



MONTREAL, Jan. 6 /CNW Telbec/ - For the month of December, Air Canada reported a system load factor of 80.8 per cent versus 81.2 per cent in December 2009, a decrease of 0.4 percentage points. System traffic increased 7.2 per cent on a system wide capacity increase of 7.6 per cent. Air Canada reports traffic results on a system basis, including regional airlines from which Air Canada purchases capacity.

"I am proud of our employees who demonstrated their professionalism and care for our customers while maintaining a safe operation during the peak holiday travel period impacted by significant weather-related issues in Europe, the United States and Canada. I want to thank them for achieving both Customer Satisfaction and On-Time Performance objectives for the month despite these challenges. It is especially rewarding that our customers have recognized these efforts and have ranked Air Canada as the Best North American airline in recent readership surveys conducted by two international business magazines for the second consecutive year."

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<b>US Transborder</b>	<b>RPMs</b>	704	627	+12.3%	1,881	1,680	+12.0%	7,879	7,206	+9.3%
	<b>ASMs</b>	934	818	+14.2%	2,543	2,277	+11.7%	10,396	9,579	+8.5%
	<b>LF</b>	75.4%	76.7%	-1.3 pts	74.0%	73.8%	+0.2pts	75.8%	75.2%	+0.6 pts
<b>Atlantic</b>	<b>RPMs</b>	848	863	-1.7%	2,656	2,590	+2.5%	13,177	12,353	+6.7%
	<b>ASMs</b>	1,036	1,024	+1.2%	3,502	3,318	+5.5%	15,897	14,845	+7.1%
	<b>LF</b>	81.9%	84.3%	-2.4 pts	75.8%	78.1%	- 2.3 pts	82.9%	83.2%	-0.3 pts
<b>Pacific</b>	<b>RPMs</b>	759	613	+23.8%	2,252	1,833	+22.9%	9,187	7,513	+22.3%
	<b>ASMs</b>	891	712	+25.1%	2,679	2,178	+23.0%	10,438	8,812	+18.5%
	<b>LF</b>	85.2%	86.1%	- 0.9 pts	84.1%	84.2%	- 0.1 pts	88.0%	85.3%	+2.7 pts
<b>Latin Amer &amp; Other</b>	<b>RPMs</b>	571	523	+9.2%	1,337	1,222	+9.4%	5,798	5,268	+10.1%
	<b>ASMs</b>	721	657	+9.7%	1,701	1,587	+7.2%	7,159	6,656	+7.6%
	<b>LF</b>	79.2%	79.6%	-0.4pts	78.6%	77.0%	+1.6pts	81.0%	79.1%	+1.9 pts

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