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(Includes Disability and Discrimination Complaints)

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INTRODUCTION

The *Air Travel Consumer Report* is a monthly product of the Department of Transportation's Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings (OAEP). The report is designed to assist consumers with information on the quality of services provided by the airlines.

The report is divided into four sections. The sections that deal with flight delays, mishandled baggage and oversales are based on data collected by the Department’s Bureau of Transportation Statistics. The section that deals with consumer complaints is based on data compiled by the OAEP’s Aviation Consumer Protection Division. Each section of the report is preceded by a brief explanation of how to read and understand the information provided.

The report normally is released by the end of the first week of each month. The report is available via the Internet at [http://airconsumer.ost.dot.gov/](http://airconsumer.ost.dot.gov/)
FLIGHT DELAYS

This section provides information about airline on-time performance, flight delays, and cancellations. It is based on data filed by airlines each month with the Department of Transportation’s Bureau of Transportation Statistics (Office of Airline Information), as described in 14 CFR Part 234 of DOT’s regulations. It covers nonstop scheduled-service flights between points within the United States (including territories) by the 16 U.S. air carriers that have at least one percent of total domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues, plus other carriers that report voluntarily.

The rule requires carriers to currently report on operations to and from the 31 U.S. airports that account for at least one percent of the nation's total domestic scheduled-service passenger enplanements (see Appendix for a complete list of the reportable airports). However, all reporting airlines have voluntarily provided data for their entire domestic systems, and that information is included in this report.

A flight is counted as "on time" if it operated less than 15 minutes after the scheduled time shown in the carriers' Computerized Reservations Systems (CRS). All tables in this report except Table 4 are based on gate arrival times; Table 4 is based on gate departure times.

In fulfilling DOT’s data reporting requirements, the reporting air carriers use automated and/or manual systems for collecting flight data. Those using an automated system rely on the Aircraft Communication Addressing and Reporting System (ACARS). Based on the latest information available to DOT, of the 17 reporting air carriers, 9 (America West, American, Atlantic Coast, Continental, ExpressJet, JetBlue, Northwest, United and US Airways) use ACARS exclusively; 3 (AirTran, Atlantic Southeast and Southwest) record arrival times manually; and 5 (Alaska, American Eagle, ATA, Delta and SkyWest) use a combination of ACARS and manual reporting systems.

As indicated above, a carrier may voluntarily file data for its entire domestic system. Tables 2, 3, and 4 are limited to the 31 required or "reportable" airports; Tables 5, 6 and 7 contain data on flights to/from all airports that were reported. Tables 1 and 8 each have one column for the 31 "reportable" airports and another for all of the airports reported; see footnote C for additional explanation.

Tables 1 through 4 display percentages of flight operations that were on time, while Tables 5 and 6 show service that was late. Tables 1, 1A, and 2 present data by carrier; airlines are ranked by performance in Table 1 and are listed in alphabetical order by carrier code in Table 2 (see Appendix for codes). Beginning with the February 1988 report, Table 1A shows carrier rankings by month and time-series data on the percentage of flight operations that arrived on time.

Tables 3 and 4 provide information by airport and time of day. Table 5 is a list of the most frequently delayed flights, showing the percentage of each flight operation that was late that month and the average and median number of minutes the flight was late. The flights with the highest percentage of late operations are listed first in Table 5; where percentages are identical, flights are listed alphabetically by carrier code. Table 6, like Tables 1, 1A, and 2, presents data by carrier, but lists the carriers in rank order from worst to best based on the number of flights which were late 70% of the time or more. Table 7 lists more than 200 cities in alphabetical order with the corresponding on-time arrival and departure percentages.

Tables 3, 4, and 5 contain information on the time of day that a flight operated. All times are local. A 10:50 a.m. departure from Atlanta is 10:50 a.m. Atlanta time; if that flight arrived in Dallas at 11:45 a.m., that is 11:45 a.m. Dallas time. If a flight's scheduled operating time changed during the month, Table 5 shows the time that was in effect for the last flight operation performed that month.

Table 8 displays the number of operations, number of flight cancellations, and percentage of cancellations by air carrier for the reportable airports and for the air carriers’ domestic system.

Table 9 displays airline flight delay causation data by categories and Table 10 provides an overall graphic representation of that data.

This report provides summary information; except for the few flights listed in Table 5, it does not show the on-time record of individual flights. A printout showing the performance of each specific flight reported to DOT is available for inspection in the Reports Reference Room (room 4201) of the Office of Airline Information at DOT's headquarters in Washington, D.C. The on-time performance for individual markets and flights can be searched at http://www.bts.gov/ntda/oaai/. Airline Service Quality Performance data is available for purchase as a CD product from the BTS Product Distribution Center. It can be purchased by calling 202-366-DATA (3282). The Department cannot respond to inquiries about the performance of individual flights.

However, information on the performance of specific flights is displayed on the CRS used by most airlines and travel agencies. Each of the reporting carriers' flights has a one-digit code between 0 and 9 representing that flight's percentage of on-time operations for the latest reported month. For example, "8" means that flight arrived on time (within 15 minutes) between 80% and 89.9% of the time during the latest reported month.
## TABLE 1. OVERALL PERCENTAGE OF REPORTED FLIGHT OPERATIONS ARRIVING ON TIME BY CARRIER

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- All U.S. airlines with at least one percent of total domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues, plus other carriers that report voluntarily. Reporting by AirTran, ATA (formerly American Trans Air), Atlantic Coast, Atlantic Southeast, ExpressJet, JetBlue (voluntarily) and SkyWest effective January 2003. The carriers that are ranked in this table are the same carriers that are ranked in the “Mishandled Baggage” and “Consumer Complaint” sections of this report.
### TABLE 1A. OVERALL PERCENTAGE OF REPORTED FLIGHT OPERATIONS ARRIVING ON TIME AND CARRIER RANK, BY MONTH, QUARTER, AND DATABASE TO DATE

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| Total              | 82.6        | 81.0        | 84.7        | 81.4        | 79.0        | 85.6        | 86.4        | 83.1        | 78.9                   |

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- Note: A power blackout during August, 2003, affected large areas in the Northeastern United States and Canada and adversely affected airline operations.
## Table 2. Number of Reported Flight Arrivals and Percentage Arriving on Time D/ by Carrier and Airport (Reportable Airports Only)

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|                     |                          |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 600 - 659 AM        |                          | 95.4| 94.9| 95.1| 92.3| 93.5| 95.1| 94.8| 96.2| 95.0| 96.5| 99.0| 98.7| 95.1| 96.5| 94.1| 96.1| 98.5| 96.5|     |
| 700 - 759 AM        |                          | 94.0| 91.8| 94.1| 97.8| 97.0| 94.8| 94.9| 93.4| 95.5| 96.7| 96.6| 96.4| 93.2| 96.6| 92.3| 95.9| 98.4| 96.1|     |
| 800 - 859 AM        |                          | 94.5| 92.6| 92.2| 95.7| 92.1| 94.8| 95.3| 91.1| 93.8| 93.9| 99.0| 96.4| 91.7| 95.7| 90.5| 94.3| 97.3| 94.9|     |
| 900 - 959 AM        |                          | 88.5| 92.2| 88.8| 94.6| 95.6| 93.4| 95.1| 89.6| 94.1| 95.6| 97.2| 94.9| 93.0| 89.6| 88.1| 94.6| 97.0| 87.5|     |
| 1000 - 1059 AM      |                          | 91.0| 94.8| 87.0| 92.6| 92.7| 93.2| 91.6| 93.1| 90.8| 95.7| 94.7| 92.3| 91.5| 87.1| 85.3| 94.0| 95.3| 91.2|     |
| 1100 - 1159 AM      |                          | 91.8| 89.7| 85.6| 92.6| 94.6| 93.5| 91.2| 92.6| 92.9| 93.9| 93.5| 95.4| 96.7| 85.9| 86.0| 93.4| 93.8| 89.2|     |
| 1200 - 1259 PM      |                          | 89.3| 93.6| 85.2| 94.1| 93.6| 92.3| 91.1| 91.7| 90.1| 95.2| 91.0| 93.6| 91.3| 85.0| 87.2| 90.4| 97.0| 91.2|     |
| 1300 - 1559 PM      |                          | 88.5| 91.8| 88.5| 85.2| 93.4| 92.7| 87.9| 89.1| 89.9| 92.6| 91.3| 95.3| 86.2| 81.6| 85.5| 89.9| 92.4| 83.6|     |
| 200 - 259 PM        |                          | 89.8| 88.2| 87.0| 92.6| 91.3| 93.7| 87.0| 89.9| 89.4| 90.2| 84.3| 91.1| 89.7| 80.5| 84.2| 89.2| 88.2| 85.6|     |
| 300 - 359 PM        |                          | 87.0| 86.4| 85.1| 92.3| 89.0| 93.1| 89.8| 88.6| 87.8| 88.5| 88.5| 93.9| 92.5| 89.5| 81.6| 86.1| 87.6| 89.3| 82.1|
| 400 - 459 PM        |                          | 82.5| 87.5| 82.5| 90.0| 88.0| 90.7| 93.2| 90.3| 86.1| 82.8| 83.9| 90.7| 91.7| 77.9| 85.3| 90.3| 88.7| 80.4|     |
| 500 - 559 PM        |                          | 78.2| 85.2| 82.9| 91.0| 90.3| 89.8| 87.8| 89.7| 90.6| 81.1| 91.2| 90.5| 83.3| 79.7| 81.7| 87.0| 87.8| 74.6|     |
| 600 - 659 PM        |                          | 80.1| 82.4| 81.1| 90.2| 87.4| 91.9| 88.0| 88.0| 84.5| 82.2| 87.3| 94.3| 84.9| 83.4| 86.1| 85.8| 89.8| 86.4|     |
| 700 - 759 PM        |                          | 81.1| 85.2| 83.6| 86.9| 91.0| 93.3| 86.8| 88.9| 88.4| 79.3| 88.3| 91.8| 87.0| 82.2| 81.6| 86.1| 89.0| 80.0|     |
| 800 - 859 PM        |                          | 82.9| 89.0| 80.0| 88.7| 90.0| 91.1| 89.0| 91.2| 87.2| 73.7| 87.9| 91.9| 80.8| 79.5| 86.8| 85.0| 89.9| 80.9|     |
| 900 - 959 PM        |                          | 83.3| 84.9| 80.1| 91.3| 89.4| 93.8| 85.2| 92.0| 91.1| 91.3| 92.1| 94.9| 90.5| 81.3| 85.7| 91.4| 89.5| 82.9|     |
| 1000 - 1059 PM      |                          | 84.8| 75.3| 71.7| 91.7| 88.9| 87.0| /   | 94.4| 87.5| /   | 93.5| 90.9| 84.3| 88.4| 90.6| /   | 90.3| /   |     |
| 1100 - 1559 AM      |                          | 90.1| 96.6| 86.5| /   | 86.5| /   | 93.5| 98.4| 96.3| 97.1| 97.6| 94.4| /   | 92.2| 92.8| 100.0| 96.8| 100.0|     |

TOTAL, ALL DEPARTURES, BY AIRPORT | 86.9 | 89.3 | 86.4 | 92.0 | 91.5 | 93.0 | 90.6 | 90.6 | 90.4 | 89.2 | 92.1 | 93.4 | 89.2 | 86.1 | 87.3 | 90.9 | 92.8 | 87.0 |

* See Appendix at the end of this section for list of airport codes.
### TABLE 4. PERCENTAGE OF ALL CARRIERS' REPORTED FLIGHT OPERATIONS DEPARTING ON TIME E/
BY AIRPORT AND TIME OF DAY (REPORTABLE AIRPORTS ONLY)

| DEPARTURE AIRPORT* | SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIME | MIA | MSP | ORD | PDX | PHL | PHX | PIT | SAN | SEA | SFO | SLC | STL | TPA | TOTAL |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
|                     | 600 - 659 AM             | 95.5| 94.9| 95.1| 97.1| 96.0| 97.1| 95.8| 93.1| 95.7| 96.3| 93.6| 97.3| 98.1| 95.7|
|                     | 700 - 759 AM             | 90.9| 95.5| 93.1| 93.6| 93.7| 94.1| 93.8| 91.1| 94.9| 96.0| 96.0| 97.0| 97.4| 94.7|
|                     | 800 - 859 AM             | 89.8| 95.6| 92.9| 91.6| 93.5| 91.7| 95.1| 88.2| 92.4| 94.3| 96.3| 96.3| 97.7| 93.6|
|                     | 900 - 959 AM             | 94.4| 95.6| 92.1| 92.6| 85.1| 88.7| 95.1| 86.5| 89.3| 94.3| 94.6| 95.4| 95.2| 91.9|
|                     | 1000 - 1059 AM           | 91.4| 94.1| 92.2| 92.8| 83.3| 87.0| 95.9| 82.7| 90.7| 91.9| 94.8| 96.9| 97.1| 91.4|
|                     | 1100 - 1159 AM           | 91.4| 93.1| 89.5| 91.9| 94.6| 87.5| 94.8| 83.7| 86.1| 90.1| 91.4| 92.1| 95.6| 91.0|
|                     | 1200 - 1259 AM           | 94.7| 93.0| 91.2| 91.4| 91.1| 84.4| 91.8| 83.4| 83.8| 88.4| 92.8| 93.9| 94.8| 90.3|
|                     | 100 - 159 PM             | 90.8| 93.1| 88.8| 89.4| 88.2| 88.2| 93.0| 83.7| 84.6| 89.0| 91.8| 92.0| 93.5| 89.5|
|                     | 200 - 259 PM             | 91.9| 93.0| 84.7| 90.6| 87.1| 80.8| 89.1| 83.6| 79.8| 92.5| 91.8| 86.6| 90.1| 87.9|
|                     | 300 - 359 PM             | 86.6| 89.5| 81.7| 82.0| 84.3| 77.3| 86.7| 84.2| 80.1| 89.0| 90.3| 92.5| 94.2| 87.0|
|                     | 400 - 459 PM             | 86.1| 88.0| 81.7| 88.6| 82.6| 82.8| 91.0| 81.5| 84.7| 92.7| 89.6| 88.6| 89.5| 87.1|
|                     | 500 - 559 PM             | 82.6| 90.9| 81.1| 86.1| 76.7| 80.1| 86.2| 82.1| 82.0| 83.9| 62.2| 82.5| 88.3| 84.2|
|                     | 600 - 659 PM             | 86.9| 91.5| 81.0| 77.7| 81.3| 73.6| 83.1| 88.2| 81.9| 92.6| 90.3| 89.9| 89.8| 85.9|
|                     | 700 - 759 PM             | 88.2| 91.9| 79.7| 86.5| 80.2| 82.5| 87.0| 83.3| 73.1| 89.4| 89.7| 89.9| 94.5| 85.5|
|                     | 800 - 859 PM             | 76.8| 90.1| 81.1| 77.4| 79.8| 79.9| 89.1| 84.3| 75.2| 89.7| 91.5| 80.3| 86.5| 85.2|
|                     | 900 - 959 PM             | J/  | 90.2| 83.3| 89.2| 88.8| 81.5| J/  | 78.7| 81.5| 93.6| 94.0| 93.9| 71.6| 87.5|
|                     | 1000 - 1059 PM           | J/  | 96.2| 98.5| 91.2| 88.0| 77.0| 94.7| 94.4| 90.4| 93.3| 93.8| 81.5| 74.2| 90.0|
|                     | 1100 - 1559 AM           | J/  | 96.3| 100.0|93.6| 90.3| 96.3| J/  | 93.8| 94.3| 93.9| 96.7| J/  | 100.0| 93.0|
|                     | TOTAL, ALL DEPARTURES, BY AIRPORT | 89.5| 92.6| 86.4| 90.2| 85.9| 85.5| 91.7| 85.7| 86.6| 91.8| 92.4| 92.1| 93.1| 89.3|

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**Causes of Delay:**

- **Air Carrier Delay:** The cause of the cancellation or delay was due to circumstances within the airline's control (e.g. maintenance or crew problems, etc.).
- **Extreme Weather Delay:** Significant meteorological conditions (actual or forecasted) that, in the judgment of the carrier, delays or prevents the operation of a flight.
- **National Aviation System Delay:** Delays and cancellations attributable to the national aviation system refer to a broad set of conditions -- non-extreme weather conditions, airport operations, heavy traffic volume, air traffic control, etc.
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*Causes of Delay:

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FOOTNOTES FOR TABLES 1 THROUGH 6 (FLIGHT DELAYS) AND 8 (CANCELLATIONS)

A  See Appendix for list of carrier codes.

B  See Appendix for list of 31 airports for which data must be reported. Data include all reported domestic flight operations to the 31 reportable airports (e.g., Albany to Atlanta, Toledo to Boston).

C  All domestic airports for which carriers reported data. Data include all reported domestic flight operations to the 31 reportable airports and from those airports to other destinations (e.g., Albany to Atlanta, and Atlanta to Albany). In addition, for carriers that reported data for their entire domestic systems, the data also include all reported domestic flight operations between non-required airports (e.g., Albany to Toledo).

D  "On time" means an arrival less than 15 minutes after scheduled arrival time; cancelled and diverted flights are not considered on-time arrivals.

E  "On time" means a departure less than 15 minutes after scheduled departure time; cancelled flights are not considered on-time departures; diverted flights may be on time or late departures, depending on actual departure time.

F  Incomplete data; percentage based on operations reported.

G  Carrier did not report useable data.

H  Carrier did not serve airport.

I  Regularly scheduled flights are those for which the carrier reported at least 15 operations for the month.

J  Blanks in any time interval in Tables 3 and 4 indicate no arrival operations (Table 3) or departure operations (Table 4) for domestic flights of the reporting carriers during that time period. Other carriers, including code-sharing partners, may operate during those periods.

S  Carrier reported data for entire domestic system.

V  Carrier reported data voluntarily.
NOTE: The Department of Transportation has screened the reporting carriers’ data for completeness and verified all arithmetic data elements computed by the carriers (e.g., length of delay). Individual flight operations records with incorrect calculations, erroneous city-pairs, or missing data elements were rejected and excluded from the data base; such rejected records accounted for less than 0.01% of the flight operations records submitted. Any errors in the data base with respect to basic flight data -- non-computed data elements such as flight numbers, scheduled and actual arrival/departure times, days of operation -- are the responsibility of the reporting carrier.

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MISHANDLED BAGGAGE

This section gives the rate of mishandled-baggage reports per 1,000 passengers by carrier and for the industry. The rate is based on the total number of reports each carrier received from passengers concerning lost, damaged, delayed or pilfered baggage. As with the data on flight delays in the previous section, these baggage statistics are filed with DOT’s Bureau of Transportation Statistics (Office of Airline Information) on a monthly basis by U.S. airlines that have at least one percent of total domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues, plus any other airline that voluntarily submits the data. See 14 CFR Part 234.
## OCTOBER
### MISHANDLED BAGGAGE REPORTS
**FILED BY PASSENGERS**
**U.S. AIRLINES**

### OCTOBER 2003

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**TOTALS**  
143,988  
44,535,717  
3.23

**TOTALS**  
121,306  
39,201,555  
3.09

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**TOTAL BAGGAGE REPORTS**—For the domestic system only. These are passenger reports of mishandled baggage, including those that did not subsequently result in claims for compensation.

**ENPLANED PASSENGERS**—For the domestic system only.

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OVERSALES

This section furnishes data on the number of passengers who hold confirmed reservations and are denied boarding ("bumped") from a flight because it is oversold. These figures include only passengers whose oversold flight departs without them; they do not include passengers affected by cancelled, delayed or diverted flights.

The report includes U.S. airlines that have at least one percent of total domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues and operate aircraft with a passenger capacity of more than 60 seats (see footnote on chart for details). It provides system data for scheduled passenger service on domestic flights and data on international flight segments that originate in the United States. Information is displayed for the latest available quarter and for the year to date, for the current period and for the same period in the previous year. The data are reported quarterly to DOT’s Bureau of Transportation Statistics (Office of Airline Information). The reporting requirement is found in 14 C.F.R. 250.10.

These tables give information by carrier on the number of passengers bumped involuntarily and on the number who voluntarily gave up their seat on an oversold flight in exchange for compensation. Also shown is the rate of involuntary denied boardings per 10,000 passengers. This rate determines the order in which carriers are listed; the airline with the lowest rate appears first. The number and rate of involuntary denied boardings include both passengers who received denied boarding compensation and passengers who did not qualify for compensation because of one of the exceptions in the oversales rule. There are three exceptions: 1) passenger accommodated on another flight scheduled to arrive within one hour of the original flight; 2) passenger fails to comply with ticketing, check-in or reconfirmation procedures; and 3) aircraft of smaller capacity is substituted. Totals appear at the end of each table.

The enplanements figures that are used to calculate the involuntary denied boarding rate do not include "shuttle" service on which reservations are not offered, nor do they include inbound international service, since the rule does not apply to these flights.
## JULY-SEPTEMBER 2003

### PASSENGERS DENIED BOARDING

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### JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2003

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**TOTALS**

- **550,770** Denied Boardings (DB's)
- **32,463** Involuntary Denied Boardings (DB's)
- **364,784,977** Enplaned Passengers
- **0.89** DB's per 10,000 psgrs

*For simplicity, statistics are displayed to two decimal places. Actual ranking order is based on our computer carrying out the number of decimal places to nine.*

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*U.S. Airlines with at least one percent of total domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues and operate aircraft with a passenger capacity of more than 60 seats. AirTran, ATA (formerly American Trans Air), Atlantic Southeast, and JetBlue are ranked in this table for the first time effective with this quarter. With the exception of Atlantic Coast Airlines, ExpressJet Airlines and SkyWest Airlines (which operate aircraft with less than 61 seats), the carriers that are ranked in this table are the same carriers that are ranked in the “Flight Delay,” “Consumer Complaint” and “Mishandled Baggage” sections of this report.*
CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

This section summarizes aviation consumer complaints filed with the Department in writing, by telephone, via e-mail, or in person. DOT has not determined the validity of the complaints. The report does not include safety complaints (which are handled by the Federal Aviation Administration) or security complaints (which are handled by the Transportation Security Administration). An explanation of each section of the report appears below:

Summary - Table 1 gives the total number of complaints, and also breaks down complaints by industry groups (U.S. airlines, tour operators, etc.). As with most other sections of the report, figures for the current month are compared to the same month in the previous year.

Complaint Categories - Table 2 ranks the categories of complaints (baggage, refunds, etc.). Beginning with the October 2000 report, “Animals” was added as a new category. A detailed explanation of each category appears at the end of the report.

U.S. Airlines - Table 3 shows the number of complaints against individual U.S. airlines, listed alphabetically and broken down by complaint category.

Incident Date - Table 4 shows the number of complaints against individual U.S. airlines, listed alphabetically and broken down by the percentage of complaints where the incident occurred in the most recent month versus previous periods (Table 4 data is not included in YTD reports).

Companies Other Than U.S. Airlines - Table 5 (Table 4 in YTD reports) provides the same information as above for foreign airlines, and for tour operators, travel agents, etc.

Airline Rankings - Table 6 (Table 5 in YTD reports) ranks the largest U.S. airlines (those that each account for one percent of total domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues, plus any other carrier that voluntarily reports flight delay and mishandled baggage data to DOT) according to the rate of complaints per 100,000 passengers. This ranking takes into account airline size when identifying the carriers against whom the most complaints have been filed.
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* COMPANIES ARE LISTED INDIVIDUALLY IF DOT RECEIVED 5 OR MORE COMPLAINTS AGAINST THEM DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. COMPLAINTS AGAINST COMPANIES ACCOUNTING FOR FEWER COMPLAINTS THAN THAT ARE INCLUDED UNDER 'OTHER FOREIGN AIRLINES,' 'OTHER TOUR OPERATORS,' ETC.

** A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE COMPLAINT CATEGORIES FOLLOWS THIS SECTION.
### Table 6

**OCTOBER**

**CONSUMER COMPLAINTS: RANKINGS**

**U.S. AIRLINES** *

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**Note:** For simplicity, statistics are displayed to two decimal places. Actual ranking order is based on our computer carrying out the number of decimal places to nine.

* U.S. Airlines with at least one percent of total domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues, plus any other carrier that voluntarily reports flight delay and mishandled baggage data to DOT. The carriers that are ranked in this table are the same carriers that are ranked in the “Flight Delay” and “Mishandled Baggage” sections. The April 2003 ATCR included the first ranking of Airtran, ATA (formerly American Trans Air), Atlantic Coast, Atlantic Southeast, ExpressJet, JetBlue (voluntarily) and SkyWest.
**COMPLAINT CATEGORIES**

**Flight Problems:** Cancellations, delays, or any other deviations from schedule, whether planned or unplanned.

**Oversales:** All bumping problems, whether or not the airline complied with DOT oversale regulations.

**Reservations, Ticketing, Boarding:** Airline or travel agent mistakes made in reservations and ticketing; problems in making reservations and obtaining tickets due to busy telephone lines or waiting in line, or delays in mailing tickets; problems boarding the aircraft (except oversales).

**Fares:** Incorrect or incomplete information about fares, discount fare conditions and availability, overcharges, fare increases and level of fares in general.

**Refunds:** Problems in obtaining refunds for unused or lost tickets, fare adjustments, or bankruptcies.

**Baggage:** Claims for lost, damaged or delayed baggage, charges for excess baggage, carry-on problems, and difficulties with airline claims procedures.

**Customer Service:** Rude or unhelpful employees, inadequate meals or cabin service, treatment of delayed passengers.

**Disability:** Civil rights complaints by air travelers with disabilities.

**Advertising:** Advertising that is unfair, misleading or offensive to consumers.

**Discrimination:** Civil rights complaints by air travelers (other than disability); for example, complaints based on race, national origin, religion, etc.

**Animals:** Loss, injury or death of an animal during air transport provided by an air carrier.

**Other:** Frequent flyer, smoking, tours credit, cargo problems, security, airport facilities, claims for bodily injury, and others not classified above.