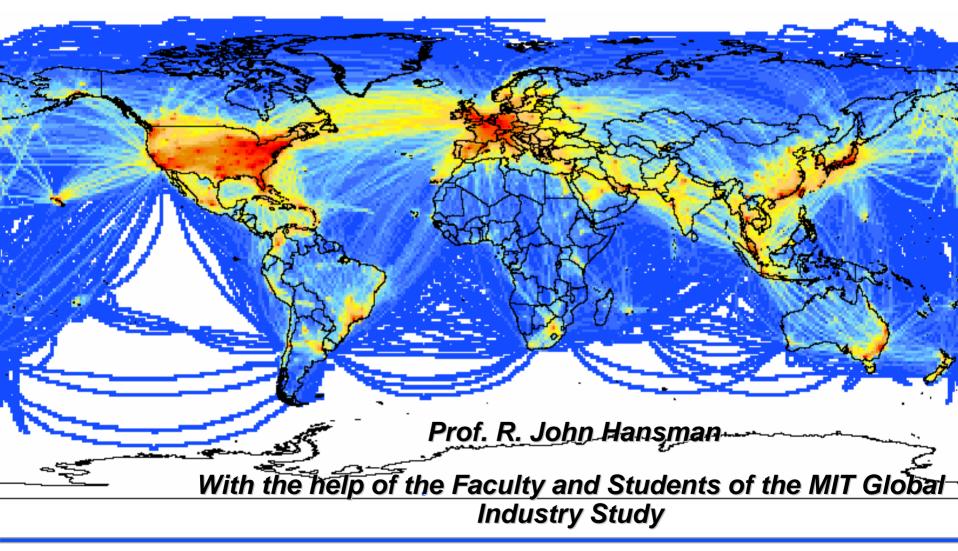


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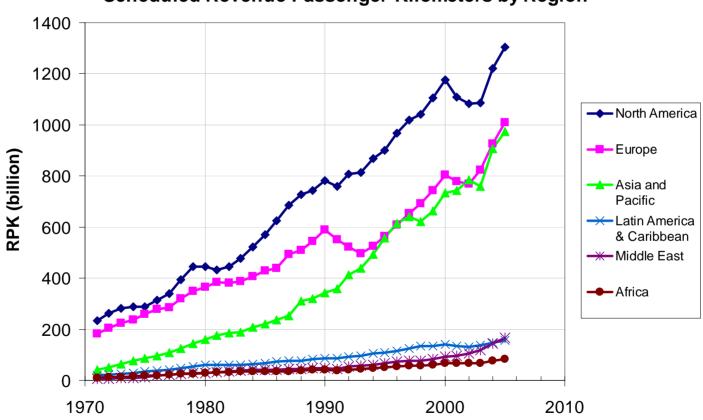


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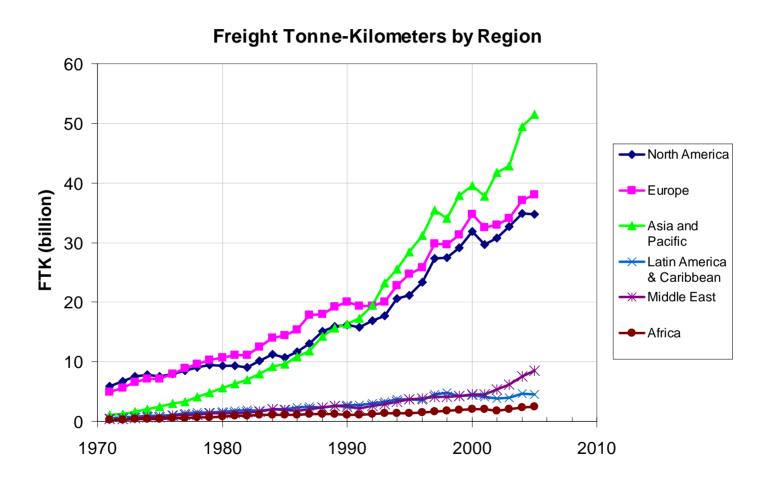
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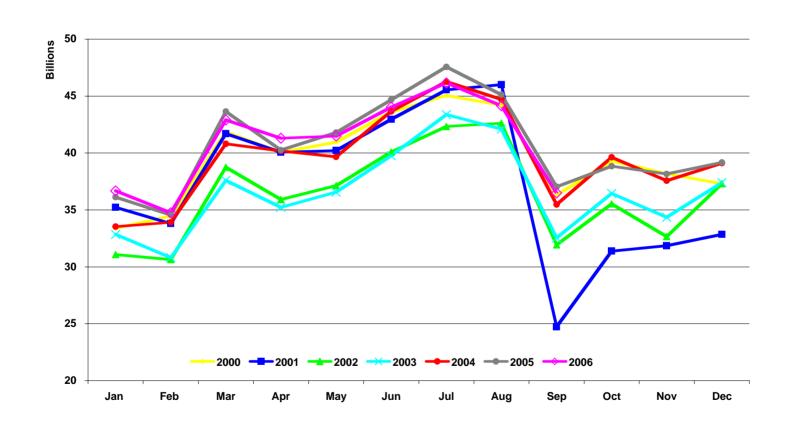


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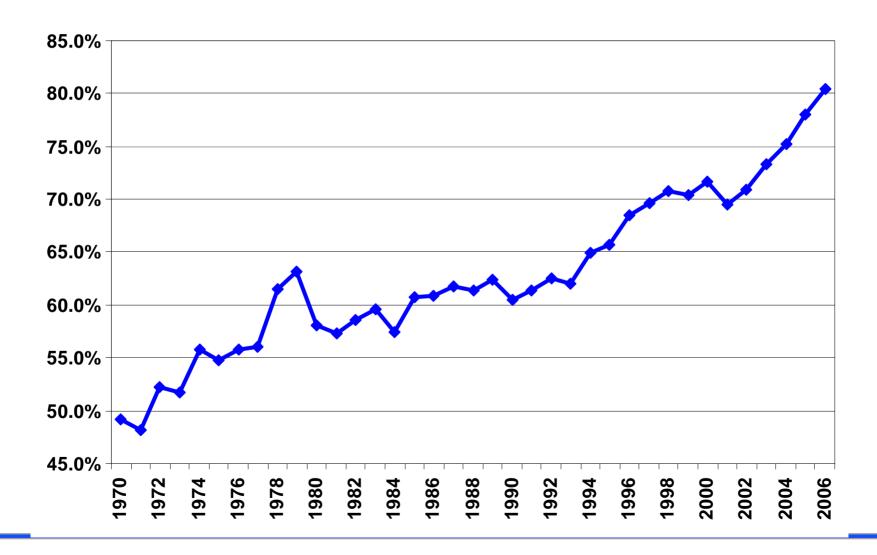


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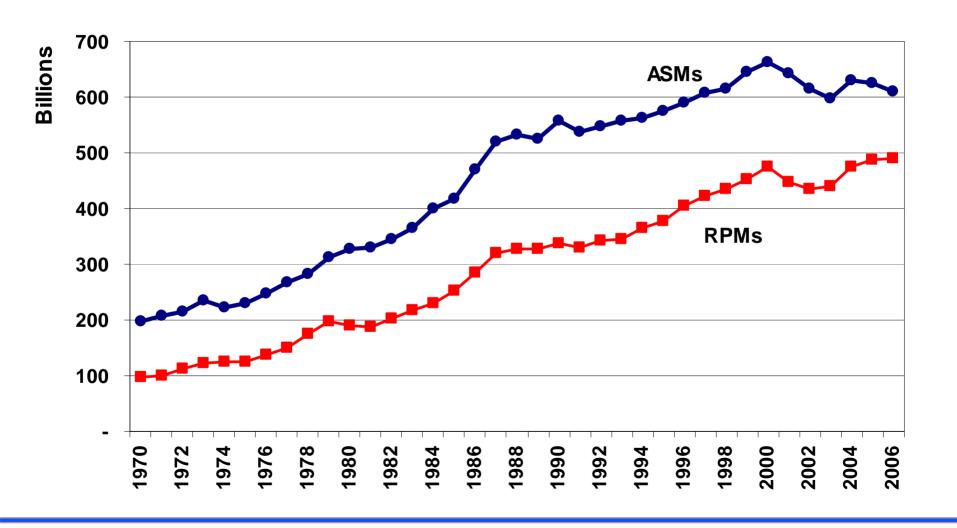


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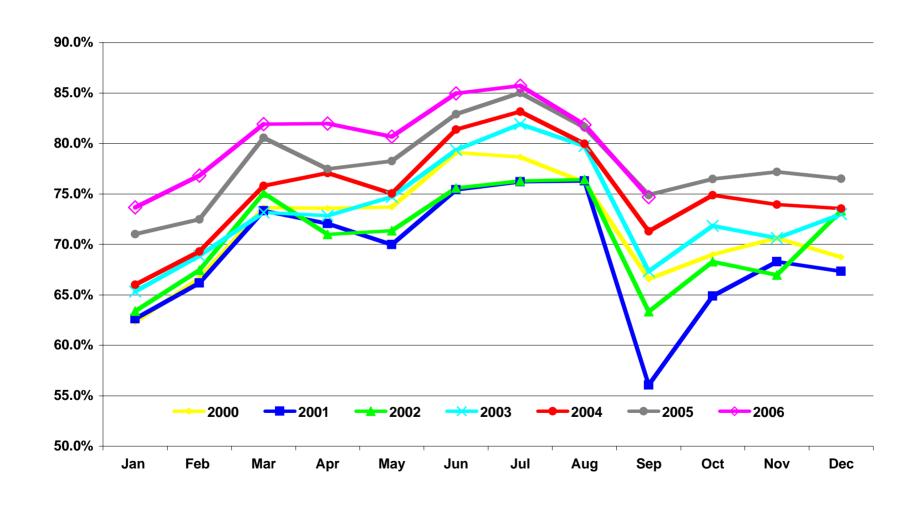


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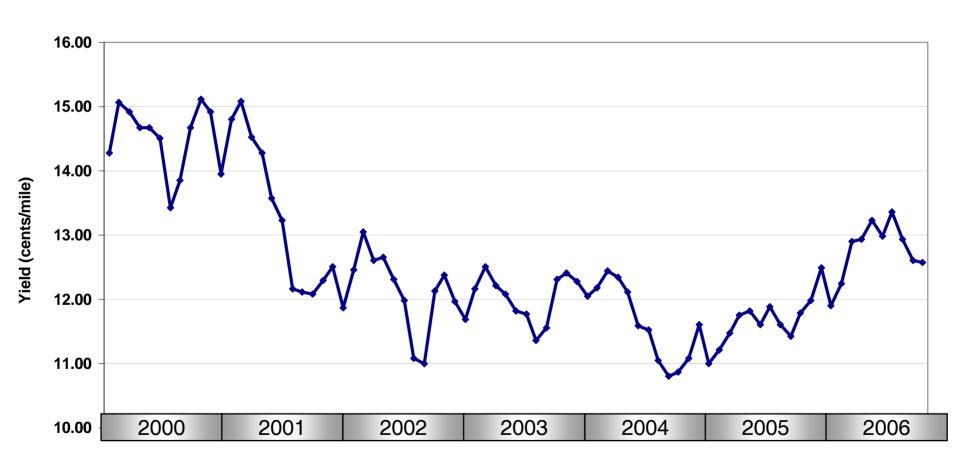


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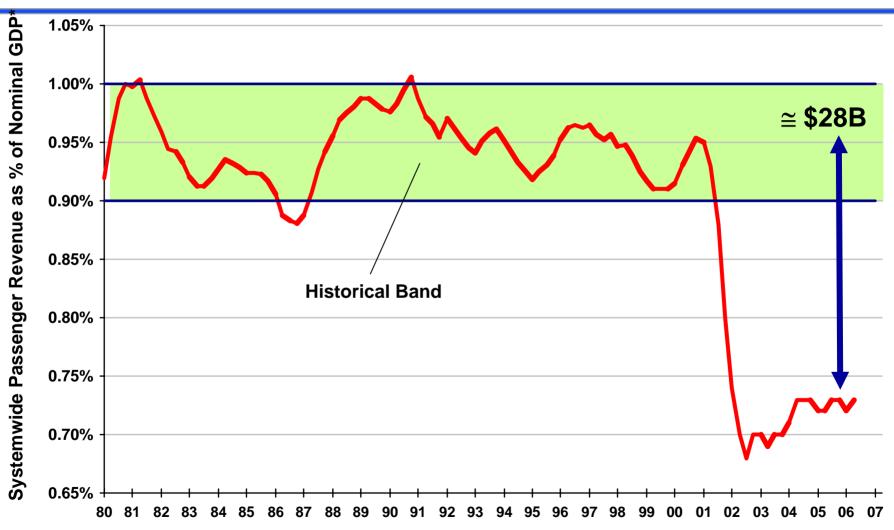
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# Spending on Air Travel Has Fallen as % of U.S. Economy

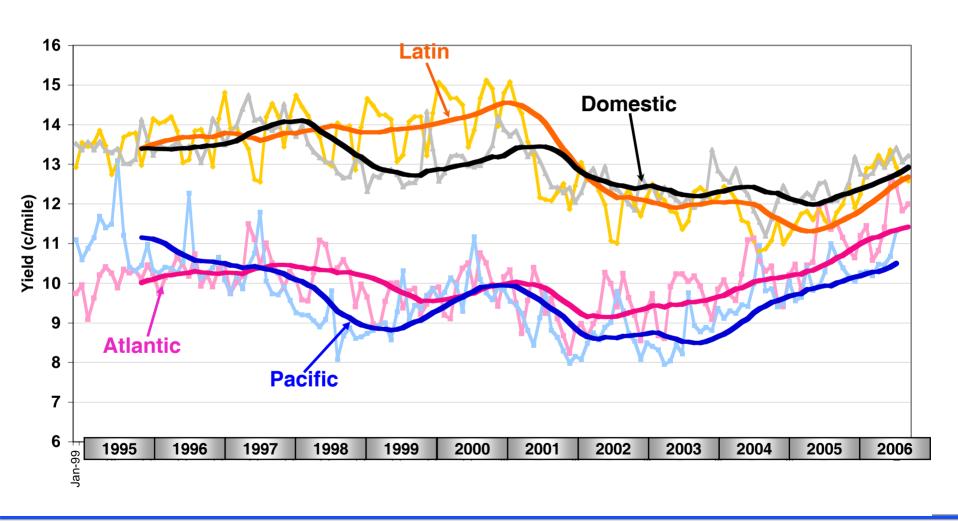
ICAT Recent Quarters' Modest Recovery Still \$28B Short of Historical Norm



\*Four-quarter rolling passenger revenue derived from government filings of U.S. passenger airlines

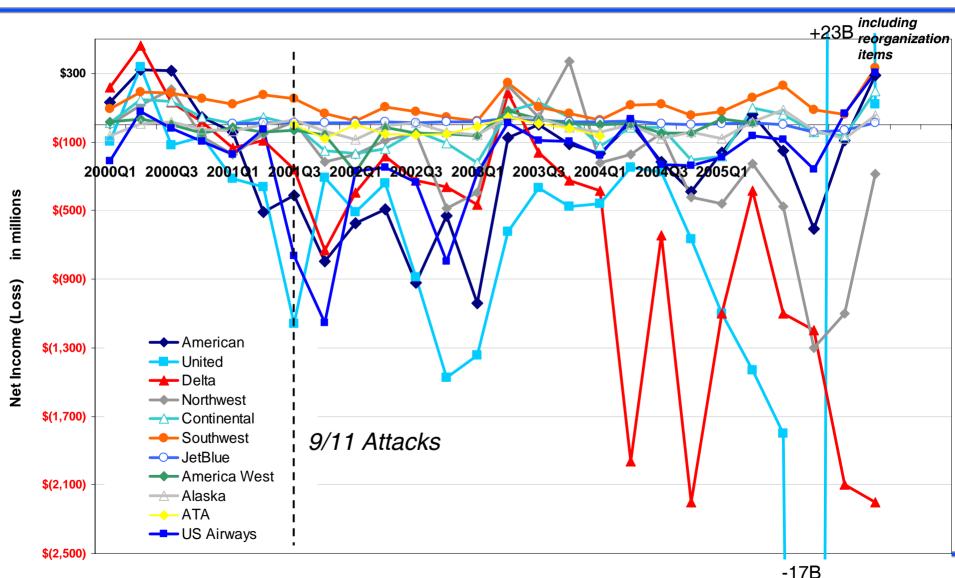


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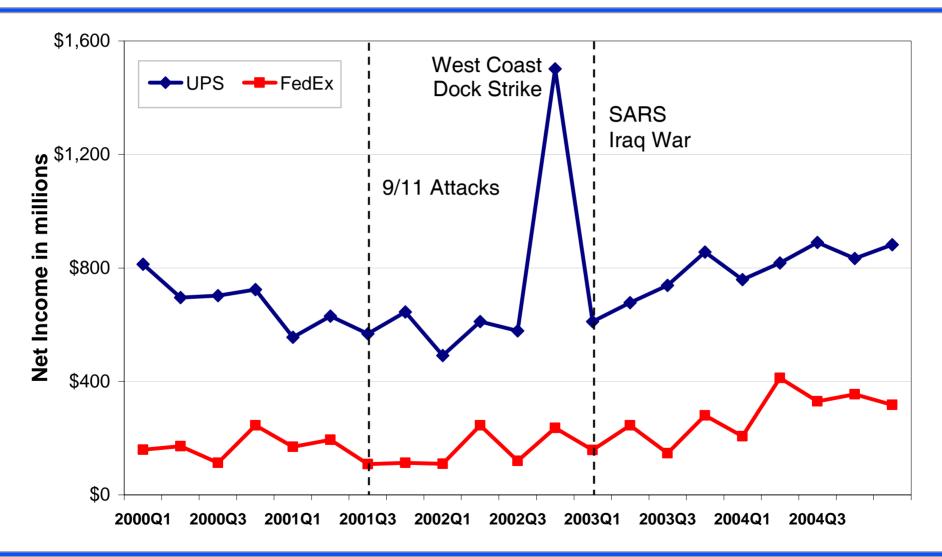


### **Airline Profits**



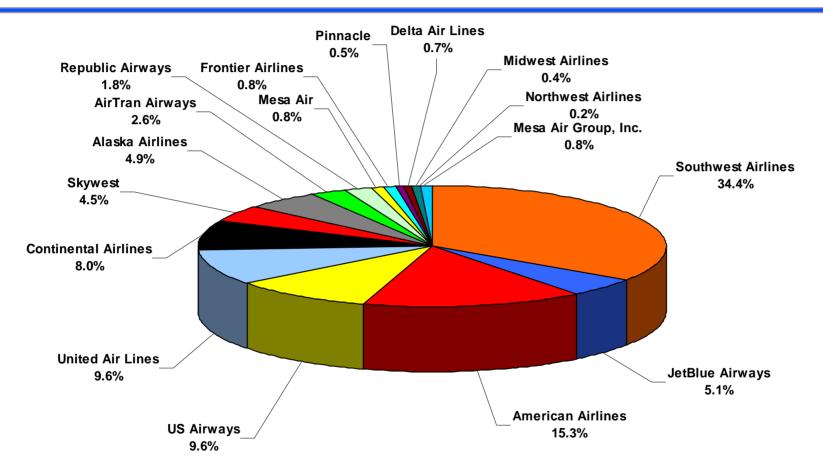


# Cargo Operations Remain Profitable





# Market Cap: US Majors, 20-October-2006

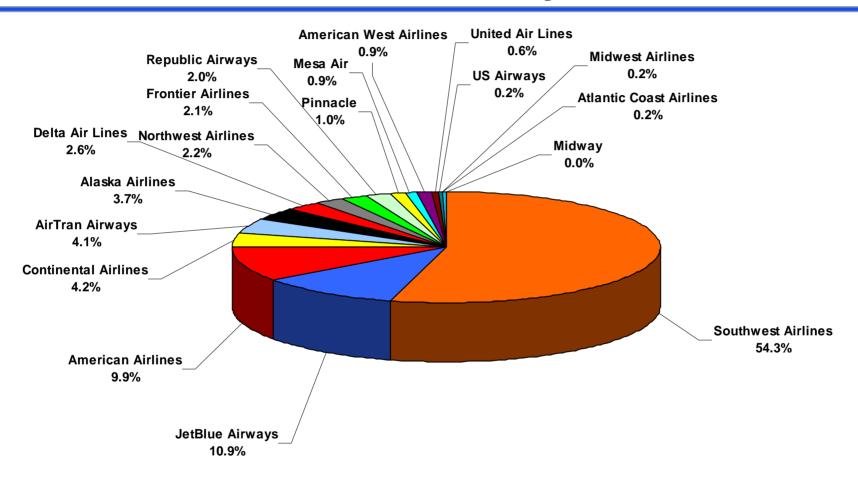


**Total Market Cap: \$36.6 billion** 

Data source: Yahoo Finance.



# Market Cap: US Majors, 26-May-2005



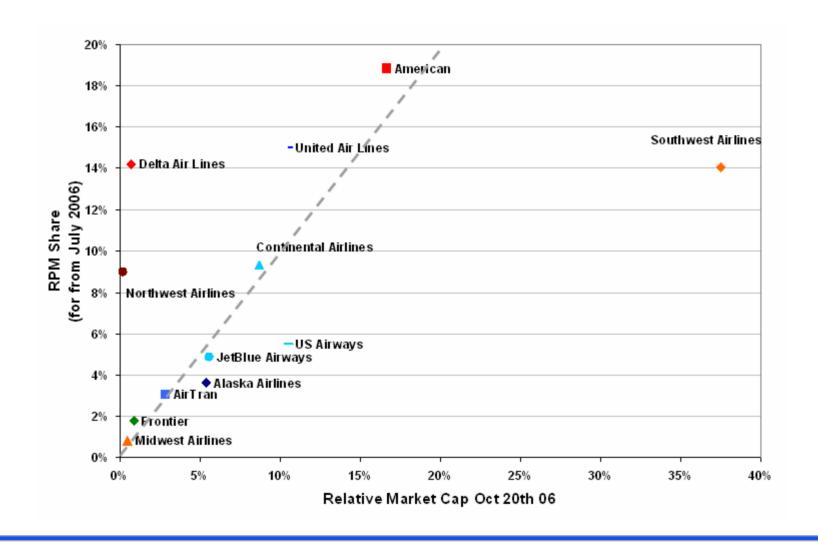
**Total Market Cap: \$21.2 billion** 

Data source: Yahoo Finance.



## **Current Market Cap vs. RPM Share**

US Majors (RPMs: July 2006 / Market Cap: October 20th 2006)

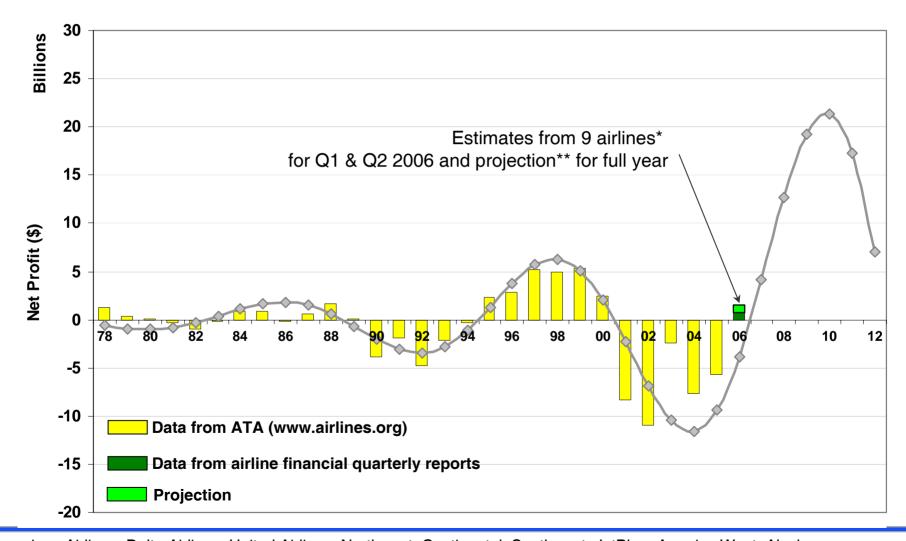




## **US Airline Net Profit Model**

Best Fit of Undamped Oscillation

Cycle Period = 11.3 yr eFolding Time = 7.9 yr



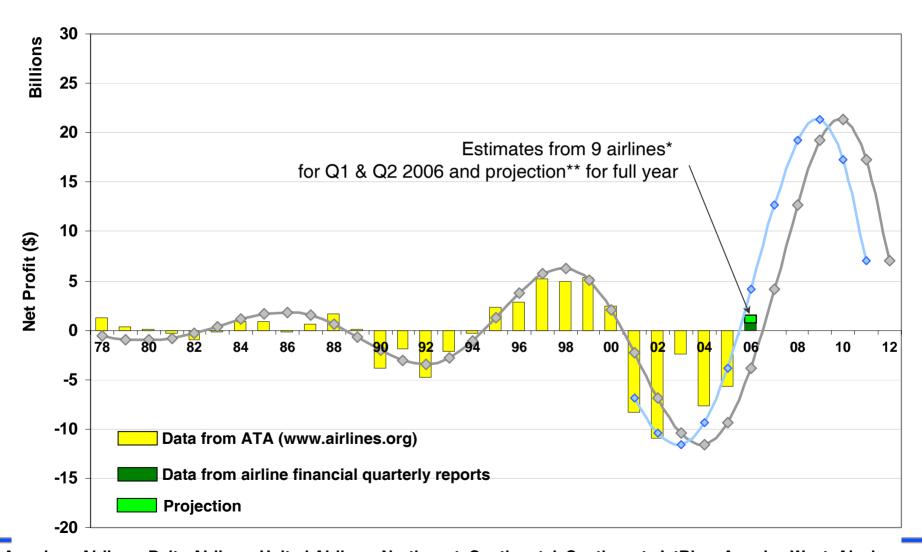
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## **US Airline Net Profit Model**

### Apparent 1 year phase advance in cycle



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# Low-Cost Carrier Envy Emergence of LCCs

Canada (7, 1 in 2004) Europe (60, 3 in 2004)						
CanJet	Westjet	Aer Arann	Baboo	Fare4U	Sun Express	
HMY Airways	Zip	Air 2000	Basiq Air	German Wings	Swedline	
JetsGo Airlines	•	Air Baltic	Bexx Air	Germania Express	ThomsonFly	
Tango Airlines		Air Berlin	BMI Baby	Globespan	V Bird	
-		Air Finland	British European	Hapag Lloyd Express	_Virgin_Express	
USA (19,4 in 2003/2004)		Air Luxor Lite	BudgetAir	Hellas Jet	VLM Airlines	
AirTran	Spirit Airlines	Air Polonia 🛴	Corendon	Helvetic Airways	VolareWeb	
Allegiant Air	Song	Air Scotland	Deutsche BA	Iceland Express	Windjet Vola	
American West		Air Southwest	EasyJet 🔫 🦿	Ryanair	Smart Wings	
ATA	USA 3000 Airlines	Air Wa <del>l</del> es 😓	Evolavia	Snalskjutsen	- Wizz Air	
Frontier Airlines	s Vacation Express	Alpi Eagles	Excel Airways	SnowFlake Airlines	Hop	
Interstate Jet	Ted	Azzurra Air	Fairline Austria	Sterling /	Ø (	
JetBlue Airway	s Independence Air	Hi Fly {	Monarch		Electric Control of the Control of t	
Midwest Expre		Fly Me	My Air	Asia/Pacific (20,	<mark>8</mark> in 2004)	
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Southeast Airlin	nes	Air Service +	Transavia	Air Asia	Virgin Blue	
Southwest Airli	nes	Blue1	Vueling	Air Deccan	Air Blue	
		Blue Air	1 ()	Athena Air Services	Air One	
Legend:	Inter continental LCCs	7	Inter Sky	Citilink	BackpackersXpress	
New in 2003 / 2004	Air Madrid	Central Wings		Freedom Air	Jetstar 🕽	
New in 2005 / 2006	Condor	Dau Air	LTU	Lion Airways	Nok Air	
	East Jet	Iceland Express	Meridiana	One-Two-Go	Pacific Blue	
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**Jazeera Airways** 

**Spice Jet** 

Source: http://www.etn.nl/lcostair.htm, airline news



# **Low-Cost Carrier Envy (or not) Emergence of LCCs**

Jazeera Airways

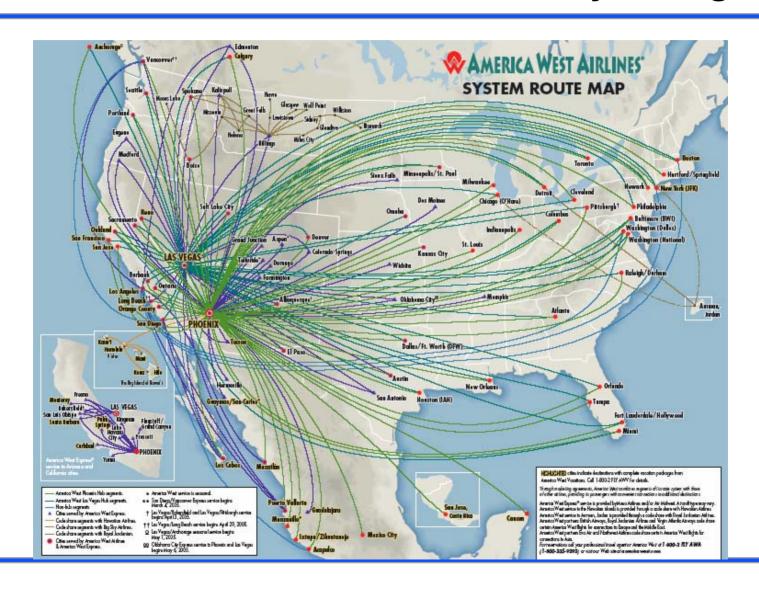
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Source: http://www.etn.nl/lcostair.htm, airline news



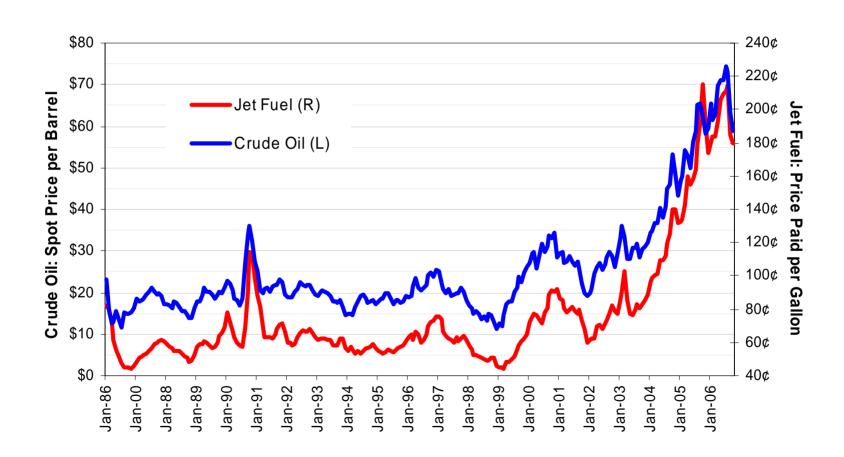
# Consolidation ICAT America West - USAirways Merger





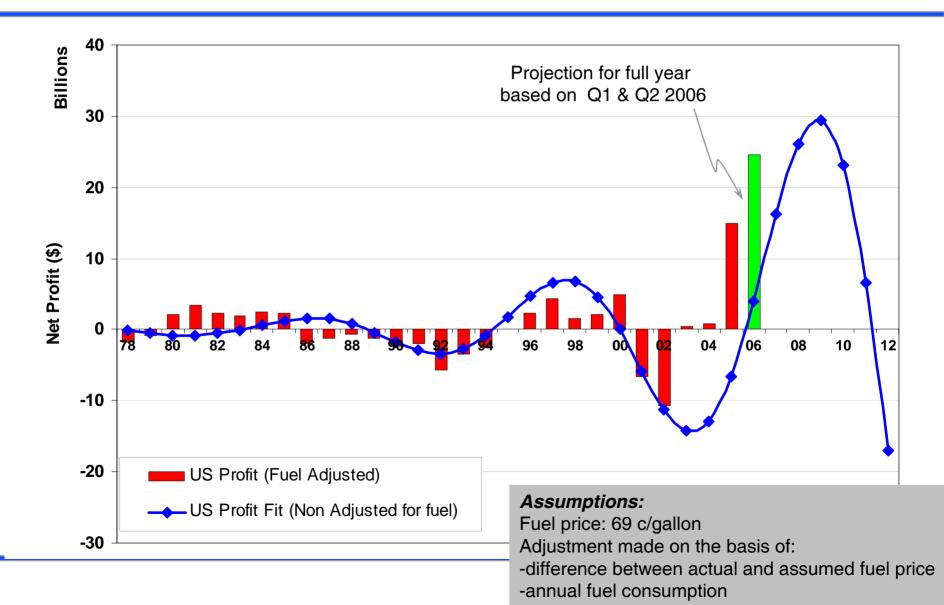
### **Trends in Fuel Price**

#### **Average Crude Oil and Jet Fuel Prices**



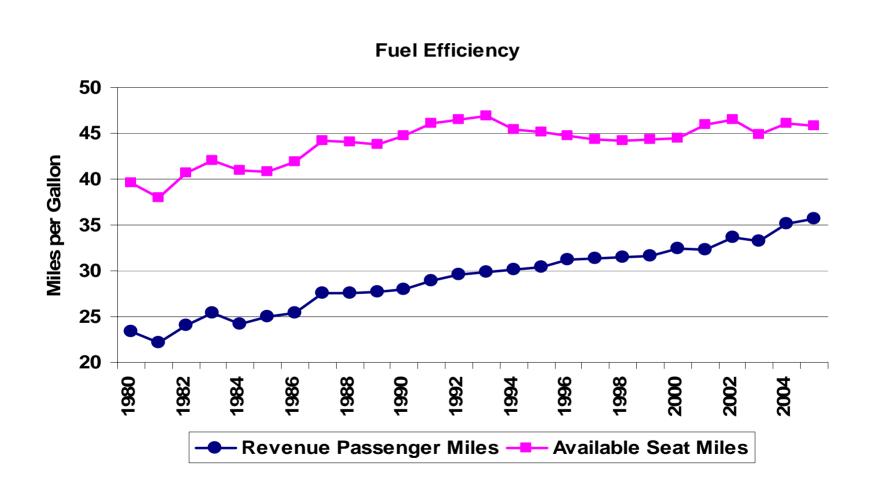


# Airline Profits Adjusted for Constant Fuel Price





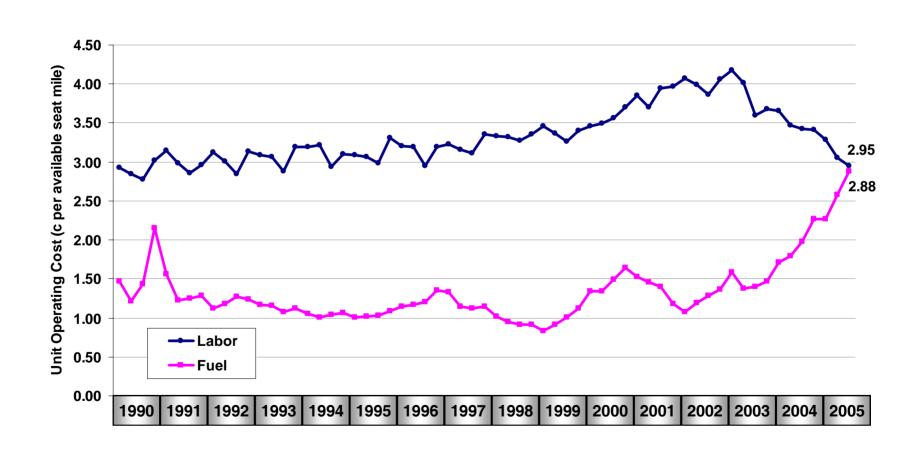
# Fuel Efficiency Through Increased Load Factor



Source: ATA data

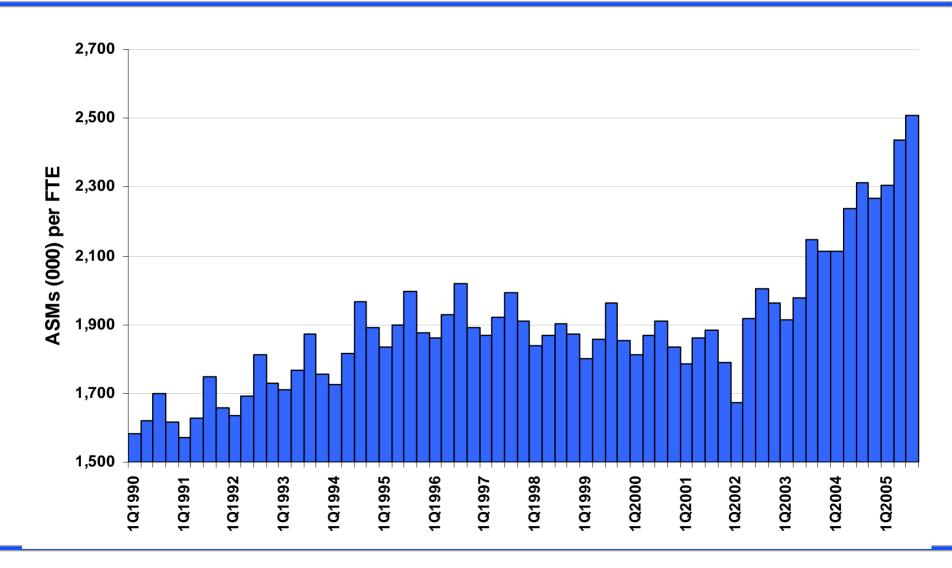


# **Unit Costs for Labor and Fuel**





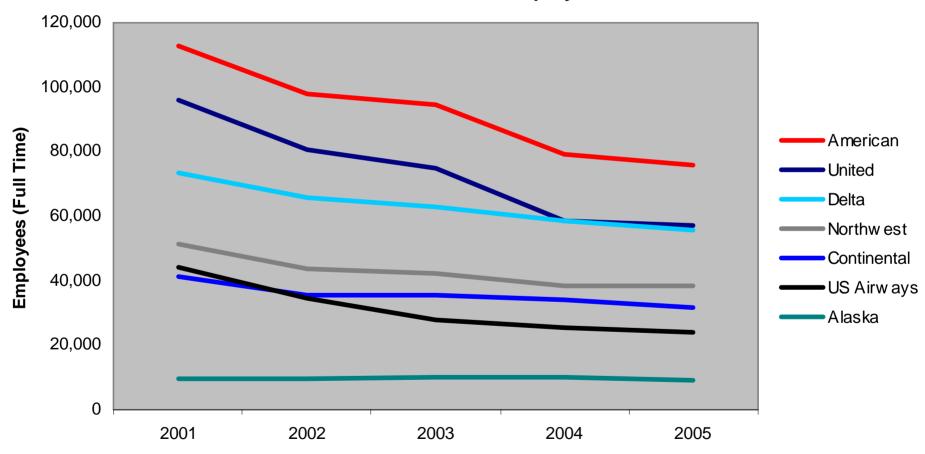
#### Productivity Improvements Driving Cost Relief Network Restructuring, Work Rules, Human Capital, Outsourcing, Technology





# **Employees Full Time: US Network Carriers 2001-2005**

#### **US Network Carrier Employees**

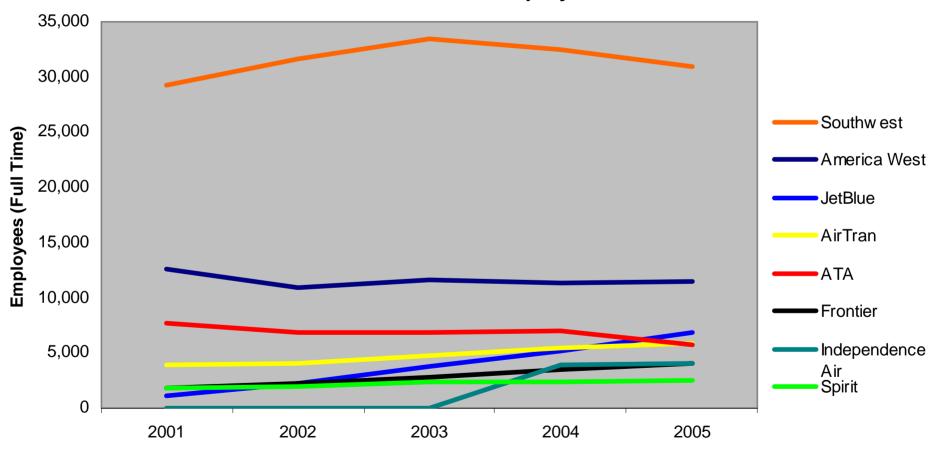


Source: US DOT



# **Employees Full Time: Low Cost Carriers 2001-2005**

#### **Low-Cost Carrier Employees**



Source: US DOT



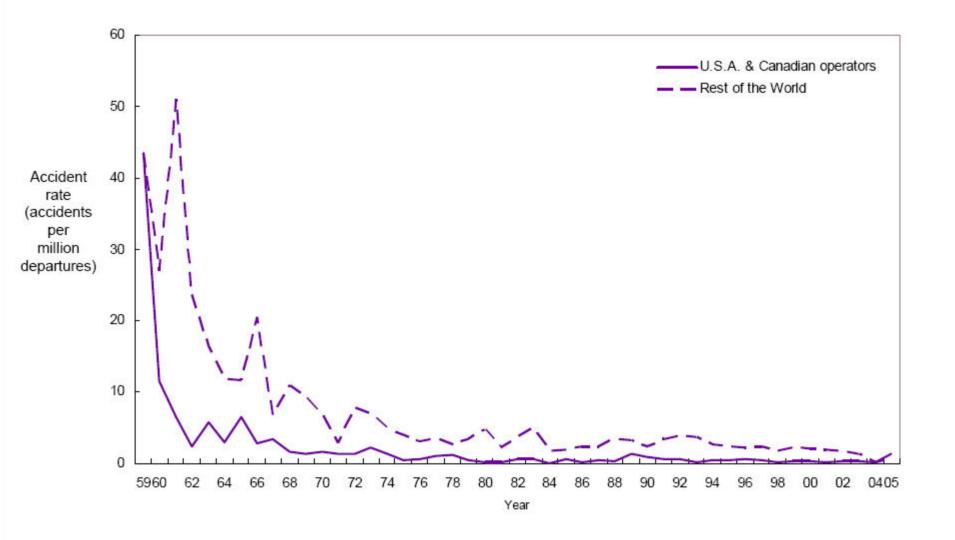
## **Retirement Plan Terminations**

Summary of US and United Plan Terminations (\$ in billions)						
	US Airwa ys	United Airlines				
Total Termination Liability	\$7.9	\$16.8				
Assets	\$2.9	\$7.0				
Unfunded Termination Liability	\$5.0	\$9.8				
PBGC Guaranteed Portion of Underfunding	\$2.9	\$6.6				
Value of Lost Benefits	\$2.1	\$3.2				
Lost Benefits as % of Total Term. Liability	26.58%	19.05%				

Delta and NWA Chap 11 filings estimated at \$16B Liability

### U.S.A. and Canadian Operators Accident Rates

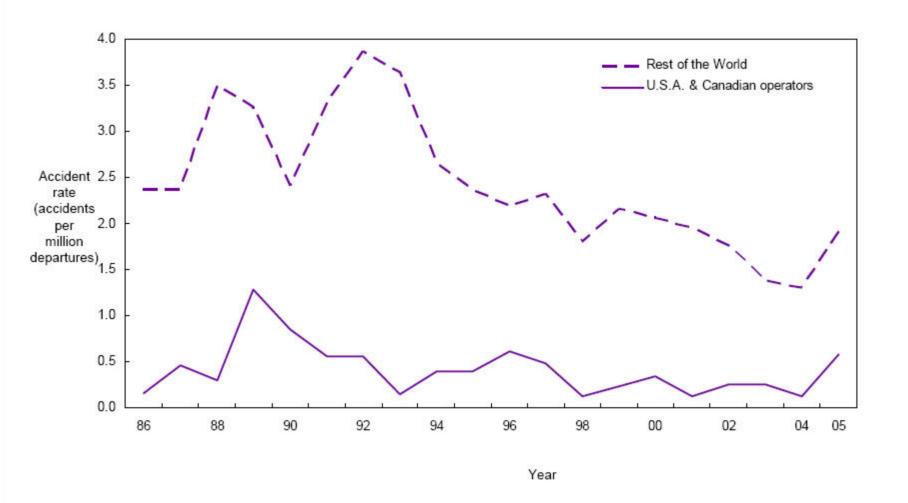
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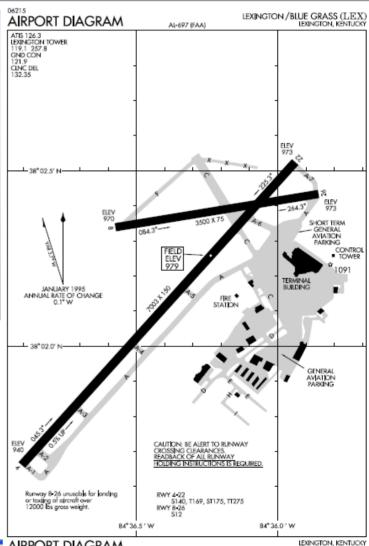






# **Comair Accident** 27 - Aug - 2006



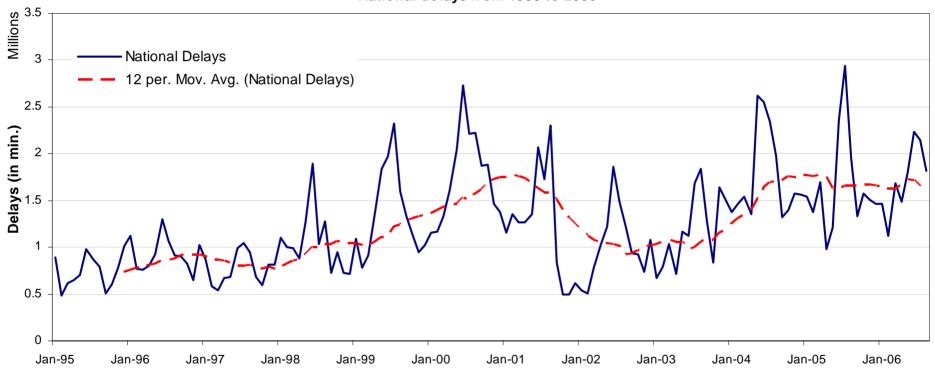




# **US Flight Delays**

#### from 1995 to 2006

#### National delays from 1995 to 2006



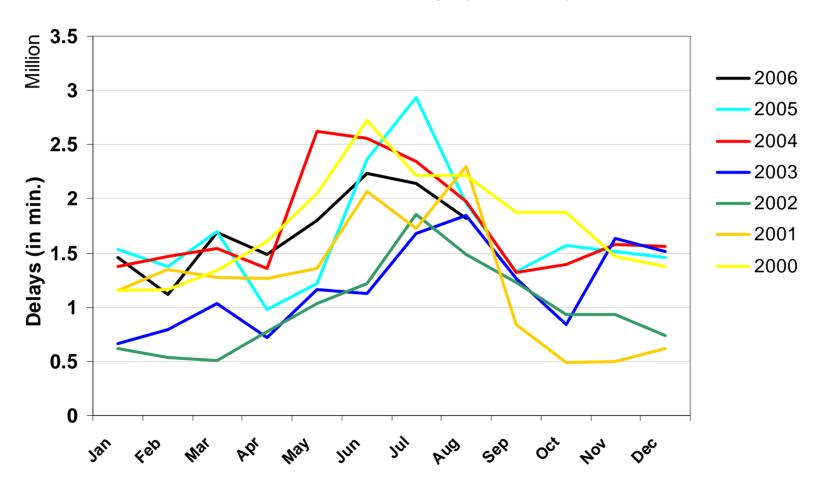
Data source: FAA Operational Network (OPSNET)



# **US Flight Delays**

from 2000 to 2006

#### **National Delays (in minutes)**



Source: FAA OPSNET data



# **New Delay Cause** *TSA Power Failure's*

- LGA 7/16/06
- Hawaii 10/15/06







# **Aviation Remains Perceived Target Expanding Security Burden**

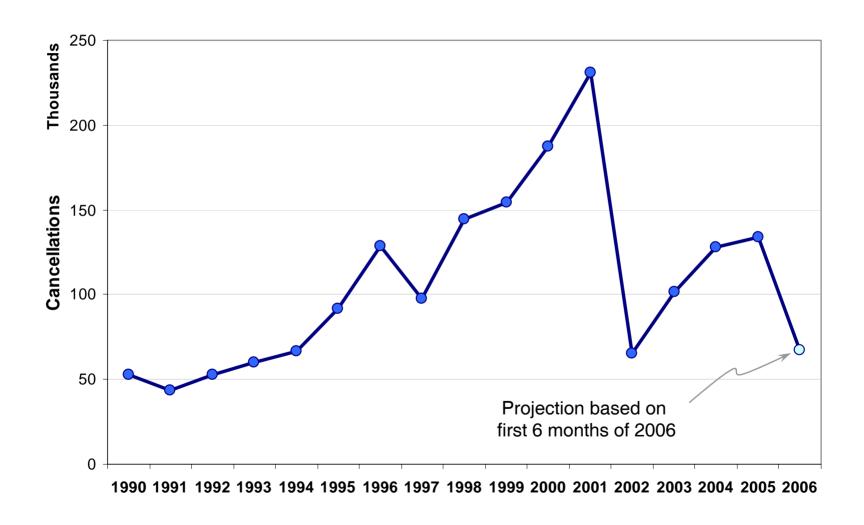
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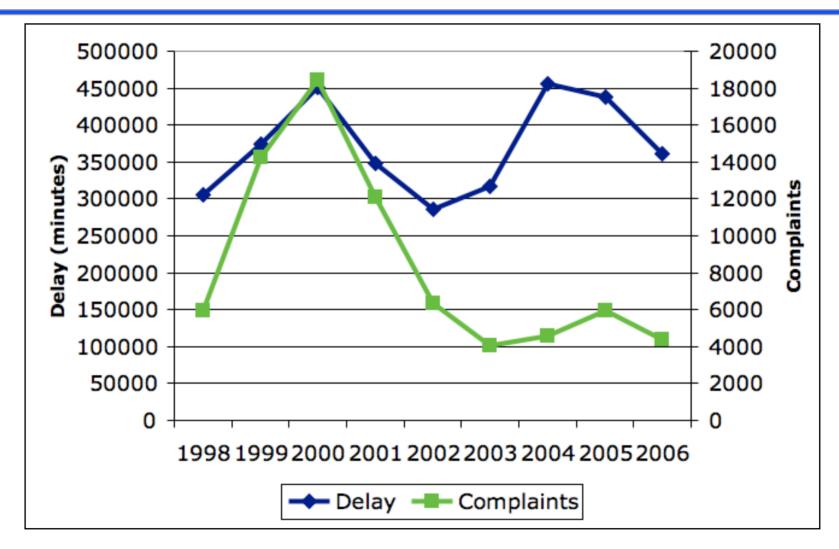
# Flight Cancellations

from 1990 to 2006





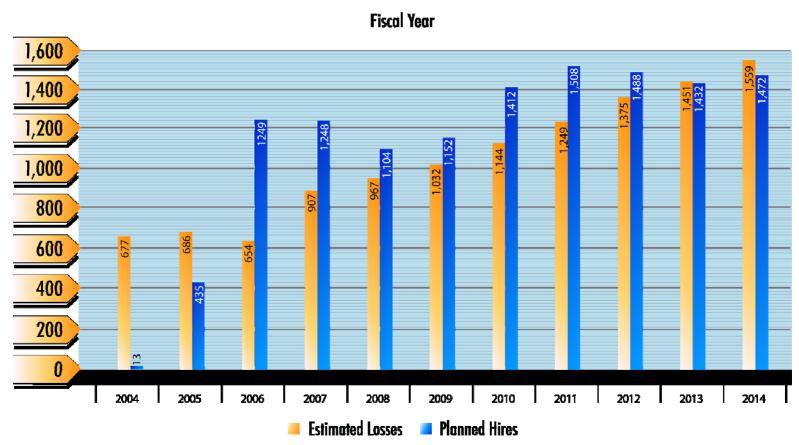
# **Consumer Complaints**



Note: Consumer Complaint Data 1998-2006, OPSNET Data

## **Air Traffic Controller Staffing**

### ATO Hiring Forecast vs. Losses



**Time to CPC (Certified Professional Controller)** 

Terminal; 8 - 24 months

Enroute: 36 - 60 Source: Air Traffic Controller Workforce Plan - 2004



# Projected % Developmental Controllers



From: ATCS Workforce Plan Briefing



## **Controller Contract**

### Congressional 60 day response period ended June 5, 2006



#### U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration

Submission to the United States Congress

Concerning the Agency's Collective Bargaining Proposal
to the National Air Traffic Controllers Association

April 5, 2006

NATCA's Rebuttal to the FAA Administrator's Submission to the United States Congress Concerning the Agency's Collective Bargaining Proposal to the National Air Traffic Controllers Association

Considering that the FAA Administrator routinely demonstrates her disdain for the role of the United States Congress in setting our national aviation policy. Is should come as no surprise that the FAA Administrator's Submission to the United States Congress Concerning the Agency's Collective Bargaining Proposal to the National Air Traffic Controllers Association is a collection of revisionist history, misrepresentation, finger pointing and contempt for the role of the Legislative branch. This coming from an Administrator who just last week told a U.S. Senator, during a public hearing, that there was not a list of TRACON's planned for co-location on Tuesday -- by Friday that list was published in Congressional Quarterly. The same FAA told the Chairman of its oversight committee that controllers in New York who were fired were not really fired, even as the FAA processed their final termination papers. Her efforts to exclude Congress from exercising its oversight role even extends to advocating a new funding process that would extract the FAA from the appropriations process, virtually eliminating the system of checks and balances envisioned under the Constitution when the dirafters gave Congress the power of the purse. Providing misleading information to Congress has sadly become status quo for this Administrator.

After the FAA rejected NATCA's proposal, declined further bargaining, and ended mediation on Friday, March 31, the FAA Issued numerous public statements derying that negotiations had ended and that the parties were still bargaining. It is clear that the FAA was simply buying time to prepare a submission to Congress and launch a sneak attack by sending the submission to the hill just prior to leaving for a two-week district work period. It is important to note that the FAA is not subject to any timeline with regard to making its submission to Congress. There is nothing that requires them to send it within one day, one week, or even a month of ending negotiations. The only other time the FAA chose to take this course of action regarding a bargaining impasse, it was several months after bargaining broke down before the submission. Once it was submitted, the FAA waited a year and a half to impose the proposal.

Throughout this process, the union has worked to meet the stated needs of the administrator. With regard to pay, the major issue in dispute, the union came to the table proposing the status quo, including the government-wide pay raises set by Congress and the SCI which supplanted the step increase. The union was asking to be treated as other government employees. As the talks progressed, NATCA made considerable movement on every pay provision. It offered to eliminate the two highest pay bands in the system, lower the top of all pay bands by 13% and the bottom of the bands by 3%, as well as institute a multi-year freeze in band movement which would allow the FAA to close the gap between controllers and other FAA employees (there is no gap between controllers and FAA managers or supervisors as their pay bands are above the controller pay bands.) The NATCA proposal would have closed the gap by approximately 12% depending on the Administrator's treatment of other pay bands. In contrast, the FAA proposal was to lower pay bands by 30% when bargaining statted in July of 2005 and at the end of negotiations in April of 2006. The FAA made no movement on the fundamentals of their pay proposal, with agency counterproposals amounting to little more than editorial changes. It is official to characterize the FAA's actions as truly seeking a voluntary agreement when it was unwilling to make any progress on this key issue.

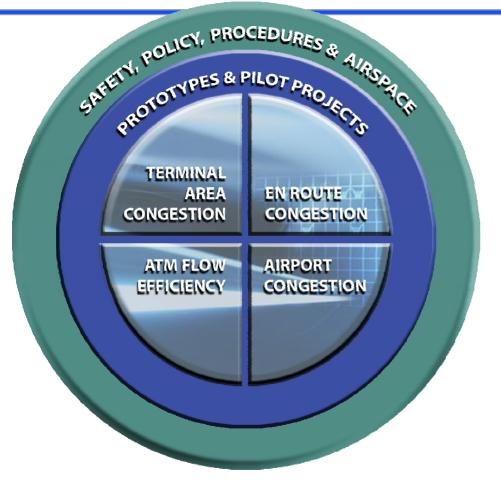
#### Revisionist History

The FAA submission states, "in 1996, as part of reauthorization, the Agency's statute was amended to but the Administrator from negotiating with labor unions over compensation and benefits except under limited circumstances..." This odd sentence construction and emphasis on the word "bar" appears intended to lead the reader to believe that the 1996 reauthorization had a new provision to preclude bargaining. In fact, the FAA statute previously restricted the scope of bargaining to subjects that did not include compensation and benefits. The amendments to the statute required bargaining over

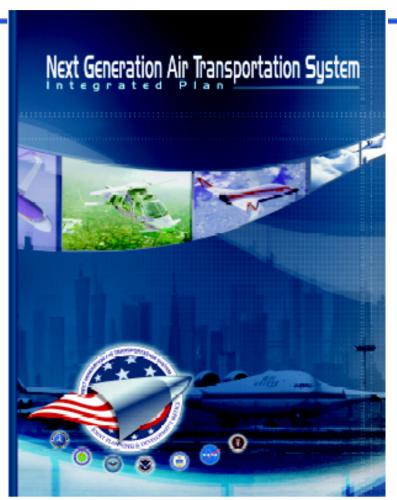




## **OEP and NGATS**



10 Year Plan FAA



20 Year Plan Multi-Agency

FAA, DOD, Commerce DHS, NASA, DOT, OSTP



## **FAA** Reauthorization '07

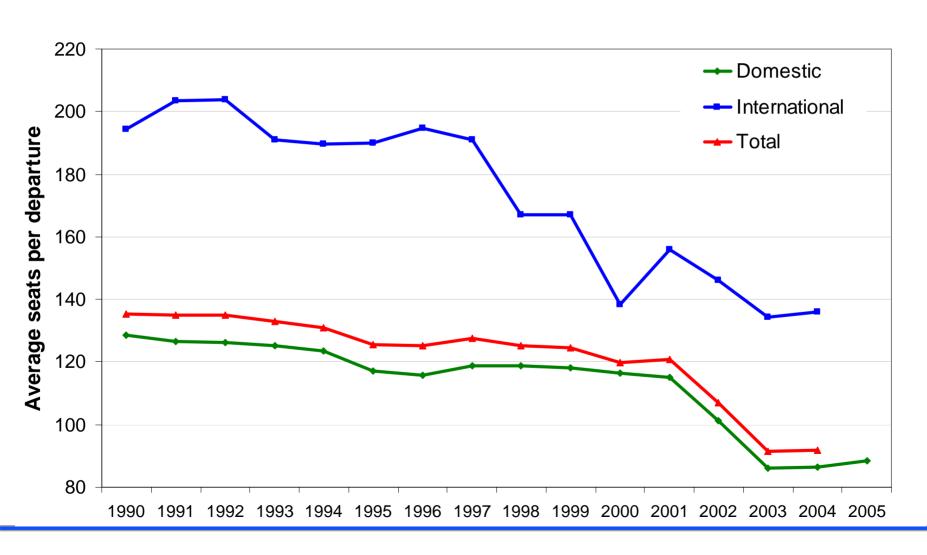
- FAA Reauthorization bill: deadline Sept. 30, 2007
- Funding Modernization (NGATS)
- Contributions from the general fund
- The "battle" over user fees:
  - ☐ Airlines vs Business Aviation

<u>Tax</u>	<u>Rate</u>	Percentage of Total Tax Collections in FY 2004
Ticket Tax	7.5% on Airfares	49.7%
Segment Tax	\$3.20 per Flight Segment	19.6%
Rural Airport Tax	7.5% on Airfares from Rural Airports	0.8%
Waybill Tax	6.25% on Price of Freight and Mail Transferred by Air	5.4%
GA and Jet Fuel	GA Fuel: 19.3 cents/gallon Jet Fuel: 21.8 cents/gallon	1.9%
Commercial Jet Fuel	4.3 cents/gallon	5.8%
International Departures/Arrivals	\$14.10 per international departure/arrival	14.4%
Alaska/Hawaii Tax	\$7.00 per domestic departure/arrival to Alaska or Hawaii	0.8%
Frequent Flyer Tax	7.5% on proceeds of third party sales of frequent flyer miles	1.6%
Total	·	100%

Source: FAA



## **Trends in Aircraft Size**



Data source: Form 41 Traffic data from Bureau of Transportation Statistics (includes Regional Jets and Turboprops)



### **A-380**

- A380 Baseline
  - ☐ Shrink
  - □ Stretch
  - □ ER Variants
- 555 passengers (3 class)
- 14,800km/8,000nm range
- Payload: 330,000lbs over 10,400km/5,600nm
- Rolls-Royce Trent 900 engines or GP7200 engines



# A380 First Flight (4/27/05)

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# A-380 Delays

SELECTED A380 MILESTONE SCHEDULES <sup>1</sup>			
	ORIGINAL	CURRENT	
First flight	12/2005	4/27/2006	
First delivery to Singapore Airlines (19 a/c)	Early 2006	10/2007	
First delivery to Emirates Airlines (43 a/c)	10/2006	8/2008	
First freighter delivery (FedEx)	2008	2010	

#### Bad News<sup>1</sup>:

On Oct 4th Airbus announced a third delay to A380 production prompting airlines to review their
orders (no cancellations yet).
CEO Christian Streiff resigned after 100 days of tenure on Oct 10th.
Cash-flow crisis at EADS puts the development of A350XWB (replacement of A330/A340) on hold.
Financial analysts are skeptical that Airbus cost-cutting program Power8 can deliver.
Lack of funds to develop the A320 replacement in the coming decade.
Differences between the proposed A350XWB and the original A350 for which Airbus has contracts.

#### Good News<sup>2</sup>:

Airbus Wake Vortex Steering Group found that 10 nm separation for following the A380 needs to
be applied only to light aircraft, with 6 nm for heavy and 8 nm for medium-sized aircraft.
(Approximately breakeven on airport_seat throughput)



# **A 380 Orders** *aprox 159 (17 Cargo)*

- Singapore Airlines (10)
- Lufthansa (15)
- Emirates (43)
- Air France (10)
- Qantas (12)
- Malaysia Airlines (6)
- Virgin Atlantic (6)
- International Lease Finance (10)
- Kingfisher Airlines (5)
- Qatar Airways (2)
- Federal Express (10)
- Korean Air (5)

- Thai Airways (6)
- Etihad Airways (4)
- China Southern Airlines (5)

- Delivery Delays (normal)
  - ☐ 9 in 2007 vs 25 plan
- Wake Vortex Issue
  - ☐ ICAO 10 Mile in trail requirement



### **B-787**

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- -300 (290-330 pax) (3000-3500 nm)
- -800 (210-250 pax) (8000-8500 nm)
- -900 (250-290 pax) (8600-8800 nm)

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# B 787 Orders aprox 432 Firm, 30+ Airlines

- ANA All Nippon Airways (30) 300 (20)800
- Japan Air Lines. (30) mix
- Primaris Airlines (20) 800
- Air India (20) 800
- ILFC (20) mix
- Northwest Airlines (18) 800
- Air China (15) 800
- China Eastern (15) 800
- Air Canada (14)
   □ 14 787
- China Southern Airlines (10) 800.
- Continental Airlines (10-13) 800
- Ethiopian Airlines (10) 800
- Garuda Indonesia (10) 800
- Korean Air (10) 800
- Shanghai Airlines (9) 800

- Hainan Airlines (8) 800
- LOT Polish Airlines (7) 800
- First Choice UK (6) 800
- LCAL (6) 800
- Shanghai Airlines (6) 800
- Blue Panorama (4) 800
- Royal Air Maroc (4) 800
- Vietnam Airlines (4) 800
- Xiamen Airlines (3) 800
- Air New Zealand (4) 800
- Icelandair (2) 800
- Air Pacific (5)
- Kenya Airways (6)
- QUANTAS (45)
- Air Canada (15)
- Northwest (18)
- Air India (27)



## "All New" A350

Not your fathers A330

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250-300 Seats 7500-8800 nm Range

Source: http://www.airbus.com



# **Turboprops**





### ATR sales 2005/2006:

- Record 90 orders for ATR 42/72 turboprops in 2005
- Sold 46 in the Q1 2006



# Very Light Jets Small turbofan aircraft



Eclipse 500 Eclipse Aviation



Phenom-100 Embraer



Epic LT Epic



**Excel Sport Jet** 



Mustang Cessna



ProJet
Avocet Aircraft



HondaJet Honda



Spectrum 33



Adam Aircraft



D-Jet
Diamond Aircraft



Safire 26
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Aircraft characteristics\*

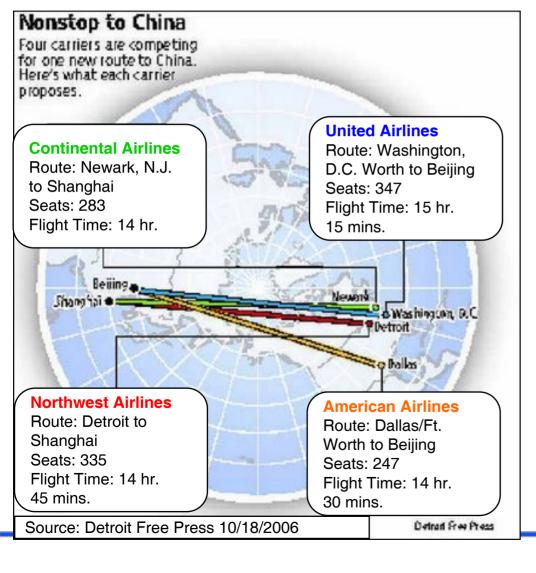
- ☐ Passengers:
- ☐ Acquisition price:
  - \$m 1.4 to 3.6
- ☐ Cruise speed: 340 to 390 kts
- ☐ Operating ceiling:
  - 41,000ft to 45,000ft
- ☐ Range:
  - 1100 to 1750 NM
- ☐ Take off field length: 2200ft to 3400ft

### **Orders**

- ☐ Eclipse: **2300**
- ☐ Adam: **75**
- ☐ Mustang: **330+**



# Battle for New Nonstop Service between China and the U.S.



- Current services: from New York, Chicago and San Francisco.
- The U.S. Department of Transportation will award one last route (until 2008) between China and the U.S. by the end of the year.
- Four U.S. airlines are competing for the route:
  - ☐ United,
  - □ Northwest,
  - ☐ Continental,
  - ☐ American
- Contest between airlines to develop support for a particular route.



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