volaris	Mexico	23,051	23.9	26,877	18.9	85.8	
81	(88) Juneyao Airlines	China	22,097	23.8	25,786	23.1	85.7	
82	(80) El Al	Israel	22,086	8.0	26,348	6.3	83.8	ICAO
83	(82) Cebu Pacific Air	Philippines	21,220	6.8	25,989	4.4	81.6	Includes Cebgo
84	(94) Capital Airlines	China	20,815	24.2	22,960	22.7	90.7	ICAO
85	(78) South African Airways	South Africa	20,678	-2.3	28,005	-2.0	73.8	
86	(89) Shanghai Airlines	China	20,524	15.7	25,790	15.0	79.6	
87	(95) Eurowings	Germany	20,107	26.7	25,264	26.5	79.6	
88	(93) Virgin America	USA	19,590	16.7	23,451	14.8	83.5	
89	(85) Aerolineas Argentinas	Argentina	19,541	6.5	24,430	6.6	80.0	ICAO
90	(87) Air Transat ^{EST}	Canada	19,250	6.9	21,000	7.7	91.7	FAB estimate
91	(92) Aer Lingus	Ireland	19,194	9.5	23,533	9.6	81.6	
92	(86) Austrian	Austria	18,609	2.3	24,451	4.9	76.1	
93	(99) Oman Air	Oman	18,452	25.5	24,790	20.4	74.4	AACO
94	(83) Azul	Brazil	18,235	-2.2	22,869	-2.4	79.7	
95	(96) S7 Airlines	Russia	18,039	14.9	21,173	8.3	85.2	FAVT
96	(98) Thai AirAsia	Thailand	17,285	16.2	20,629	13.9	83.8	
97	(91) Egyptair	Egypt	17,213	-1.9	25,890	-1.8	66.5	AACO (scheduled)
98	(81) ExpressJet Airlines	USA	16,817	-17.6	20,941	-17.2	80.3	
99	(97) Air Arabia	UAE	16,600	9.9	20,500	9.0	81.0	
100	(100) Allegiant Air	USA	16,545	15.0	19,912	17.6	83.1	

Notes: ^{EST} FAB estimate

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Rank	Airline	Passengers
		Million
1	American Airlines	198.7
2	Delta Air Lines	183.7
3	Southwest Airlines	151.8
4	United Airlines	143.2
5	Ryanair	119.8
6	China Southern Airlines	84.9
7	China Eastern Airlines	80.9
8	EasyJet	73.1
9	Turkish Airlines	62.8
10	Lufthansa	62.4
11	Air China	62.4
12	Emirates Airline	56.1
13	All Nippon Airways	52.1
14	Air France	49.8
15	Air Canada Group	44.8
16	British Airways	44.5
17	Indigo	41.1
18	Aeroflot	39.2
19	JetBlue Airways	38.3
20	LATAM Airlines Brazil	33.8
21	Lion Air ^{EST}	33.3
22	Japan Airlines	32.9
23	Gol	32.6
24	Qatar Airways	32.0
25	SkyWest Airlines	31.2
26	KLM	30.4
27	Avianca	29.5
28	SAS	29.4
29	Norwegian	29.3
30	Air Berlin	28.9
31	Qantas	28.2
32	Saudia	28.2
33	Vueling Airlines	27.8
34	Shenzhen Airlines	27.6
35	Hainan Airlines	27.4
36	Korean Air	26.9
37	AirAsia	26.4
38	Xiamen Airlines	24.5
39	Cathay Pacific	24.4
40	Alaska Airlines	24.4
41	Jet Airways	24.4
42	Pegasus	24.1
43	Garuda Indonesia	23.9
44	Wizz Air	23.8
45	Alitalia ^{EST}	23.1
46	Sichuan Airlines	23.0
47	ExpressJet Airlines	22.2
48	WestJet	22.0
49	Spirit Airlines	21.6
50	Vietnam Airlines ^{EST}	20.6

While this table functions as a ranking of discrete airlines by traffic, in some cases it is impossible and/or illogical to split data from airline groups into individual operating units. Furthermore, in some instances the figures for an airline will incorporate those of a co-branded regional operator. While we have endeavoured to compare like-for-like businesses, the rankings are indicative. Estimates have been used for indicative purposes; TRAFFIC/CAPACITY/LOADS Traffic data generally includes scheduled and charter. All data is in metric units as follows: RPK=revenue passenger km, ASK=available seat km, RTK=revenue tonne km, 1 US ton=1.1 tonnes and 1 mile=1.609km; YEAR Results are for the fiscal year where available, but calendar or nearest full 12-month period are used if fiscal year unavailable; SOURCES: Fleet data is provided by Flight Fleets Analyzer, and includes the different operating units applicable to the traffic figures. All other figures are primarily sourced from company replies to *Flight Airline Business* or company reports. Other sources include national regulators, regional airline associations and ICAO.

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