

News Releases

Air Canada reports July traffic - Load Factor of 83.0 per cent, matching July 2005 record

MONTREAL, Aug. 8 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of July, Air Canada today reported a load factor of 83.0 per cent on a consolidated basis with Jazz, matching a July 2005 record, versus 81.8 per cent in July 2007, an increase of 1.2 percentage points. System traffic decreased 0.6 per cent on a capacity decrease of 2.0 per cent system wide.

The mainline carrier flew 0.1 per cent fewer revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in July 2008 than in July 2007, according to preliminary traffic figures. Capacity decreased by 1.8 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 84.0 per cent for the month compared to 82.5 per cent in July 2007; an increase of 1.5 percentage points.

Jazz, from which Air Canada purchases regional capacity, flew 7.1 per cent fewer RPMs in July 2008 than in July 2007, according to preliminary traffic figures. Capacity decreased by 4.3 per cent, resulting in a load factor of 72.1 per cent, compared to 74.2 per cent in July 2007; a decrease of 2.1 percentage points.

"With a load factor of 83 per cent for the month of July, Air Canada matched a previous record for the month set in July 2005," said Montie Brewer, President and Chief Executive Officer. "As expected, demand in North America has softened somewhat as the industry adjusts fares to reflect record prices for fuel. Demand on U.S. transborder routes was also impacted by the weakness in the U.S. economy. However, through prudent capacity management, we adjusted operations effectively. I am especially proud of our employees who again exceeded On-Time Performance and Customer Satisfaction objectives for the month as they work hard to earn the loyalty of our customers."

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AIR CANADA MAINLINE (Includes Jetz & Tier 3)

	JULY			Year-To-Date		
	2008	2007	Change	2008	2007	Change
Traffic (RPMs millions)	4,653	4,656	-0.1%	27,772	26,975	+3.0%
Capacity (ASMs millions)	5,539	5,642	-1.8%	33,684	32,808	+2.7%
Load Factor	84.0%	82.5%	+1.5 pts	82.4%	82.2%	+0.2 pts
RPMs	1,343	1,365	-1.6%	7,740	7,497	+3.2%
Canada ASMs	1,686	1,689	-0.2%	9,489	9,147	+3.7%
Load Factor	79.7%	80.8%	-1.1 pts	81.6%	82.0%	-0.4 pts
RPMs	573	639	-10.3%	4,308	4,565	-5.6%
U.S. Trans-border ASMs	716	784	-8.7%	5,431	5,755	-5.6%
Load Factor	80.0%	81.5%	-1.5 pts	79.3%	79.3%	0.0 pts

	RPMs	1,374	1,369	+0.4%	7,231	7,131	+1.4%
Atlantic	ASMs	1,551	1,626	-4.6%	8,563	8,415	+1.8%
	Load Factor	88.6%	84.2%	+4.4 pts	84.4%	84.7%	-0.3 pts
	RPMs	917	924	-0.8%	5,050	4,967	+1.7%
Pacific	ASMs	1,075	1,127	-4.6%	5,973	5,919	+0.9%
	Load Factor	85.3%	82.0%	+3.3 pts	84.5%	83.9%	+0.6 pts
	RPMs	446	359	+24.2%	3,443	2,815	+22.3%
Latin America & Other	ASMs	511	416	+22.8%	4,228	3,572	+18.4%
	Load Factor	87.3%	86.3%	+1.0 pts	81.4%	78.8%	+2.6 pts

AIR CANADA'S REGIONAL CAPACITY PROVIDER
(JAZZ)

	JULY			Year-To-Date			
	2008	2007	Change	2008	2007	Change	
Traffic (RPMs millions)	367	395	-7.1%	2,456	2,470	-0.6%	
Capacity (ASMs millions)	509	532	-4.3%	3,340	3,322	+0.5%	
Load Factor	72.1%	74.2%	-2.1 pts	73.5%	74.4%	-0.9 pts	
	RPMs	261	297	-12.1%	1,808	1,846	-2.1%
Canada	ASMs	347	394	-11.9%	2,365	2,409	-1.8%
	Load Factor	75.2%	75.4%	-0.2 pts	76.4%	76.6%	-0.2 pts
	RPMs	106	98	+8.2%	648	624	+3.8%
U.S. Trans-border	ASMs	162	138	+17.4%	975	913	+6.8%
	Load Factor	65.4%	71.0%	-5.6 pts	66.5%	68.3%	-1.8 pts

COMBINED
(AIR CANADA MAINLINE AND JAZZ)

	JULY			Year-To-Date		
	2008	2007	Change	2008	2007	Change
Traffic (RPMs millions)	5,020	5,051	-0.6%	30,228	29,445	+2.7%
Capacity (ASMs millions)	6,048	6,174	-2.0%	37,024	36,130	+2.5%
Load Factor	83.0%	81.8%	+1.2 pts	81.6%	81.5%	+0.1 pts
RPMs	1,604	1,662	-3.5%	9,548	9,343	+2.2%
Canada ASMs	2,033	2,083	-2.4%	11,854	11,556	+2.6%
Load Factor	78.9%	79.8%	-0.9 pts	80.5%	80.8%	-0.3 pts
RPMs	679	737	-7.9%	4,956	5,189	-4.5%
U.S. Trans-border ASMs	878	922	-4.8%	6,406	6,668	-3.9%
Load Factor	77.3%	79.9%	-2.6 pts	77.4%	77.8%	-0.4 pts

	RPMs	2,737	2,652	+3.2%	15,724	14,913	+5.4%

Internal	ASMs	3,137	3,169	-1.0%	18,764	17,906	+4.8%

	Load						
	Factor	87.2%	83.7%	+3.5 pts	83.8%	83.3%	+0.5 pts
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