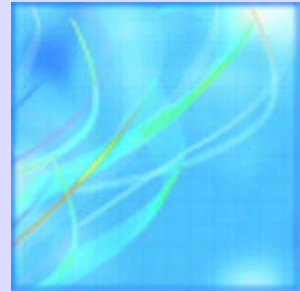


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Civil Aviation, Monthly Key Operating Statistics, Major Canadian Air Carriers



January to December 2007

Highlights

- From January to December 2007, the major Canadian air carriers reported a 6.4% increase in passengers and a 5.7% advance in passenger-kilometres compared with the same period in 2006. WestJet reported that total passenger-kilometres flown rose 19.9% during the 12-month period, while the operations of Air Canada grew by 2.6%.
- Both carriers also noted improvements in their passenger load factor (a measure of the fullness of their aircraft). From January to December 2007, Air Canada's passenger load factor reached 81.3% and WestJet's passenger load factor stood at 79.5%.
- From January to December 2007, domestic growth led the increases in scheduled passenger operations. The domestic sector grew by 8.0% during the 12-month period, while the international sector posted a rise of 3.9%. The major Canadian air carriers reported that scheduled passenger-kilometre operations increased by 9.1% in the domestic sector and 3.8% in the international sector. WestJet reported that domestic and international passenger-kilometres flown climbed 17.9% and 43.8%, respectively compared with the same period in 2006, while the scheduled operations of Air Canada advanced at a much slower pace (+3.6% in the domestic sector and +2.3% in the international sector).



Table 1
Scheduled passengers and passenger-kilometres broken down by sector, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2006 and 2007

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	percent			
Passengers				
Domestic	48.8	49.1	90.1	88.0
International	51.2	50.9	9.9	12.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Passenger-kilometres				
Domestic	27.9	28.2	86.4	83.9
International	72.1	71.8	13.6	16.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 2
Scheduled passengers and passenger-kilometres, market shares by sector, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2006 and 2007

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	percent			
Passengers				
Domestic	55.8	52.7	44.2	47.3
International	92.3	89.5	7.7	10.5
Passenger-kilometres				
Domestic	61.9	58.9	38.1	41.1
International	96.4	95.0	3.6	5.0

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Table 3
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA – January 2007

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	January 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007	January 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Passengers				
Scheduled				
Domestic	841	2.9	680	10.3
International	1,006	0.3	157	55.2
Total	1,847	1.5	837	16.6
Charter	5	-22.0	52	7.3
Total	1,852	1.4	889	16.1
Passenger-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,481,670	5.2	906,390	12.3
International	4,294,493	1.9	322,166	63.9
Total	5,776,163	2.7	1,228,556	22.4
Charter	10,089	-1.2	203,732	7.1
Total	5,786,252	2.7	1,432,288	20.0
Available seat-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,877,869	1.3	1,248,016	9.9
International	5,466,353	2.3	435,953	70.8
Total	7,344,222	2.0	1,683,969	21.1
Charter	12,355	-16.5	203,732	7.1
Total	7,356,577	2.0	1,887,701	19.4
Load factors (percent)				
Scheduled				
Domestic	78.9	...	72.6	...
International	78.6	...	73.9	...
Total	78.6	...	73.0	...
Goods carried (kilograms)				
Scheduled	17,931	-23.5	548	-15.7
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	17,931	-23.5	548	-15.7
Goods tonne-kilometres				
Scheduled	92,894	-31.6	883	-12.9
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	92,894	-31.6	883	-12.9
Hours flown	66	6.5	23	16.1

Note(s): Level IA. This includes every Canadian air carrier not classified in report level VI that, in the calendar year immediately preceding the report year, transported at least ten million revenue passengers.

Table 4
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA – February 2007

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	February 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007	February 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Passengers				
Scheduled				
Domestic	817	2.8	677	14.5
International	940	0.6	156	44.0
Total	1,757	1.6	833	19.1
Charter	5	64.4	65	15.5
Total	1,762	1.7	898	18.8
Passenger-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,401,465	5.3	875,031	15.2
International	3,866,690	4.1	316,432	57.9
Total	5,268,155	4.4	1,191,463	24.2
Charter	9,426	69.5	238,834	13.3
Total	5,277,581	4.5	1,430,297	22.2
Available seat-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,675,412	0.2	1,102,551	9.8
International	4,909,502	3.6	397,474	70.6
Total	6,584,914	2.7	1,500,026	21.2
Charter	12,035	80.4	238,834	13.3
Total	6,596,949	2.8	1,738,859	20.1
Load factors (percent)				
Scheduled				
Domestic	83.6	...	79.4	...
International	78.8	...	79.6	...
Total	80.0	...	79.4	...
Goods carried (kilograms)				
Scheduled	17,878	-25.1	595	-12.8
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	17,878	-25.1	595	-12.8
Goods tonne-kilometres				
Scheduled	92,730	-30.8	948	-10.3
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	92,730	-30.8	948	-10.3
Hours flown	60	6.6	21	16.9

Note(s): Level IA. This includes every Canadian air carrier not classified in report level VI that, in the calendar year immediately preceding the report year, transported at least ten million revenue passengers.

Table 5
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA – March 2007

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	March 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007	March 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Passengers				
Scheduled				
Domestic	909	0.9	765	12.1
International	1,122	2.0	184	49.5
Total	2,031	1.5	950	17.8
Charter	5	38.0	68	22.2
Total	2,036	1.6	1,018	18.1
Passenger-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,617,975	4.9	1,004,414	12.8
International	4,713,946	4.9	374,518	61.8
Total	6,331,921	4.9	1,378,932	22.9
Charter	10,198	62.1	260,092	20.4
Total	6,342,119	5.0	1,639,025	22.5
Available seat-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,917,527	-0.5	1,220,647	5.8
International	5,639,896	2.9	443,404	68.7
Total	7,557,423	2.0	1,664,051	17.4
Charter	12,722	66.2	260,092	20.4
Total	7,570,145	2.0	1,924,144	17.8
Load factors (percent)				
Scheduled				
Domestic	84.4	...	82.3	...
International	83.6	...	84.5	...
Total	83.8	...	82.9	...
Goods carried (kilograms)				
Scheduled	21,283	-27.0	581	-23.4
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	21,283	-27.0	581	-23.4
Goods tonne-kilometres				
Scheduled	111,128	-35.9	936	-20.5
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	111,128	-35.9	936	-20.5
Hours flown	67	5.5	23	15.5

Note(s): Level IA. This includes every Canadian air carrier not classified in report level VI that, in the calendar year immediately preceding the report year, transported at least ten million revenue passengers.

Table 6
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA – April 2007

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	April 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007	April 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Passengers				
Scheduled				
Domestic	908	3.8	782	16.1
International	956	-1.8	175	57.8
Total	1,864	0.8	958	22.0
Charter	4	-3.7	30	-14.2
Total	1,868	0.8	988	20.5
Passenger-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,620,712	6.7	1,043,090	16.5
International	4,174,780	2.3	355,836	68.7
Total	5,795,492	3.5	1,398,926	26.4
Charter	7,966	-1.2	108,282	-11.8
Total	5,803,459	3.5	1,507,208	22.6
Available seat-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,913,228	0.2	1,274,178	7.1
International	5,046,785	2.9	436,703	72.2
Total	6,960,014	2.2	1,710,881	18.5
Charter	11,059	7.8	108,282	-11.8
Total	6,971,073	2.2	1,819,163	16.1
Load factors (percent)				
Scheduled				
Domestic	84.7	...	81.9	...
International	82.7	...	81.5	...
Total	83.3	...	81.8	...
Goods carried (kilograms)				
Scheduled	18,356	-28.9	509	-34.7
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	18,356	-28.9	509	-34.7
Goods tonne-kilometres				
Scheduled	97,069	-37.0	509	-34.7
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	97,069	-37.0	509	-34.7
Hours flown	61	5.0	22	14.0

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Table 7
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA – May 2007

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	May 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007	May 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Passengers				
Scheduled				
Domestic	996	-0.3	921	19.3
International	935	-2.0	82	81.9
Total	1,931	-1.1	1,002	22.8
Charter	2	-8.2	20	-13.8
Total	1,933	-1.1	1,023	21.7
Passenger-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,785,710	1.4	1,289,162	19.5
International	4,234,395	-0.9	158,616	59.9
Total	6,020,105	-0.3	1,447,778	22.9
Charter	4,110	2.7	73,945	-16.9
Total	6,024,216	-0.2	1,521,723	20.1
Available seat-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	2,183,727	-0.9	1,614,003	12.1
International	4,999,770	-1.0	214,184	81.3
Total	7,183,497	-1.0	1,828,187	17.3
Charter	4,913	-12.9	73,945	-16.9
Total	7,188,410	-1.0	1,902,132	15.5
Load factors (percent)				
Scheduled				
Domestic	81.8	...	79.9	...
International	84.7	...	74.1	...
Total	83.8	...	79.2	...
Goods carried (kilograms)				
Scheduled	18,322	-25.2	592	-23.1
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	18,322	-25.2	592	-23.1
Goods tonne-kilometres				
Scheduled	98,295	-31.2	881	-18.4
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	98,295	-31.2	881	-18.4
Hours flown	63	2.5	23	13.6

Note(s): Level IA. This includes every Canadian air carrier not classified in report level VI that, in the calendar year immediately preceding the report year, transported at least ten million revenue passengers.

Table 8
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA – June 2007

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	June 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007	June 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Passengers				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,033	1.9	921	20.8
International	997	0.3	49	35.5
Total	2,030	1.1	970	21.5
Charter	1	-48.6	23	13.8
Total	2,031	1.0	993	21.3
Passenger-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,920,261	1.5	1,336,522	22.4
International	4,690,816	1.0	89,143	12.7
Total	6,611,077	1.2	1,425,665	21.7
Charter	2,950	-55.4	87,572	16.6
Total	6,614,027	1.1	1,513,236	21.4
Available seat-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	2,381,958	-0.1	1,687,358	17.7
International	5,536,959	1.8	117,949	7.9
Total	7,918,917	1.2	1,805,307	17.0
Charter	4,672	-45.1	87,572	16.6
Total	7,923,589	1.1	1,892,878	17.0
Load factors (percent)				
Scheduled				
Domestic	80.6	...	79.2	...
International	84.7	...	75.6	...
Total	83.5	...	79.0	...
Goods carried (kilograms)				
Scheduled	18,518	-24.8	655	-11.3
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	18,518	-24.8	655	-11.3
Goods tonne-kilometres				
Scheduled	102,010	-30.1	998	-11.2
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	102,010	-30.1	998	-11.2
Hours flown	68	3.5	22	15.2

Note(s): Level IA. This includes every Canadian air carrier not classified in report level VI that, in the calendar year immediately preceding the report year, transported at least ten million revenue passengers.

Table 9
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA – July 2007

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	July 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007	July 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Passengers				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,115	4.2	992	18.1
International	1,106	-1.0	53	28.4
Total	2,221	1.6	1,045	18.5
Charter	1	-54.1	22	-17.5
Total	2,222	1.5	1,067	17.5
Passenger-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	2,191,072	4.4	1,512,564	20.2
International	5,284,637	0.3	97,991	10.4
Total	7,475,709	1.4	1,610,555	19.6
Charter	3,970	-71.2	78,943	-14.2
Total	7,479,679	1.3	1,689,498	17.4
Available seat-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	2,709,670	5.3	1,849,189	18.5
International	6,346,477	1.8	116,294	2.8
Total	9,056,147	2.8	1,965,483	17.4
Charter	4,461	-74.2	78,943	-14.2
Total	9,060,608	2.6	2,044,426	15.8
Load factors (percent)				
Scheduled				
Domestic	80.9	...	81.8	...
International	83.3	...	84.3	...
Total	82.5	...	81.9	...
Goods carried (kilograms)				
Scheduled	20,270	-18.2	579	-6.3
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	20,270	-18.2	579	-6.3
Goods tonne-kilometres				
Scheduled	113,623	-22.7	916	-6.4
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	113,623	-22.7	916	-6.4
Hours flown	77	4.2	24	12.9

Note(s): Level IA. This includes every Canadian air carrier not classified in report level VI that, in the calendar year immediately preceding the report year, transported at least ten million revenue passengers.

Table 10
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA – August 2007

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	August 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007	August 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Passengers				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,198	18.1	1,074	18.9
International	1,145	28.4	58	39.1
Total	2,343	18.5	1,132	19.8
Charter	1	-17.5	21	-3.2
Total	2,344	17.5	1,153	19.3
Passenger-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	2,365,390	20.2	1,647,967	20.4
International	5,413,679	10.4	107,183	17.7
Total	7,779,068	19.6	1,755,151	20.2
Charter	2,903	-14.2	77,333	7.9
Total	7,781,972	17.4	1,832,483	19.6
Available seat-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	2,800,918	18.5	1,889,557	15.8
International	6,410,614	2.8	115,975	5.4
Total	9,211,533	17.4	2,005,532	15.1
Charter	3,570	-14.2	77,333	7.9
Total	9,215,102	15.8	2,082,865	14.8
Load factors (percent)				
Scheduled				
Domestic	84.5	...	87.2	...
International	84.4	...	92.4	...
Total	84.4	...	87.5	...
Goods carried (kilograms)				
Scheduled	22,067	-6.3	526	-11.7
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	22,067	-6.3	526	-11.7
Goods tonne-kilometres				
Scheduled	122,265	-6.4	836	-15.3
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	122,265	-6.4	836	-15.3
Hours flown	78	12.9	24	15.1

Note(s): Level IA. This includes every Canadian air carrier not classified in report level VI that, in the calendar year immediately preceding the report year, transported at least ten million revenue passengers.

Table 11
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA – September 2007

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	September 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007	September 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Passengers				
Scheduled				
Domestic	999	1.3	913	15.0
International	1,000	1.5	53	60.7
Total	1,999	1.4	966	16.8
Charter	1	-37.2	24	19.8
Total	2,000	1.4	991	16.9
Passenger-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,848,663	2.3	1,359,403	16.5
International	4,775,606	3.4	95,866	44.4
Total	6,624,269	3.1	1,455,269	18.0
Charter	1,403	-36.8	95,201	15.9
Total	6,625,672	3.0	1,550,471	17.9
Available seat-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	2,358,807	4.2	1,758,462	12.4
International	6,008,953	3.5	116,192	14.4
Total	8,367,760	3.7	1,874,654	12.5
Charter	2,058	-31.1	95,201	15.9
Total	8,369,818	3.7	1,969,856	12.7
Load factors (percent)				
Scheduled				
Domestic	78.4	...	77.3	...
International	79.5	...	82.5	...
Total	79.2	...	77.6	...
Goods carried (kilograms)				
Scheduled	20,946	-14.5	613	-20.9
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	20,946	-14.5	613	-20.9
Goods tonne-kilometres				
Scheduled	118,263	-17.8	959	-23.4
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	118,263	-17.8	959	-23.4
Hours flown	70	3.1	23	11.9

Note(s): Level IA. This includes every Canadian air carrier not classified in report level VI that, in the calendar year immediately preceding the report year, transported at least ten million revenue passengers.

Table 12
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA – October 2007

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	October 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007	October 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Passengers				
Scheduled				
Domestic	980	1.7	953	16.5
International	927	3.0	63	24.1
Total	1,907	2.3	1,016	16.9
Charter	2	-23.4	22	19.3
Total	1,909	2.3	1,038	16.9
Passenger-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,714,095	1.9	1,408,401	20.4
International	4,218,683	3.1	117,092	21.6
Total	5,932,777	2.8	1,525,493	20.5
Charter	2,266	-19.6	76,509	20.4
Total	5,935,043	2.8	1,602,002	20.5
Available seat-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	2,139,369	3.3	1,841,300	16.7
International	5,360,849	2.5	134,248	0.5
Total	7,500,217	2.7	1,975,547	15.5
Charter	3,346	-23.9	76,509	20.4
Total	7,503,563	2.7	2,052,057	15.6
Load factors (percent)				
Scheduled				
Domestic	80.1	...	76.5	...
International	78.7	...	87.2	...
Total	79.1	...	77.2	...
Goods carried (kilograms)				
Scheduled	21,343	-17.3	639	-6.4
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	21,343	-17.3	639	-6.4
Goods tonne-kilometres				
Scheduled	117,121	-23.2	986	-3.6
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	117,121	-23.2	986	-3.6
Hours flown	65	3.9	24	14.2

Note(s): Level IA. This includes every Canadian air carrier not classified in report level VI that, in the calendar year immediately preceding the report year, transported at least ten million revenue passengers.

Table 13
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA – November 2007

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	November 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007	November 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Passengers				
Scheduled				
Domestic	841	0.2	805	13.8
International	813	2.4	170	16.2
Total	1,654	1.3	974	14.2
Charter	4	-9.1	9	-19.8
Total	1,658	1.3	983	13.8
Passenger-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,420,629	1.6	1,105,632	20.3
International	3,494,353	2.3	343,791	17.1
Total	4,914,982	2.1	1,449,423	19.5
Charter	5,626	-14.4	36,754	-14.9
Total	4,920,608	2.1	1,486,177	18.3
Available seat-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,794,781	2.7	1,489,437	18.2
International	4,659,107	3.9	439,825	6.6
Total	6,453,888	3.6	1,929,262	15.6
Charter	8,298	-16.0	36,754	-14.9
Total	6,462,186	3.5	1,966,016	14.8
Load factors (percent)				
Scheduled				
Domestic	79.2	...	74.2	...
International	75.0	...	78.2	...
Total	76.2	...	75.1	...
Goods carried (kilograms)				
Scheduled	19,888	-25.0	629	-11.1
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	19,888	-25.0	629	-11.1
Goods tonne-kilometres				
Scheduled	123,200	-18.9	950	-19.5
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	123,200	-18.9	950	-19.5
Hours flown	58	5.0	24	11.7

Note(s): Level IA. This includes every Canadian air carrier not classified in report level VI that, in the calendar year immediately preceding the report year, transported at least ten million revenue passengers.

Table 14
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA – December 2007

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	December 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007	December 2007	Change from 2006 to 2007
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Passengers				
Scheduled				
Domestic	877	-1.1	831	8.8
International	974	1.9	205	38.7
Total	1,851	0.4	1,035	13.7
Charter	5	1.0	22	-20.7
Total	1,856	0.4	1,058	12.6
Passenger-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,595,076	1.3	1,158,782	13.7
International	4,276,745	2.6	433,746	43.8
Total	5,871,820	2.2	1,592,528	20.6
Charter	9,302	8.2	95,255	-21.3
Total	5,881,122	2.2	1,687,784	17.1
Available seat-kilometres				
Scheduled				
Domestic	1,971,480	1.7	1,475,390	13.3
International	5,426,518	1.5	556,745	31.0
Total	7,397,998	1.6	2,032,134	17.7
Charter	12,450	5.1	95,255	-21.3
Total	7,410,448	1.6	2,127,390	15.1
Load factors (percent)				
Scheduled				
Domestic	80.9	...	78.5	...
International	78.8	...	77.9	...
Total	79.4	...	78.4	...
Goods carried (kilograms)				
Scheduled	18,640	-22.5	588	-1.1
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	18,640	-22.5	588	-1.1
Goods tonne-kilometres				
Scheduled	101,629	-34.2	939	2.4
Charter	0	...	0	...
Total	101,629	-34.2	939	2.4
Hours flown	67	4.3	26	15.0

Note(s): Level IA. This includes every Canadian air carrier not classified in report level VI that, in the calendar year immediately preceding the report year, transported at least ten million revenue passengers.

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