

## Aviation

### Civil Aviation, Quarterly Operating and Financial Statistics, Canadian Air Carriers, Levels I and II



First Quarter 2010 to Fourth Quarter 2010

#### Highlights

- In 2010, Canadian Level I and II air carriers reported 57.5 million enplaned passengers in their scheduled and charter operations, up 8.7% from 2009. The scheduled passenger counts totalled 53.1 million and the charter passenger counts, 4.3 million. The scheduled passenger counts reached 14.6 million in the third quarter of 2010, the highest number ever recorded for a quarter. In terms of passenger-kilometres flown, these carriers recorded 135.0 billion passenger-kilometres in their scheduled and charter operations in 2010, up 11.2% from the previous year.
- In 2010, Canadian Level I and II air carriers reported a slight improvement in their scheduled passenger load factor (a measure of the fullness of their aircraft) compared to 2009. The passenger load factor improved from 80.5% in 2009 to 81.3% in 2010, as the demand, as measured by passenger-kilometres, advanced at a slightly faster pace (+9.8%) than the supply (capacity), as measured by available seat-kilometres (+8.7%). The passenger load factor on scheduled flights reached an all-time high (84.3%) in the third quarter of 2010—largely due to a stronger increase in demand than in capacity; in the same quarter in 2009, it had reached 83.2%. The capacity increased in the four quarters of 2010, continuing the upward trend that began in the fourth quarter of 2009, which coincided with the end of the economic downturn—emanating from global financial market crisis—that started to impact Canada (and the world) in the second half of 2008.
- In 2010, the total operating revenues generated by the Canadian Level I and II air carriers amounted to \$16.3 billion, up 15.6% (or +\$2.2 billion) from 2009, slightly above the 2008 level of \$16.2 billion. The growth in operating revenues (passenger revenues accounted for 89.4% of total operating revenues in 2010) can be mainly tied to a yield (passenger revenues per passenger-kilometre) increase of 3.8% driven by the continuous recovery in the Canadian economy and in the airline industry, growing business traffic and increased air fares. However, substantial price competition from Canadian low-cost carriers translated into limited ability for major airlines to increase fares. The total operating expenses amounted to \$15.5 billion in 2010, up 10.5% (or +\$1.5 billion) from the previous year. This rise was led by airline capacity growth, higher fuel prices, and increased wages and salaries paid. Partly offsetting these increases was the impact of a stronger Canadian dollar on foreign currency denominated expenses (mainly U.S. dollars). These carriers reported an operating income of \$805.9 million in 2010.
- Canadian Level I and II air carriers reported a net income of \$441.7 million in 2010, an improvement from the \$177.6 million profit recorded in 2009. The non-operating expenses of nearly \$300 million in the second quarter of 2010 dampened the increase in net income.

- Between the first quarter of 2010 and the fourth quarter of 2010, the operating ratio (it displays the carrier's ability to meet its short-term obligations and represents the proportion of operating revenue absorbed by operating expenses) hovered between 0.89 in the third quarter and 1.02 in the first quarter. Overall, this means that the Canadian Level I and II air carriers made 11.0 cents of profit for every dollar spent in the third quarter of 2010. An operating ratio greater than one indicates that these carriers experienced an operating loss in the first quarter of 2010.
- Between the first quarter of 2010 and the fourth quarter of 2010, the highest profit margin (it indicates the profit margin earned by revenue dollar and is obtained by dividing net income by operating revenue—this ratio is expressed as a percentage) was recorded in the third quarter (9.3%). This shows that every dollar of service sold earned 9.3 cents of profit for the Canadian Level I and II air carriers. The negative results for the first quarter (-0.9%) and the second quarter (-3.9%) reflected the increases in operating expenses (aircraft operations—fuel cost and salaries and wages) and non-operating expenses (net miscellaneous non-operating expenses), which offset the gains in operating revenues.
- Total employment reported by Canadian Level I and II air carriers rose in each quarter of 2010 compared to the previous year, the gains ranging from 30.3% in the first quarter to 33.9% in the third quarter. The string of quarterly year-over-year increases for total wages and salaries paid by Canadian Level I and II air carriers that began in the fourth quarter of 2005 continued in each quarter of 2010.

Table 1

Financial performance indicators, Canadian air carriers, Levels I and II – First quarter 2009 to fourth quarter 2010

	Operating ratio	Profit margin
	ratio	percent
<b>2009</b>		
First quarter	1.01	-8.5
Second quarter	1.02	4.6
Third quarter	0.95	8.9
Fourth quarter	1.00	-0.4
<b>2010</b>		
First quarter	1.02	-0.9
Second quarter	0.96	-3.9
Third quarter	0.89	9.3
Fourth quarter	0.94	5.4

## Statistical Tables

**Table 2**  
**Operating statistics – First quarter of 2009 and 2010**

	2009	2010	Change from 2009 to 2010
	thousands		percent
<b>All services</b>			
Number of carriers included <sup>1</sup>	22	28	27.3
Passengers	13,762	14,560	5.8
Goods carried (kilograms)	128,509	161,780	25.9
Passenger-kilometres	31,045,639	33,681,307	8.5
Passenger tonne-kilometres	3,104,564	3,368,131	8.5
Goods tonne-kilometres	331,098	482,903	45.8
Total tonne-kilometres	3,435,662	3,851,033	12.1
Hours flown	500	543	8.4
<b>Scheduled services</b>			
Passengers	11,922	12,548	5.2
Goods carried (kilograms)	63,054	88,663	40.6
Passenger-kilometres	26,064,973	27,707,605	6.3
Available seat-kilometres	32,542,008	34,697,148	6.6
Passenger load factor (percent)	80.1	79.9	...
Passenger tonne-kilometres	2,606,497	2,770,760	6.3
Goods tonne-kilometres	252,516	390,762	54.7
Total tonne-kilometres	2,859,013	3,161,522	10.6
Available tonne-kilometres	4,543,653	4,737,305	4.3
Weight load factor (percent)	62.9	66.7	...
Hours flown	432	459	6.3
<b>Charter services</b>			
Passengers	1,840	2,012	9.3
Goods carried (kilograms)	65,455	73,117	11.7
Passenger-kilometres	4,980,666	5,973,702	19.9
Passenger tonne-kilometres	498,067	597,370	19.9
Goods tonne-kilometres	78,582	92,141	17.3
Total tonne-kilometres	576,649	689,511	19.6
Hours flown	69	84	21.7

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**Table 3**  
**Income statement – First quarter of 2009 and 2010**

	2009	2010	Change from 2009 to 2010
	thousands of dollars		percent
<b>Operating revenues</b>			
Scheduled services	2,866,021	3,205,101	11.8
Passengers	2,744,219	3,042,381	10.9
Goods	121,802	162,720	33.6
Charter services	558,440	600,308	7.5
Passengers	480,307	522,104	8.7
Goods	78,134	78,205	0.1
Other revenues (including subsidies)	142,480	152,296	6.9
Total operating revenues	3,566,941	3,957,704	11.0
<b>Operating expenses</b>			
Total operating expenses	3,617,808	4,027,424	11.3
<b>Non-operating income (expenses)</b>			
Total non-operating income (expenses), net (including provision for income taxes)	-252,169	32,366	...
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>-303,036</b>	<b>-37,354</b>	<b>-87.7</b>
<b>Employment expenses</b>			
Average number of employees <sup>1</sup>	35,875	46,847	30.6
Total wages and salaries paid	597,704	729,381	22.0

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**Table 4**  
**Operating statistics – Second quarter of 2009 and 2010**

	2009	2010	Change from 2009 to 2010
	thousands		percent
<b>All services</b>			
Number of carriers included <sup>1</sup>	22	26	18.2
Passengers	12,791	14,106	10.3
Goods carried (kilograms)	136,746	181,604	32.8
Passenger-kilometres	29,174,429	32,717,120	12.1
Passenger tonne-kilometres	2,917,443	3,271,712	12.1
Goods tonne-kilometres	352,122	502,683	42.8
Total tonne-kilometres	3,269,565	3,774,395	15.4
Hours flown	486	537	10.5
<b>Scheduled services</b>			
Passengers	12,153	13,277	9.2
Goods carried (kilograms)	68,459	96,332	40.7
Passenger-kilometres	27,519,842	30,465,007	10.7
Available seat-kilometres	34,533,658	37,139,571	7.5
Passenger load factor (percent)	79.7	82.0	...
Passenger tonne-kilometres	2,751,984	3,046,501	10.7
Goods tonne-kilometres	273,961	406,119	48.2
Total tonne-kilometres	3,025,945	3,452,620	14.1
Available tonne-kilometres	4,761,974	5,067,621	6.4
Weight load factor (percent)	63.5	68.1	...
Hours flown	448	483	7.7
<b>Charter services</b>			
Passengers	638	829	30.0
Goods carried (kilograms)	68,287	85,271	24.9
Passenger-kilometres	1,654,588	2,252,113	36.1
Passenger tonne-kilometres	165,459	225,211	36.1
Goods tonne-kilometres	78,161	96,563	23.5
Total tonne-kilometres	243,620	321,775	32.1
Hours flown	38	54	43.1

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**Table 5**  
**Income statement – Second quarter of 2009 and 2010**

	2009	2010	Change from 2009 to 2010
	thousands of dollars		percent
<b>Operating revenues</b>			
Scheduled services	2,924,954	3,436,184	17.5
Passengers	2,800,740	3,254,558	16.2
Goods	124,214	181,626	46.2
Charter services	219,686	279,329	27.1
Passengers	144,641	195,822	35.4
Goods	75,045	83,507	11.3
Other revenues (including subsidies)	155,258	174,392	12.3
Total operating revenues	3,299,898	3,889,904	17.9
<b>Operating expenses</b>			
Total operating expenses	3,359,778	3,743,721	11.4
<b>Non-operating income (expenses)</b>			
Total non-operating income (expenses), net (including provision for income taxes)	212,548	-298,525	...
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>152,668</b>	<b>-152,342</b>	...
<b>Employment expenses</b>			
Average number of employees <sup>1</sup>	35,201	46,020	30.7
Total wages and salaries paid	573,768	713,673	24.4

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**Table 6**  
**Operating statistics – Third quarter of 2009 and 2010**

	2009	2010	Change from 2009 to 2010
	thousands		percent
<b>All services</b>			
Number of carriers included <sup>1</sup>	22	26	18.2
Passengers	13,838	15,270	10.3
Goods carried (kilograms)	150,191	186,091	23.9
Passenger-kilometres	33,985,209	38,181,185	12.3
Passenger tonne-kilometres	3,398,521	3,818,118	12.3
Goods tonne-kilometres	427,387	534,995	25.2
Total tonne-kilometres	3,825,908	4,353,113	13.8
Hours flown	516	580	12.4
<b>Scheduled services</b>			
Passengers	13,357	14,618	9.4
Goods carried (kilograms)	77,001	101,816	32.2
Passenger-kilometres	32,906,499	36,773,100	11.8
Available seat-kilometres	39,555,191	43,646,621	10.3
Passenger load factor (percent)	83.2	84.3	...
Passenger tonne-kilometres	3,290,650	3,677,310	11.8
Goods tonne-kilometres	343,676	446,641	30.0
Total tonne-kilometres	3,634,326	4,123,951	13.5
Available tonne-kilometres	5,442,054	6,004,526	10.3
Weight load factor (percent)	66.8	68.7	...
Hours flown	479	529	10.4
<b>Charter services</b>			
Passengers	481	652	35.6
Goods carried (kilograms)	73,190	84,276	15.1
Passenger-kilometres	1,078,710	1,408,084	30.5
Passenger tonne-kilometres	107,871	140,808	30.5
Goods tonne-kilometres	83,711	88,353	5.5
Total tonne-kilometres	191,582	229,162	19.6
Hours flown	37	51	38.9

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**Table 7**  
**Income statement – Third quarter of 2009 and 2010**

	2009	2010	Change from 2009 to 2010
	thousands of dollars		percent
<b>Operating revenues</b>			
Scheduled services	3,471,516	4,084,423	17.7
Passengers	3,330,601	3,893,107	16.9
Goods	140,916	191,315	35.8
Charter services	199,634	245,063	22.8
Passengers	123,930	166,682	34.5
Goods	75,705	78,381	3.5
Other revenues (including subsidies)	140,947	143,721	2.0
Total operating revenues	3,812,097	4,473,207	17.3
<b>Operating expenses</b>			
Total operating expenses	3,636,260	3,976,996	9.4
<b>Non-operating income (expenses)</b>			
Total non-operating income (expenses), net (including provision for income taxes)	164,856	-82,426	...
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>340,692</b>	<b>413,785</b>	<b>21.5</b>
<b>Employment expenses</b>			
Average number of employees <sup>1</sup>	34,980	46,823	33.9
Total wages and salaries paid	575,345	736,993	28.1

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**Table 8**  
**Operating statistics – Fourth quarter of 2009 and 2010**

	2009	2010	Change from 2009 to 2010
	thousands		percent
<b>All services</b>			
Number of carriers included <sup>1</sup>	22	26	18.2
Passengers	12,461	13,525	8.5
Goods carried (kilograms)	159,166	183,145	15.1
Passenger-kilometres	27,245,087	30,415,198	11.6
Passenger tonne-kilometres	2,724,509	3,041,520	11.6
Goods tonne-kilometres	473,283	528,673	11.7
Total tonne-kilometres	3,197,792	3,570,193	11.6
Hours flown	466	533	14.5
<b>Scheduled services</b>			
Passengers	11,759	12,673	7.8
Goods carried (kilograms)	85,516	97,294	13.8
Passenger-kilometres	25,419,823	27,949,160	10.0
Available seat-kilometres	32,404,010	35,601,003	9.9
Passenger load factor (percent)	78.4	78.5	...
Passenger tonne-kilometres	2,541,982	2,794,916	10.0
Goods tonne-kilometres	382,741	422,878	10.5
Total tonne-kilometres	2,924,724	3,217,794	10.0
Available tonne-kilometres	4,428,820	4,864,470	9.8
Weight load factor (percent)	66.0	66.1	...
Hours flown	425	482	13.5
<b>Charter services</b>			
Passengers	702	852	21.4
Goods carried (kilograms)	73,649	85,851	16.6
Passenger-kilometres	1,825,264	2,466,038	35.1
Passenger tonne-kilometres	182,526	246,604	35.1
Goods tonne-kilometres	90,542	105,795	16.8
Total tonne-kilometres	273,068	352,399	29.1
Hours flown	41	51	24.5

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**Table 9**  
**Income statement – Fourth quarter of 2009 and 2010**

	2009	2010	Change from 2009 to 2010
	thousands of dollars		percent
<b>Operating revenues</b>			
Scheduled services	2,993,540	3,507,919	17.2
Passengers	2,836,208	3,318,125	17.0
Goods	157,332	189,793	20.6
Charter services	280,456	299,993	7.0
Passengers	203,102	219,034	7.8
Goods	77,353	80,959	4.7
Other revenues (including subsidies)	182,465	213,414	17.0
Total operating revenues	3,456,461	4,021,326	16.3
<b>Operating expenses</b>			
Total operating expenses	3,444,017	3,788,053	10.0
<b>Non-operating income (expenses)</b>			
Total non-operating income (expenses), net (including provision for income taxes)	-25,161	-15,708	-37.6
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>-12,717</b>	<b>217,565</b>	...
<b>Employment expenses</b>			
Average number of employees <sup>1</sup>	36,309	47,310	30.3
Total wages and salaries paid	611,594	762,144	24.6

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