

# Monthly civil aviation statistics, March 2017

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The six Canadian Level I air carriers flew 7.0 million passengers on scheduled and charter services in March, up 10.0% from March 2016.

Traffic increased 12.0% to 17.4 billion passenger-kilometres, while capacity rose 12.4% to 21.1 billion available seat-kilometres. This resulted in a slightly lower passenger load factor in March 2017 (82.4%) than in March 2016 (82.7%), as capacity growth outpaced traffic growth.

The volume of turbo fuel consumed rose 10.8% to 638.9 million litres, while the number of flying hours increased 6.7% to 189,000.

Total operating revenue increased 5.1% from the same month a year earlier to \$1.8 billion in March.

## Note to readers

*The Monthly Civil Aviation Survey covers all Canadian Level I air carriers: Air Canada (including Air Canada rouge), Air Transat, Jazz, Porter, Sunwing and WestJet.*

*Data in this monthly release are not seasonally adjusted.*

*Data for February 2017 have been revised.*

*Beginning with the reference month January 2017, the Monthly Civil Aviation Survey is produced using Statistics Canada's [Integrated Business Statistics Program](#) (IBSP). Detailed information about the IBSP is available from the Behind the data module of our website.*

*Changes were made to the collection method, questionnaire content, imputation and estimation, therefore users should exercise caution when comparing actual data to historical data prior to January 2017.*

*A summary of changes is available under Definitions, data sources and methods: 5026 – Monthly Civil Aviation Survey.*

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**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [5026](#).**

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