

Aviation

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

January to December 2014



Highlights

- For the 12-month period from January to December 2014, the two major Canadian air carriers flew 45.1 million passengers on scheduled and charter services, up 5.8% from the same period in 2013. Air Canada (25.5 million) and WestJet (19.7 million) reported record passenger volumes for the period. In 2014, both carriers reported their highest volume of passenger traffic in August.
- On average, each passenger on scheduled services travelled 2,729 kilometres in 2014, up 2.0% compared with 2013. The average passenger trip length ranged from 3,271 kilometres in November to 3,695 kilometres in June for Air Canada, and from 1,595 kilometres in October to 1,821 kilometres in March for WestJet.
- Both carriers increased their traffic and passenger capacity in 2014. Traffic totalled 123.1 billion passenger-kilometres, up 7.9% from the same period in 2013. Capacity rose 7.7% to 147.7 billion available seat-kilometres, as international growth (+9.0%) for scheduled services outstripped domestic growth (+5.4%). Air Canada and WestJet also posted their highest traffic and capacity in August. Air Canada's traffic and passenger capacity increased in nine of the 12 months, while WestJet's rose in all months. The increases for Air Canada for the April to December period were largely due to its new leisure airline, Air Canada rouge, which began operations in July 2013. In this publication, data for Air Canada include data for Air Canada rouge as of April 2014.
- These carriers together recorded a slightly higher passenger load factor (83.5%) in 2014 for their scheduled services than in a year earlier (83.4%), as the increase in demand for travel outpaced the rise in capacity offered by Air Canada. WestJet's passenger load factor stood at 81.4% (-0.3 percentage points), while Air Canada's reached 84.3% (+0.2 percentage points). The decline in the load factor for WestJet was largely due to a stronger increase in capacity than in demand in six of the 12 months. During the 12-month period, Air Canada's load factor exceeded WestJet's load factor nine times.
- In 2014, the volume of turbo fuel consumed totalled 4.9 billion litres, up 4.4% from a year earlier. Air Canada consumed 3.7 billion litres (+3.9%) of turbo fuel, while WestJet consumed 1.2 billion litres (+6.0%) of turbo fuel.
- These carriers increased flying hours by 4.4% in 2014, logging 1.3 million hours on scheduled and charter services.

Chart 1
Passengers, scheduled services, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2014

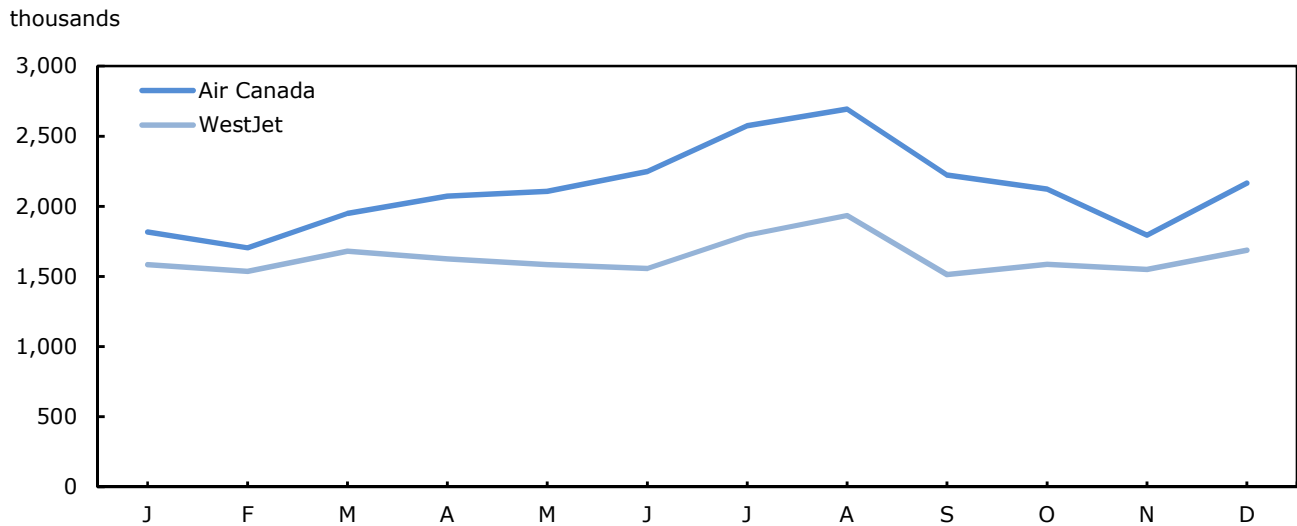


Chart 2
Passenger-kilometres and seat-kilometres, scheduled services, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2014

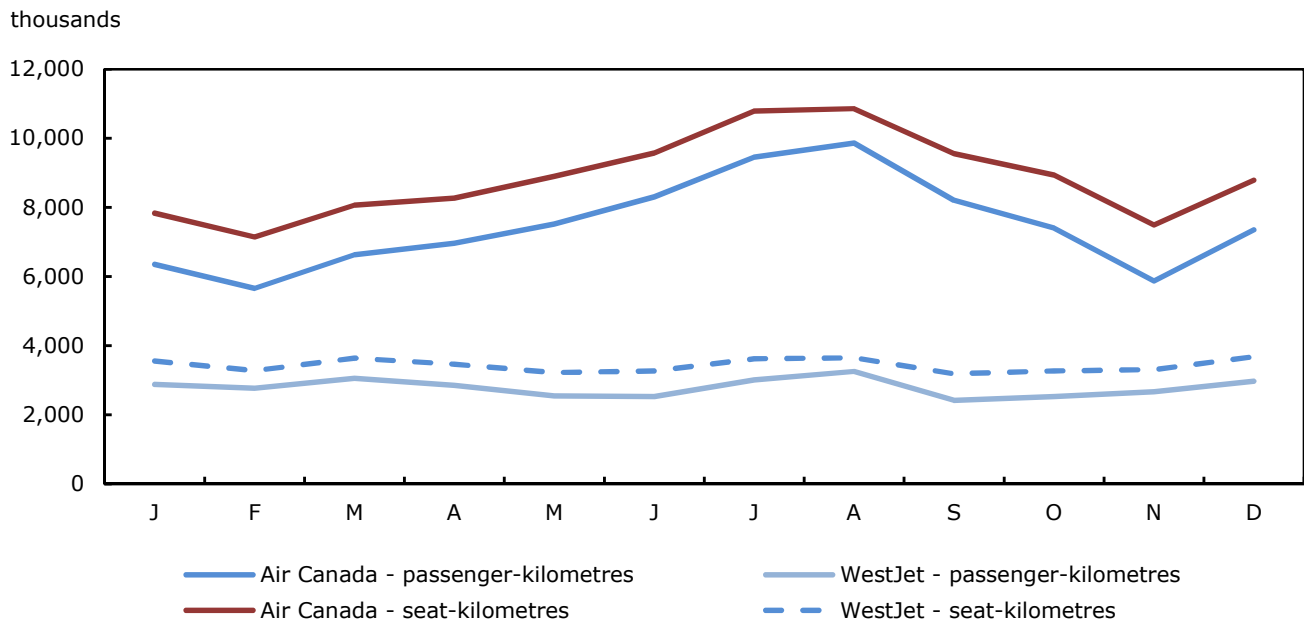


Chart 3
Operating statistics, monthly year-over-year percentage changes from 2013 to 2014, Air Canada and WestJet

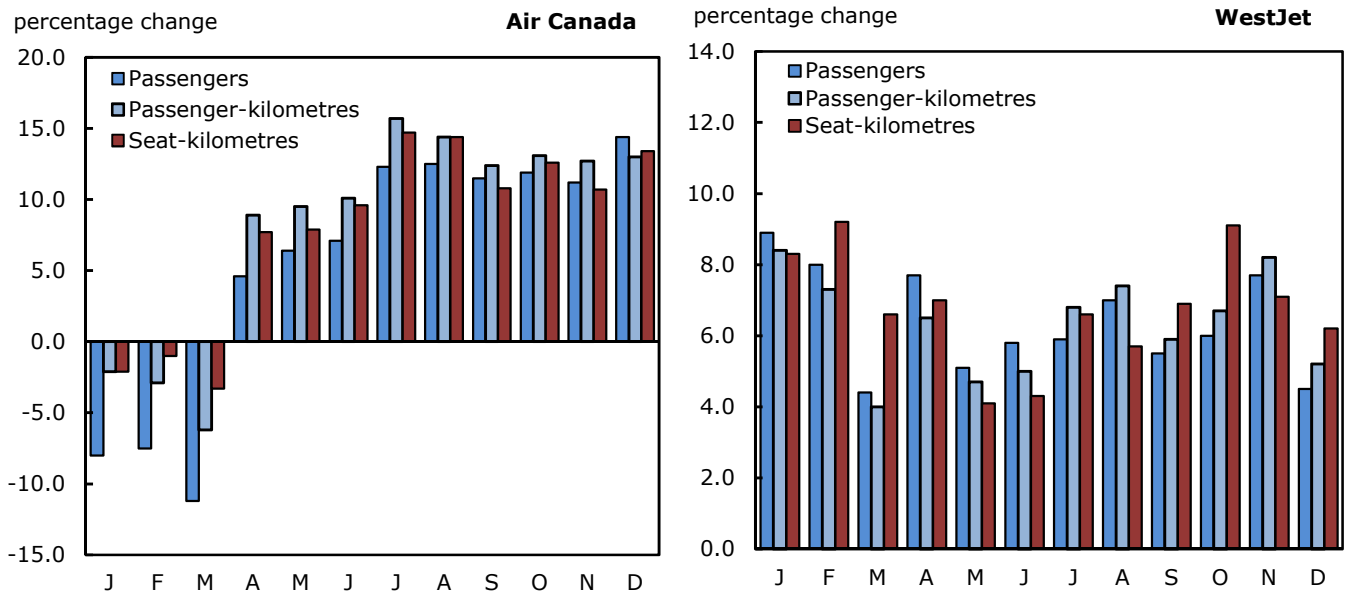


Chart 4
Average passenger trip length, scheduled services, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2014

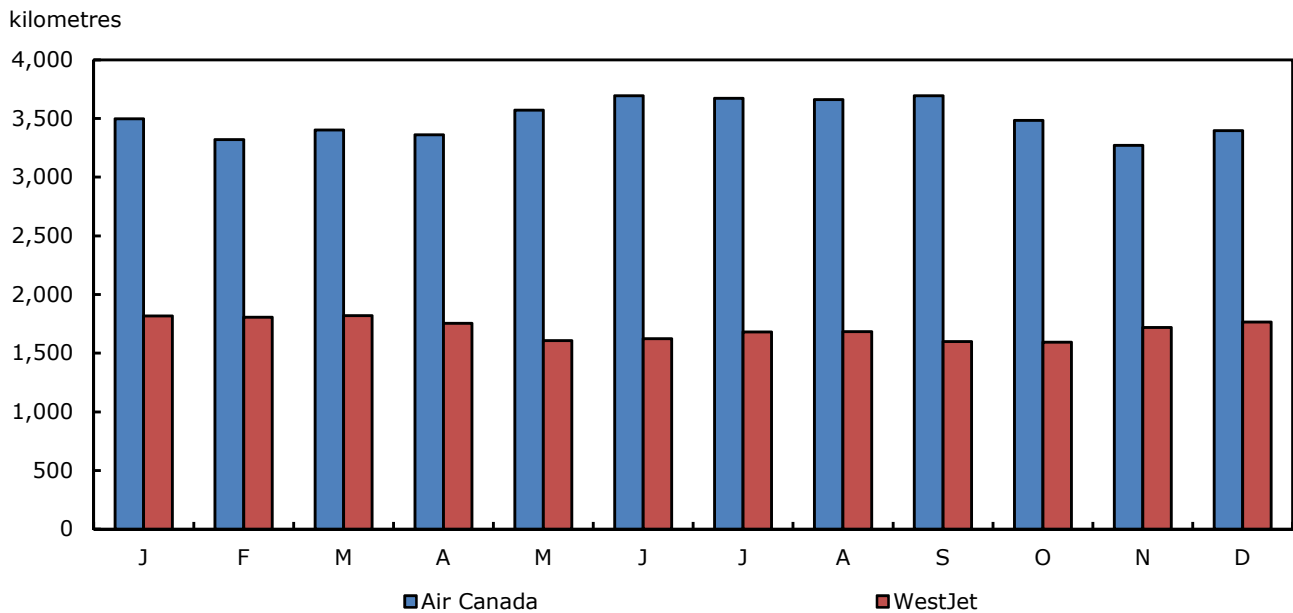


Chart 5
Load factors, scheduled services, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2013 and 2014

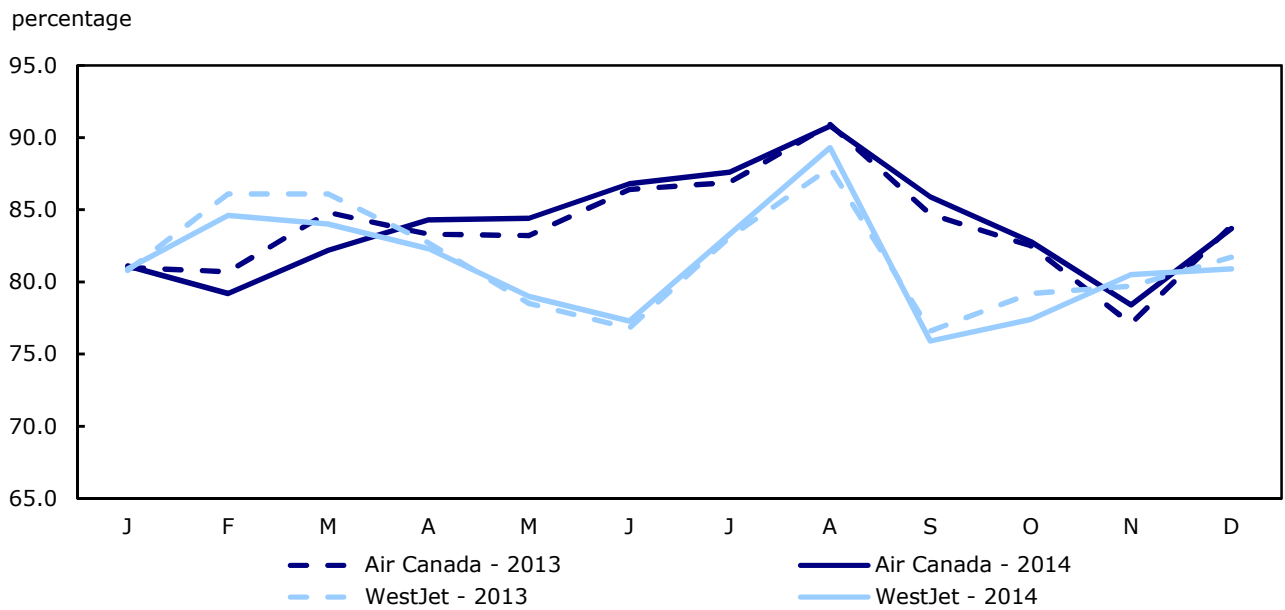
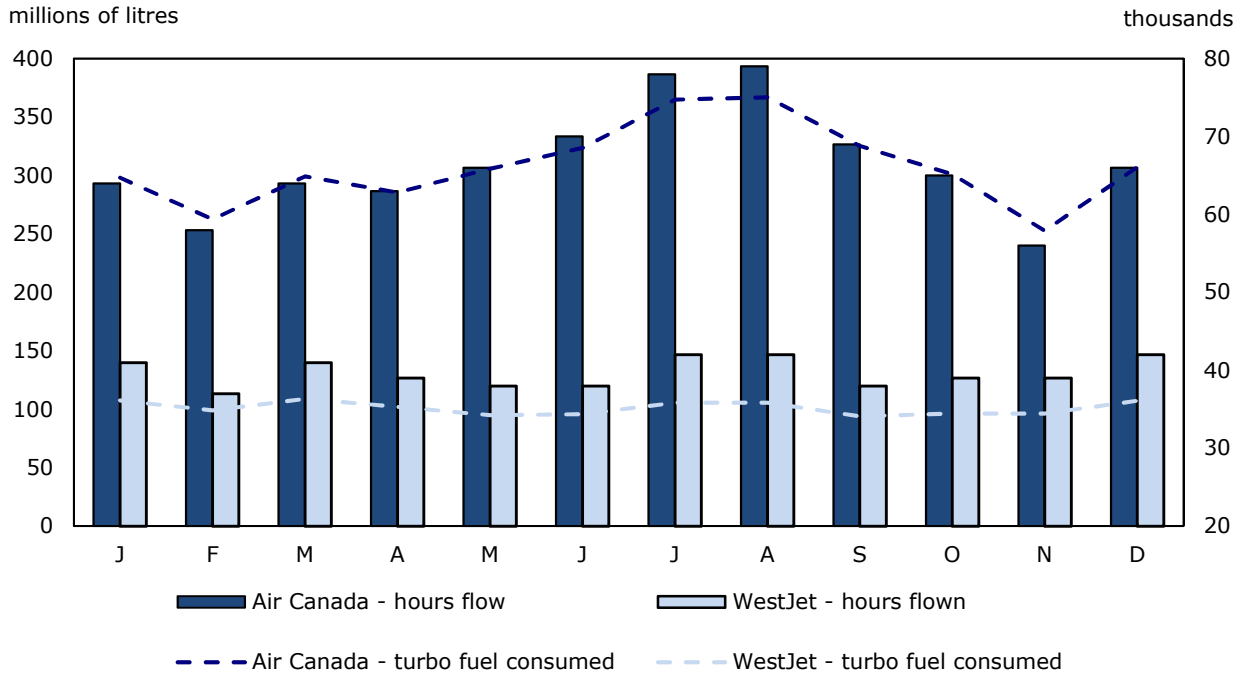


Chart 6
Hours flown and turbo fuel consumed, Air Canada and WestJet, January to December 2014



Statistical Tables

Table 1
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, January 2014

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	January 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014	January 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,819	-8.0	1,586	8.8
Total scheduled services	1,816	-8.0	1,584	8.9
Total charter services	3	-10.0	2	-8.9
Total passenger-kilometres	6,358,048	-2.1	2,879,623	8.4
Total scheduled services	6,352,876	-2.1	2,877,129	8.4
Total charter services	5,172	50.4	2,494	-8.9
Total available seat-kilometres	7,843,329	-2.1	3,558,013	8.3
Total scheduled services	7,836,366	-2.1	3,555,519	8.3
Domestic	1,943,088	2.6	1,474,459	6.8
International	5,893,278	-3.6	2,081,061	9.5
Total charter services	6,964	-8.9	2,494	-8.9
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	81.1	...	80.9	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	19,744	12.0	292	-21.4
Total scheduled services	19,744	12.0	292	-21.4
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	126,485	10.4	863	6.0
Total scheduled services	126,485	10.4	863	6.0
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	64	-8.9	41	9.8
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	298,238	4.1	107,685	8.6

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 2
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, February 2014

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	February 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014	February 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,706	-7.7	1,538	8.0
Total scheduled services	1,704	-7.5	1,536	8.0
Total charter services	2	-66.4	2	0.0
Total passenger-kilometres	5,662,070	-2.9	2,775,626	7.3
Total scheduled services	5,659,046	-2.9	2,773,409	7.3
Total charter services	3,024	-52.4	2,217	0.0
Total available seat-kilometres	7,152,272	-1.1	3,280,622	9.2
Total scheduled services	7,147,850	-1.0	3,278,406	9.2
Domestic	1,769,170	6.6	1,343,824	11.7
International	5,378,680	-3.3	1,934,582	7.5
Total charter services	4,422	-69.5	2,217	0.0
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	79.2	...	84.6	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	19,951	8.0	401	5.0
Total scheduled services	19,951	8.0	401	5.0
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	124,885	6.2	878	5.2
Total scheduled services	124,885	6.2	878	5.2
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	58	-9.5	37	12.5
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	262,477	-0.2	98,962	10.1

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Table 3
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, March 2014

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	March 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014	March 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,955	-11.2	1,682	4.4
Total scheduled services	1,950	-11.2	1,680	4.4
Total charter services	5	-29.5	2	0.0
Total passenger-kilometres	6,641,570	-6.2	3,061,325	4.0
Total scheduled services	6,633,685	-6.2	3,059,109	4.0
Total charter services	7,884	-10.4	2,217	0.0
Total available seat-kilometres	8,080,321	-3.4	3,645,573	6.6
Total scheduled services	8,069,998	-3.3	3,643,356	6.6
Domestic	1,935,360	3.6	1,468,397	7.9
International	6,134,637	-5.2	2,174,959	5.8
Total charter services	10,324	-44.9	2,217	0.0
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	82.2	...	84.0	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	23,435	2.9	468	12.9
Total scheduled services	23,435	2.9	468	12.9
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	148,636	2.7	1,038	26.2
Total scheduled services	148,636	2.7	1,038	26.2
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	64	-12.2	41	9.0
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	299,233	0.3	108,932	7.1

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Table 4
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, April 2014

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	April 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014	April 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	2,077	4.4	1,628	7.7
Total scheduled services	2,073	4.6	1,625	7.7
Total charter services	3	-53.2	3	11.1
Total passenger-kilometres	6,970,077	8.8	2,855,486	6.5
Total scheduled services	6,965,917	8.9	2,852,716	6.5
Total charter services	4,160	-48.5	2,771	11.1
Total available seat-kilometres	8,272,559	7.5	3,468,481	7.0
Total scheduled services	8,267,306	7.7	3,465,710	7.0
Domestic	1,939,760	6.1	1,520,193	9.5
International	6,327,546	8.2	1,945,517	5.2
Total charter services	5,253	-66.2	2,771	11.1
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	84.3	...	82.3	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	21,877	12.3	502	18.7
Total scheduled services	21,877	12.3	502	18.7
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	140,232	11.4	1,147	35.7
Total scheduled services	140,232	11.4	1,147	35.7
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	63	-1.8	39	9.3
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	285,603	2.8	101,993	6.4

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As of April 2014, Air Canada data include Air Canada rouge.

Table 5
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, May 2014

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	May 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014	May 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	2,107	6.3	1,586	5.1
Total scheduled services	2,106	6.4	1,583	5.1
Total charter services	1	-76.1	3	0.0
Total passenger-kilometres	7,520,093	9.4	2,548,601	4.7
Total scheduled services	7,519,240	9.5	2,546,040	4.7
Total charter services	853	-75.9	2,560	-1.1
Total available seat-kilometres	8,906,024	7.8	3,227,094	4.1
Total scheduled services	8,904,447	7.9	3,224,534	4.1
Domestic	2,277,207	2.0	2,078,514	3.1
International	6,627,240	10.1	1,146,020	5.9
Total charter services	1,577	-73.7	2,560	-1.1
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	84.4	...	79.0	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	22,497	17.0	571	30.8
Total scheduled services	22,497	17.0	571	30.8
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	144,749	17.1	1,257	39.4
Total scheduled services	144,749	17.1	1,257	39.4
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	66	-3.0	38	8.9
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	305,688	3.5	94,931	4.0

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Table 6
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, June 2014

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	June 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014	June 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	2,249	7.1	1,558	5.8
Total scheduled services	2,249	7.1	1,556	5.8
Total charter services	0	-66.2	2	0.0
Total passenger-kilometres	8,311,082	10.1	2,530,459	5.0
Total scheduled services	8,310,533	10.1	2,528,243	5.0
Total charter services	549	-20.3	2,217	0.0
Total available seat-kilometres	9,580,201	9.6	3,270,900	4.3
Total scheduled services	9,579,318	9.6	3,268,683	4.3
Domestic	2,458,413	4.5	2,223,080	2.4
International	7,120,905	11.5	1,045,604	8.5
Total charter services	884	-8.7	2,217	0.0
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	86.8	...	77.3	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	20,958	3.5	568	29.2
Total scheduled services	20,958	3.5	568	29.2
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	137,886	5.7	1,368	49.3
Total scheduled services	137,886	5.7	1,368	49.3
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	70	-0.7	38	8.7
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	323,460	4.3	95,922	4.8

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Table 7
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, July 2014

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	July 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014	July 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	2,575	12.3	1,795	5.9
Total scheduled services	2,574	12.3	1,793	5.9
Total charter services	1	...	3	0.0
Total passenger-kilometres	9,455,189	15.7	3,014,572	6.8
Total scheduled services	9,452,287	15.7	3,011,801	6.8
Total charter services	2,902	1,041.1	2,771	0.0
Total available seat-kilometres	10,789,700	14.7	3,619,733	6.6
Total scheduled services	10,785,920	14.7	3,616,962	6.6
Domestic	2,847,765	5.4	2,516,421	4.0
International	7,938,155	18.4	1,100,541	13.0
Total charter services	3,780	1,080.4	2,771	0.0
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	87.6	...	83.3	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	23,293	10.9	597	37.7
Total scheduled services	23,293	10.9	597	37.7
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	152,449	11.9	1,462	67.7
Total scheduled services	152,449	11.9	1,462	67.7
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	78	2.7	42	10.7
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	364,937	6.1	105,599	5.0

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Table 8
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, August 2014

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	August 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014	August 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	2,693	12.5	1,936	7.0
Total scheduled services	2,693	12.5	1,934	7.0
Total charter services	0	...	2	0.0
Total passenger-kilometres	9,863,967	14.4	3,256,146	7.4
Total scheduled services	9,863,967	14.4	3,253,930	7.4
Total charter services	0	-100.0	2,217	0.0
Total available seat-kilometres	10,857,780	14.4	3,648,009	5.7
Total scheduled services	10,857,780	14.4	3,645,793	5.7
Domestic	2,873,431	5.6	2,520,254	3.0
International	7,984,350	18.0	1,125,539	12.5
Total charter services	0	-100.0	2,217	0.0
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	90.8	...	89.3	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	22,765	11.6	597	31.1
Total scheduled services	22,765	11.6	597	31.1
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	147,007	10.6	1,469	54.2
Total scheduled services	147,007	10.6	1,469	54.2
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	79	4.4	42	9.4
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	366,862	6.2	105,739	3.1

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Table 9
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, September 2014

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	September 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014	September 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	2,224	11.4	1,516	5.5
Total scheduled services	2,223	11.5	1,513	5.5
Total charter services	1	-62.2	2	0.0
Total passenger-kilometres	8,210,807	12.4	2,421,389	5.9
Total scheduled services	8,209,270	12.4	2,418,895	5.9
Total charter services	1,537	-69.9	2,494	0.0
Total available seat-kilometres	9,558,367	10.7	3,190,291	6.9
Total scheduled services	9,556,201	10.8	3,187,797	6.9
Domestic	2,489,729	7.6	2,141,553	6.9
International	7,066,472	12.0	1,046,244	6.8
Total charter services	2,166	-73.3	2,494	0.0
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	85.9	...	75.9	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	21,630	2.9	631	42.4
Total scheduled services	21,630	2.9	631	42.4
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	138,508	1.4	1,374	59.3
Total scheduled services	138,508	1.4	1,374	59.3
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	69	3.2	38	11.0
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	325,359	4.4	93,983	6.8

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Table 10
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, October 2014

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	October 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014	October 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	2,125	11.7	1,590	6.0
Total scheduled services	2,123	11.9	1,587	6.0
Total charter services	2	-52.9	3	8.4
Total passenger-kilometres	7,402,137	13.1	2,535,869	6.7
Total scheduled services	7,399,352	13.1	2,531,031	6.7
Total charter services	2,786	-52.5	4,838	74.6
Total available seat-kilometres	8,937,151	12.6	3,275,812	9.2
Total scheduled services	8,932,883	12.6	3,270,973	9.1
Domestic	2,295,285	8.9	2,015,047	7.9
International	6,637,598	14.0	1,255,926	11.1
Total charter services	4,268	-43.2	4,838	74.6
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	82.8	...	77.4	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	25,034	17.7	677	58.7
Total scheduled services	25,034	17.7	677	58.7
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	163,329	18.9	1,518	74.3
Total scheduled services	163,329	18.9	1,518	74.3
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	65	3.7	39	11.9
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	301,257	5.2	96,412	8.6

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Table 11
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, November 2014

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	November 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014	November 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	1,798	11.1	1,549	7.5
Total scheduled services	1,795	11.2	1,549	7.7
Total charter services	3	-40.3	0	-100.0
Total passenger-kilometres	5,875,089	12.6	2,664,890	8.0
Total scheduled services	5,871,947	12.7	2,664,890	8.2
Total charter services	3,141	-42.8	0	-100.0
Total available seat-kilometres	7,493,651	10.7	3,309,317	6.9
Total scheduled services	7,488,904	10.7	3,309,317	7.1
Domestic	1,868,894	5.0	1,473,070	4.4
International	5,620,009	12.8	1,836,246	9.3
Total charter services	4,748	-34.8	0	-100.0
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	78.4	...	80.5	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	23,516	5.2	584	53.6
Total scheduled services	23,516	5.2	584	53.6
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	147,313	2.9	1,397	74.9
Total scheduled services	147,313	2.9	1,397	74.9
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	56	0.9	39	9.8
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	252,766	2.2	96,469	5.0

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Table 12
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, December 2014

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	December 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014	December 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	2,167	14.3	1,687	4.4
Total scheduled services	2,165	14.4	1,687	4.5
Total charter services	2	-42.7	0	-100.0
Total passenger-kilometres	7,358,238	13.0	2,977,026	5.1
Total scheduled services	7,355,566	13.0	2,977,026	5.2
Total charter services	2,672	-40.3	0	-100.0
Total available seat-kilometres	8,795,287	13.3	3,679,665	6.1
Total scheduled services	8,791,764	13.4	3,679,665	6.2
Domestic	2,155,027	6.0	1,568,054	3.9
International	6,636,737	16.0	2,111,612	7.9
Total charter services	3,523	-46.0	0	-100.0
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	83.7	...	80.9	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	23,644	6.0	616	49.9
Total scheduled services	23,644	6.0	616	49.9
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	144,319	2.2	1,538	59.6
Total scheduled services	144,319	2.2	1,538	59.6
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	66	3.0	42	5.1
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	307,265	6.4	107,374	3.6

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Table 13
Operational statistics for major Canadian airlines, Level IA, January to December 2014

	Air Canada		WestJet	
	January to December 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014	January to December 2014	Change from 2013 to 2014
	thousands	percent	thousands	percent
Total passengers	25,494	5.3	19,652	6.3
Total scheduled services	25,471	5.4	19,627	6.4
Total charter services	23	-45.9	25	-18.2
Total passenger-kilometres	89,628,367	8.5	33,521,014	6.3
Total scheduled services	89,593,687	8.5	33,494,219	6.3
Total charter services	34,680	-34.7	26,795	-14.8
Total available seat-kilometres	106,266,645	8.1	41,173,510	6.7
Total scheduled services	106,218,737	8.2	41,146,715	6.7
Domestic	26,853,129	5.3	22,342,865	5.5
International	79,365,607	9.1	18,803,850	8.2
Total charter services	47,909	-49.4	26,795	-14.8
Total load factors - scheduled (%)	84.3	...	81.4	...
Total goods carried (kilograms)	268,344	9.0	6,503	29.7
Total scheduled services	268,344	9.0	6,503	29.7
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Total goods tonne-kilometres	1,715,799	8.3	15,310	46.4
Total scheduled services	1,715,799	8.3	15,310	46.4
Total charter services	0	...	0	...
Hours flown	797	-1.5	475	9.6
Turbo fuel consumed (litres)	3,693,145	3.9	1,214,001	6.0

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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