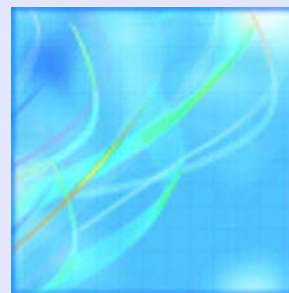


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Highlights

- For the 12-month period, January to December 2011, for the scheduled and charter services, the major Canadian air carriers reported a 3.8% increase in passengers and a 5.2% growth in passenger-kilometres compared with the same period in 2010. WestJet reported that total passenger-kilometres flown rose 8.2% during the period, while the operations of Air Canada increased 4.2%.
- In 2011, both Air Canada and WestJet reported their highest volume of scheduled passenger traffic in August. It is also during that month that Air Canada posted the highest number of passenger-kilometres flown in its scheduled operations; however, it was in March that WestJet posted its highest monthly result, the number of passenger-kilometres flown slightly exceeding the August level. During the 12-month period, the average passenger trip length ranged between 3,080 kilometres in November and 3,509 kilometres in July for Air Canada, while it ranged between 1,603 kilometres in September and 1,773 kilometres in March for WestJet.
- In 2011, Air Canada and WestJet increased their system capacity, as measured by available seat-kilometres, for their scheduled services, by 4.4% and 8.8%, respectively when compared with 2010. The capacity of both Air Canada and WestJet increased in all months—for Air Canada, the increases varied from 1.0% in November to 12.7% in April and for WestJet, they varied from 4.6% in November to 12.8% in March.
- Both Air Canada and WestJet reported a slight deterioration in their scheduled passenger load factor (a measure of the fullness of their aircraft). For the 12-month period, January to December 2011, Air Canada's passenger load factor reached 82.8% and WestJet's passenger load factor stood at 79.7%. The slight deterioration in the annual load factors (-0.3 percentage points for Air Canada and -0.1 percentage points for WestJet) is largely due to a stronger increase in capacity than in demand in the first half of the year.
- For the 12-month period, January to December 2011, the major Canadian air carriers reported a 4.9% increase in terms of turbo fuel consumed from the same period in 2010. Air Canada consumed 3.5 billion litres (+4.0%) of turbo fuel, while WestJet consumed 1.0 billion litres (+8.2%) of turbo fuel.

Chart 1
Passengers, scheduled services, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2011

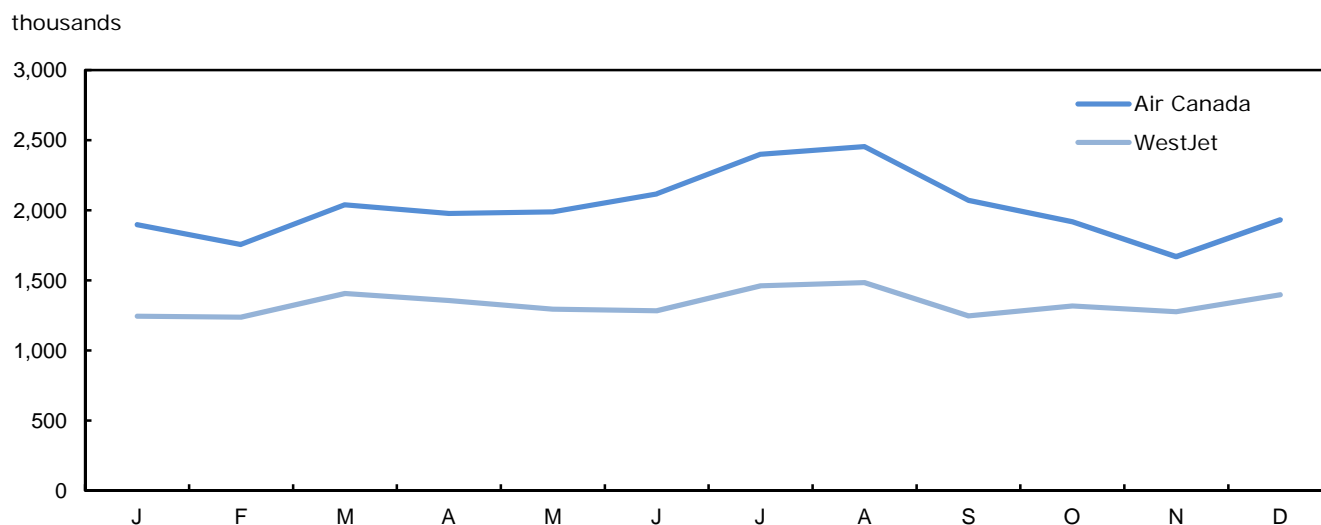


Chart 2
Passenger-kilometres and seat-kilometres, scheduled services, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2011

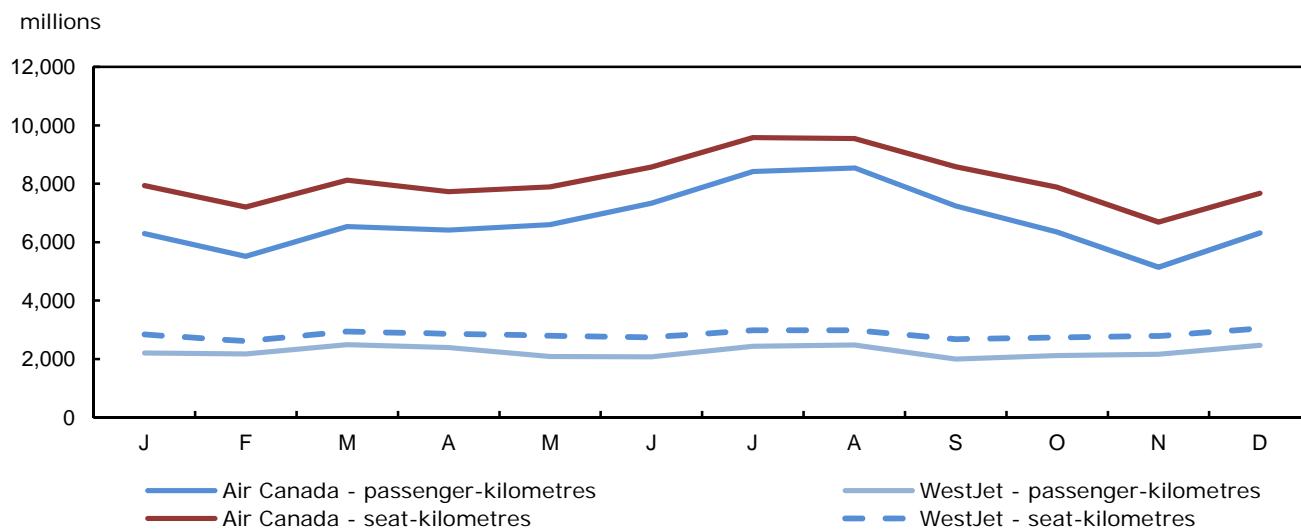


Chart 3
Operating statistics, monthly year-over-year percentage changes from 2010 to 2011, Air Canada and WestJet

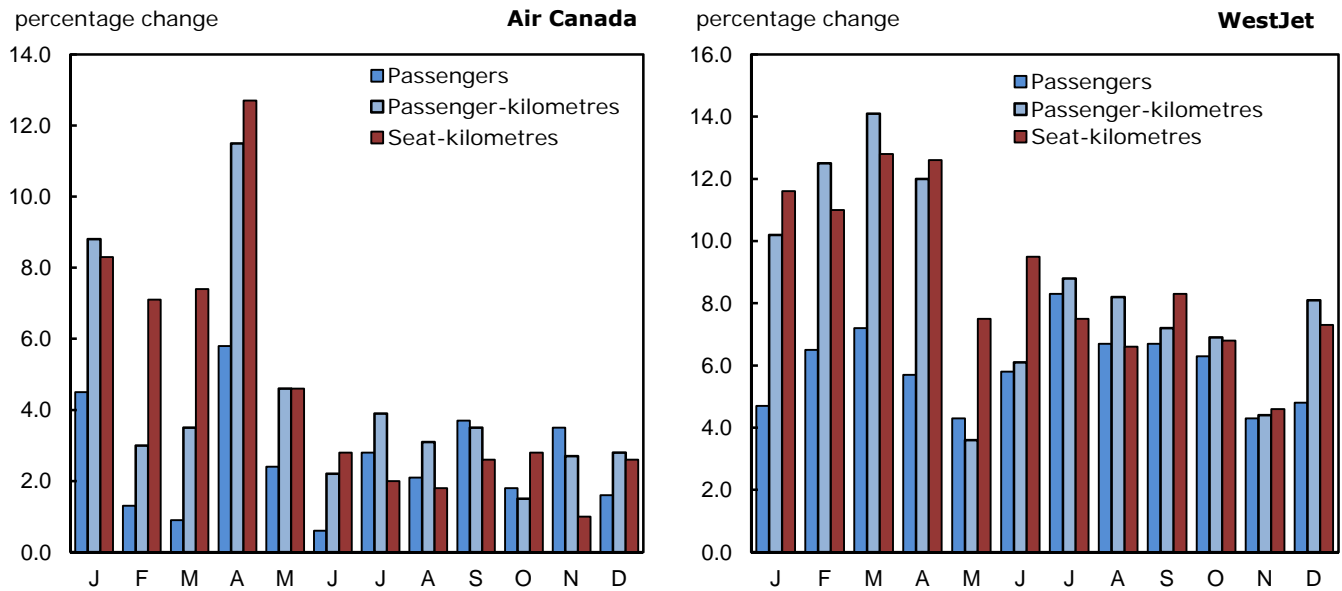


Chart 4
Average passenger trip length, scheduled services, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2011

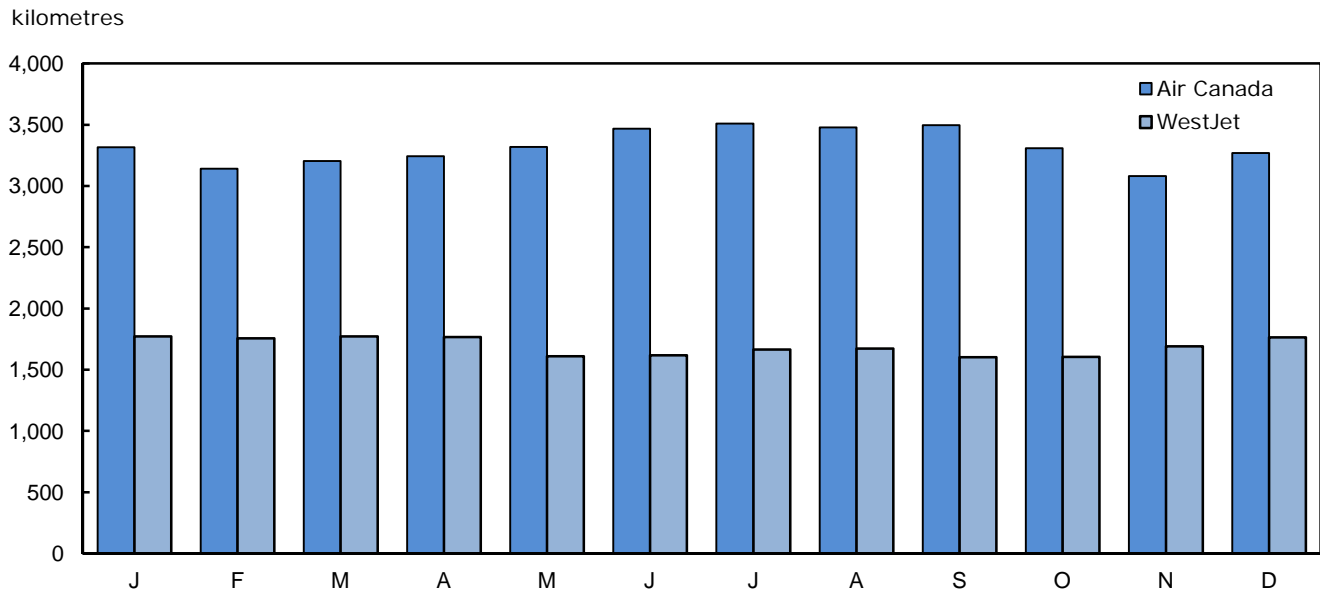


Chart 5

Load factors, scheduled services, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2010 and 2011

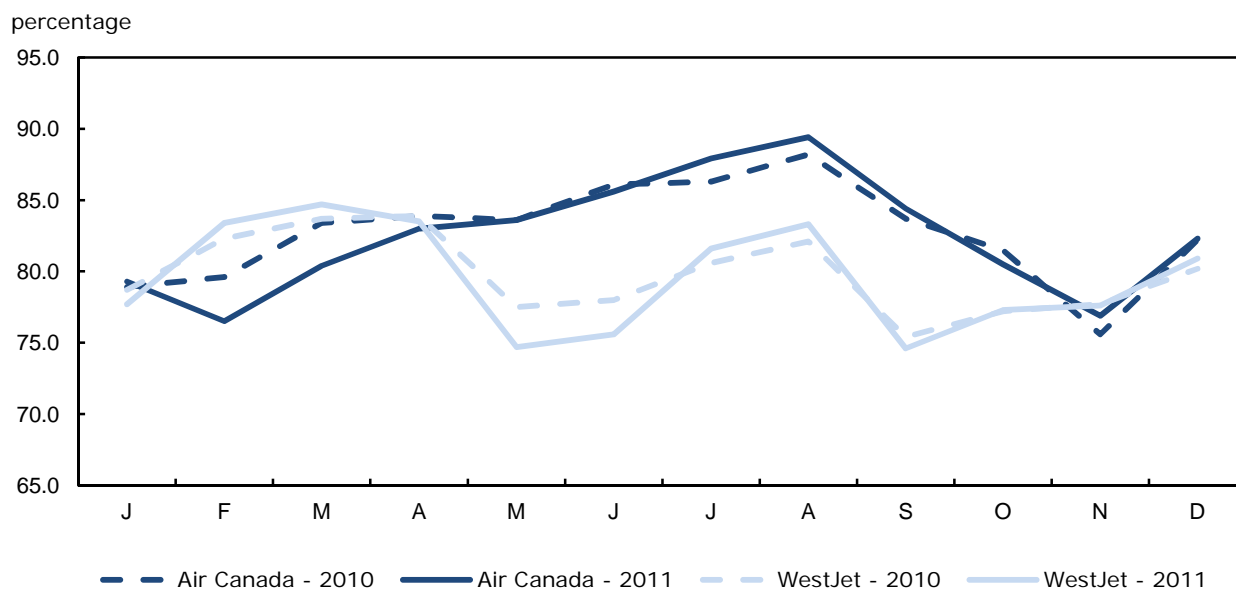
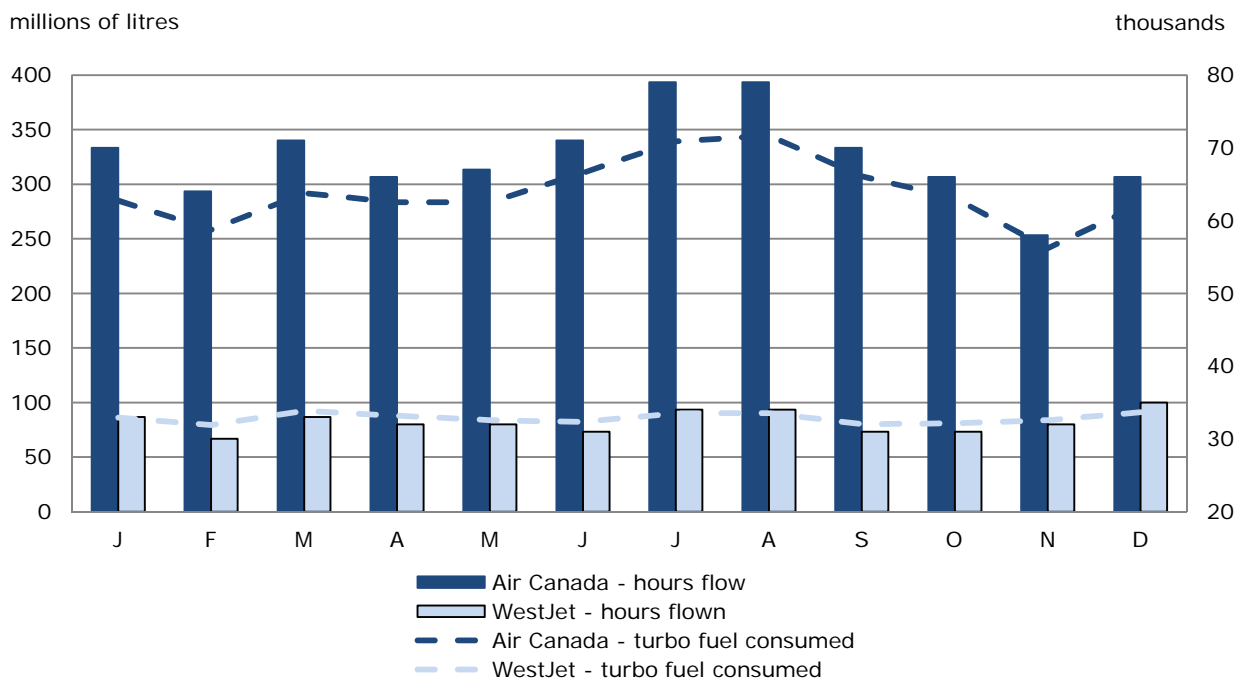


Chart 6

Hours flown and turbo fuel consumed, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2011



Statistical Tables

Table 1

Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, January 2011

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	January 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011	January 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,904	4.6	1,246	4.2
Total scheduled services	1,896	4.5	1,243	4.7
Total charter services	8	28.8	3	-64.5
Total passenger-kilometres	6,307,397	8.9	2,210,951	9.6
Total scheduled services	6,289,567	8.8	2,202,123	10.2
Total charter services	17,830	50.9	8,828	-54.1
Total available seat-kilometres	7,956,091	8.4	2,842,567	11.1
Total scheduled services	7,934,502	8.3	2,833,739	11.6
Domestic	1,904,100	-1.9	1,345,096	-1.9
International	6,030,402	12.0	1,488,643	27.6
Total charter services	21,589	50.5	8,828	-56.5
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	79.3	...	77.7	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	18,850	4.9	412	19.9
Total scheduled services	18,850	4.9	412	19.9
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	117,565	4.2	730	26.2
Total scheduled services	117,565	4.2	730	26.2
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	70	7.3	33	10.2
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	285,011	7.3	86,180	10.2

Note(s): Level IA. This includes every Canadian air carrier that, in the calendar year before the year in which information is provided, transported at least ten million revenue passengers.

Table 2
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, February 2011

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	February 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011	February 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,763	1.5	1,246	6.2
Total scheduled services	1,755	1.3	1,238	6.5
Total charter services	8	82.3	8	-21.9
Total passenger-kilometres	5,530,636	3.1	2,195,597	12.1
Total scheduled services	5,513,041	3.0	2,174,135	12.5
Total charter services	17,595	62.3	21,462	-13.9
Total available seat-kilometres	7,225,858	7.2	2,627,532	10.7
Total scheduled services	7,204,467	7.1	2,606,071	11.0
Domestic	1,711,549	-6.7	1,211,192	-5.5
International	5,492,918	12.2	1,394,878	30.8
Total charter services	21,391	58.6	21,462	-16.1
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	76.5	...	83.4	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	20,129	10.4	407	22.6
Total scheduled services	20,129	10.4	407	22.6
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	123,500	8.3	718	29.4
Total scheduled services	123,500	8.3	718	29.4
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	64	6.7	30	8.8
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	258,312	5.3	79,289	9.3

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Table 3
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, March 2011

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	March 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011	March 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	2,049	1.1	1,407	6.6
Total scheduled services	2,039	0.9	1,406	7.2
Total charter services	10	57.8	1	-87.8
Total passenger-kilometres	6,550,452	3.6	2,498,098	13.3
Total scheduled services	6,530,769	3.5	2,492,454	14.1
Total charter services	19,682	54.4	5,643	-71.9
Total available seat-kilometres	8,151,366	7.5	2,947,215	12.0
Total scheduled services	8,126,315	7.4	2,941,572	12.8
Domestic	1,935,323	-1.6	1,368,897	-0.9
International	6,190,992	10.6	1,572,675	28.0
Total charter services	25,051	50.4	5,643	-73.7
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	80.4	...	84.7	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	22,647	1.0	495	25.8
Total scheduled services	22,647	1.0	495	25.8
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	138,710	-0.3	879	33.8
Total scheduled services	138,710	-0.3	879	33.8
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	71	8.5	33	10.0
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	291,608	6.6	92,224	15.7

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Table 4
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, April 2011

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	April 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011	April 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,984	6.0	1,358	5.5
Total scheduled services	1,976	5.8	1,355	5.7
Total charter services	8	75.4	3	-43.4
Total passenger-kilometres	6,424,318	11.6	2,401,791	11.8
Total scheduled services	6,411,097	11.5	2,392,939	12.0
Total charter services	13,221	60.4	8,852	-33.7
Total available seat-kilometres	7,740,920	12.8	2,872,995	12.3
Total scheduled services	7,722,436	12.7	2,864,143	12.6
Domestic	1,807,445	-4.2	1,310,845	-1.5
International	5,914,991	19.1	1,553,298	28.0
Total charter services	18,485	85.3	8,852	-33.7
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	83.0	...	83.5	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	20,170	10.0	464	16.3
Total scheduled services	20,170	10.0	464	16.3
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	124,440	9.3	880	32.0
Total scheduled services	124,440	9.3	880	32.0
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	66	9.5	32	9.5
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	283,510	12.7	87,867	13.1

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Table 5
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, May 2011

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	May 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011	May 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,992	2.4	1,298	3.9
Total scheduled services	1,989	2.4	1,295	4.3
Total charter services	3	22.7	4	-49.4
Total passenger-kilometres	6,609,148	4.6	2,098,716	3.1
Total scheduled services	6,602,012	4.6	2,086,831	3.6
Total charter services	7,136	25.6	11,885	-44.3
Total available seat-kilometres	7,904,905	4.6	2,803,987	7.0
Total scheduled services	7,896,723	4.6	2,792,102	7.5
Domestic	2,206,037	-0.6	1,985,292	6.4
International	5,690,685	6.7	806,810	10.1
Total charter services	8,182	25.1	11,885	-44.3
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	83.6	...	74.7	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	19,979	-2.8	542	33.4
Total scheduled services	19,979	-2.8	542	33.4
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	120,334	-8.2	1,079	62.8
Total scheduled services	120,334	-8.2	1,079	62.8
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	67	3.2	32	6.8
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	283,424	2.6	83,710	6.6

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Table 6
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, June 2011

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	June 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011	June 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	2,118	0.6	1,285	5.6
Total scheduled services	2,116	0.6	1,282	5.8
Total charter services	2	63.5	3	-31.4
Total passenger-kilometres	7,343,057	2.2	2,084,196	5.8
Total scheduled services	7,338,295	2.2	2,073,991	6.1
Total charter services	4,762	-2.5	10,205	-36.3
Total available seat-kilometres	8,576,582	2.8	2,752,711	9.2
Total scheduled services	8,571,133	2.8	2,742,506	9.5
Domestic	2,337,450	-1.5	2,056,579	5.8
International	6,233,683	4.5	685,928	22.2
Total charter services	5,449	-18.6	10,205	-36.3
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	85.6	...	75.6	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	19,221	-9.3	489	8.2
Total scheduled services	19,221	-9.3	489	8.2
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	116,828	-12.7	1,004	37.4
Total scheduled services	116,828	-12.7	1,004	37.4
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	71	2.4	31	8.4
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	310,574	3.2	82,362	8.5

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Table 7
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, July 2011

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	July 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011	July 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	2,400	2.8	1,466	8.1
Total scheduled services	2,399	2.8	1,461	8.3
Total charter services	1	6.0	5	-32.5
Total passenger-kilometres	8,420,607	3.9	2,445,875	8.4
Total scheduled services	8,417,844	3.9	2,432,645	8.8
Total charter services	2,763	-38.1	13,230	-36.9
Total available seat-kilometres	9,582,792	2.0	2,995,673	7.2
Total scheduled services	9,579,702	2.0	2,982,443	7.5
Domestic	2,732,375	-0.9	2,225,650	2.8
International	6,847,327	3.2	756,793	24.3
Total charter services	3,090	-34.7	13,230	-36.9
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	87.9	...	81.6	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	21,207	-6.9	525	20.7
Total scheduled services	21,207	-6.9	525	20.7
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	133,154	-8.1	1,041	44.0
Total scheduled services	133,154	-8.1	1,041	44.0
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	79	1.9	34	7.6
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	339,096	1.6	89,955	6.8

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Table 8
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, August 2011

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	August 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011	August 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	2,455	2.1	1,488	6.4
Total scheduled services	2,454	2.1	1,484	6.7
Total charter services	1	23.4	4	-50.3
Total passenger-kilometres	8,538,030	3.1	2,491,933	7.7
Total scheduled services	8,534,097	3.1	2,480,801	8.2
Total charter services	3,933	8.5	11,132	-46.5
Total available seat-kilometres	9,552,244	1.8	2,990,255	6.2
Total scheduled services	9,548,066	1.8	2,979,123	6.6
Domestic	2,720,171	-2.1	2,240,801	2.0
International	6,827,895	3.4	738,322	23.6
Total charter services	4,178	6.6	11,132	-46.5
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	89.4	...	83.3	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	20,765	-7.3	406	-6.4
Total scheduled services	20,765	-7.3	406	-6.4
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	128,405	-8.7	926	29.1
Total scheduled services	128,405	-8.7	926	29.1
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	79	1.9	34	6.7
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	344,431	1.9	90,162	6.5

Note(s): Level IA. This includes every Canadian air carrier that, in the calendar year before the year in which information is provided, transported at least ten million revenue passengers.

Table 9
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, September 2011

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	September 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011	September 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	2,073	3.7	1,250	6.5
Total scheduled services	2,070	3.7	1,246	6.7
Total charter services	3	18.7	3	-42.1
Total passenger-kilometres	7,242,177	3.5	2,007,186	6.8
Total scheduled services	7,238,132	3.5	1,996,981	7.2
Total charter services	4,044	22.8	10,205	-38.1
Total available seat-kilometres	8,584,706	2.6	2,687,037	8.0
Total scheduled services	8,577,987	2.6	2,676,833	8.3
Domestic	2,292,142	-0.6	1,944,162	3.2
International	6,285,845	3.8	732,671	24.6
Total charter services	6,719	89.1	10,205	-38.1
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	84.4	...	74.6	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	19,409	-8.7	455	-1.2
Total scheduled services	19,409	-8.7	455	-1.2
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	119,586	-2.6	915	24.0
Total scheduled services	119,586	-2.6	915	24.0
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	70	2.1	31	7.9
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	307,140	0.3	80,166	5.1

Note(s): Level IA. This includes every Canadian air carrier that, in the calendar year before the year in which information is provided, transported at least ten million revenue passengers.

Table 10
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, October 2011

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	October 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011	October 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,923	1.7	1,324	6.3
Total scheduled services	1,918	1.8	1,317	6.3
Total charter services	5	-6.5	7	22.2
Total passenger-kilometres	6,351,801	1.4	2,127,452	6.7
Total scheduled services	6,346,194	1.5	2,111,930	6.9
Total charter services	5,607	-38.6	15,522	-18.0
Total available seat-kilometres	7,889,204	2.7	2,748,405	6.7
Total scheduled services	7,881,891	2.8	2,732,883	6.8
Domestic	2,080,555	0.3	1,874,728	2.6
International	5,801,336	3.7	858,155	17.5
Total charter services	7,313	-43.8	15,522	-18.0
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	80.5	...	77.3	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	19,915	-9.1	410	-18.2
Total scheduled services	19,915	-9.1	410	-18.2
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	123,758	-9.3	855	6.6
Total scheduled services	123,758	-9.3	855	6.6
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	66	2.1	31	6.8
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	287,286	8.8	80,872	5.1

Note(s): Level IA. This includes every Canadian air carrier that, in the calendar year before the year in which information is provided, transported at least ten million revenue passengers.

Table 11
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, November 2011

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	November 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011	November 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,675	3.5	1,275	4.2
Total scheduled services	1,669	3.5	1,275	4.3
Total charter services	6	-0.2	0	-83.4
Total passenger-kilometres	5,147,387	2.6	2,156,772	4.4
Total scheduled services	5,141,111	2.7	2,155,540	4.4
Total charter services	6,276	-35.6	1,232	25.2
Total available seat-kilometres	6,695,127	0.9	2,780,463	4.6
Total scheduled services	6,687,547	1.0	2,779,231	4.6
Domestic	1,784,392	2.1	1,394,504	4.9
International	4,903,155	0.6	1,384,727	4.2
Total charter services	7,580	-38.5	1,232	25.2
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	76.9	...	77.6	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	20,102	-2.0	384	-27.1
Total scheduled services	20,102	-2.0	384	-27.1
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	126,068	-1.9	807	-9.3
Total scheduled services	126,068	-1.9	807	-9.3
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	58	0.6	32	4.5
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	241,125	0.0	83,794	4.6

Note(s): Level IA. This includes every Canadian air carrier that, in the calendar year before the year in which information is provided, transported at least ten million revenue passengers.

Table 12
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, December 2011

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	December 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011	December 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,939	1.6	1,397	4.7
Total scheduled services	1,932	1.6	1,397	4.8
Total charter services	7	6.7	0	-84.6
Total passenger-kilometres	6,328,237	2.8	2,464,768	8.0
Total scheduled services	6,315,256	2.8	2,464,359	8.1
Total charter services	12,981	8.5	409	-87.8
Total available seat-kilometres	7,687,247	2.6	3,047,210	7.1
Total scheduled services	7,669,974	2.6	3,046,801	7.3
Domestic	1,978,436	-0.1	1,433,388	2.1
International	5,691,538	3.6	1,613,414	12.3
Total charter services	17,273	11.1	409	-87.8
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	82.3	...	80.9	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	21,830	7.2	362	-27.3
Total scheduled services	21,830	7.2	362	-27.3
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	136,254	6.4	834	-2.1
Total scheduled services	136,254	6.4	834	-2.1
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	66	1.5	35	6.2
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	281,376	-0.2	91,241	6.7

Note(s): Level IA. This includes every Canadian air carrier that, in the calendar year before the year in which information is provided, transported at least ten million revenue passengers.

Table 13
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, January to December 2011

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	January to December 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011	January to December 2011	Change from 2010 to 2011
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	24,276	2.6	16,041	5.7
Total scheduled services	24,213	2.5	15,999	6.0
Total charter services	63	30.8	42	-44.4
Total passenger-kilometres	80,793,246	4.2	27,183,335	8.2
Total scheduled services	80,677,416	4.2	27,064,730	8.6
Total charter services	115,830	20.1	118,604	-39.6
Total available seat-kilometres	97,547,042	4.5	34,096,052	8.5
Total scheduled services	97,400,742	4.4	33,977,448	8.8
Domestic	25,489,975	-1.4	20,391,133	2.1
International	71,910,767	6.7	13,586,314	20.7
Total charter services	146,301	21.1	118,604	-40.6
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	82.8	...	79.7	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	244,223	-1.5	5,351	3.3
Total scheduled services	244,223	-1.5	5,351	3.3
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	1,508,601	-2.4	10,668	24.4
Total scheduled services	1,508,601	-2.4	10,668	24.4
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	828	3.9	387	7.7
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	3,512,893	4.0	1,027,821	8.2

Note(s): Level IA. This includes every Canadian air carrier that, in the calendar year before the year in which information is provided, transported at least ten million revenue passengers.

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..	not available for a specific reference period
...	not applicable
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0 ^s	value rounded to 0 (zero) where there is a meaningful distinction between true zero and the value that was rounded
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