

### Industry Review: Allocating Capital to Benefit Customers, Employees and Investors

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U.S. Airlines Facilitate the Safe and Efficient Movement of People and Goods Worldwide Data Reflects Passenger and Cargo-Only Operations\*





Powering ~26K flights per day across the globe



Carrying ~2.6M passengers per day to/from ~80 countries



Moving ~61K tons of cargo per day to/from more than 220 countries



Sources: A4A, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Diio by Cirium and company literature



\* Headcount as of January 2024; other statistics are average for 2023

"Through the 1930s and into the 1940s, almost everyone flew first class. Airlines did encourage more people to fly in the 1950s and 1960s by introducing coach or tourist fares, but **the savings were relative**: less expensive than first class, but **still pricey**. In 1955, for example, so-called 'bargain fares' from New York to Paris were the equivalent of just over \$3,200 in 2023 dollars. Although the advent of jets did result in lower fares, the cost was still out of reach of most Americans... The demographics of travelers did begin to shift during [the 1960s]. More women, more young people, and retirees began to fly; **still, airline travel remained financially out-of-reach for most**. If it was a golden age, **it only was for the very few**."

Janet Bednarek, University of Dayton. "Longing for the 'golden age' of air travel? Be careful what you wish for," CNN Travel (Feb. 28, 2023)

Source: https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/golden-age-of-air-travel-downsides/index.html



"These days, we barely think about safety when we board a plane...because **flying across the sky is safer than walking across the street**. Airplanes produce fewer deaths per mile than cars, ferries, trains, subways or buses..."

"The U.S. aviation system has become so amazingly, unexpectedly safe that other industries in the business of fatal risk, from healthcare to artificial intelligence, are hoping to bring lessons of the sky back to hospitals and research labs on the ground."

> Ben Cohen, "Flying in America Has Actually Never Been Safer," *The Wall Street Journal* (Jan. 12, 2024)

Source: Ben Cohen, "Flying in America Has Actually Never Been Safer," The Wall Street Journal (Jan. 12, 2024)



"When **the risk of flying is so minuscule**, being afraid to board an airplane is hardly more justified than avoiding the supermarket for fear that the ceiling will collapse."

"The safety of flying in countries like the U.S. is the eighth wonder of the world. Far from being nervous as we approach the airport, we should be awestruck that flying is so free of risk — and deeply grateful to those who have made it so."

Arnold Barnett, George Eastman Professor of Management Science and professor of statistics at MIT Sloan School of Management, "Boeing, Airbus incidents have travelers asking, is it still safe to fly?" *The Hill* (Jan. 22, 2024)

Source: Arnold Barnett, "Boeing, Airbus incidents have travelers asking, is it still safe to fly?," The Hill (Jan. 22, 2024)



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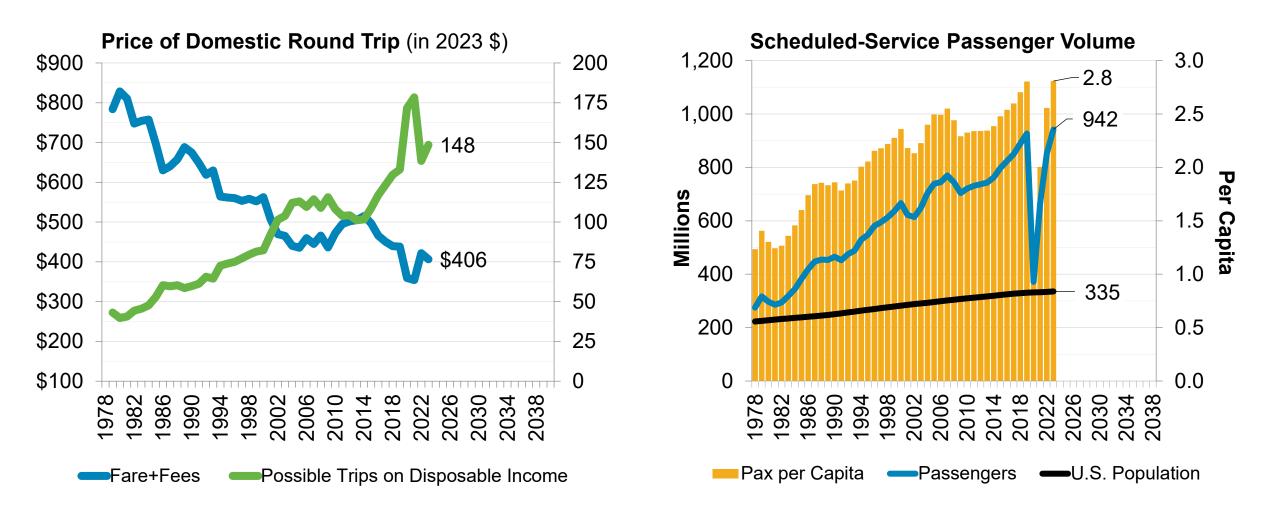


"The airline industry has periods of fat profits, but **those profits are notoriously fickle**. And if they're expected to stay in business in down times, airlines can't be expected to sacrifice revenue generated when demand is high without trying to make it up elsewhere."

Source: "Economists Are Still Right About Airline Deregulation!" Milken Institute (January 18, 2023)

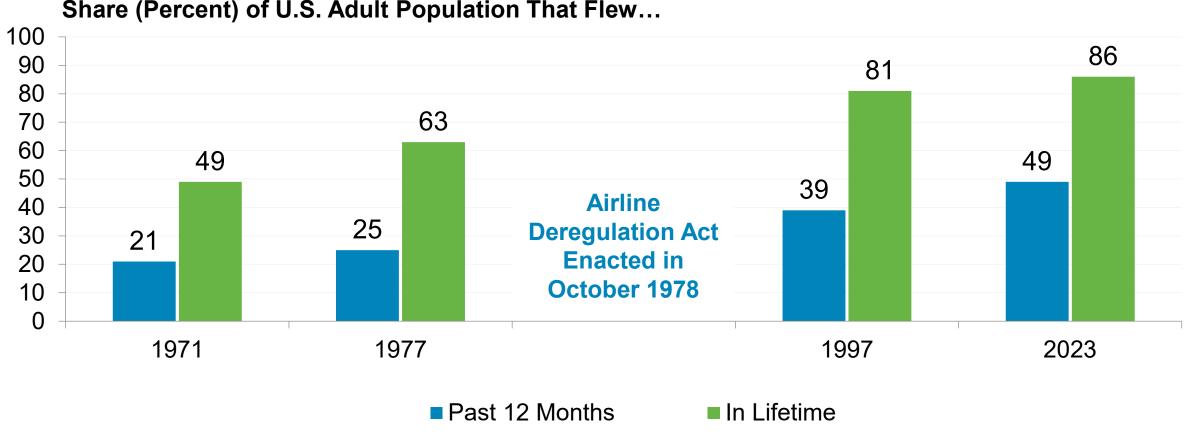


As Real Airfares Plunged Post-Deregulation, Trips Per Capita More Than Doubled Ancillary Services Included, 2023 Domestic Air Travel Was ~48% Cheaper Than in 1979



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics and Bureau of Transportation Statistics (Data Bank 1B) via Airline Data Inc. and T1 scheduled service for U.S. airlines)





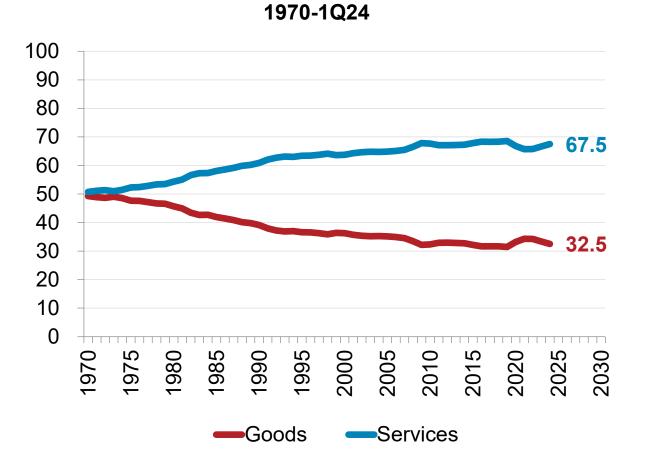
#### Share (Percent) of U.S. Adult Population That Flew...

Sources: Historical A4A air travel surveys conducted by Gallup (1971 through 1997) and Ipsos

Note: "Past 5 Years" category was not presented as a possible response preceding 2020.

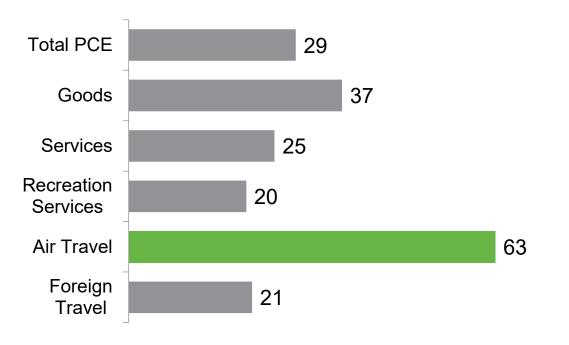


#### Over Two-Thirds of Americans' Spending Now on Services—Up From Just Over Half in 1970 From 2019-2023, Spending on Air Travel Surged



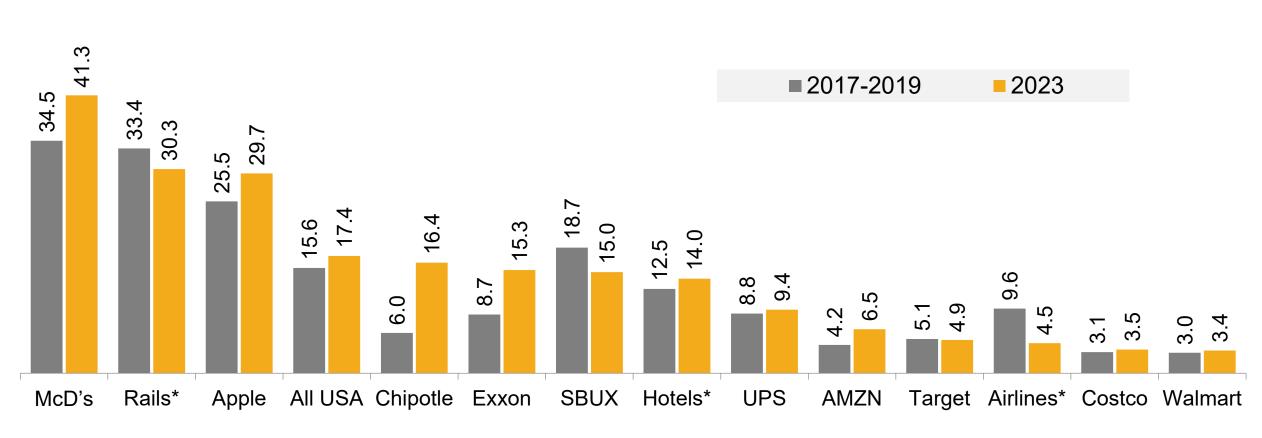
Share (%) of U.S. Personal Consumption Expenditures

## Change (%) in U.S. Personal Consumption Expenditures 2019-2023



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis



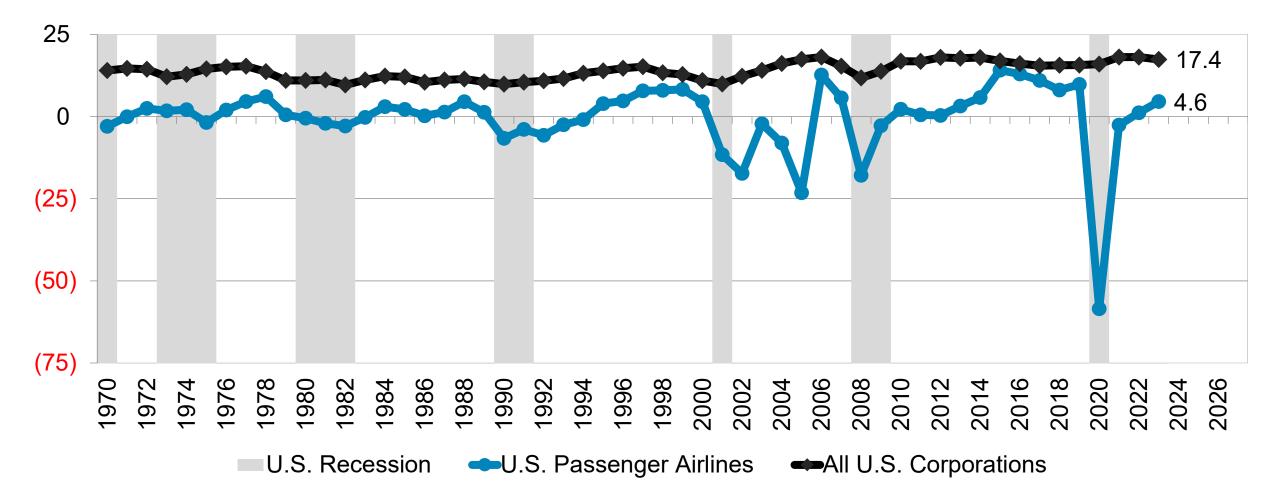


#### **Pre-Tax Profit Margin (%) for Selected U.S. Companies and Industries**

Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis and company SEC filings \* Airlines = ALK/ALGT/AAL/DAL/ULCC/HA/JBLU/LUV/SAVE/UAL; Hotels = Choice/Hilton/Hyatt/Marriott/Wyndham; Rails = CSX/Norfolk Southern/Union Pacific



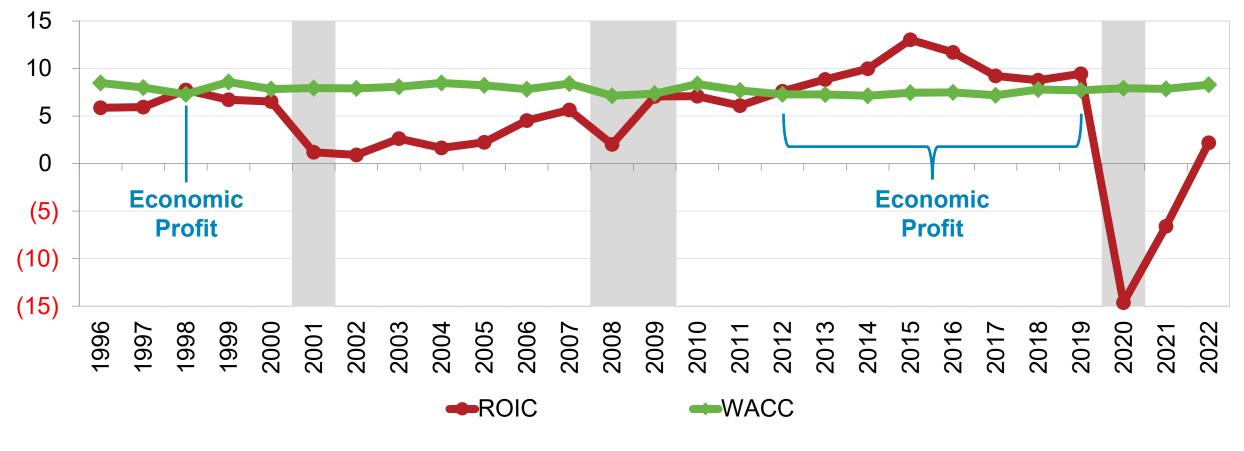
# Even in Best Years, Airline Profitability Lags the U.S. Corporate Average Pre-Tax Profit Margin (%) *Gap Widened* in 2016-2018, But Narrowed in 2019



Source: ATA Annual Reports (1970-1976), A4A Passenger Airline Cost Index (1977-present); Bureau of Economic Analysis

Note: Years with at least two months in recession highlighted in gray





U.S. Passenger Airlines' Return on Invested Capital (%) vs. Weighted Average Cost of Capital (%)

Source: IATA



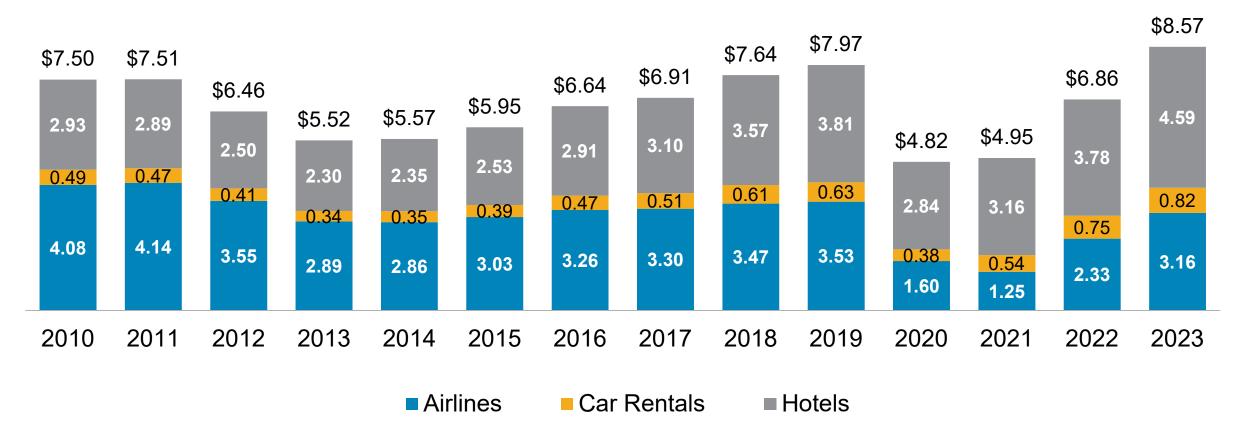
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	19. JPMorgan Chase 20. Disney		19. Siemens 20. Gilead

Source: Business Travel News ranking of corporate travel programs that spent the most on U.S.-booked air



#### Federal Agency Spending on Air Travel Rebounded to \$3.16B in FY22 — 10% Below FY19 Spending on Hotels Was Up 20% From FY19 Levels, While Spending on Car Rentals Was Up 30%

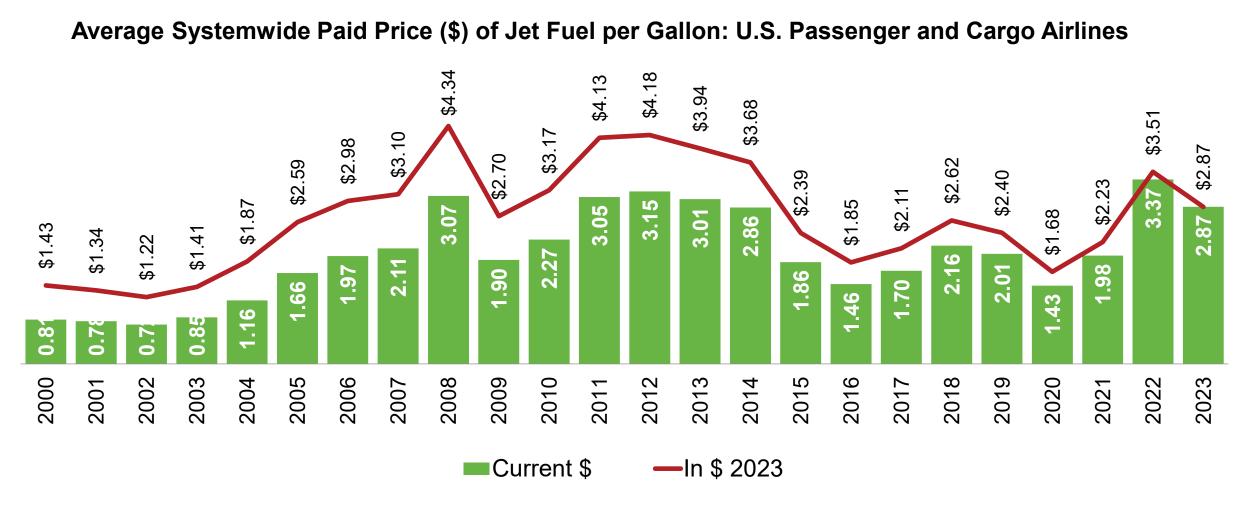


#### U.S. Government Travel Spending (\$ Billions) via GSA SmartPay

Source: U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) SmartPay® travel program



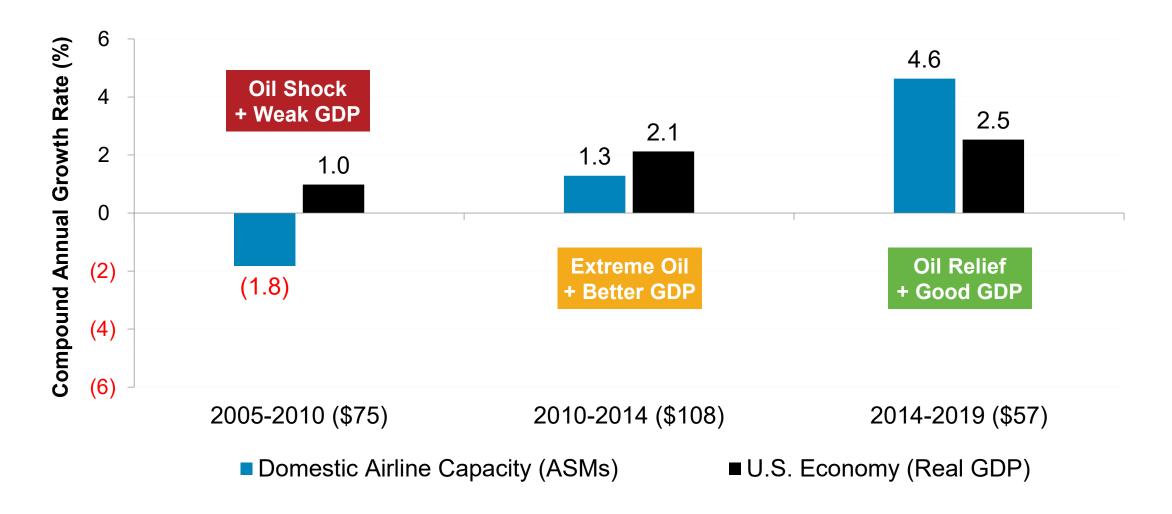
#### In Nominal Terms, Average Jet-Fuel Prices for U.S. Airlines Reached an All-Time High in 2022 The Inflation-Adjusted Peak Occurred in 2008



Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics (all U.S. carriers, systemwide scheduled and nonscheduled services)

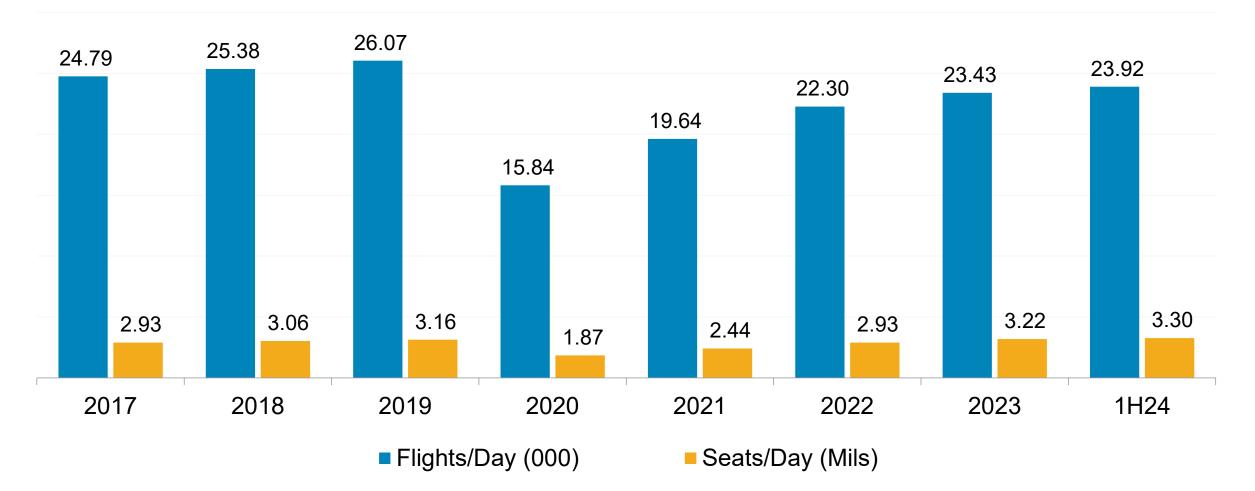


#### For U.S. Airlines, the Price of Oil\* Is a Significant Determinant of Capacity Growth When Fuel Costs Decline and Finances Improve, Growth Accelerates



\* Brent crude oil in dollars per barrel, in parentheses

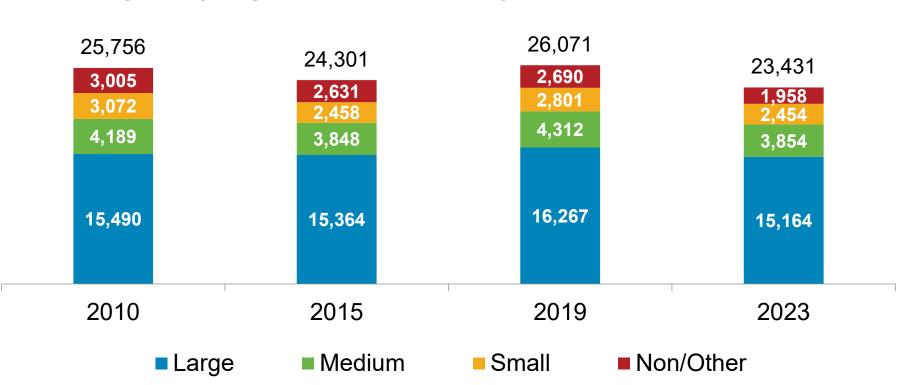




Sources: Cirium published schedules (April 12, 2024) for all U.S. and non-U.S. airlines operating scheduled passenger service



# Collectively, Public Policy, Higher Costs (Labor/Fuel), Retirement of Small\* Aircraft, Growth at Nearby Airports and Tight Pilot Supply Have Reduced Flying at the Smallest U.S. Airports



Average Daily Flights at U.S. Airports by FAA Hub Size Classification

Notes: FAA pilot qualification (1,500-hour) rule effective Jul-2013; pilot flight/duty/rest rule effective Jan-2014

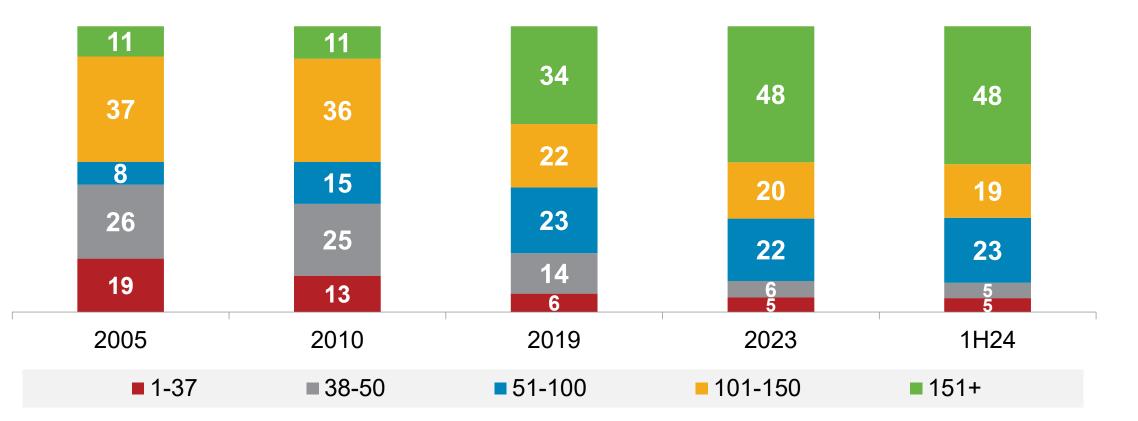
\* Per https://www.faa.gov/airports/planning\_capacity/passenger\_allcargo\_stats /, U.S. airports with less than 0.05% of annual passenger boardings

Sources: Cirium published schedules (Jan. 5, 2024) for all airlines providing scheduled passenger service from U.S. airports to all destinations



#### Aircraft Exceeding 100 Seats Now Constitute 67% of Domestic Scheduled Passenger Flights Among Regional Airline Domestic Flights, 69% Exceed 50 Seats per Departure

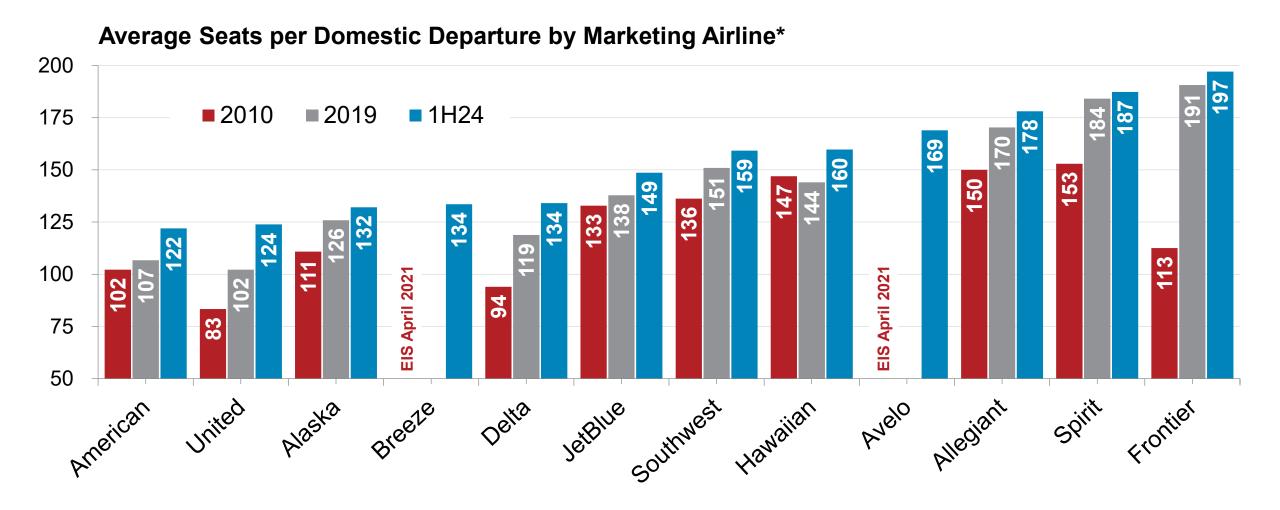
#### % of Domestic U.S. Scheduled Passenger Airline Departures by Aircraft Size\*



Source: Cirium published schedules (April 12, 2024)

Note: Numbers may not add to 100 due to rounding



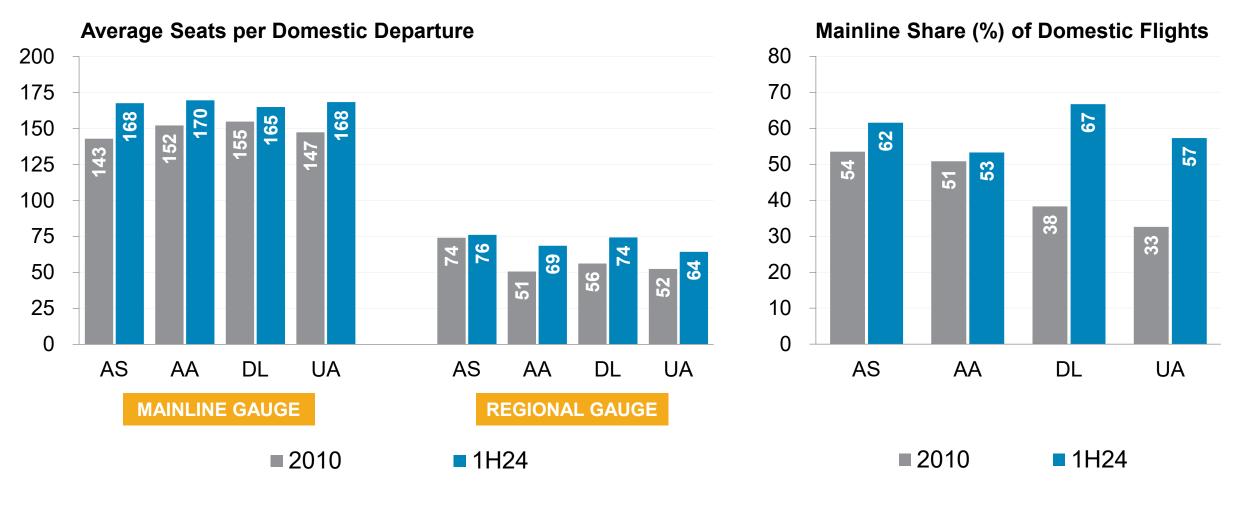


Source: Cirium schedules (Feb. 9, 2024) for selected marketing airlines



\* Includes flights operated by regional/express airline partners; EIS = entry into service

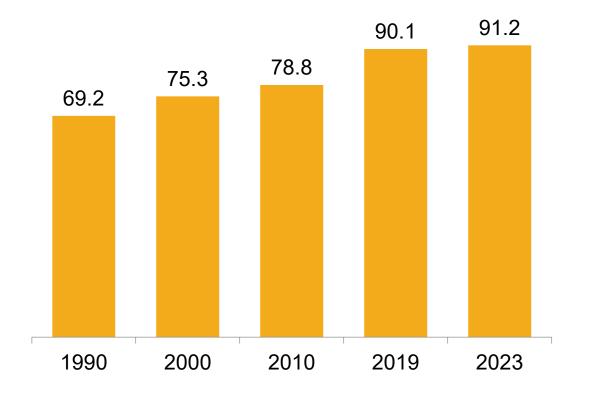
#### Domestically, Network Carriers Have Up-Gauged Mainline and Regional Operations Delta and United Have Significantly Boosted the Share of Mainline Flying



Source: Cirium published schedules (Jan. 5, 2024)



Share (%) of Top 2000 Domestic O&D Airport Pairs With Nonstop Service\*



Passengers per Day Each Way (PDEW) in #1 and #2000 Domestic O&D Airport Pairs\*

Year	Market #1	PDEW	Market #2000	PDEW
1990	HNL-OGG	3,266	MEM-MKE	32
2000	HNL-OGG	3,261	HOU-IND	51
2010	JFK-LAX	3,239	ALB-DFW	54
2019	JFK-LAX	4,292	CLT-PWM	70
2023	JFK-LAX	3,260	JFK-RNO	72

Source: Compass Lexecon analysis of DOT O&D, OAG and T-100 and Form 298C

\* Top 2000 accounted for 80% of domestic O&D passengers in 2019; nonstop = as at least 40 round-trip flights in any quarter



#### From 2000-2023, the Number of Competitors per Domestic Trip Rose From 3.33 to 3.47 In 2023, the 500 Busiest City Pairs—Accounting for 61% of Passengers—Averaged 3.8 Competitors

Made possible by 1) lack of entry barriers allowing rapid nationwide expansion of lower-cost carriers and 2) mergers of complementary networks enabling large network carriers to offer competitive connecting service on more city pairs *and* new nonstop service into markets they previously did not serve.

#### 4.75 4.69 4.24 3.77 3.65 3.54 3.47 3.39 3.33 ax Pax Рах Pax Рах Pax 0 of Note: In 2023, the market share of the of smallest competitor for each city pair of of of of .4% with at least two competitors averaged 3% 28% 61% 5% 5% 13.4%. The median was 18.6%\* 7 6 0 Top 25 2000 2010 2023 Top 10 Top 100 Top 500 Top 1000 Top 5000

#### Average Number of Competitors\* in Domestic U.S. Markets (O&D City Pairs)

Source: Compass Lexecon analysis of DOT O&D Survey data (DB1B)

\* Per DOT and GAO, carrying at least 5% of O&D passengers in the city pair; average number of competitors is passenger-weighted across city pairs.



LA (BUR/L	AX/LGB)	-Seattle (P	AE/SEA)	Boston	-Clevel	and (CAK/CL	E)	Rochester, NY-South Florida (FLL/MIA)					
<u>2007</u> <u>2023</u>					<u>2007</u>		<u>2023</u>			<u>2023</u>			
Alaska	67.4	Alaska	58.6	Continental	62.6	JetBlue	50.3	AirTran	33.9	Southwest	35.3		
JetBlue	15.1	Delta	23.0	AirTran	30.2	Delta	38.4	US Airways	22.8	American	24.0		
Southwest	7.2	United	5.9			American	6.0	Delta	18.5	Delta	23.8		
American	5.6							JetBlue	14.7	United	8.5		
										JetBlue	7.8		

Chicago	(MDW/C	RD)-Sacrame	ento	Memp	his-Orlar	ndo (MCO/SFE	3)	Austin-Raleigh/Durham					
	<u>2007</u>		<u>2023</u>		<u>2007</u>		<u>2023</u>		<u>2007</u>		<u>2023</u>		
United	44.8	United	44.3	Northwest	60.1	Southwest	34.8	American	62.1	American	39.1		
Southwest	41.9	Southwest	34.4	AirTran	21.6	Spirit	28.9	Southwest	19.0	Southwest	32.6		
US Airways	5.1	American	14.8	Frontier	9.8	Allegiant	11.1	Delta	7.4	Delta	24.9		
				Delta	5.7	Delta	10.4	Continental	5.8				
					American	8.7							
						Frontier	5.3						

Source: DOT Data Bank 1B (nondirectional data) via Cirium



\* Showing only those airlines with at least 5% of O&D share in each year

#### Global Network Carrier Share of Domestic Passengers Fell From 73% in 2000 to 52% in 2023 In 2023, Ultra Low-Cost Airlines Carried 14% of Domestic O&D Passengers

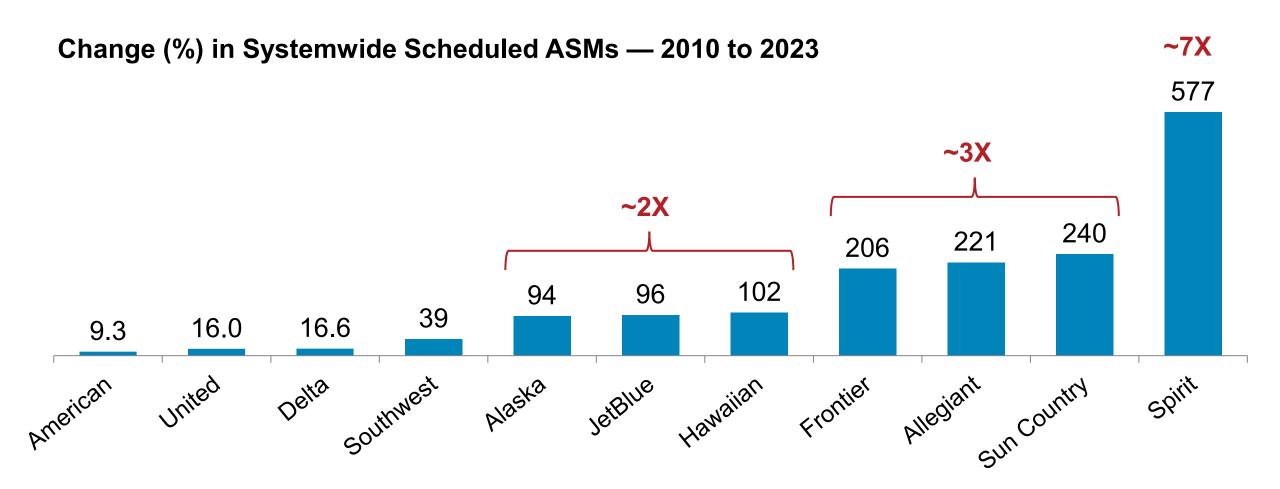
#### Share (%) of U.S. Domestic O&D Passengers by Airline Business Model

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18	19	20	21	21	21	22	23	24	25	25	25	25	24	24	24	24	24	23	13 22	12 22	12 22
73	71	70	68	68	67	65	62	60	59	59	57	57	57	56	55	54	53	53	54	52	52
2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023
	American/Delta/United					Sou	thwe	st	A	LK/H	A/JBI	LU		ULCO	Cs*		Othe	r			

Source: DOT Data Bank 1B (each airline shown on a marketing-carrier basis and tracked with its respective merged/acquired predecessors [e.g., DL/NW]) via Cirium

\* Allegiant/Avelo/Breeze/Frontier/Spirit/Sun Country

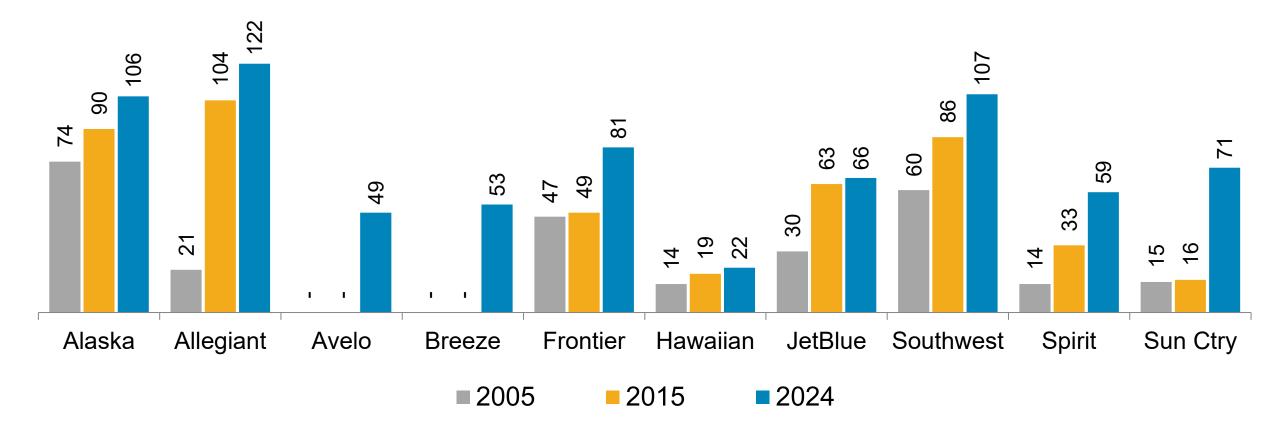




Source: Cirium schedules (Jan. 5, 2024) for selected marketing airlines including merged/acquired predecessors



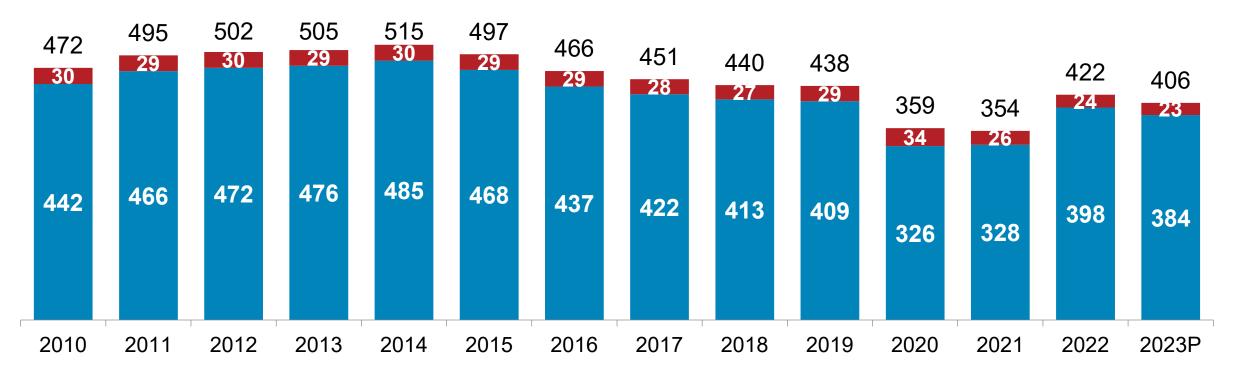
#### Number of U.S. Airports Served in July



Source: Cirium published schedules (April 26, 2024) for selected marketing airlines



#### Round-Trip Ticket Price (in \$ 2023)\*



Airfare/Seat Selection/Upgrades

Fees for Baggage and Reservation Changes

Source: A4A analysis of DOT Data Bank 1B (all cabins and fare basis codes) and DOT Form 41 via Airline Data Inc. (airlinedata.com)

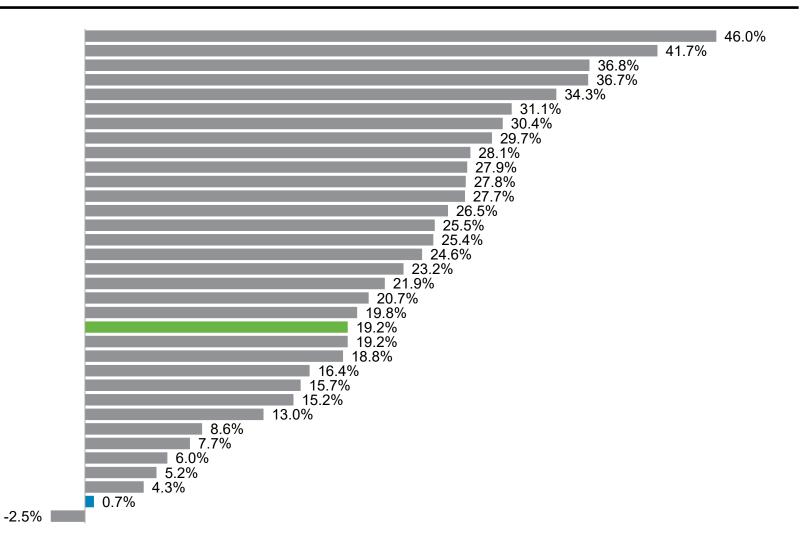
\* Data for fares and ancillary fees available through 3Q23; excludes taxes



#### From 2019 to 2023, the Overall Consumer Prices Rose 28x Faster Than Airline Fares

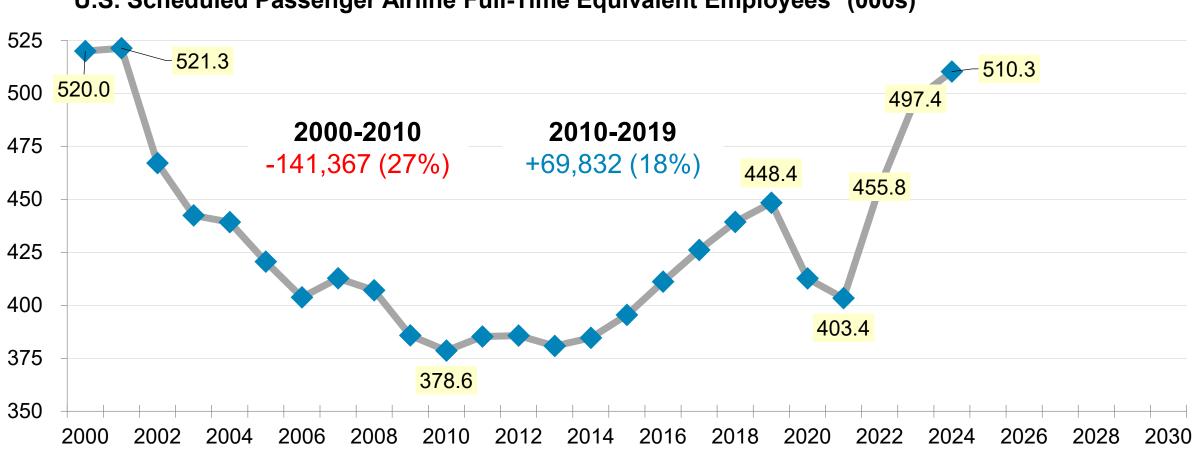
Change in U.S. Consumer Price Index (CPI) — 2023 vs. 2019

Eggs Fuel oil Used cars and trucks Utility (piped) gas service Motor fuel Poultry Repair of household items Motor vehicle maintenance and repair Cereals and bakery products Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs Other food at home Meats Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials Electricity Motor vehicle insurance Food away from home Dairy and related products New vehicles Rent of primary residence Owners' equivalent rent of residences All items Fish and seafood Cable and satellite television service Fruits and vegetables Hospital services Financial services Alcoholic beverages Internet services and electronic information Physicians' services Medical care commodities Apparel Prescription drugs Airline fares Health insurance



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



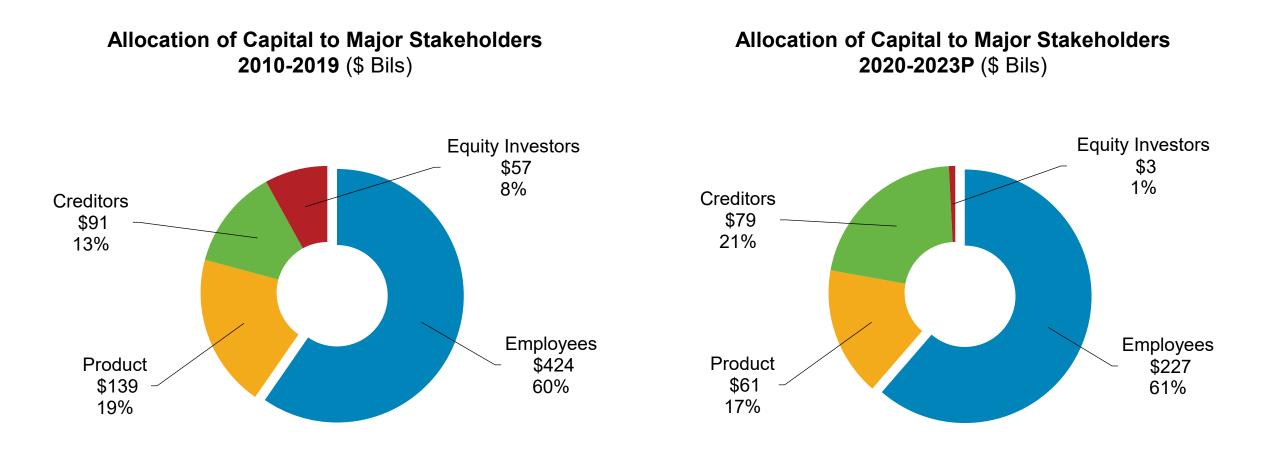


U.S. Scheduled Passenger Airline Full-Time Equivalent Employees\* (000s)

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics for scheduled U.S. passenger airlines



By Far, U.S. Passenger Airlines Allocate the Most Capital (~60%) to the Workforce, Followed by Customers (Product Reinvestment), Creditors (Debt Reduction) and Equity Investors

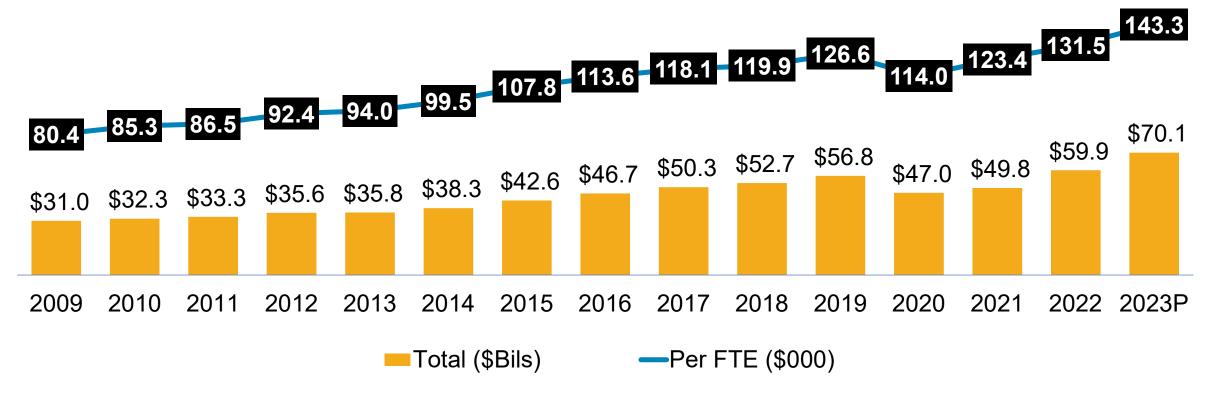


Sources: BTS Form 41 and company SEC filings

\* Employees = salaries/wages/benefits; product = fleet/GSE/facilities/apps/other; creditors = debt retirement; equity investors = dividends/share repurchases



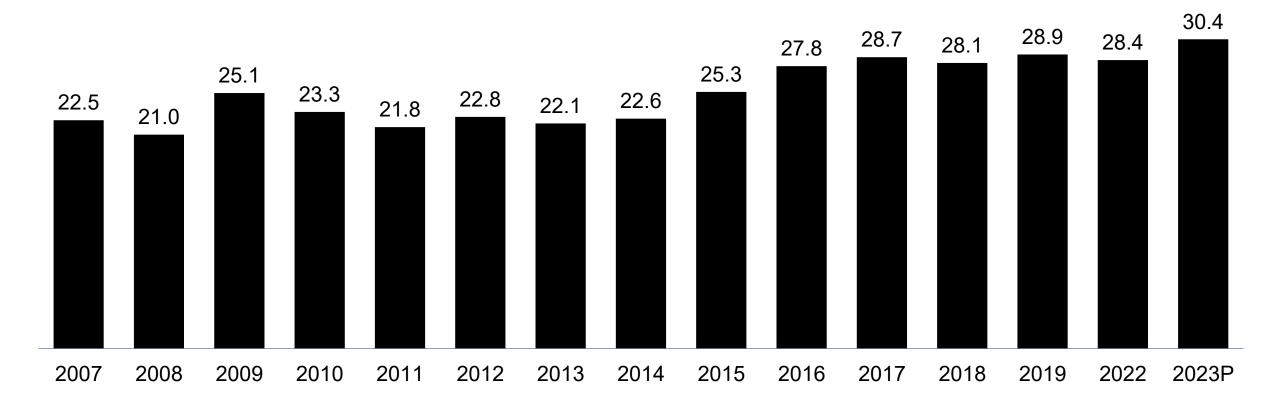




P = preliminary







Source: A4A Passenger Airline Cost Index and https://www.vox.com/new-money/2017/4/29/15471634/american-airlines-raise



From 2020-2023, U.S. Passenger Airlines Retired \$79B in Debt — \$19.7B Annually Returns to Shareholders Have Been Paltry in the Aftermath of the Pandemic

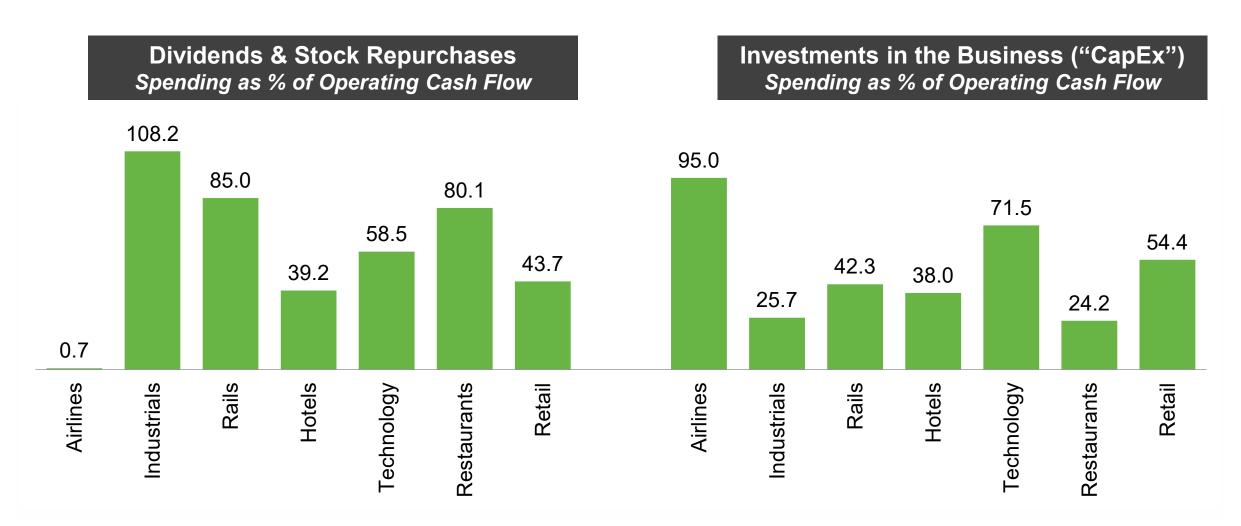
**Average Annual Retirement\* Average Annual Returns** of Long-Term Debt (\$ Bils) to Shareholders (\$ Bils) 19.7 9.1 5.7 0.7 2010-2019 2020-2023 2010-2019 2020-2023 Stock Repurchases Cash Dividends

Source: SEC filings of AAL/ALGT/ALK/DAL/HA/JBLU/LUV/SAVE/SNCY/UAL/ULCC and merged predecessors

\* Payments on long-term debt and capital lease obligations



In 2021-2023, Relative to Other U.S. Industries, Airlines Reinvested Far More Cash Into the Business (via "Capital Expenditures") Than They Spent on Shareholders ("Capital Returns")



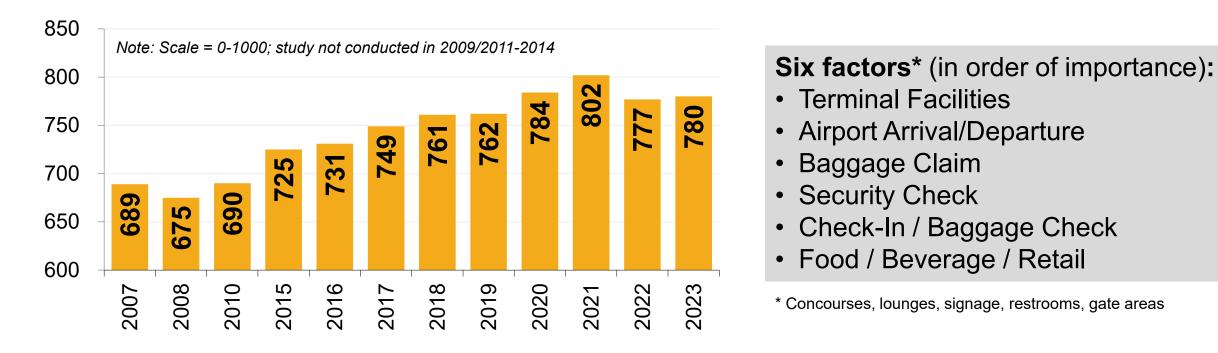
Source: Goldman Sachs, "Cash Flow Benchmarking by Sector" (March 2024), with data from Factset and Bloomberg

Note: CapEx includes R&D expense for technology companies.



### J.D. Power: "North American Airports Earn Higher Marks for Traveler Satisfaction" Latest Results Released Sept. 20, 2023

"It has not been an easy year for North American airports, but **major capital improvements they've made over the last several years** and new investments in getting food, beverage and retail operations back up and running at full capacity have helped them manage the crush of passengers." (Michael Taylor, J.D. Power)



\* The study is based on 27,147 completed surveys from U.S. or Canadian residents who traveled through at least one U.S. or Canadian airport and covers both departure and arrival experiences (including connecting airports) during the past 30 days. Travelers evaluated either a departing or arriving airport from their round-trip experience. The study was fielded from August 2022 through July 2023.

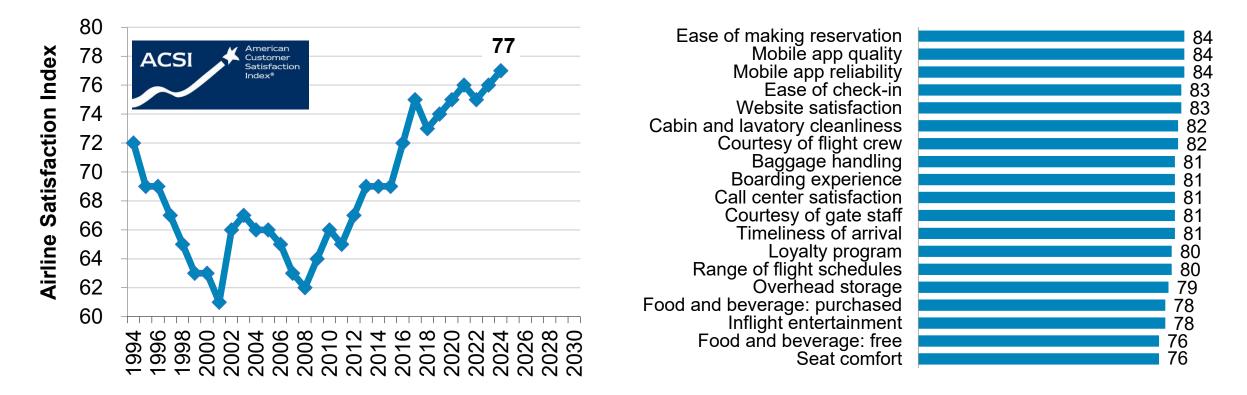
Source: : J.D. Power North America Airport Satisfaction Study<sup>SM</sup>



### ACSI 2024 Airline Customer Satisfaction Index Reaches All-Time High

Ease of Making Reservation, Mobile App Quality/Reliability, Ease of Check-In, Websites Rank Highest

"Airline customer satisfaction has climbed to new heights, reaching scores not seen even before the pandemic disrupted travel. Carriers have bounced back strongly, showing that innovations and service improvements implemented during the last two years have resonated with customers." (Forrest Morgeson, Director of Research Emeritus at the ACSI)

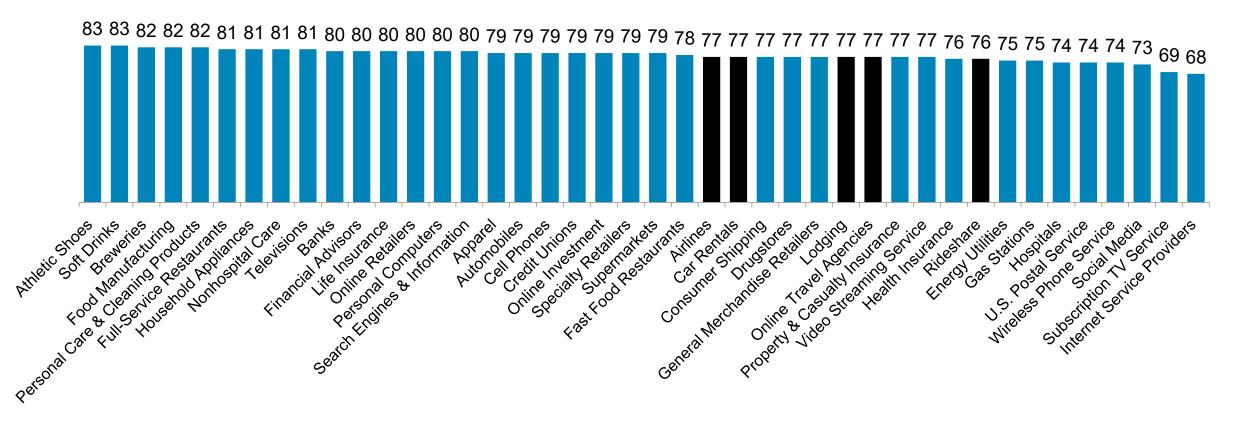


Note: ACSI® and its logo are Registered Marks of the University of Michigan; see https://theacsi.org/. Study commenced in 1994.

Source: American Customer Satisfaction Index LLC. The ACSI Travel Study 2023-2024 is based on interviews with 16,352 customers, chosen at random and contacted via email between April 2023 and March 2024.



### ACSI Customer Satisfaction Benchmarks by Industry (Scale = 0 to 100)



Note: ACSI<sup>®</sup> and its logo are Registered Marks of the University of Michigan; see https://theacsi.org/. Study commenced in 1994. Source: American Customer Satisfaction Index LLC. The ACSI Travel Study 2023-2024 is based on interviews with 16,352 customers, chosen at random and contacted via email between April 2023 and March 2024.



### J.D. Power: North America Airline Customer Satisfaction on Par With Pre-Pandemic Levels Composite Score Fell in Latest Survey (Conducted March 2022 Through March 2023)

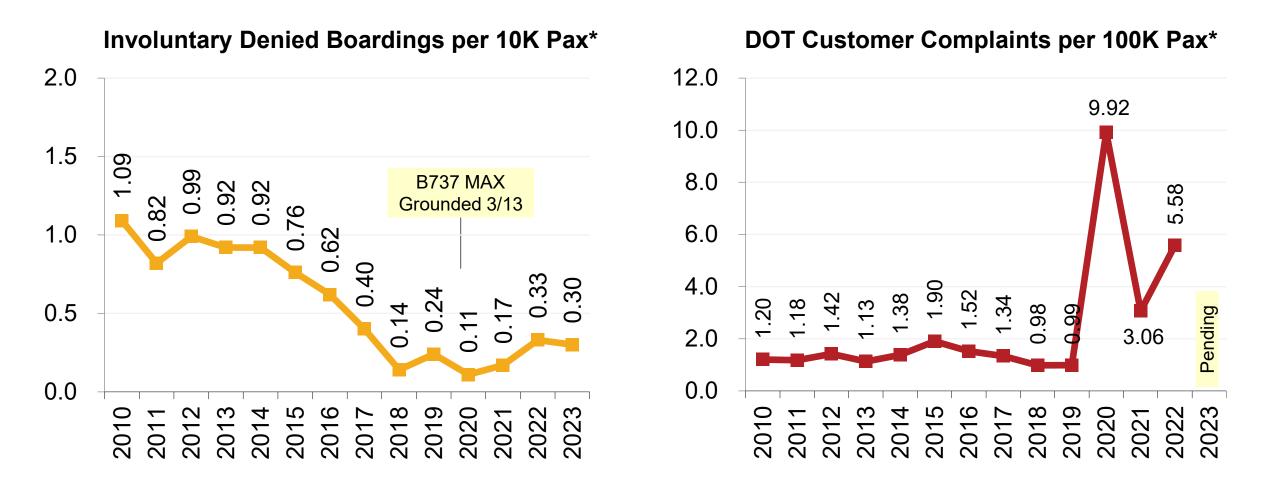


Note: The study is based on responses from 7,774 passengers who flew on a major North America airline within the past month of completing a survey. The study was fielded from March 2022 through March 2023. Source: J.D. Power North America Airline Satisfaction Study<sup>SM</sup>



### **Denied Boardings and Customer Complaints**

Grounding of B737 MAX Largely Responsible for Anomalous 2019 Increase in Denied Boardings



Source: DOT Air Travel Consumer Report (http://www.dot.gov/airconsumer/air-travel-consumer-reports)

\* U.S. passenger airlines



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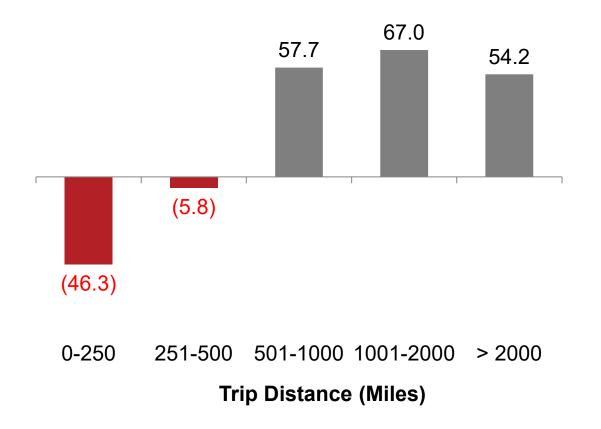




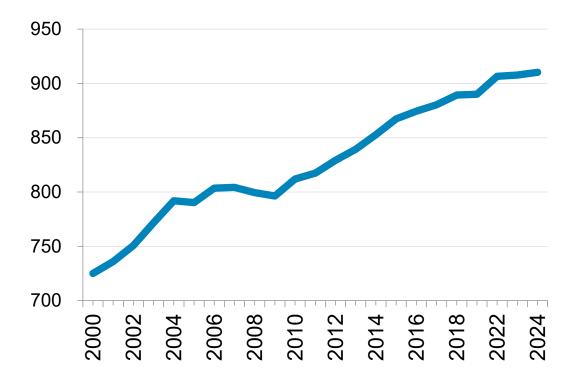


After 9/11, Domestic Passengers Avoided Air Travel on Shorter Distances; Airlines Adjusted Their Networks Accordingly, Aided by Aircraft Advances, to Increase Average Seat Distance

Change (%) in Domestic O&D Passengers by Distance Band (Miles) — Pre-9/11\* to 2023



**Average Miles per Domestic Scheduled Seat** 

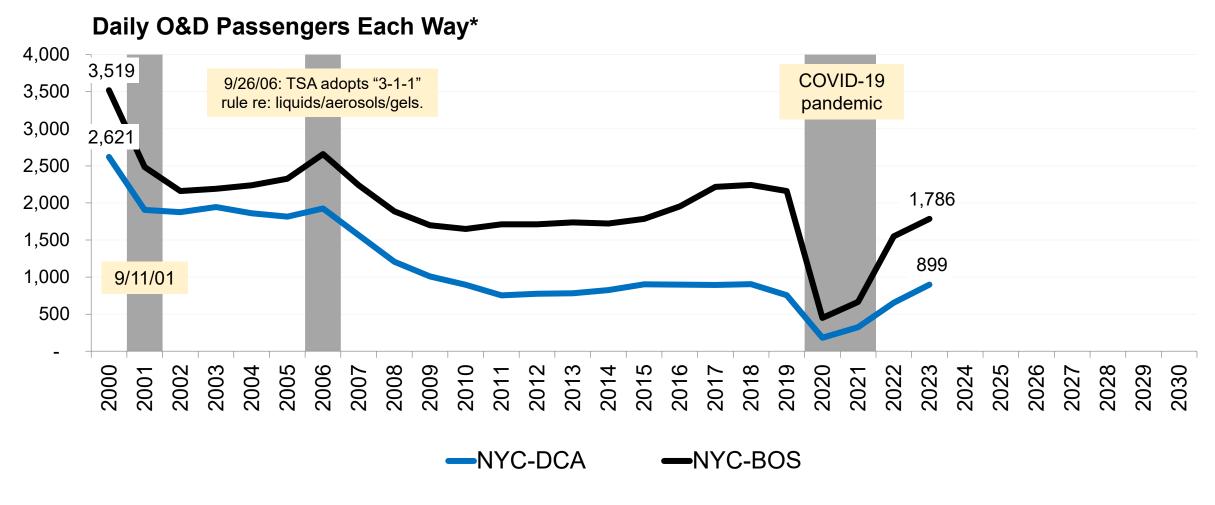


Source: DOT Data Bank 1B (O&D Survey data) and Cirium published airline schedules (March 29, 2024)

\* Four quarters ending June 2001



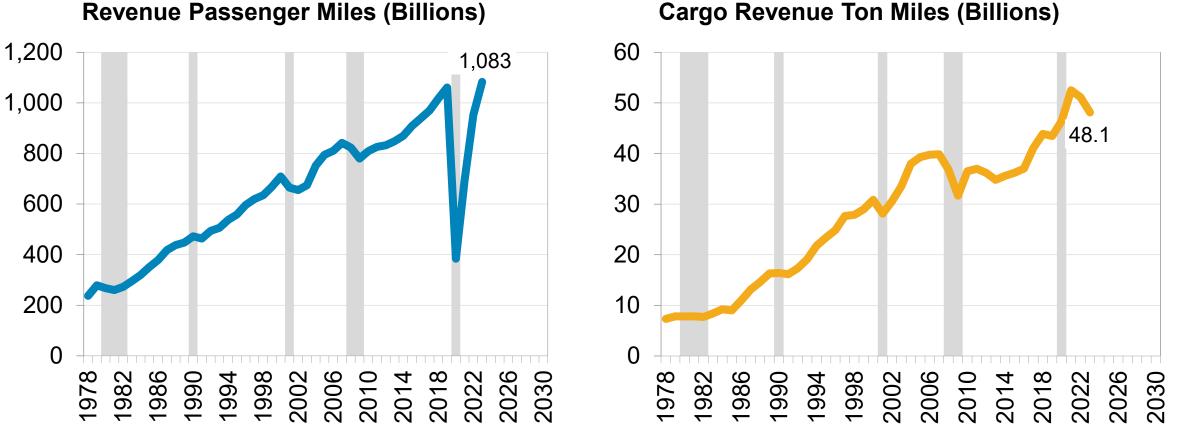
# Air Passenger Volumes Between New York and Boston/Washington Have Fallen Sharply Since 2000, Due Largely to Changes in Security Requirements and Improved Alternatives to Flying



Source: DOT Data Bank 1B (O&D Survey data)





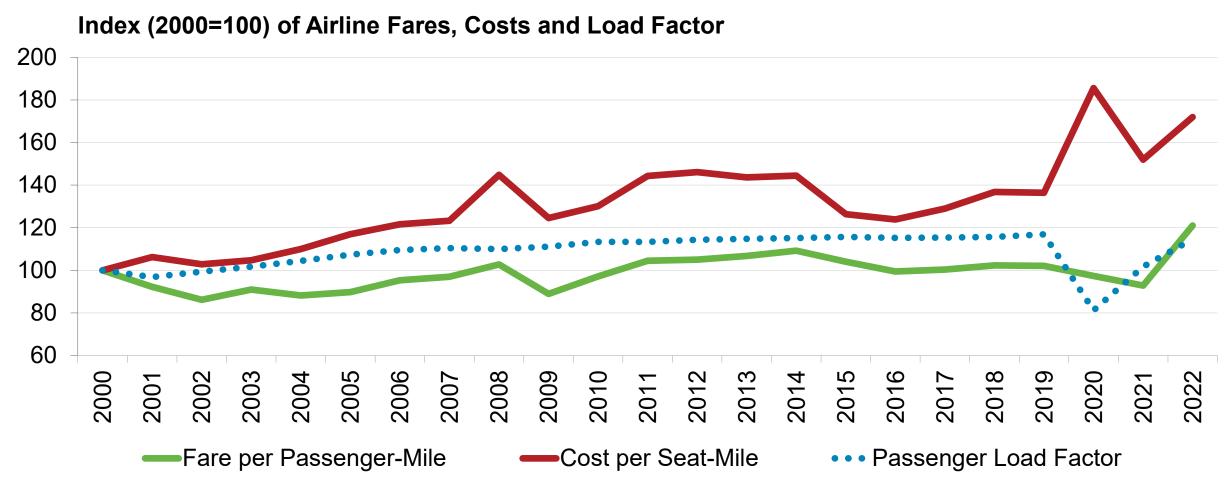


Source: U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics (T1 systemwide for U.S. airlines - all services)

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Note: Recessions highlighted in gray

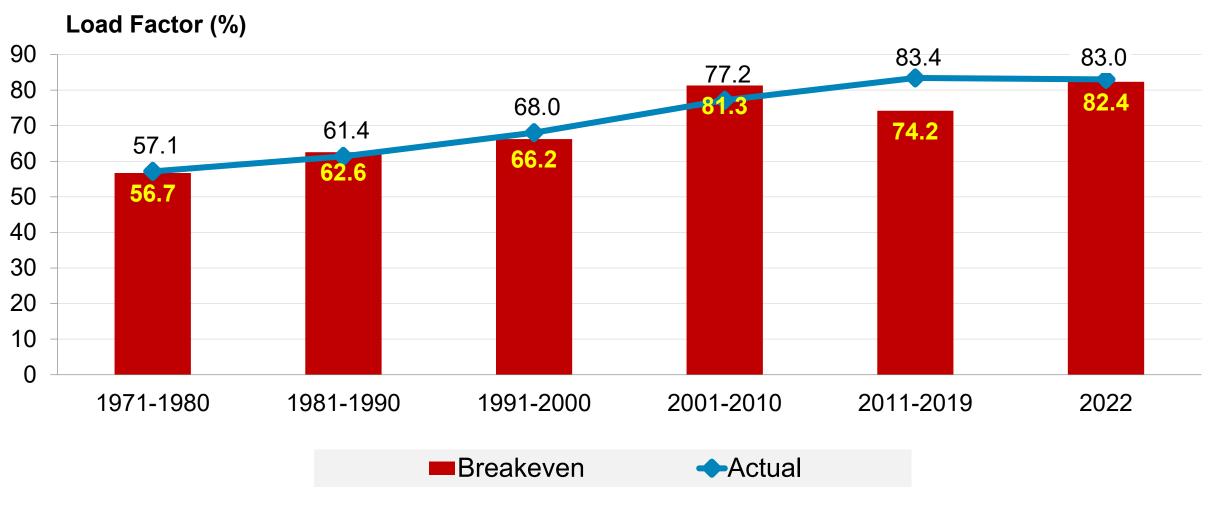
### Changes in the Price to Fly a Mile on U.S. Airlines Tend to Move in the Same Direction as Airline Costs But Rarely to the Same Magnitude, Requiring Fuller Planes to Shrink the Gap



Source: A4A Passenger Airline Cost Index



### In 2011-2019 and 2022, Average Load Factor Exceeded the Airlines' Breakeven Requirement

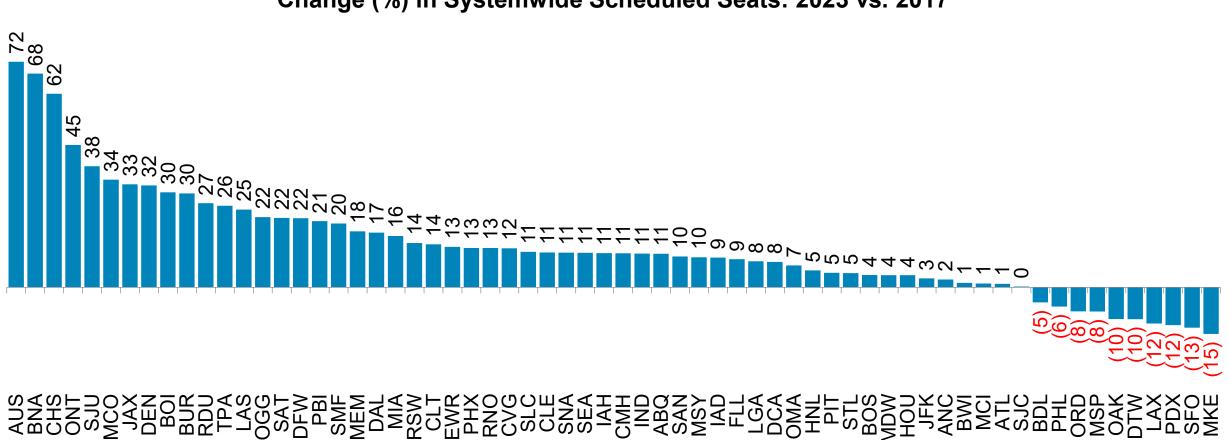


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Note: Load factor = revenue passenger miles (RPMs) ÷ available seat miles (ASMs)



From 2017-2023, Medium-Sized U.S. Airports Generally Grew Faster Than Large U.S. Airports Austin, Nashville and Charleston (SC) Have Soared Above the Rest

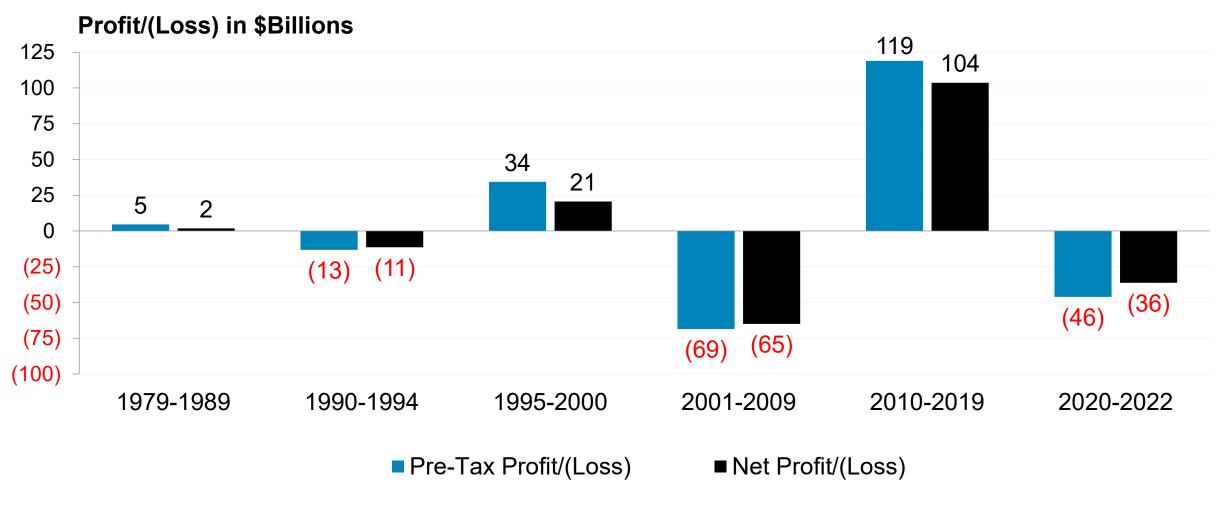


Change (%) in Systemwide Scheduled Seats: 2023 vs. 2017

Source: Cirium published schedules (Jan. 5, 2024) for all airlines providing scheduled service



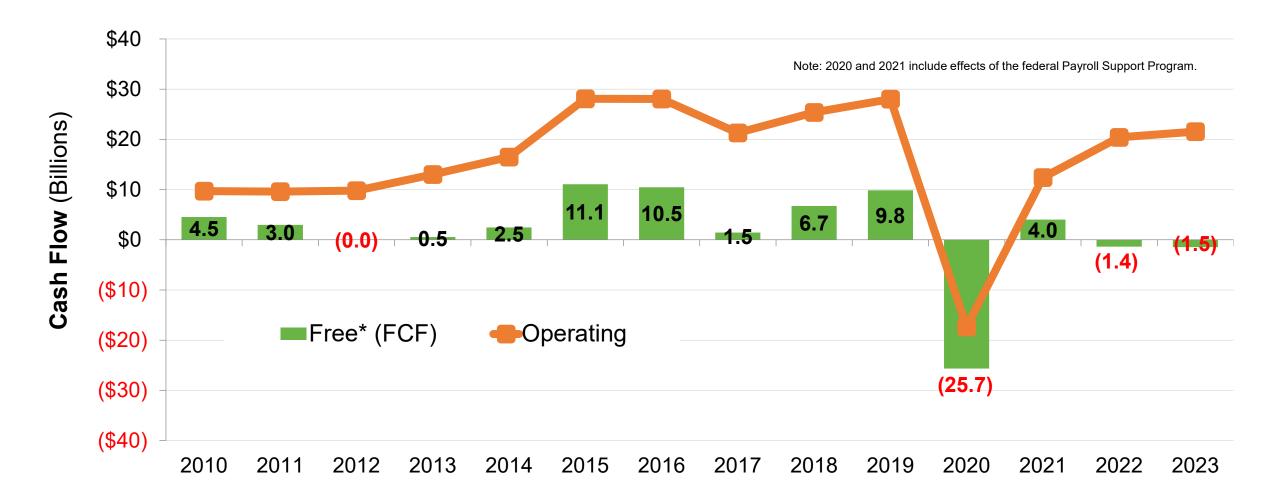
### In the Deregulated Period, U.S. Passenger Airline "Earnings" Have Been Cyclical and Volatile Cumulative Net Profit for 1979-2022 = \$13 Billion (0.3 Percent of Revenues)



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### As U.S. Airlines Generate Sufficient Cash from Operations, They Are Better Able to Fund Capital Improvements, Improve Customer Experience and Retain Investors



Source: SEC filings of AAL/ALGT/ALK/DAL/HA/JBLU/LUV/SAVE/SNCY/UAL/ULCC and merged predecessors

\* Operating cash flow minus capital expenditures





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