

TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS – September 2005*Summary of the headline figures*

In September 2005, passenger capacity, measured in Available Seat Kilometres, was 5.5 per cent above September 2004. Traffic, measured in Revenue Passenger Kilometres, was higher by 7.8 per cent. This resulted in a passenger load factor up 1.7 points versus last year, to 79.6 per cent. The increase in traffic comprised an 11.6 per cent increase in premium traffic and a 7.2 per cent increase in non-premium traffic. Cargo, measured in Cargo Tonne Kilometres, rose by 0.5 per cent. Overall load factor fell by 0.2 points at 72.2 per cent.

For the June to September quarter, ASKs rose by 2.2 per cent, with RPKs rising by 3.7 per cent. This resulted in an increase in passenger load factor of 1.1 points, to 79.6 per cent. This comprised a 5 per cent increase in premium traffic and a 3.5 per cent increase in non-premium traffic. CTKs fell by 4.2 per cent.

Market conditions

Market conditions remain broadly unchanged.

Strategic Developments

Gate Gourmet and the Transport and General Workers Union signed an agreement that should bring an end to the labour dispute at the catering company. A full catering service has been restored on all long haul departures.

British Airways increased its fuel surcharge on longhaul flights from £24 to £30 per sector (£60 return trip) from September 12, 2005. The shorthaul fuel surcharge remained unchanged at £8 per sector (£16 return trip).

The airline announced a number of new appointments this month. Keith Williams will succeed John Rishton as chief financial officer on January 1, 2006. As the airline's group treasurer and head of taxation, Keith was responsible for managing the reduction of the airline's debt and financing following the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the United States. Mr Chumpol NaLamlieng will join the board as a non-executive director on November 1, 2005 and Captain Tim Steeds will become director of safety and security on October 1, 2005. He succeeds Geoff Want whose promotion to director of ground operations was announced last month.

The airline launched a new scheme, backed by the UK government, where its customers can volunteer to help to offset the carbon dioxide emissions from their flights by making a contribution to an environmental trust.

British Airways welcomed the European Union's decision to develop proposals to include aviation in the EU emissions trading scheme. The airline believes that emissions trading is the most environmentally effective and economically efficient way to manage carbon dioxide emissions from aviation.

Readers of Business Traveller magazine voted British Airways the best airline in the world. The airline won also the magazine's awards for best shorthaul airline, best first class, best business class, best economy class and best frequent flyer programme.

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BRITISH AIRWAYS MONTHLY TRAFFIC AND CAPACITY STATISTICS

BRITISH AIRWAYS SCHEDULED SERVICES	Month of September			Financial year April through to Sep		
	2005	<i>2004</i>	Change (%)	2005	<i>2004</i>	Change (%)
Passengers carried (000)						
UK/Europe	2132	<i>2122</i>	+0.5	12566	<i>12834</i>	-2.1
Americas	648	<i>599</i>	+8.1	3910	<i>3849</i>	+1.6
Asia Pacific	173	<i>146</i>	+18.8	938	<i>823</i>	+14.0
Africa and Middle East	257	<i>257</i>	-0.1	1466	<i>1494</i>	-1.9
Total	3210	<i>3123</i>	+2.8	18880	<i>19001</i>	-0.6
Revenue passenger km (m)						
UK/Europe	2005	<i>1925</i>	+4.1	11797	<i>11614</i>	+1.6
Americas	4354	<i>4005</i>	+8.7	26252	<i>25715</i>	+2.1
Asia Pacific	1776	<i>1502</i>	+18.3	9642	<i>8466</i>	+13.9
Africa and Middle East	1714	<i>1702</i>	+0.7	9805	<i>9900</i>	-1.0
Total	9850	<i>9134</i>	+7.8	57496	<i>55695</i>	+3.2
Available seat km (m)						
UK/Europe	2738	<i>2610</i>	+4.9	16515	<i>15914</i>	+3.8
Americas	5342	<i>5072</i>	+5.3	32193	<i>31888</i>	+1.0
Asia Pacific	2169	<i>1923</i>	+12.8	12611	<i>11618</i>	+8.5
Africa and Middle East	2122	<i>2121</i>	+0.0	12727	<i>13192</i>	-3.5
Total	12372	<i>11726</i>	+5.5	74047	<i>72612</i>	+2.0
Passenger load factor (%)						
UK/Europe	73.2	<i>73.8</i>	-0.6pts	71.4	<i>73.0</i>	-1.6pts
Americas	81.5	<i>79.0</i>	+2.5pts	81.5	<i>80.6</i>	+0.9pts
Asia Pacific	81.9	<i>78.1</i>	+3.8pts	76.5	<i>72.9</i>	+3.6pts
Africa and Middle East	80.8	<i>80.2</i>	+0.6pts	77.0	<i>75.0</i>	+2.0pts
Total	79.6	<i>77.9</i>	+1.7pts	77.6	<i>76.7</i>	+0.9pts
Revenue tonne km (RTK) (m)						
Cargo tonne km (CTK)	414	<i>412</i>	+0.5	2370	<i>2416</i>	-1.9
Total RTK	1397	<i>1325</i>	+5.4	8105	<i>7973</i>	+1.7
Available tonne km (m)	1934	<i>1831</i>	+5.7	11557	<i>11339</i>	+1.9
Overall load factor (%)	72.2	<i>72.4</i>	-0.2pts	70.1	<i>70.3</i>	-0.2pts

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