

Connecting Skies: Uniting People, Places & Possibilities



The Story of U.S. & Global Air Travel

Since 1990, **800K flights** have connected the U.S. and the world, bridging people, businesses, and cultures across borders. The strongest ties remain with our closest neighbours, shaping the way we travel and interact.

But behind the numbers, there is a bigger story—which cities serve as the busiest gateways? How has international air traffic evolved over the years? What trends are redefining global connectivity?

Let's explore the movement of millions—because every flight tells a story!

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Connecting Skies: Air Traffic Between US and the World



Total Flights Taken

800K

Total Passenger Miles

5.28bn

Top Connecting Airports

JFK - YYZ

Busiest International City

Toronto

Year Selection Slicer

1990

2024

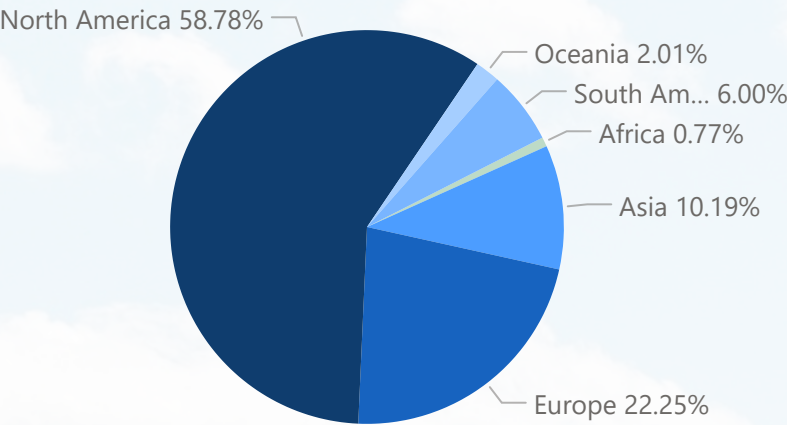
💡 Facts that will amaze you

Air traffic Increased by 4.34%. On average the total Air Service Metric flown by scheduled service and charter operations was 6595.43.

North America led the way with 470,234 flights connecting the travellers.

The skies fell silent in 2020; by 2023, air travel had rebounded with 32,453 flights.

Total Flights per Continent



Flight Traffic Yearly Trend

All Years

1990 to 99

2000 to 09

2010 to 19

2020 to 24



Connecting Skies: U.S. Airports



Busiest Month

March

Busiest Quarter

Q1

Busiest U.S. Airport

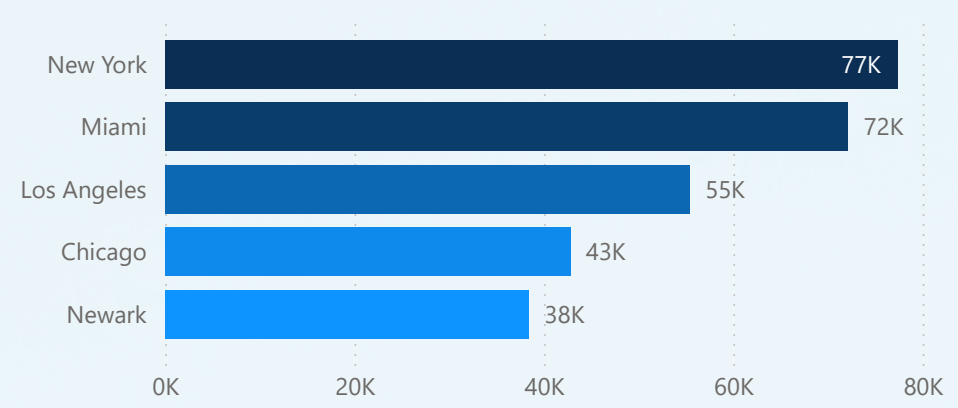
John F Kennedy International Airport

Year Selections

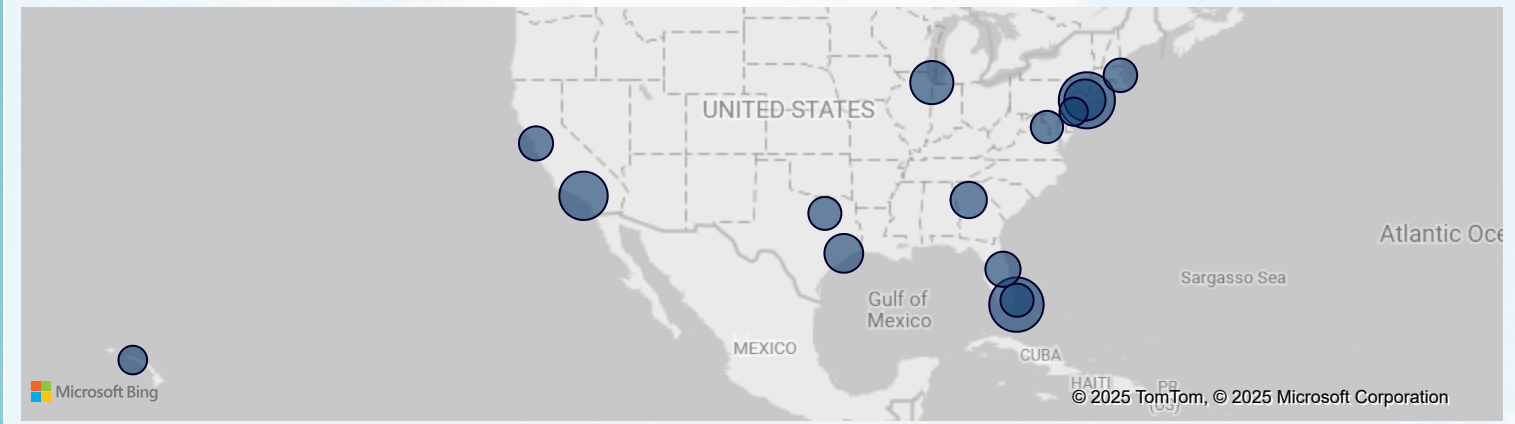
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Top 5 U.S. Cities by Flight Volume

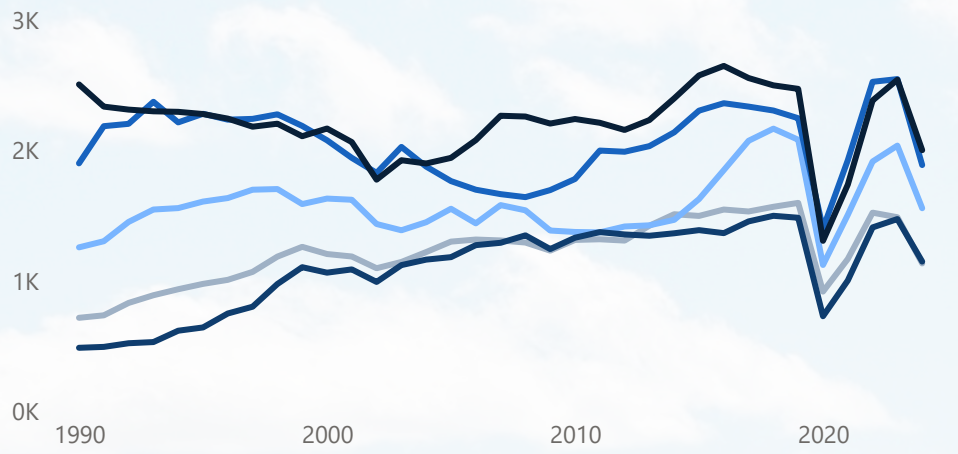


Top 15: Total Flights per U.S. Cities

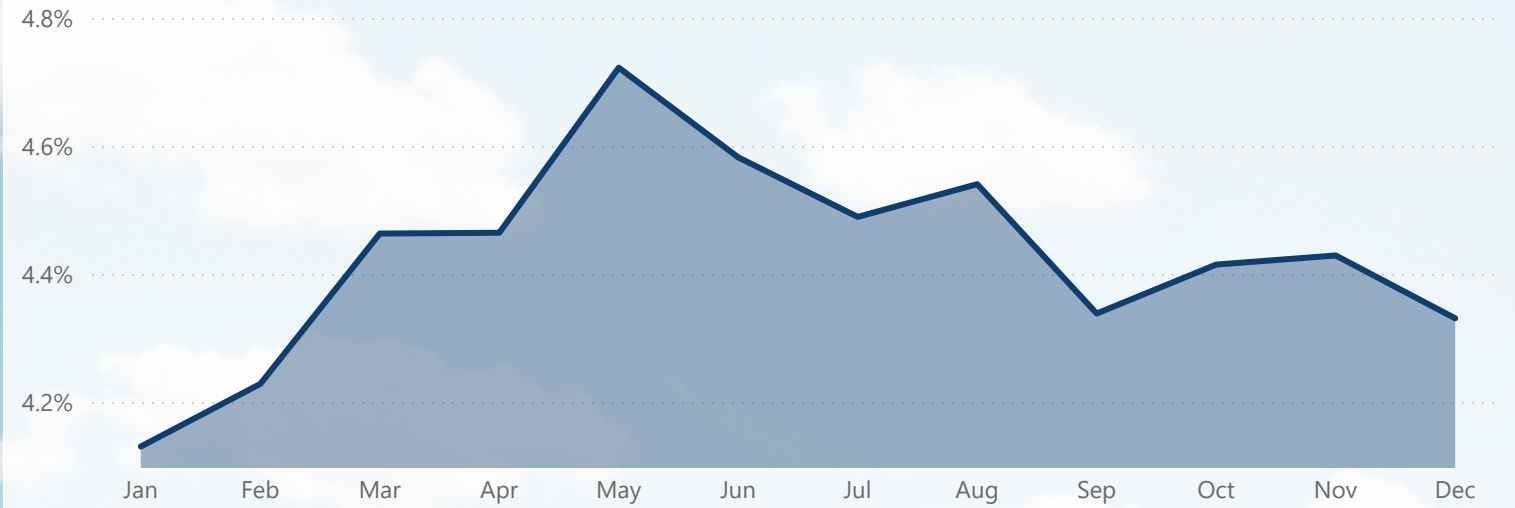


Top 5 U.S. Cities by Number of Flights Over the Years

City ● Chicago ● Los Angeles ● Miami ● New York ● Newark



Flight Growth Trends: Year-over-Year Percentage Change by Month



Connecting Skies: International Airports



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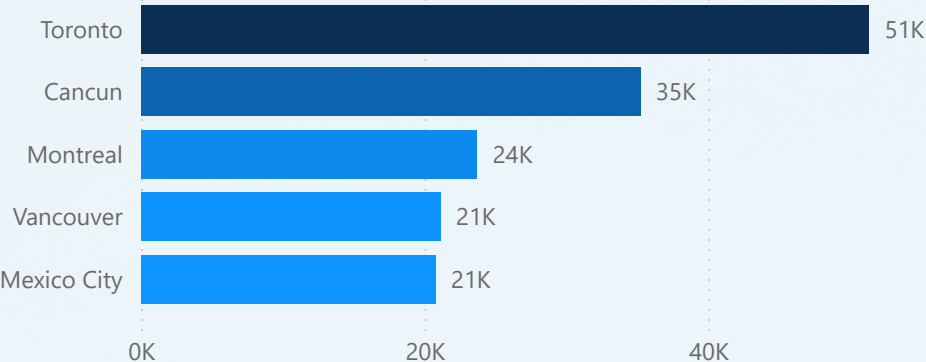
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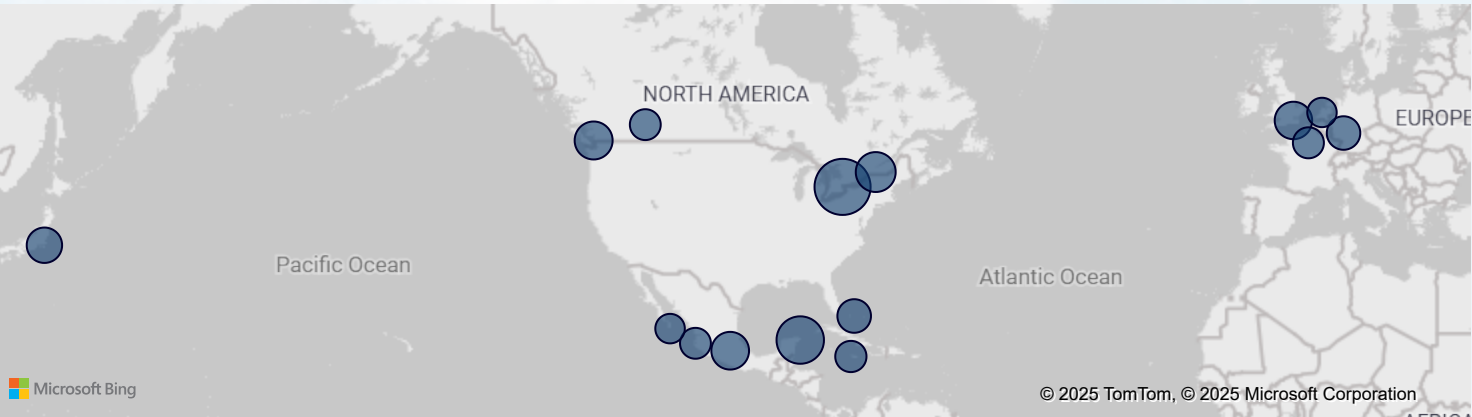
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Top 5 International Cities by Flight Volume

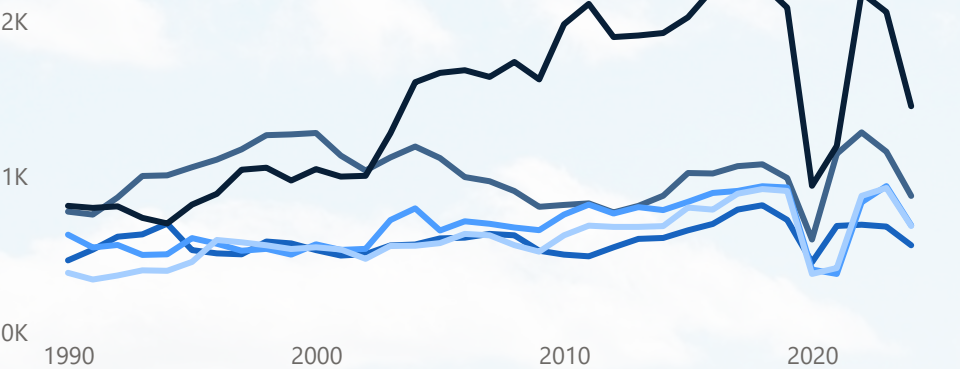


Top 15: Total Flights per International Cities



Top 5 International Cities by Number of Flights Over the Years

InternationalMuni... ● Cancun ● Mexico ... ● Montreal ● Toronto ● Vancouver



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Connecting Skies: Airline Carriers



Number of Unique Airlines

592

Average Miles Flown

6.60K

Carrier Group

Foreign Air

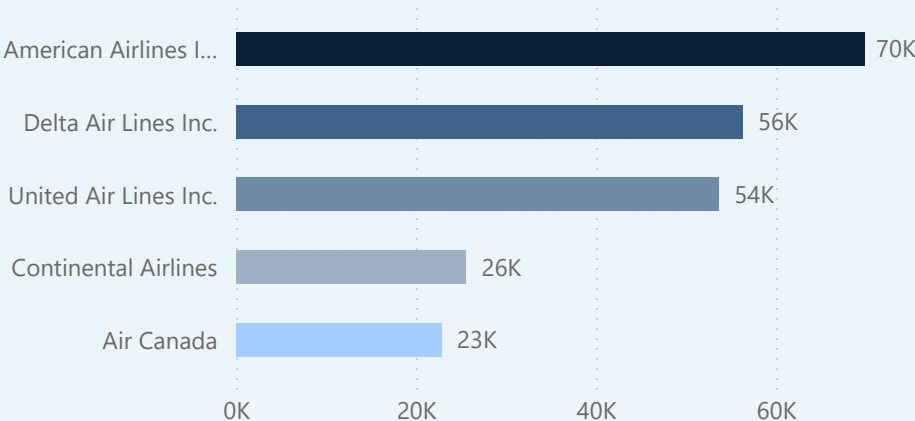
US Domestic Air

Year Selections

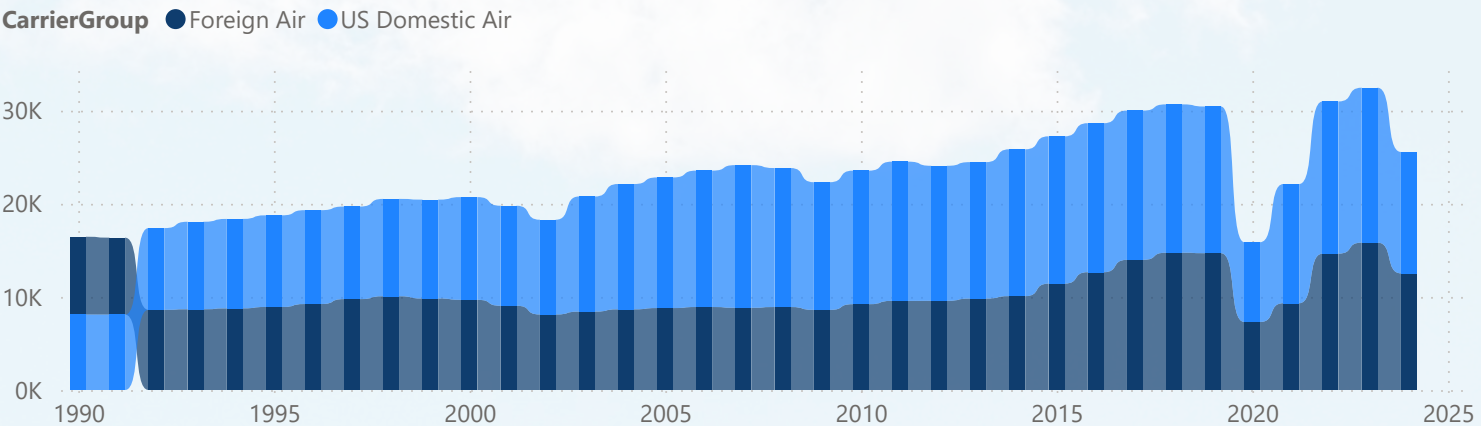
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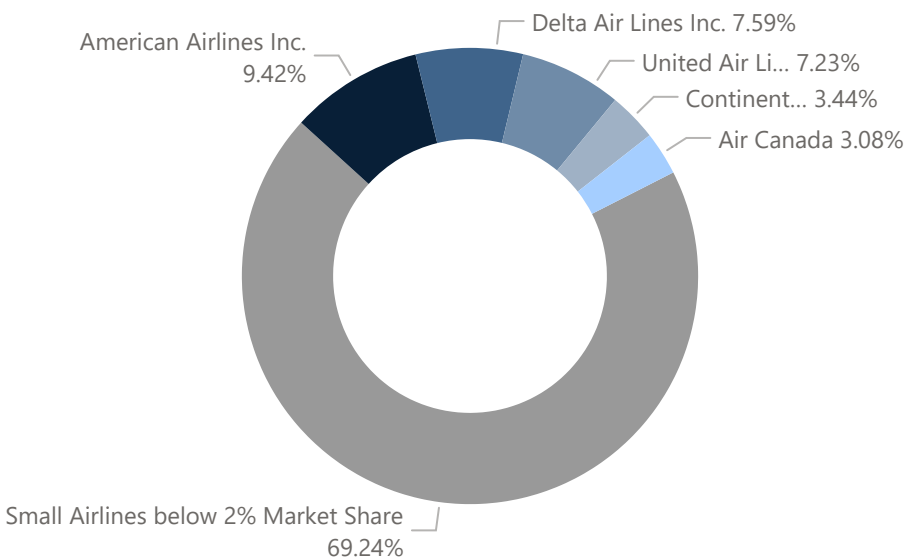
Top 5 Airlines by Total Flights



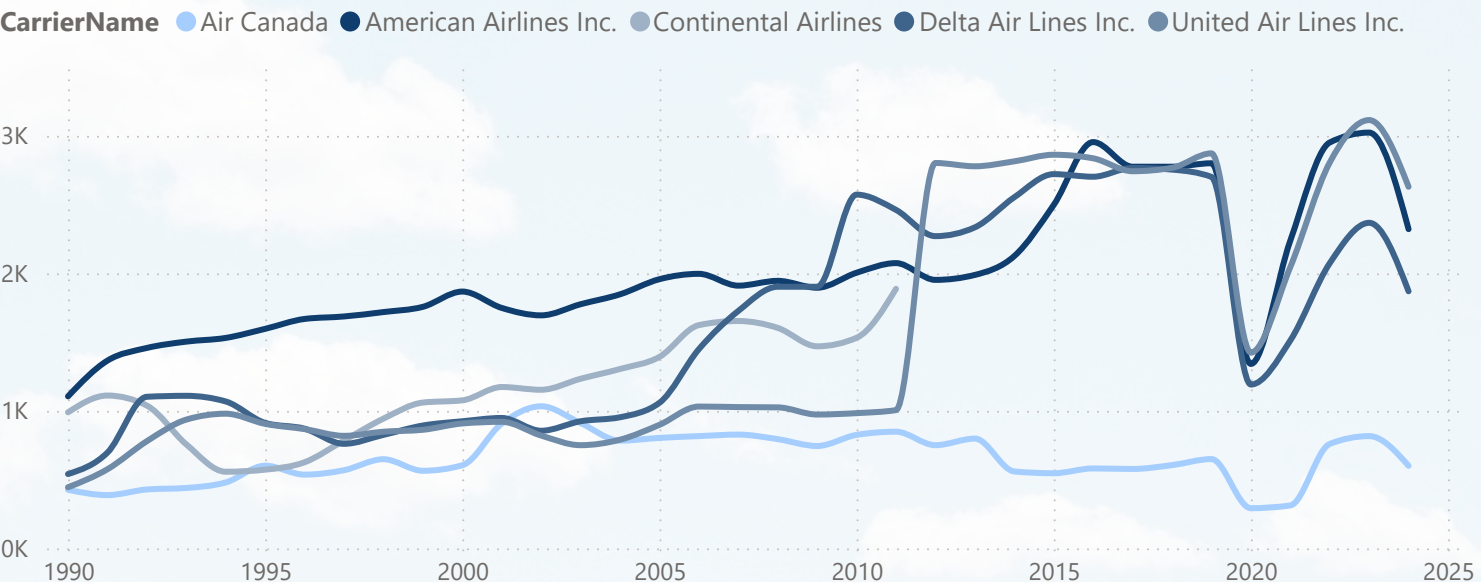
Total Flight Rankings by Carrier Groups Over the Years



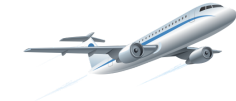
Top 5 Airlines Market Share Vs Small Cap Airlines



Top 5 Airlines by Total Flights Over Time



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