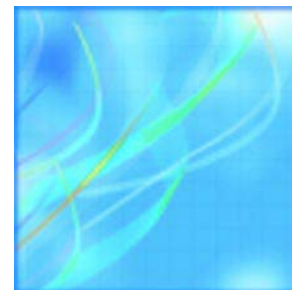


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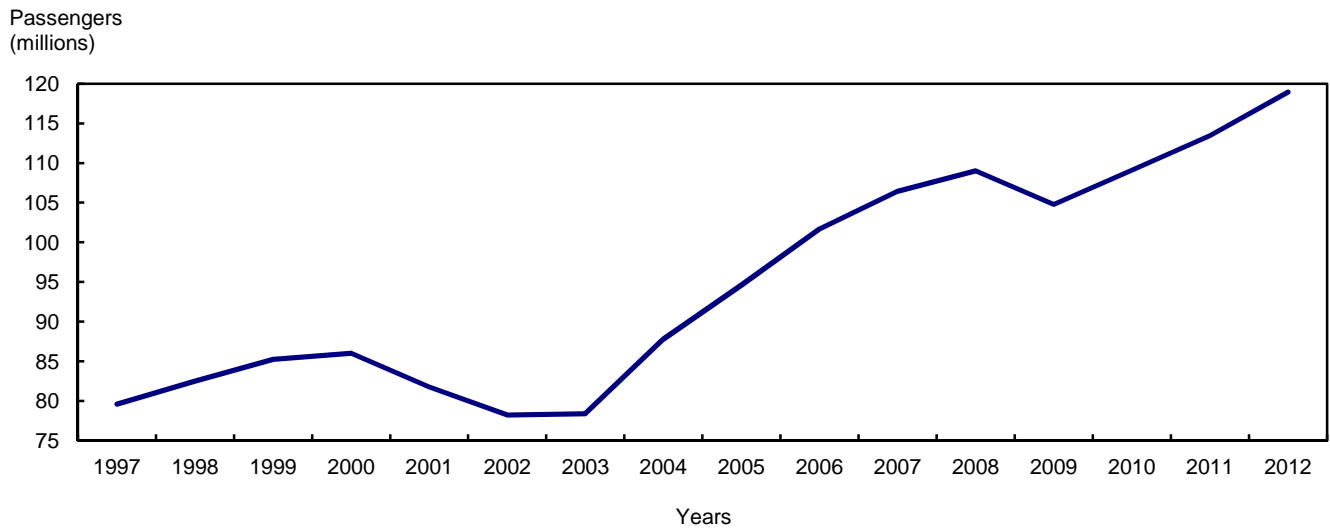
## Highlights

- Air passenger traffic at Canadian airports increased 4.8% in 2012. The total number of enplaned and deplaned passengers in Canada was just under 119.0 million. This was the third consecutive annual increase since 2009, when passenger traffic had declined. The trend for air passenger traffic in Canada, since 1997, is shown in Chart 1.
- Passenger traffic in all sectors (domestic, transborder and other international) increased in 2012. The domestic sector expanded 5.5%, transborder traffic (between Canada and the United States) increased 4.7%, and other international traffic was up 3.0%.
- Cargo tonnages loaded and unloaded at Canadian airports increased 2.0% in 2012 to 1.08 million tonnes, a level around 15% above the recent low in 2009.
- Canadian airports experienced an increase in the number of flights arriving and departing; flights were up 1.7% in 2012.

**Text table 1**  
**Passenger and cargo data**

	Annual 2011 <sup>r</sup>	Annual 2012	Change 2011 to 2012
	number		percent
<b>Enplaned and Deplaned Passengers</b>			
Domestic Segments	67,786,272	71,538,811	5.5
Transborder Segments	22,752,987	23,814,873	4.7
Other International Segments	22,932,504	23,609,330	3.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>113,471,763</b>	<b>118,963,014</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>Loaded/Unloaded Cargo (tonnes)</b>	<b>1,055,282</b>	<b>1,076,754</b>	<b>2.0</b>

**Chart 1**  
**Total enplaned/deplaned passengers**



# Introduction

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In 1968, Statistics Canada published its first Airport Activity Statistics publication. Over the next 20 years, changes occurring in the industry and regulations prompted changes in the survey methodology and publication format. On January 1st, 1988 the National Transportation Act, 1987, came into effect. Changes in the statistical reporting requirements for air carriers prompted a review of the content and presentation of the Air Carrier Traffic at Canadian Airports publication (catalogue 51-005).

In response to these changes, a new format was introduced for the publication beginning with the first quarter 1989 issue. The publication now displays preliminary data for the current reference year and revised data for the previous year.

The redesigned Air Carrier Traffic at Canadian Airports publication continued most of the past data series and in addition, incorporated data on regional and local scheduled services to complement the data previously published on Canadian and foreign carriers' major scheduled services and major charter services. This provided a comprehensive overview of air traffic activity at Canadian airports.

It should be noted that, prior to the changes in the statistical reporting requirements, this publication provided data on both revenue and non-revenue passengers. However, carriers are now required to report only revenue passengers, and, as such, all references to passengers in this publication refer to revenue passengers.

Beginning in 1995, this publication was only produced annually with the new catalogue number 51-203.

Starting in 2003, the content of this publication was reduced significantly. More specifically, most tables providing data by type of services (major scheduled services, regional/local scheduled services and major charter services) were eliminated. This change is due to the concerns expressed by carriers in the current context of increased commercial sensitivity of aviation data. In addition, table 1-1 is now showing the top 50 airports, compared to the top 100 airports previously published. Some of the data that used to be available in these tables may still be obtained by contacting the Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division.

Beginning with 2007 data and coinciding with the national roll-out of the Transport Canada Electronic Collection of Air Transportation Statistics (ECATS) project, data are reported electronically to Transport Canada and shared with Statistics Canada.

With 2012, passenger and cargo data are now available in CANSIM.

## Note to Users

### Cargo data

It is important to note that the air cargo data presented in the Table 2 series does not represent the total cargo loaded and unloaded in Canada. Comprehensive cargo data are not collected for the following reasons:

- i. the regional and local scheduled carriers do not file cargo data on the airport activity survey and,
- ii. the major charter survey does not collect data on domestic courier cargo or domestic entity cargo flights.



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401-0044	Air passenger traffic and flights, annual
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2701	Airport Activity Survey
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2705	Air Charter Statistics

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# Statistical tables

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**Table 1-1**  
**Passengers enplaned and deplaned on selected services — Top 50 airports**

Airport	Enplaned	Deplaned	Total passengers		
			2011 <sup>r</sup>	2012	Change
	number				percent
Abbotsford, B.C.	x	x	x	x	x
Calgary Intl, Alta.	6,401,787	6,441,205	12,074,563	12,842,992	6.4
Charlottetown, P.E.I.	148,707	147,802	280,965	296,509	5.5
Comox, B.C.	170,738	173,035	306,153	343,773	12.3
Deer Lake, N.L.	145,072	143,941	279,297	289,013	3.5
Edmonton Intl, Alta.	3,327,559	3,344,210	6,156,639	6,671,769	8.4
Fort McMurray, Alta.	428,348	427,789	708,008	856,137	20.9
Fort St John, B.C.	x	x	x	x	x
Fredericton International, N.B.	x	x	x	x	x
Gander Intl, N.L.	63,355	61,085	115,382	124,440	7.9
Goose Bay, N.L.	62,832	65,848	116,484	128,680	10.5
Grande Prairie, Alta.	x	x	x	x	x
Halifax/Robert L Stanfield Intl, N.S.	1,751,801	1,754,215	3,493,595	3,506,016	0.4
Hamilton, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x
Iqaluit, Nvt.	x	x	140,331	x	x
Kamloops, B.C.	x	x	x	x	x
Kelowna, B.C.	703,304	706,452	1,355,975	1,409,756	4.0
Kitchener/Waterloo, Ont.	60,173	59,402	x	119,575	x
London, Ont.	236,173	230,239	458,482	466,412	1.7
Moncton/Greater Moncton Intl, N.B.	295,285	293,901	556,576	589,186	5.9
Montréal/Pierre Elliott Trudeau Intl, Que.	6,681,234	6,749,789	13,288,383	13,431,023	1.1
Nanaimo, B.C.	x	x	x	x	x
Nanaimo/Harbour, B.C.	x	x	x	x	x
Ottawa/Macdonald-Cartier Intl, Ont.	2,238,857	2,243,787	4,361,929	4,482,644	2.8
Prince George, B.C.	205,611	205,145	394,458	410,756	4.1
Québec/Jean Lesage Intl, Que.	707,635	702,990	1,343,227	1,410,625	5.0
Regina Intl, Sask.	583,386	589,418	1,107,486	1,172,804	5.9
Saint John, N.B.	x	x	x	x	x
Saskatoon/John G Diefenbaker Intl, Sask.	646,792	656,801	1,218,383	1,303,593	7.0
Sault Ste Marie, Ont.	93,417	93,990	155,931	187,407	20.2
Sept-Îles, Que.	75,334	73,087	144,819	148,421	2.5
Sioux Lookout, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x
St John's Intl, N.L.	710,889	701,889	1,340,861	1,412,778	5.4
Sudbury, Ont.	128,160	127,505	221,561	255,665	15.4
Sydney, N.S.	x	x	x	x	x
Terrace, B.C.	x	x	121,805	x	x
Thompson, Man.	x	x	x	x	x
Thunder Bay, Ont.	364,695	360,368	688,836	725,063	5.3
Timmins, Ont.	104,151	101,629	139,964	205,780	47.0
Toronto/Billy Bishop Toronto City, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x
Toronto/Lester B Pearson Intl, Ont.	16,970,497	17,119,404	32,396,667	34,089,901	5.2
Vancouver Harbour, B.C.	139,458	136,976	299,083	276,434	-7.6
Vancouver Intl, B.C.	8,512,177	8,565,182	16,555,981	17,077,359	3.1
Victoria Harbour, B.C.	118,968	111,763	248,484	230,731	-7.1
Victoria Intl, B.C.	730,655	739,406	1,456,782	1,470,061	0.9
Wabush, N.L.	101,739	99,590	134,280	201,329	49.9
Whitehorse Intl, Y.T.	136,562	135,342	247,350	271,904	9.9
Windsor, Ont.	107,882	107,165	189,600	215,047	13.4
Winnipeg/James Armstrong Richardson Intl, Man.	1,707,065	1,716,191	3,383,671	3,423,256	1.2
Yellowknife, N.W.T.	172,977	174,385	327,339	347,362	6.1
<b>Canada</b>	<b>59,306,163</b>	<b>59,656,851</b>	<b>113,471,763</b>	<b>118,963,014</b>	<b>4.8</b>

**Table 1-2**  
**Passengers enplaned and deplaned on selected services — Top 50 airports by sector**

Airport	Domestic			Transborder			Other international			Total sector
	2011 <sup>r</sup>	2012	Change	2011 <sup>r</sup>	2012	Change	2011 <sup>r</sup>	2012	Change	2012
	number	percent		number	percent		number	percent		number
Abbotsford, B.C.	x	x	x	x	30	x	x	x	x	x
Calgary Intl, Alta.	8,315,100	8,868,414	6.7	2,495,932	2,683,266	7.5	1,263,531	1,291,312	2.2	12,842,992
Charlottetown, P.E.I.	275,159	290,113	5.4	3,865	3,568	-7.7	1,941	2,828	45.7	296,509
Comox, B.C.	x	x	x	0	x	x	x	x	x	343,773
Deer Lake, N.L.	x	x	x	0	x	x	x	x	x	289,013
Edmonton Intl, Alta.	4,712,703	5,158,672	9.5	1,084,583	1,142,721	5.4	359,353	370,376	3.1	6,671,769
Fort McMurray, Alta.	708,008	x	x	0	x	x	0	x	x	856,137
Fort St John, B.C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fredericton International, N.B.	x	x	x	x	330	x	x	x	x	x
Gander Intl, N.L.	110,640	119,133	7.7	724	1,844	154.7	4,018	3,463	-13.8	124,440
Goose Bay, N.L.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	128,680
Grande Prairie, Alta.	x	x	x	0	x	x	0	x	x	x
Halifax/Robert L Stanfield Intl, N.S.	2,759,438	2,801,265	1.5	410,116	369,106	-10.0	324,041	335,645	3.6	3,506,016
Hamilton, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Iqaluit, Nvt.	x	x	x	x	0	x	x	x	x	x
Kamloops, B.C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	0	0	...	x
Kelowna, B.C.	1,209,629	1,266,496	4.7	115,143	112,028	-2.7	31,203	31,232	0.1	1,409,756
Kitchener/Waterloo, Ont.	x	x	x	37	x	x	x	x	x	119,575
London, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x	x	10,595	18,219	72.0	466,412
Moncton/Greater Moncton Intl, N.B.	506,520	542,814	7.2	34,138	29,503	-13.6	15,918	16,869	6.0	589,186
Montréal/Pierre Elliott Trudeau Intl, Que.	4,992,799	5,145,405	3.1	3,115,045	3,122,975	0.3	5,180,539	5,162,643	-0.3	13,431,023
Nanaimo, B.C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	0	0	...	x
Nanaimo/Harbour, B.C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	0	0	...	x
Ottawa/Macdonald-Cartier Intl, Ont.	3,205,990	3,257,470	1.6	725,524	763,370	5.2	430,415	461,804	7.3	4,482,644
Prince George, B.C.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	410,756
Québec/Jean Lesage Intl, Que.	738,729	801,626	8.5	238,122	264,595	11.1	366,376	344,404	-6.0	1,410,625
Regina Intl, Sask.	888,937	930,178	4.6	151,708	170,636	12.5	66,841	71,990	7.7	1,172,804
Saint John, N.B.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Saskatoon/John G Diefenbaker Intl, Sask.	999,231	1,067,001	6.8	159,324	170,305	6.9	59,828	66,287	10.8	1,303,593
Sault Ste Marie, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	187,407
Sept-Îles, Que.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	148,421
Sioux Lookout, Ont.	x	x	x	0	x	x	0	0	...	x
St John's Intl, N.L.	1,255,369	1,299,273	3.5	39,528	53,312	34.9	45,964	60,193	31.0	1,412,778
Sudbury, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	255,665
Sydney, N.S.	x	x	x	0	x	x	x	x	x	x
Terrace, B.C.	121,805	x	x	0	0	...	0	0	...	x
Thompson, Man.	x	x	x	0	0	...	0	0	...	x
Thunder Bay, Ont.	675,871	709,821	5.0	x	x	x	x	x	x	725,063
Timmins, Ont.	139,964	205,780	47.0	0	0	...	0	0	...	205,780
Toronto/Billy Bishop Toronto City, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x	x	0	0	...	x
Toronto/Lester B Pearson Intl, Ont.	13,016,006	13,674,668	5.1	8,744,898	9,284,973	6.2	10,635,763	11,130,260	4.6	34,089,901
Vancouver Harbour, B.C.	299,083	276,434	-7.6	0	0	...	0	0	...	276,434
Vancouver Intl, B.C.	8,643,081	8,981,343	3.9	4,074,607	4,170,136	2.3	3,838,293	3,925,880	2.3	17,077,359
Victoria Harbour, B.C.	230,908	214,093	-7.3	17,576	16,638	-5.3	0	0	...	230,731
Victoria Intl, B.C.	1,177,582	1,202,242	2.1	251,736	241,878	-3.9	27,464	25,941	-5.5	1,470,061
Wabush, N.L.	x	x	x	x	x	x	0	0	...	201,329
Whitehorse Intl, Y.T.	237,717	264,833	11.4	x	x	x	x	x	x	271,904
Windsor, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	215,047
Winnipeg/James Armstrong Richardson Intl, Man.	2,775,728	2,813,872	1.4	454,323	451,855	-0.5	153,620	157,529	2.5	3,423,256
Yellowknife, N.W.T.	327,339	x	x	0	x	x	0	0	...	347,362
<b>Canada</b>	<b>67,786,272</b>	<b>71,538,811</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>22,752,987</b>	<b>23,814,873</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>22,932,504</b>	<b>23,609,330</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>118,963,014</b>

**Table 1-3**  
**Passengers enplaned and deplaned on selected services — By sector, by province and territory**

Province or Territory	Domestic			Transborder			Other international			Total sector
	2011 <sup>r</sup>	2012	Change	2011 <sup>r</sup>	2012	Change	2011 <sup>r</sup>	2012	Change	2012
	number		percent	number		percent	number		percent	number
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,943,527	2,082,367	7.1	40,349	55,275	37.0	54,457	66,814	22.7	2,204,456
Prince Edward Island	x	290,113	x	x	3,568	x	x	2,828	x	296,509
Nova Scotia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
New Brunswick	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Quebec	6,544,374	6,801,703	3.9	3,355,887	3,389,634	1.0	5,563,007	5,524,864	-0.7	15,716,201
Ontario	20,248,350	21,466,509	6.0	10,090,218	10,800,969	7.0	11,126,412	11,671,801	4.9	43,939,279
Manitoba	3,180,867	3,213,765	1.0	454,348	451,859	-0.5	153,696	157,529	2.5	3,823,153
Saskatchewan	1,958,144	2,066,370	5.5	311,036	340,941	9.6	126,669	138,277	9.2	2,545,588
Alberta	14,299,620	15,587,250	9.0	3,580,773	3,826,230	6.9	1,622,884	1,662,175	2.4	21,075,655
British Columbia	14,257,257	14,819,969	3.9	4,469,281	4,546,631	1.7	3,923,719	4,014,805	2.3	23,381,405
Northwest Territories	517,193	545,606	5.5	x	x	x	x	x	x	545,612
Yukon	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nunavut	406,261	375,626	-7.5	x	x	x	x	x	x	375,669
<b>Canada</b>	<b>67,786,272</b>	<b>71,538,811</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>22,752,987</b>	<b>23,814,873</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>22,932,504</b>	<b>23,609,330</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>118,963,014</b>

**Table 2-1**  
**Tonnes of cargo loaded and unloaded on major scheduled services and major charter services — Top 50 airports**

Airport	Loaded	Unloaded	Total cargo		
			2011 <sup>r</sup>	2012	Change
	tonnes				percent
Calgary Intl, Alta.	32,811.2	49,017.2	83,524.3	81,828.4	-2.0
Cambridge Bay, Nvt.	x	x	x	x	x
Deer Lake, N.L.	x	x	x	x	x
Déline, N.W.T.	x	x	x	x	x
Edmonton Intl, Alta.	9,096.5	16,461.1	22,956.4	25,557.7	11.3
Fond du Lac, Sask.	x	x	x	x	x
Fort Chipewyan, Alta.	x	x	x	x	x
Fort McMurray, Alta.	484.8	115.3	562.6	600.1	6.7
Gander Intl, N.L.	63.7	156.4	419.5	220.2	-47.5
Gods Lake Narrows, Man.	x	x	x	x	x
Halifax/Robert L Stanfield Intl, N.S.	18,111.3	11,958.8	25,557.8	30,070.1	17.7
Hamilton, Ont.	48,808.6	40,754.5	85,348.8	89,563.1	4.9
Île-aux-Grues, Que.	x	x	x	x	x
Inuvik/Mike Zubko, N.W.T.	x	x	x	x	x
Iqaluit, Nvt.	x	x	x	x	x
Island Lake, Man.	x	x	x	x	x
Kamloops, B.C.	x	x	x	x	x
Kelowna, B.C.	1,060.4	1,653.5	2,766.6	2,713.9	-1.9
Kingston, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x
Moncton/Greater Moncton Intl, N.B.	11,581.9	13,701.2	23,737.7	25,283.1	6.5
Montmagny, Que.	x	x	x	x	x
Montréal/Mirabel Intl, Que.	33,104.9	36,722.0	66,947.8	69,826.9	4.3
Montréal/Pierre Elliott Trudeau Intl, Que.	31,023.2	47,532.2	76,965.4	78,555.4	2.1
Norman Wells, N.W.T.	x	x	x	x	x
North Bay, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x
Old Crow, Y.T.	0.0	x	x	x	x
Ottawa/Macdonald-Cartier Intl, Ont.	4,029.8	6,540.5	10,288.1	10,570.3	2.7
Oxford House, Man.	x	x	x	x	x
Prince Albert, Sask.	x	x	x	x	x
Prince George, B.C.	418.2	674.5	1,391.4	1,092.7	-21.5
Québec/Jean Lesage Intl, Que.	971.9	1,248.0	1,585.1	2,219.9	40.0
Red Sucker Lake, Man.	x	x	x	x	x
Regina Intl, Sask.	x	x	x	x	x
Saskatoon/John G Diefenbaker Intl, Sask.	2,568.1	3,171.9	4,898.1	5,740.0	17.2
Sault Ste Marie, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x
St John's Intl, N.L.	2,721.4	7,793.1	8,871.2	10,514.5	18.5
St Theresa Point, Man.	x	x	x	x	x
Stony Rapids, Sask.	x	x	x	x	x
Sudbury, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x
Thompson, Man.	x	x	x	x	x
Thunder Bay, Ont.	726.7	1,117.6	1,866.5	1,844.3	-1.2
Toronto/Lester B Pearson Intl, Ont.	151,119.8	194,705.7	344,304.8	345,825.5	0.4
Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T.	x	x	x	x	x
Vancouver Intl, B.C.	101,264.2	92,088.5	190,465.7	193,352.7	1.5
Victoria Intl, B.C.	1,415.2	2,773.5	4,541.7	4,188.7	-7.8
Whati, N.W.T.	x	x	x	x	x
Windsor, Ont.	245.4	329.6	848.8	574.9	-32.3
Winnipeg/James Armstrong Richardson Intl, Man.	33,490.2	35,117.5	65,247.8	68,607.7	5.1
Winnipeg/St Andrews, Man.	x	x	x	x	x
Yellowknife, N.W.T.	1,460.2	333.6	919.8	1,793.8	95.0
<b>Canada</b>	<b>496,271.3</b>	<b>580,482.5</b>	<b>1,055,282.4</b>	<b>1,076,753.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>

**Table 2-2**  
**Tonnes of cargo loaded and unloaded on major scheduled services and major charter services — Top 50 airports by sector**

Airport	Domestic			Transborder			Other international			Total sector
	2011 <sup>†</sup>	2012	Change	2011 <sup>†</sup>	2012	Change	2011 <sup>†</sup>	2012	Change	2012
	tonnes	percent		tonnes	percent		tonnes	percent		tonnes
Calgary Intl, Alta.	38,693.4	38,469.3	-0.6	24,472.7	24,920.5	1.8	20,358.2	18,438.7	-9.4	81,828.4
Cambridge Bay, Nvt.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	x
Deer Lake, N.L.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Déline, N.W.T.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	x
Edmonton Intl, Alta.	16,241.2	17,727.7	9.2	5,522.8	6,471.2	17.2	1,192.4	1,358.8	14.0	25,557.7
Fond du Lac, Sask.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	x
Fort Chipewyan, Alta.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	x
Fort McMurray, Alta.	562.0	599.9	6.7	0.6	0.2	-66.7	0.0	0.0	...	600.1
Gander Intl, N.L.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	220.2
Gods Lake Narrows, Man.	x	x	x	x	0.0	x	0.0	0.0	...	x
Halifax/Robert L Stanfield Intl, N.S.	23,855.4	27,002.1	13.2	32.0	170.0	...	1,670.4	2,898.0	73.5	30,070.1
Hamilton, Ont.	66,562.6	69,523.0	4.4	18,187.3	19,108.7	5.1	598.9	931.4	55.5	89,563.1
Île-aux-Grues, Que.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	x
Inuvik/Mike Zubko, N.W.T.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	x
Iqaluit, Nvt.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	x	x	x
Island Lake, Man.	x	x	x	x	0.0	x	0.0	0.0	...	x
Kamloops, B.C.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	x
Kelowna, B.C.	2,766.6	x	x	0.1	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	2,713.9
Kingston, Ont.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	x
Moncton/Greater Moncton Intl, N.B.	23,731.9	25,202.7	6.2	5.7	4.3	-24.6	0.0	76.2	...	25,283.1
Montmagny, Que.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	x
Montréal/Mirabel Intl, Que.	28,404.0	33,096.9	16.5	38,040.0	36,178.9	-4.9	503.8	551.2	9.4	69,826.9
Montréal/Pierre Elliott Trudeau Intl, Que.	11,809.0	11,549.5	-2.2	969.9	1,031.4	6.3	64,186.6	65,974.5	2.8	78,555.4
Norman Wells, N.W.T.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	x
North Bay, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Old Crow, Y.T.	0.0	0.0	...	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	x
Ottawa/Macdonald-Cartier Intl, Ont.	6,761.5	7,703.1	13.9	680.7	747.5	9.8	2,845.9	2,119.7	-25.5	10,570.3
Oxford House, Man.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	x
Prince Albert, Sask.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	x
Prince George, B.C.	1,391.4	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	x	x	1,092.7
Québec/Jean Lesage Intl, Que.	1,583.9	2,000.8	26.3	0.4	4.1	...	0.9	215.0	...	2,219.9
Red Sucker Lake, Man.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	x
Regina Intl, Sask.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Saskatoon/John G Diefenbaker Intl, Sask.	4,898.1	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	x	x	5,740.0
Sault Ste Marie, Ont.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	x
St John's Intl, N.L.	8,835.0	10,175.5	15.2	8.1	70.5	...	28.1	268.5	...	10,514.5
St Theresa Point, Man.	x	x	x	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	x
Stony Rapids, Sask.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	x
Sudbury, Ont.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Thompson, Man.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	x
Thunder Bay, Ont.	1,866.5	1,844.3	-1.2	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	1,844.3
Toronto/Lester B Pearson Intl, Ont.	64,400.4	67,232.9	4.4	94,286.6	90,158.4	-4.4	185,617.8	188,434.2	1.5	345,825.5
Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	x
Vancouver Intl, B.C.	77,377.3	78,891.2	2.0	34,161.7	32,664.0	-4.4	78,926.8	81,797.5	3.6	193,352.7
Victoria Intl, B.C.	4,541.6	4,188.6	-7.8	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	...	4,188.7
Whati, N.W.T.	x	x	x	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	x
Windsor, Ont.	659.7	500.8	-24.1	156.9	73.8	-53.0	32.2	0.3	-99.1	574.9
Winnipeg/James Armstrong Richardson Intl, Man.	58,102.0	59,823.0	3.0	7,089.3	8,338.9	17.6	56.5	445.8	...	68,607.7
Winnipeg/St Andrews, Man.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0.0	x	x
Yellowknife, N.W.T.	919.8	1,793.8	95.0	0.0	0.0	...	0.0	0.0	...	1,793.8
<b>Canada</b>	<b>471,667.2</b>	<b>492,387.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>224,135.1</b>	<b>220,670.6</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>359,480.1</b>	<b>363,695.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1,076,753.8</b>

**Table 2-3**  
**Tonnes of cargo loaded and unloaded on major scheduled services and major charter services — By sector, by province and territory**

Province or Territory	Domestic	Transborder	Other international	Total sector		Change
				2011	2012	
	tonnes					percent
Newfoundland and Labrador	10,651.0	113.0	370.5	9,867.8	11,134.5	12.8
Prince Edward Island	x	x	x	160.1	x	x
Nova Scotia	x	x	x	25,789.8	x	x
New Brunswick	x	x	x	24,189.9	25,708.4	6.3
Quebec	47,413.1	37,232.5	66,740.7	146,334.0	151,386.4	3.5
Ontario	149,708.7	110,259.1	191,525.7	449,304.4	451,493.5	0.5
Manitoba	x	x	x	71,950.1	74,585.2	3.7
Saskatchewan	12,902.5	0.0	4.0	13,233.8	12,906.5	-2.5
Alberta	57,635.7	31,391.9	19,797.4	108,228.4	108,825.0	0.6
British Columbia	88,881.9	32,665.1	81,832.0	202,382.7	203,379.1	0.5
Northwest Territories	5,055.0	0.0	0.0	3,512.7	5,055.0	43.9
Yukon	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nunavut	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Canada</b>	<b>492,387.4</b>	<b>220,670.6</b>	<b>363,695.8</b>	<b>1,055,282.4</b>	<b>1,076,753.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>



**Table 3**  
**Top 50 airports according to arriving and departing flights for scheduled services and major charter services —**  
**by passenger flights and by cargo flights**

Airport	Passenger flights	Cargo flights	Total		Change
			2011 <sup>r</sup>	2012	
	number				percent
Abbotsford, B.C.	6,635	0	5,948	6,635	11.6
Calgary Intl, Alta.	165,471	10,553	173,055	176,024	1.7
Campbell River, B.C.	6,743	...	5,745	6,743	17.4
Charlottetown, P.E.I.	6,993	962	8,124	7,955	-2.1
Comox, B.C.	12,312	0	10,876	12,312	13.2
Deer Lake, N.L.	10,753	987	11,469	11,740	2.4
Edmonton Intl, Alta.	96,018	3,585	95,702	99,603	4.1
Fort Hope, Ont.	11,312	...	11,349	11,312	-0.3
Fort McMurray, Alta.	15,689	217	14,074	15,906	13.0
Fredericton International, N.B.	7,783	974	9,536	8,757	-8.2
Goose Bay, N.L.	12,672	8	10,104	12,680	25.5
Grande Prairie, Alta.	7,567	953	9,367	8,520	-9.0
Halifax/Robert L. Stanfield Intl, N.S.	61,178	4,204	67,835	65,382	-3.6
Hamilton, Ont.	3,464	9,381	14,699	12,845	-12.6
Iqaluit, Nvt.	11,461	x	x	x	x
Kamloops, B.C.	6,989	1,570	8,757	8,559	-2.3
Kelowna, B.C.	20,683	2,619	23,637	23,302	-1.4
Lansdowne House, Ont.	7,013	...	7,010	7,013	0.0
London, Ont.	10,865	37	11,956	10,902	-8.8
Moncton/Greater Moncton Intl, N.B.	12,394	5,048	18,675	17,442	-6.6
Montréal/Pierre Elliott Trudeau Intl, Que.	187,753	550	186,401	188,303	1.0
Nakina, Ont.	16,668	...	16,500	16,668	1.0
Nanaimo/Harbour, B.C.	19,520	...	18,516	19,520	5.4
Ottawa/Macdonald-Cartier Intl, Ont.	88,707	1,024	86,841	89,731	3.3
Prince George, B.C.	8,494	1,174	10,000	9,668	-3.3
Québec/Jean Lesage Intl, Que.	41,629	1,043	39,749	42,672	7.4
Rankin Inlet, Nvt.	9,164	x	x	x	x
Red Lake, Ont.	6,213	465	6,874	6,678	-2.9
Regina Intl, Sask.	20,680	1,778	21,478	22,458	4.6
Saint John, N.B.	6,866	935	8,055	7,801	-3.2
Saskatoon/John G Diefenbaker Intl, Sask.	24,950	1,749	25,354	26,699	5.3
Sault Ste Marie, Ont.	8,790	1,164	10,309	9,954	-3.4
Sechart-Gibsons, B.C.	6,712	...	4,094	6,712	63.9
Sept-Îles, Que.	14,347	2	13,756	14,349	4.3
Sioux Lookout, Ont.	13,924	6	14,101	13,930	-1.2
St John's Intl, N.L.	22,938	1,472	24,824	24,410	-1.7
Sudbury, Ont.	11,924	2,113	15,155	14,037	-7.4
Thompson, Man.	10,854	427	12,101	11,281	-6.8
Thunder Bay, Ont.	27,833	1,446	28,987	29,279	1.0
Timmins, Ont.	9,980	345	9,597	10,325	7.6
Toronto/Billy Bishop Toronto City, Ont.	58,647	...	48,994	58,647	19.7
Toronto/Lester B Pearson Intl, Ont.	392,041	6,380	388,685	398,421	2.5
Vancouver Harbour, B.C.	44,469	...	41,900	44,469	6.1
Vancouver Intl, B.C.	228,310	10,807	233,193	239,117	2.5
Victoria Harbour, B.C.	33,224	...	33,468	33,224	-0.7
Victoria Intl, B.C.	33,003	2,802	35,010	35,805	2.3
Wabush, N.L.	12,271	5	8,599	12,276	42.8
Windsor, Ont.	6,076	531	7,040	6,607	-6.2
Winnipeg/James Armstrong Richardson Intl, Man.	69,204	10,027	81,772	79,231	-3.1
Yellowknife, N.W.T.	17,892	239	18,156	18,131	-0.1
<b>Canada</b>	<b>2,377,772</b>	<b>115,909</b>	<b>2,451,261</b>	<b>2,493,681</b>	<b>1.7</b>

## Services offered by carriers - 2012

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### Scheduled Services

ABX Air Inc.

Aeromexico

Aerosvit Airlines

Air Algerie

Air Berlin

Air Canada

Air China

Air Creebec Inc.

Air France

Air Georgian Limited

Air India

Air Inuit Ltd.

Air Jamaica

Air New Zealand

Air North Charter Training Ltd.

Air St Pierre

Air Tindi Ltd.

Air Transat A.T. Inc

Air Wisconsin

Aklak Air

Alaska Airlines

Alitalia

American Airlines

American Eagle Airlines Inc.

Arkefly

Astar Air Cargo

Astraeus Ltd.

Atlantic Southeast Airlines

Atlas Air Inc.

Austrian Airlines  
Aviation Starlink Inc.  
Bearskin Airlines  
Bradley Air Services Limited  
British Airways  
Buffalo Airways Ltd.  
Calm Air International Ltd.  
Canadian North Inc.  
Cargojet Airways Ltd.  
Cargolux Airlines International  
Carribbean Airlines  
Carson Air Ltd.  
Castle Aviation  
Cathay Pacific Airways  
Central Mountain Air Ltd.  
China Airlines  
China Eastern Airlines  
China Southern Airlines  
Colgan Air  
Comair  
Commutair  
Compass Airlines (North America)  
Condor Flugdienst  
Continental Airlines  
COPA  
Corilair Charters Limited  
Corse Air Intl.  
Cubana Airlines  
Delta Air Lines  
Edelweiss Air  
El Al Israel Airlines  
Emirates Airlines  
Empire Airlines

Ethiopian Airlines  
Etihad Airways  
EVA Airways Corporation  
Exact Air Inc.  
Exploits Valley Air Services Ltd.  
Expressjet Airlines Inc.  
FedEx  
Finnair  
GoJet Airlines LLC  
Griffing Flying Service  
Hainan Airlines  
Harbour Air Ltd.  
Hawkair Aviation Services Ltd.  
Helijet International Inc.  
Horizon Air Industries Inc.  
Icelandair  
Integra Air Inc.  
Island Express Air Inc.  
JAL-Japan Airlines International Co Ltd.  
Jazz Air Inc.  
Jet Airways India  
K D Air Corporation  
Keewatin Air Ltd.  
Kelowna Flightcraft Air Charter Ltd.  
Kenmore Air Harbor Inc.  
Kenn Borek Air Ltd.  
KLM Royal Dutch Airlines  
Korean Air  
Labrador Airways Ltd.  
LACSA  
Lan Airlines S.A.  
LOT-Polish Airlines  
Lufthansa German Airlines

McMurray Aviation  
Mesa Airlines  
Mesaba Aviation  
Midwest Airlines Inc.  
Mississippi Airways  
Montmagny Air Service Inc.  
Morningstar Air Express Inc.  
Nakina Outpost Camps & Air Service Ltd.  
North Pacific Seaplanes Ltd.  
Northern Air Charter (P.R.) Inc.  
Northern Thunderbird Air Inc.  
Northway Aviation Ltd.  
Northwestern Air Lease  
Northwright Air  
Orca Airways Ltd.  
Pacific Coastal Airlines Limited  
Pakistan International  
Pascan Aviation Inc.  
Perimeter Aviation Ltd.  
Philippine Airlines Inc.  
Pinnacle Airlines  
Porter Airlines Inc.  
Propair Inc.  
Provincial Airlines  
Provincial Airlines  
Qatar Airways  
Royal Air Maroc  
Royal Jordanian  
Salt Spring Island Air Ltd.  
SATA Internacional  
Shuttle America Corp  
Sky Regional Airlines Inc.  
Sky West Airlines

SkyJet M.G. Inc.  
Skylink Express Inc.  
Solairus Aviation  
Sunwest Aviation Ltd.  
Sunwing Airlines Inc.  
Swanberg Air Inc.  
Swiss International Air Lines Ltd.  
Thomas Cook Airlines (UK) Ltd.  
Thunder Airlines Limited  
Tofino Airlines Ltd.  
Trans States Airlines Inc.  
Transaero Airlines  
Transwest Air  
Turkish Airlines  
Twin Cities Air Service Inc.  
United Airlines  
United Parcel Service  
US Airways Inc.  
Vancouver Island Air Ltd.  
Virgin America  
Virgin Atlantic Airways  
Wasaya Airways Limited Partnership  
West Coast Air Ltd.  
West Wind Aviation Limited Partnership  
WestJet

### **Major Charter Services**

ACASS Canada Ltd.  
ACM Air Charter  
ACM Aviation  
Aeromexico  
Air Canada  
Air China  
Air Foyle

Air St Pierre  
Air Transat A.T. Inc.  
Airborne Inc.  
American Air Services Inc.  
Ameristar Air Cargo Inc.  
ANA - All Nippon Airways Co Ltd.  
Arcadia Aviation  
Astar Air Cargo  
Astraeus Ltd.  
ATI - Air Transport International LLC  
Atlas Air Inc.  
Aviation Consultants Inc.  
British Airways  
Canadian North Inc.  
CanJet Airlines  
Cargojet Airways Ltd.  
Centaero Aviation Ltd.  
Comlux Aviation Malta  
Continental Airlines  
DB Aviation  
Delta Air Lines  
Enerjet  
Flair Airlines Ltd.  
Flight Options  
Florida West International Airlines  
G5 Executive AG  
Gulf & Caribbean Cargo Inc.  
Independent Flight Leasing Inc.  
JAL-Japan Airlines International Co Ltd.  
Jazz Air Inc.  
Jet Solutions LLC  
Jetport Inc.  
Kalitta Air LLC

Key Air

LID Brokerage & Realty Co. Ltd.  
London Air Services Limited  
Lufthansa German Airlines  
Lynden Air Cargo LLC  
Miami Air International  
Monarch Airlines (UK)  
Mountain Air Cargo  
Neptune Aviation Services Inc.  
NetJets Europe  
Nolinor Aviation  
North American Airlines  
North Cariboo Flying Service Ltd.  
Paradigm Air Operatings Inc.  
Partner Jet Inc.  
Pentastar Aviation  
Porter Airlines Inc.  
Priester Aviation  
Rectrix Aviation  
SATA Internacional  
Sky King Ltd.  
Skycharter  
Solairus Aviation  
Sunwest Aviation Ltd.  
Sunwing Airlines Inc.  
Taughannock Aviation  
Triair  
USA Jet Airlines Inc.  
VIH Execujet Ltd.  
VistaJet (Austria)  
WestJet  
XOJET



# Methodology

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## Survey universe

### Coverage

The airport activity data presented in this publication were compiled from three surveys conducted by the Aviation Statistics Centre of Statistics Canada and collected by Transport Canada's Electronic Collection of Air Transportation Statistics (ECATS) project.

### Daily Airport Activities Survey

This survey covers the scheduled domestic and international services operated by the Level I Canadian air carriers. Data concerning other Canadian carriers and foreign carriers operating scheduled international services into and out of Canada using aircraft with a maximum take-off weight on wheels greater than 30,000 kg are also included.

The survey data are filed on a census basis and are reported in the traffic flow format.

### Coupon Passenger Origin and Destination Survey

This survey covers the scheduled services operated within, into or out of Canada by regional and local Canadian air carriers and the scheduled services operated into or out of Canada by foreign air carriers using aircraft with maximum take-off weight on wheels not greater than 30,000 kg.

The survey data are collected on a census basis. Data is reported on an origin and destination basis (that is, the passengers' origin and destination on the reporting carrier's system) from Canadian carriers assigned to Reporting Levels II, III, and IV. Foreign air carriers operating unit toll international scheduled services using fixed wing aircraft having a maximum take-off weight on wheels not greater than 30,000 kg also report. The Aviation Statistics Centre converts the data into the enplaned and deplaned format.

### Charter On-Flight Origin and Destination Survey

This survey covers the charter services operated by Canadian air carriers within Canada or by Canadian or foreign air carriers between Canada and foreign countries other than the United States using aircraft having a maximum take-off weight on wheels greater than 15,900 kg. Likewise, all commercial charter services operated between Canada and the United States using aircraft with maximum take-off weight on wheels greater than 8,200 kg are also reported.

Data are reported on a census basis and are reported in the on-flight origin and destination format (that is, the passengers are reported according to their own origin and destination and not necessarily according to the routing of the flight).

### **Survey methodology**

Beginning with 2007 data and coinciding with the national roll-out of the Transport Canada Electronic Collection of Air Transportation Statistics (ECATS) project, data are reported electronically to Transport Canada and shared with Statistics Canada.

Upon receipt of the data, the Aviation Statistics Centre (ASC) applies its own edit programs to the data. These programs conduct quality checks to determine the quality and legitimacy of the information contained within flight records. Aviation Statistics Centre personnel then correct invalid entries, impute for missing data, tabulate and prepare the data for publication.

## Data quality and limitations

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The air carriers must file their data in accordance with the reporting procedures provided by Transport Canada. The quality of the data may be affected by non-sampling errors such as coverage error, response error or coding error.

Users of the airport activity data should be aware of the following limitations:

- In order to publish timely data, the Aviation Statistics Centre estimates data that are not received from the carriers in time for the publication. The Aviation Statistics Centre makes every effort to include reported data in the database.
- From time to time, participating carriers refile or update previous data submissions. The revisions will be reflected in the database and in the next publication.
- Passenger flights which carry cargo on them are classified as passenger flights for the purpose of this publication. The cargo carried on these passenger flights is defined as belly-hold cargo. The belly-hold cargo data are included with the pure cargo data in the cargo tables presented in the Table 2 series.
- Cargo data are not collected for the smaller scheduled services.
- Charter data are not collected on the smaller charter operations.
- The data presented in this publication are broken down into three categories: domestic, transborder and other international. The data are assigned to the categories for each flight segment according to the next stop (for departures) and the last stop (for arrivals) of the aircraft. For example, consider a flight with a routing of Vancouver-Edmonton-Amsterdam. The departure of the flight from Vancouver would be considered domestic, as would the arrival at Edmonton. The departure of the flight from Edmonton for Amsterdam would be considered as other international since the next stop of the aircraft is a foreign point.
- Effective January 1, 1988, data for non-revenue passengers and mail are no longer collected for the major scheduled services.

## Factors which may have influenced the data

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### 2012

As 2012 was a leap year, an additional day of air traffic occurred in February.

In late October, thousands of flights into and out of the northeastern United States were cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy. This included many scheduled arrivals and departures at Canadian airports.

### 2011

In January, Virgin America announced it would drop Toronto from its network, less than a year after launching its new service to Canada. The California-based carrier suspended service between Toronto's Pearson International Airport and Los Angeles and San Francisco in April.

In March, Japan experienced a tsunami-inflicted disaster which caused widespread damage and destruction. Many air carriers offering scheduled services to Japan temporarily suspended their operations in the country.

In April, Lan Airlines of Chile terminated their Canadian operations.

In May, Sky Regional (under the Air Canada Express banner) began operations, offering scheduled flights into and out of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport.

In June, Qatar Airways began a scheduled service to Montreal from Doha.

Also in June, COPA entered the Canadian market, offering scheduled flights between Toronto and Panama City.

# Appendix I

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## Glossary

**Arriving:** Traffic (flights, passengers and cargo) which lands at an airport in Canada.

**Cargo:** All freight, air express and excess baggage for which any tariff charge is assessed. Air cargo does not include mail and provisions, or passenger baggage for which no charge is assessed.

**Charter transportation:** The transportation of passengers and/or goods by aircraft where a person other than the air carrier operating the aircraft, or its agent, contracts for a block of seats or a portion of cargo capacity for that person's own use or for resale, in whole or in units, to members of the public. The entire capacity of the aircraft is disposed of in this manner.

### Classification in reporting levels (Definitions 2010)

–**Level I.** This includes every Canadian air carrier that, in the calendar year immediately preceding the reporting year, transported at least 2 million revenue passengers or at least 400 thousand tonnes of cargo.

–**Level II.** This includes every Canadian air carrier that, in the calendar year immediately preceding the reporting year, transported at least 100 thousand, but fewer than 2 million revenue passengers, or at least 50 thousand but less than 400 thousand tonnes of cargo.

–**Level III.** This includes every Canadian air carrier not classified in reporting level I or II that, in the calendar year immediately preceding the reporting year, realized gross revenues of at least 2 million dollars for the provision of air services for which the air carrier held a licence.

–**Level IV.** This includes every Canadian air carrier not classified in reporting level I, II or III that, in the calendar year immediately preceding the reporting year, realized gross revenues of less than 2 million dollars for the provision of air services for which the air carrier held a licence.

**Departing:** Traffic (flights, passengers and cargo) which takes off from an airport in Canada.

**Deplaned:** Traffic (passengers and cargo) which lands and disembarks at an airport in Canada.

**Domestic:** Traffic travelling between two airports in Canada.

**Enplaned:** Traffic (passengers and cargo) which embarks and takes off from an airport in Canada.

**MCTOW:** The maximum certificated take-off weight for aircraft as shown in the aircraft flight manual referred to in the aircraft's Certificate of Airworthiness issued by the competent Canadian or foreign authority.

**Other international:** Traffic between an airport in a foreign country (excluding the United States) and an airport in Canada.

**Revenue passenger:** A person receiving air transportation from an air carrier for which remuneration is received by the air carrier. Air carrier employees or others receiving air transportation against whom token service charges are levied are not considered as revenue passengers. Infants for whom a token fare is charged are not counted as passengers.

**Traffic flow format:** Data are captured in a traffic flow format; that is, for each departing flight, both enplaned and departing passengers (and cargo) are collected as well as the next stop in the flight itinerary. For arriving flights, deplaned and arriving passengers (and cargo) as well as the last (previous) stop in the flight itinerary are recorded.

**Transborder:** Traffic between an airport in the United States (including Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico) and an airport in Canada.