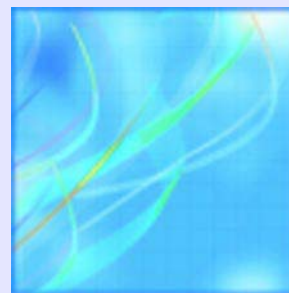


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Highlights

- For the 12-month period from January to December 2013, for scheduled and charter services, the major Canadian air carriers reported a 1.2% increase in passengers and a 1.8% growth in passenger-kilometres compared with the same period in 2012. WestJet reported that total passenger-kilometres flown rose 7.3% during the period, while the operations of Air Canada decreased 0.1%. The slight decrease for Air Canada was largely due to its new leisure airline, Air Canada rouge, which began operations on July 1, 2013. Since then, Air Canada has deployed its leisure carrier to a large number of destinations in the Caribbean, Mexico, Europe and selected sun destinations in the United States. The data for Air Canada rouge are not included with Air Canada data in this publication.
- In 2013, both Air Canada and WestJet reported their highest volume of scheduled passenger traffic in August. It was also during that month that these two carriers posted the highest number of passenger-kilometres flown for their scheduled operations. During the 12-month period, the average passenger trip length ranged from 3,162 kilometres in February to 3,664 kilometres in September for Air Canada, and from 1,585 kilometres in October to 1,827 kilometres in March for WestJet.
- In 2013, WestJet increased its system capacity, as measured by available seat-kilometres, by 8.6% for its scheduled services compared with 2012. During the same period, the system capacity of Air Canada remained unchanged. Air Canada's capacity increased in six of the 12 months—the variations ranged from -4.3% in February to 2.7% in May. WestJet's capacity rose in all months—the increases ranged from 3.0% in February to 12.8% in August.
- WestJet reported a decline in 2013 in its scheduled passenger load factor (a measure of the fullness of their aircraft), while Air Canada reported no change in its scheduled passenger load factor. Air Canada's passenger load factor remained at 84.1%, while WestJet's stood at 81.7%. The decline in the load factor for WestJet (-1.1 percentage points) was largely due to a stronger increase in capacity than in demand in most of the months. During the 12-month period, Air Canada's load factor exceeded WestJet's load factor nine times.
- For 2013, the major Canadian air carriers reported a 1.1% increase in terms of turbo fuel consumed compared to 2012. Air Canada consumed 3.6 billion litres (-0.4%) of turbo fuel, while WestJet consumed 1.1 billion litres (+6.1%) of turbo fuel.

Chart 1
Passengers, scheduled services, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2013

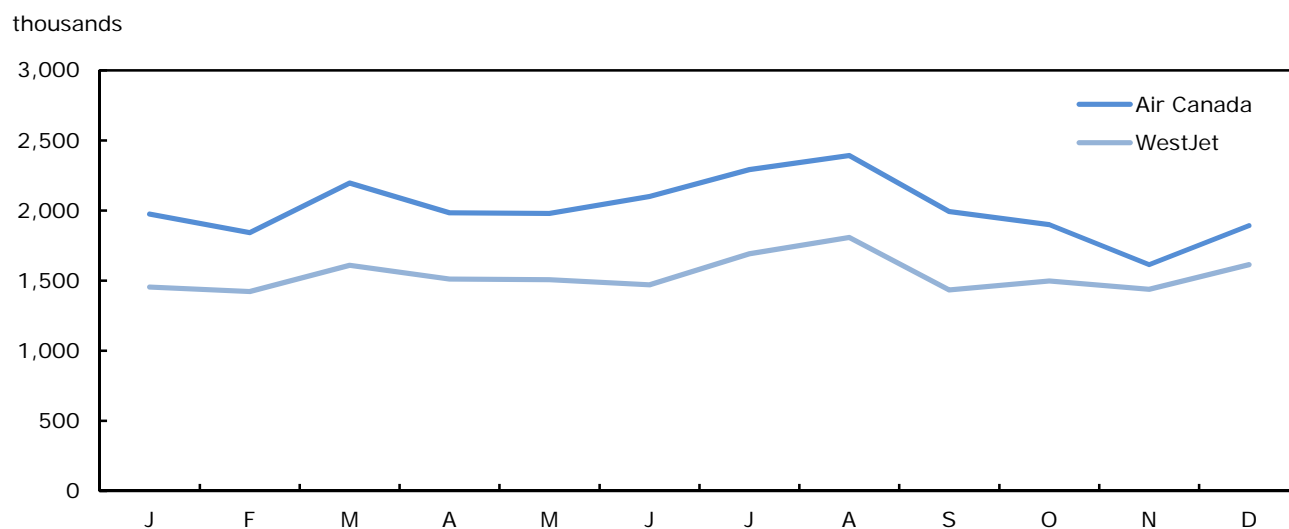


Chart 2
Passenger-kilometres and seat-kilometres, scheduled services, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2013

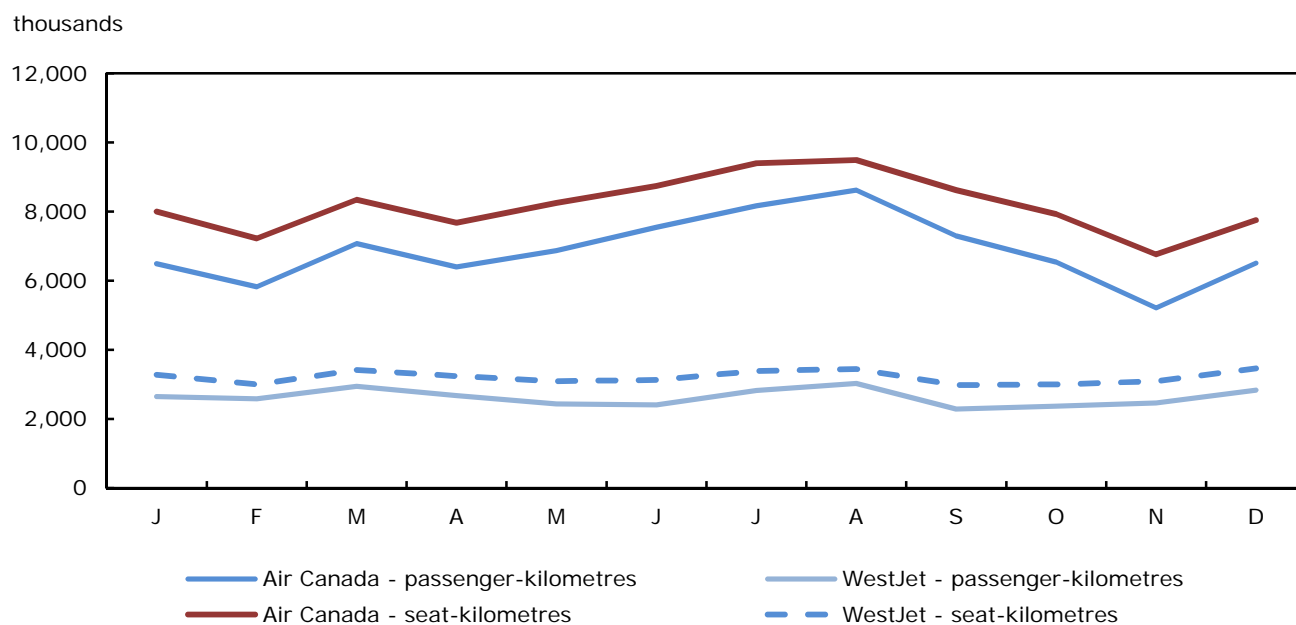


Chart 3
Operating statistics, monthly year-over-year percentage changes from 2012 to 2013, Air Canada and WestJet

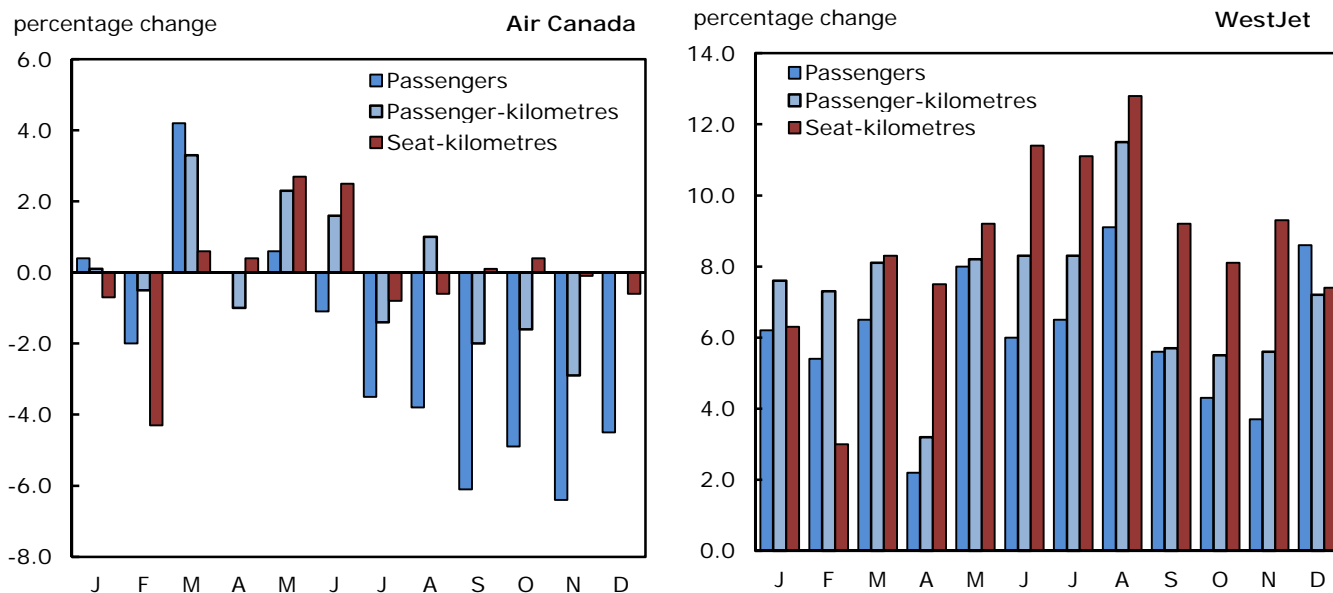


Chart 4
Average passenger trip length, scheduled services, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2013

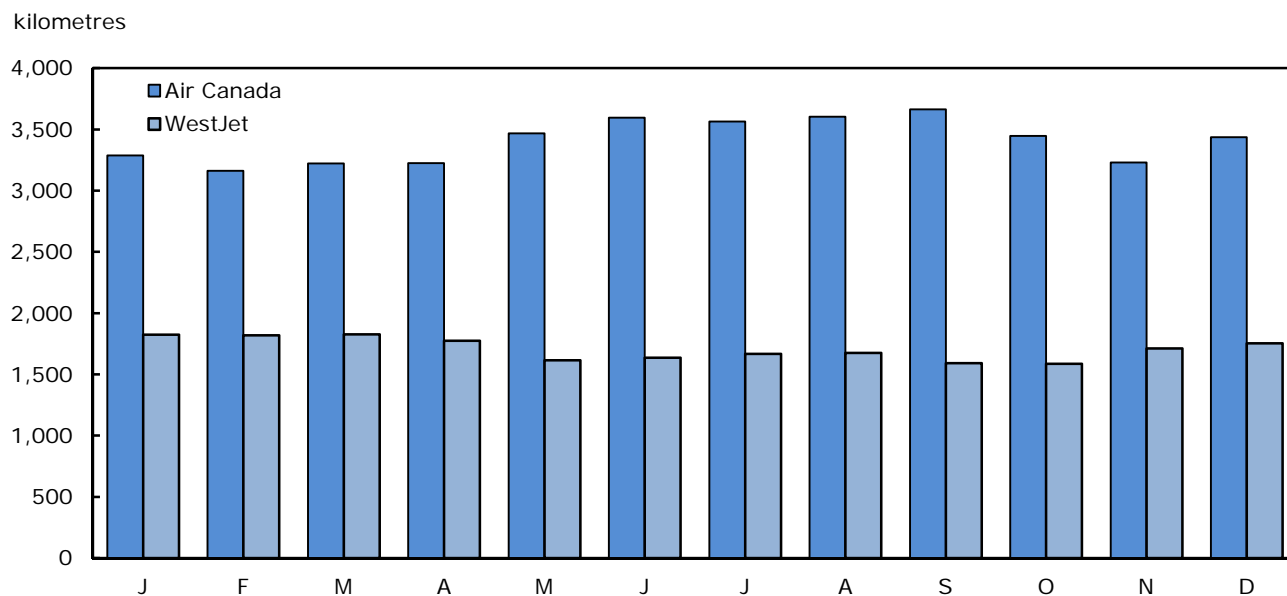


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Load factors, scheduled services, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2012 and 2013

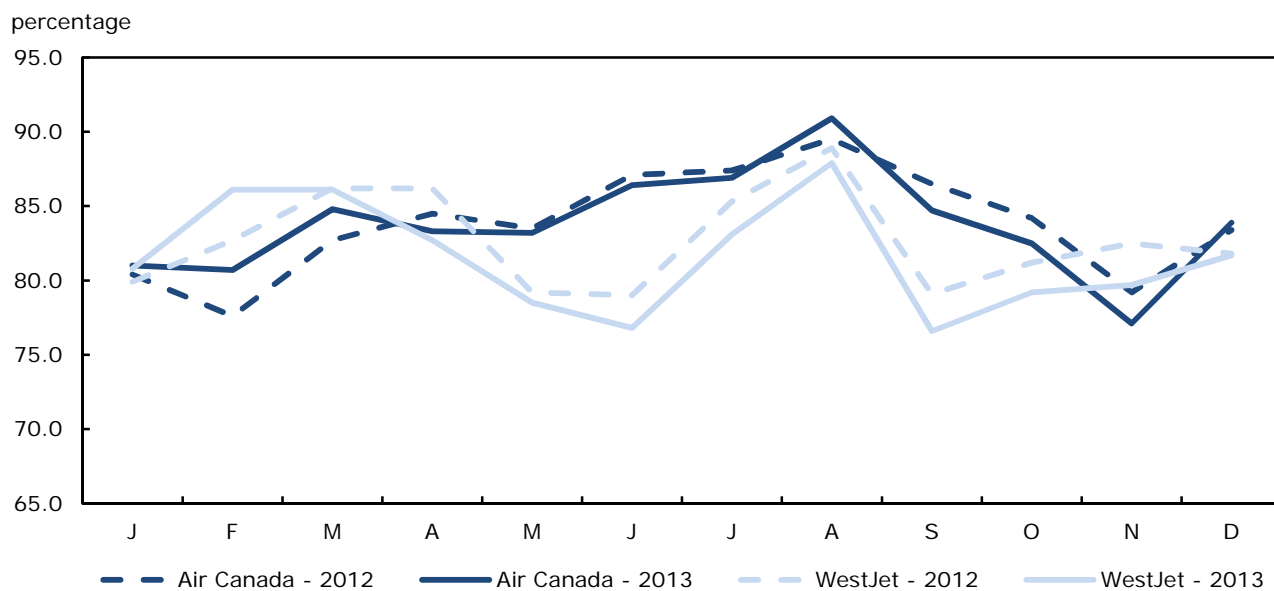
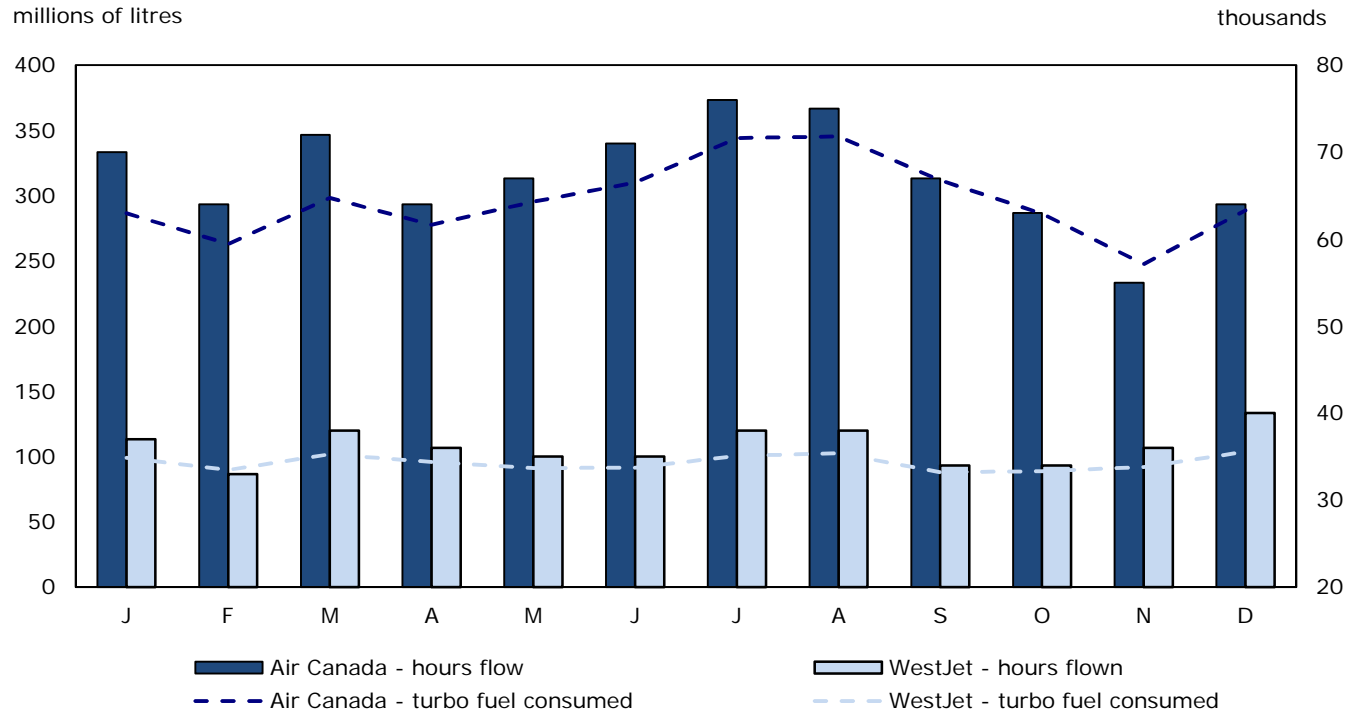


Chart 6
Hours flown and turbo fuel consumed, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2013



Statistical Tables

Table 1

Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, January 2013

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	January 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013	January 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,977	0.1	1,457	6.4
Total scheduled services	1,974	0.4	1,455	6.2
Total charter services	3	-64.0	3	...
Total passenger-kilometres	6,491,162	-0.2	2,655,893	7.7
Total scheduled services	6,487,723	0.1	2,653,157	7.6
Total charter services	3,439	-83.9	2,736	...
Total available seat-kilometres	8,013,410	-0.9	3,284,419	6.4
Total scheduled services	8,005,762	-0.7	3,281,683	6.3
Domestic	1,893,112	-1.4	1,380,390	-1.5
International	6,112,651	-0.4	1,901,293	12.8
Total charter services	7,648	-70.0	2,736	...
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	81.0	...	80.8	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	17,627	-7.3	371	19.7
Total scheduled services	17,627	-7.3	371	19.7
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	114,519	-3.3	813	19.2
Total scheduled services	114,519	-3.3	813	19.2
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	70	-0.9	37	5.8
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	286,613	-3.2	99,187	6.0

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Table 2
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, February 2013

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	February 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013	February 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,848	-2.2	1,424	5.5
Total scheduled services	1,842	-2.0	1,422	5.4
Total charter services	6	-37.8	2	260.3
Total passenger-kilometres	5,831,664	-0.7	2,587,839	7.3
Total scheduled services	5,825,310	-0.5	2,585,623	7.3
Total charter services	6,354	-68.5	2,217	76.7
Total available seat-kilometres	7,234,450	-4.4	3,004,628	3.1
Total scheduled services	7,219,950	-4.3	3,002,412	3.0
Domestic	1,660,309	-6.2	1,202,560	-8.0
International	5,559,641	-3.7	1,799,851	12.1
Total charter services	14,500	-38.3	2,217	76.7
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	80.7	...	86.1	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	18,479	-8.4	382	22.7
Total scheduled services	18,479	-8.4	382	22.7
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	117,568	-6.7	835	9.5
Total scheduled services	117,568	-6.7	835	9.5
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	64	-4.0	33	1.1
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	262,917	-5.0	89,868	2.2

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Table 3
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, March 2013

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	March 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013	March 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	2,202	4.1	1,612	6.7
Total scheduled services	2,195	4.2	1,610	6.5
Total charter services	7	-24.9	2	...
Total passenger-kilometres	7,083,537	3.1	2,944,452	8.2
Total scheduled services	7,074,736	3.3	2,942,235	8.1
Total charter services	8,802	-56.2	2,217	...
Total available seat-kilometres	8,361,075	0.6	3,418,829	8.4
Total scheduled services	8,342,328	0.6	3,416,613	8.3
Domestic	1,868,796	0.0	1,361,501	-2.5
International	6,473,532	0.8	2,055,112	16.8
Total charter services	18,747	-24.4	2,217	...
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	84.8	...	86.1	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	22,780	-5.5	415	17.1
Total scheduled services	22,780	-5.5	415	17.1
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	144,694	-5.3	823	-4.0
Total scheduled services	144,694	-5.3	823	-4.0
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	72	0.6	38	6.3
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	298,298	-0.2	101,717	7.2

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Table 4
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, April 2013

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	April 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013	April 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,990	0.1	1,512	2.2
Total scheduled services	1,983	0.0	1,510	2.2
Total charter services	7	21.0	2	0.0
Total passenger-kilometres	6,404,355	-1.0	2,680,849	3.1
Total scheduled services	6,396,272	-1.0	2,678,355	3.2
Total charter services	8,084	-28.0	2,494	-21.9
Total available seat-kilometres	7,694,607	0.5	3,240,356	7.4
Total scheduled services	7,679,075	0.4	3,237,862	7.5
Domestic	1,828,438	0.8	1,388,047	0.3
International	5,850,637	0.3	1,849,815	13.5
Total charter services	15,532	10.1	2,494	-21.9
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	83.3	...	82.7	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	19,484	0.1	423	22.8
Total scheduled services	19,484	0.1	423	22.8
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	125,827	1.4	845	-0.4
Total scheduled services	125,827	1.4	845	-0.4
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	64	-1.4	36	6.3
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	277,790	-0.2	95,881	6.3

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Table 5
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, May 2013

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	May 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013	May 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,982	0.6	1,509	7.9
Total scheduled services	1,980	0.6	1,506	8.0
Total charter services	2	9.8	3	-29.6
Total passenger-kilometres	6,871,215	2.3	2,433,986	8.2
Total scheduled services	6,867,678	2.3	2,431,397	8.2
Total charter services	3,537	-30.9	2,588	-19.8
Total available seat-kilometres	8,259,945	2.7	3,100,011	9.1
Total scheduled services	8,253,952	2.7	3,097,423	9.2
Domestic	2,232,513	0.8	2,015,407	5.4
International	6,021,439	3.4	1,082,016	16.9
Total charter services	5,993	8.4	2,588	-19.8
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	83.2	...	78.5	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	19,231	-2.5	437	25.7
Total scheduled services	19,231	-2.5	437	25.7
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	123,660	-1.1	902	-4.9
Total scheduled services	123,660	-1.1	902	-4.9
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	67	-0.7	35	7.3
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	295,303	1.2	91,281	4.6

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Table 6
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, June 2013

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	June 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013	June 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	2,101	-1.1	1,473	5.9
Total scheduled services	2,100	-1.1	1,471	6.0
Total charter services	1	-69.9	2	0.0
Total passenger-kilometres	7,550,979	1.5	2,409,464	8.3
Total scheduled services	7,550,290	1.6	2,407,247	8.3
Total charter services	689	-86.6	2,217	0.0
Total available seat-kilometres	8,739,613	2.4	3,135,717	11.4
Total scheduled services	8,738,646	2.5	3,133,500	11.4
Domestic	2,351,905	1.9	2,169,963	9.7
International	6,386,741	2.7	963,537	15.4
Total charter services	967	-84.0	2,217	0.0
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	86.4	...	76.8	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	20,253	-2.6	439	27.1
Total scheduled services	20,253	-2.6	439	27.1
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	130,512	-0.8	916	-16.5
Total scheduled services	130,512	-0.8	916	-16.5
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	71	-0.9	35	8.9
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	310,159	1.0	91,502	7.9

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Table 7
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, July 2013

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	July 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013	July 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	2,292	-3.6	1,695	6.5
Total scheduled services	2,292	-3.5	1,692	6.5
Total charter services	0	-89.5	3	0.0
Total passenger-kilometres	8,171,113	-1.5	2,823,831	8.3
Total scheduled services	8,170,858	-1.4	2,821,060	8.3
Total charter services	254	-94.2	2,771	6.9
Total available seat-kilometres	9,404,530	-0.8	3,396,337	11.1
Total scheduled services	9,404,210	-0.8	3,393,566	11.1
Domestic	2,702,006	1.6	2,419,466	9.9
International	6,702,203	-1.7	974,100	14.3
Total charter services	320	-93.8	2,771	6.9
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	86.9	...	83.1	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	20,995	-1.8	434	3.3
Total scheduled services	20,995	-1.8	434	3.3
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	136,261	0.7	872	-23.2
Total scheduled services	136,261	0.7	872	-23.2
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	76	-3.8	38	9.0
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	344,068	0.5	100,538	8.0

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Table 8
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, August 2013

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	August 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013	August 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	2,393	-3.8	1,810	9.1
Total scheduled services	2,393	-3.8	1,808	9.1
Total charter services	0	-16.5	2	-11.1
Total passenger-kilometres	8,625,435	1.0	3,032,531	11.5
Total scheduled services	8,624,397	1.0	3,030,314	11.5
Total charter services	1,038	61.7	2,217	-11.1
Total available seat-kilometres	9,491,201	-0.6	3,450,017	12.8
Total scheduled services	9,489,706	-0.6	3,447,800	12.8
Domestic	2,721,589	0.8	2,447,699	10.9
International	6,768,117	-1.2	1,000,101	17.8
Total charter services	1,495	56.1	2,217	-11.1
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	90.9	...	87.9	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	20,407	-5.0	455	7.3
Total scheduled services	20,407	-5.0	455	7.3
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	132,903	-1.0	953	-14.3
Total scheduled services	132,903	-1.0	953	-14.3
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	75	-5.6	38	10.5
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	345,411	-0.8	102,600	10.2

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Table 9
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, September 2013

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	September 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013	September 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,997	-5.9	1,436	5.6
Total scheduled services	1,993	-6.1	1,434	5.6
Total charter services	4	640.2	2	12.5
Total passenger-kilometres	7,307,180	-2.0	2,285,780	5.7
Total scheduled services	7,302,075	-2.0	2,283,286	5.7
Total charter services	5,105	614.4	2,494	12.5
Total available seat-kilometres	8,633,218	0.2	2,984,529	9.2
Total scheduled services	8,625,091	0.1	2,982,035	9.2
Domestic	2,314,092	1.1	2,002,427	6.3
International	6,310,999	-0.2	979,608	15.8
Total charter services	8,127	393.2	2,494	12.5
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	84.7	...	76.6	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	21,029	2.9	443	9.0
Total scheduled services	21,029	2.9	443	9.0
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	136,550	6.2	863	-10.8
Total scheduled services	136,550	6.2	863	-10.8
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	67	-5.4	34	9.2
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	311,771	2.3	88,027	7.1

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Table 10
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, October 2013

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	October 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013	October 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,903	-4.7	1,499	4.3
Total scheduled services	1,898	-4.9	1,497	4.3
Total charter services	5	338.7	3	5.3
Total passenger-kilometres	6,546,942	-1.6	2,375,784	5.5
Total scheduled services	6,541,077	-1.6	2,373,013	5.5
Total charter services	5,864	212.3	2,771	5.3
Total available seat-kilometres	7,937,941	0.5	3,000,171	8.1
Total scheduled services	7,930,422	0.4	2,997,400	8.1
Domestic	2,106,998	0.4	1,866,704	3.4
International	5,823,424	0.4	1,130,697	17.0
Total charter services	7,519	43.6	2,771	5.3
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	82.5	...	79.2	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	21,262	3.4	426	32.7
Total scheduled services	21,262	3.4	426	32.7
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	137,384	6.6	871	-11.8
Total scheduled services	137,384	6.6	871	-11.8
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	63	-5.1	34	6.6
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	286,260	-1.3	88,780	3.1

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 2013

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	November 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013	November 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,618	-6.2	1,442	3.8
Total scheduled services	1,614	-6.4	1,439	3.7
Total charter services	4	152.8	3	50.7
Total passenger-kilometres	5,216,597	-2.8	2,466,350	5.6
Total scheduled services	5,211,101	-2.9	2,462,122	5.6
Total charter services	5,496	192.6	4,227	90.7
Total available seat-kilometres	6,770,496	-0.1	3,094,527	9.4
Total scheduled services	6,763,209	-0.1	3,090,300	9.3
Domestic	1,779,151	2.0	1,410,916	5.3
International	4,984,058	-0.9	1,679,384	13.0
Total charter services	7,287	39.5	4,227	90.7
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	77.1	...	79.7	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	22,363	6.4	380	-10.9
Total scheduled services	22,363	6.4	380	-10.9
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	143,164	7.0	799	-20.6
Total scheduled services	143,164	7.0	799	-20.6
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	55	-6.3	36	8.7
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	247,412	-0.4	91,882	5.2

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 12
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, December 2013

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	December 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013	December 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,897	-4.4	1,616	8.6
Total scheduled services	1,893	-4.5	1,614	8.6
Total charter services	4	335.2	2	14.3
Total passenger-kilometres	6,511,140	0.1	2,832,178	7.2
Total scheduled services	6,506,668	0.0	2,829,684	7.2
Total charter services	4,472	247.4	2,494	14.3
Total available seat-kilometres	7,759,660	-0.6	3,468,076	7.4
Total scheduled services	7,753,132	-0.6	3,465,582	7.4
Domestic	2,033,411	7.1	1,509,069	7.8
International	5,719,721	-3.1	1,956,513	7.1
Total charter services	6,527	167.9	2,494	14.3
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	83.9	...	81.7	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	22,305	-0.2	411	-10.7
Total scheduled services	22,305	-0.2	411	-10.7
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	141,235	-1.4	964	1.6
Total scheduled services	141,235	-1.4	964	1.6
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	64	-5.4	40	10.2
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	288,828	1.2	103,676	5.5

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 13
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, January to December 2013

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	January to December 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013	January to December 2013	Change from 2012 to 2013
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	24,200	-2.3	18,485	6.1
Total scheduled services	24,157	-2.3	18,455	6.1
Total charter services	43	-1.9	30	29.8
Total passenger-kilometres	82,611,319	-0.1	31,528,937	7.3
Total scheduled services	82,558,185	0.0	31,497,495	7.3
Total charter services	53,134	-43.4	31,442	29.8
Total available seat-kilometres	98,300,146	0.0	38,577,618	8.6
Total scheduled services	98,205,483	0.0	38,546,176	8.6
Domestic	25,492,320	0.8	21,174,150	4.7
International	72,713,163	-0.3	17,372,026	13.8
Total charter services	94,663	-21.2	31,442	29.8
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	84.1	...	81.7	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	246,215	-1.7	5,015	12.2
Total scheduled services	246,215	-1.7	5,015	12.2
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	1,584,278	0.1	10,456	-7.9
Total scheduled services	1,584,278	0.1	10,456	-7.9
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	809	-3.2	433	7.5
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	3,554,830	-0.4	1,144,938	6.1

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.

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