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## Major Airlines of the World



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World's Top Airlines, the heavyweights of the airline industry. Below is a sortable list of the world's largest airlines ranked by the amount of passengers. Ranked are airlines with more than 10 million passengers annually. Leading on top, three of the biggest US airlines: Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines, and American Airlines.

For more information about the airline companies click on the link to connect to the official site of an airline. More information about the hub airports and their location you can find under the headquarter links.

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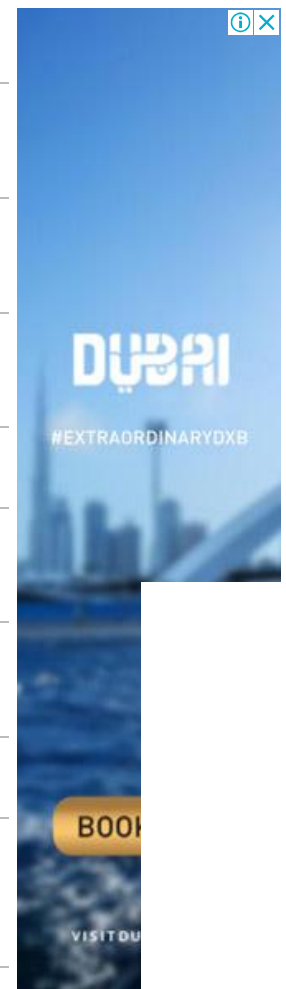
Airline	Passengers (in million) 2009	Passengers (in million) 2010	Main Hub	Headquarter City	Country
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**Africa/Middle East**

Emirates Airline	27,454	31,422	Dubai International Airport	Dubai	United Arab Emirates
Qatar Airways	10,212	12,392	Doha International Airport	Doha	Qatar
Saudi Arabian Airlines	18,334	18,172	Jeddah-King Abdulaziz International	Jeddah	Saudi Arabia

**Asia/Pacific**

AirAsia	14,253	16,055	Kuala Lumpur International Airport	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia
Air China	39,841	46,241	Beijing Capital International Airport	Beijing	China
Air New Zealand Group	12,368	12,324	Auckland Airport	Auckland	New Zealand
ANA - All Nippon Airways	44,562	45,743	Narita International Airport (IATA code: NRT)	Tokyo	Japan
Asiana Airlines	12,372	13,944	Incheon International Airport	Seoul	South Korea
Cathay Pacific	24,558	26,796	Hong Kong International Airport	Hong Kong	China
Cebu Pacific Air		10,460	Ninoy Aquino International Airport	Manila	Philippines
China Airlines	10,024	11,326	Taiwan Taoyuan International	Taipei	Taiwan
China Eastern Airlines	44,043	64,878	Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport	Shanghai	China
China Southern Airlines	66,279	76,455	Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport	Guangzhou	China
Garuda Indonesia	11,206	12,775	Soekarno-Hatta International Airport	Jakarta	Indonesia
Hainan Group	17,879	18,626	Haikou Meilan International Airport	Haikou, Hainan	China
JAL Group(Japan Airlines)	47,952	34,795	Narita International Airport and	Tokyo	Japan



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Jet Airways	12,039	14,667	Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport	Mumbai	India
Jetstar	10,233	12,277	Melbourne Airport	Melbourne	Australia
Kingfisher Airlines	11,060	12,012	Bengaluru International Airport	Bangalore	India
Korean Air	20,410	22,926	Incheon International Airport	Seoul	South Korea
Lion Air	13,377	20,500	Soekarno-Hatta International Airport	Jakarta	Indonesia
Malaysia Airlines	11,947	13,112	Kuala Lumpur International Airport	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia
Qantas	23,622	22,540	Sydney Airport	Sydney	Australia
Shenzhen Airlines	15,109	17,568	Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport	Shenzhen	China
Singapore Airlines	16,480	16,647	Singapore Changi Airport	Singapore	Singapore
Thai Airways International	18,477	18,165	Suvarnabhumi Airport	Bangkok	Thailand
Vietnam Airlines		12,300	Noi Bai International Airport Tan Son Nhat International Airport	Hanoi Ho Chi Minh City	Vietnam
Virgin Blue Airlines	18,251	19,009	Brisbane Airport	Brisbane	Australia

**Europe**

Aer Lingus	10,382	9,346	Belfast International	Belfast	United Kingdom
Aeroflot Russian Airlines		11,286	Sheremetyevo International Airport	Moscow	Russia
Air Berlin Group	27,911	33,593	Berlin-Tegel Airport	Berlin	Germany
Air France KLM	71,394	71,320	Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport	Paris	France
Alitalia	21,728	23,355	Leonardo da Vinci-Fiumicino Airport	Rome	Italy

<a href="#">Austrian Airlines Group</a>	9,945	10,895	<a href="#">Vienna International Airport</a>	<a href="#">Vienna</a>	<a href="#">Austria</a>
<a href="#">British Airways</a>	31,825	24,088	<a href="#">London Heathrow Airport.</a>	<a href="#">London</a>	<a href="#">United Kingdom</a>
<a href="#">easyJet</a>	45,164	48,800	<a href="#">London Luton Airport</a>	<a href="#">London</a>	<a href="#">United Kingdom</a>
<a href="#">Iberia Group merged with British Airways to form International Airlines Group IAG</a>	25,560	---	<a href="#">Madrid-Barajas Airport</a> <a href="#">Barcelona El Prat Airport</a>	<a href="#">London</a> (Head office) <a href="#">Madrid</a> (Registered office)	<a href="#">United Kingdom</a> <a href="#">Spain</a>
<a href="#">Lufthansa</a>	55,589	58,916	<a href="#">Flughafen Frankfurt am Main</a>	<a href="#">Frankfurt</a>	<a href="#">Germany</a>
<a href="#">Norwegian Air Shuttle</a> trading as <a href="#">Norwegian</a>	10,754	13,029	<a href="#">Oslo Airport, Copenhagen, Stockholm-Arlanda, Helsinki-Vantaa</a>		<a href="#">Norway</a>
<a href="#">Ryanair</a>	66,500	72,100	<a href="#">Dublin Airport</a>	<a href="#">Dublin</a>	<a href="#">Ireland</a>
<a href="#">SAS Scandinavian Airlines</a>	21,383	21,532	<a href="#">Copenhagen Airport</a> <a href="#">Stockholm-Arlanda Airport</a> <a href="#">Oslo Airport</a>	<a href="#">Copenhagen</a> <a href="#">Stockholm</a> <a href="#">Oslo</a>	<a href="#">Denmark</a> <a href="#">Sweden</a> <a href="#">Norway</a>
<a href="#">Swiss</a>	13,784	14,132	<a href="#">Zurich Airport</a>	<a href="#">Zurich</a>	<a href="#">Switzerland</a>
<a href="#">Thomson Airways</a>	11,239	10,965	<a href="#">London Luton Airport</a>	<a href="#">London</a>	<a href="#">United Kingdom</a>
<a href="#">Turkish Airlines (THY)</a>	25,099	29,099	<a href="#">Atatürk International Airport</a>	<a href="#">Istanbul</a>	<a href="#">Turkey</a>
<a href="#">Vueling Airlines</a>		11,036	<a href="#">Barcelona El Prat Airport</a>	<a href="#">Barcelona</a>	<a href="#">Spain</a>
<b>Latin America/ Caribbean</b>					
<a href="#">Avianca</a>	10,157	11,663	<a href="#">El Dorado International Airport</a>	<a href="#">Bogotá</a>	<a href="#">Colombia</a>
<a href="#">AviancaTaca</a>		17,420	<a href="#">El Dorado International Airport</a>  <a href="#">Comalapa International Airport</a>	<a href="#">Bogotá</a>  <a href="#">San Salvador</a>	<a href="#">Colombia</a>  <a href="#">El Salvador</a>
<a href="#">Gol Linhas Aereas</a>	28,385	32,122	<a href="#">Congonhas Airport - CGH</a>	<a href="#">São Paulo</a>	<a href="#">Brazil</a>
<a href="#">LAN Airlines</a>	15,406	17,293	<a href="#">Santiago</a>	<a href="#">Santiago</a>	<a href="#">Chile</a>

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<a href="#">TAM Linhas Aereas</a>	28,957	34,553	Guarulhos International Airport	<a href="#">São Paulo</a>	<a href="#">Brazil</a>
<b>North America</b>					
<a href="#">Air Canada</a>	22,206	23,615	Toronto Pearson International Airport,	<a href="#">Montreal, Quebec</a>	<a href="#">Canada</a>
<a href="#">AirTran Airways</a>	23,998	24,721	Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport	<a href="#">Atlanta</a>	<a href="#">USA</a>
<a href="#">Alaska Airlines</a>	15,561	16,514	Seattle—Tacoma International Airport, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, Portland International Airport	<a href="#">Seattle</a> <a href="#">Anchorage</a> <a href="#">Portland</a>	<a href="#">USA</a>
<a href="#">American Airlines</a>	85,719	86,204	Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport	<a href="#">Dallas Fort Worth</a>	<a href="#">USA</a>
<a href="#">American Eagle Airlines</a> regional affiliate of American Airlines, (AA)		16,246	Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport	<a href="#">Dallas Fort Worth</a>	<a href="#">USA</a>
<a href="#">Atlantic Southeast Airlines</a>	13,170	13,931	Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport	<a href="#">Atlanta</a>	<a href="#">USA</a>
<a href="#">Continental Airlines</a> merged with United Airlines in 2010 to United Continental	45,573	---	George Bush Intercontinental Airport	<a href="#">Houston</a>	<a href="#">USA</a>
<a href="#">Delta Air Lines</a>	161,047	162,615	Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport	<a href="#">Atlanta</a>	<a href="#">USA</a>
<a href="#">ExpressJet Airlines</a>	13,395	16,442	LA/Ontario International	<a href="#">Los Angeles/</a>	<a href="#">USA</a>

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<a href="#">Frontier Airlines</a>	10,261	9,242	<a href="#">Denver International Airport</a>	<a href="#">Indianapolis</a>	<a href="#">USA</a>
<a href="#">JetBlue Airways</a>	22,450	24,254	John F. Kennedy International Airport	<a href="#">New York</a>	<a href="#">USA</a>
<a href="#">Mesa Airlines</a>	10,963	9,042	Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport	<a href="#">Phoenix</a>	<a href="#">USA</a>
<a href="#">Pinnacle Airlines</a>	10,771	10,537	Memphis International Airport	<a href="#">Memphis</a>	<a href="#">USA</a>
<a href="#">SkyWest Airlines</a>	21,246	24,218	Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport Atlanta	<a href="#">St. George</a>	<a href="#">USA</a>
<a href="#">Southwest Airlines</a>	101,430	106,307	(Point-to-point transit)	<a href="#">Dallas</a>	<a href="#">USA</a>
<a href="#">United Airlines</a> merged with Continental to form United Continental trading as <a href="#">United</a>	56,083	99,452	O'Hare International Airport George Bush Intercontinental Airport	<a href="#">Chicago</a> <a href="#">Houston</a>	<a href="#">USA</a>
<a href="#">US Airways</a>	51,016	51,853	Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport	<a href="#">Phoenix</a>	<a href="#">USA</a>
<a href="#">WestJet</a>	14,039	15,174	Calgary International Airport	<a href="#">Calgary</a>	<a href="#">Canada</a>

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