

U.S. cargo and passenger airlines gained 3,870 jobs in April 2025

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Note: In June 2024, FedEx Ground and FedEx Services merged with FedEx Express to form Federal Express Corporation. Consequently, carrier FX experienced a significant increase in employee count, thereby increasing the total number of employees within the industry.

May 2024 Federal Express numbers are 233,739, while Federal Express Corporation June 2024 numbers are 432,127.



U.S. Airlines: Total Number of Employees (both Full-Time and Part-Time)

U.S. airline industry (passenger and cargo airlines combined) employment increased to 1,012,668 workers in April 2025, 3,870 (0.38%) more workers than in March 2025 (1,008,798).

U.S. scheduled-service passenger airlines employed 547,424 workers in April 2025, or 54% of the industry-wide total. Passenger airlines gained 477 employees in April 2025. United Air Lines Inc. led scheduled passenger carriers, adding 579 employees; Delta Air Lines Inc. added 207, and Alaska Airlines Inc. added 203.

U.S. cargo airlines employed 460,968 workers in April 2025, or 46% of the industry-wide total. Cargo carriers gained 3,362 employees in April. FedEx, the leading air cargo employer, increased employment by 3,445 jobs.

Scheduled passenger airlines gained 2,575 full-time equivalents in March 2025

U.S. Airline Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)

BTS calculates FTEs by dividing the number of part-time employees by 2 and adding that figure to the number of full-time employees. The April 2025 industry-wide numbers include 749,849 full-time and 262,819 part-time workers for a total of 881,259 FTEs, an increase from March of 2,281 FTEs (0.26%).

The 26 U.S. scheduled passenger airlines reporting data for April 2025 employed 518,370 FTEs, 574 FTEs (0.11%) more than in March 2025. Data by passenger carrier category can be found in the accompanying tables.

U.S. cargo airlines employed 358,691 FTEs in April 2025, up 1,671 FTEs (0.47%) from March 2025.

Reporting Notes

Data is compiled from monthly reports filed with BTS by commercial air carriers as of June 12, 2025. Additional airline employment data and previous releases can be found on the BTS website. The month-to-month numbers are not seasonally adjusted.

Passenger, cargo, and charter airlines that operate at least one aircraft that has more than 60 seats or the capacity to carry a payload of passengers, cargo, and fuel weighing more than 18,000 pounds must report monthly employment statistics. Regulations require U.S. airlines to report employment numbers for employees who worked or received pay for any part of the pay period(s) ending nearest the 15th day of the month.

See the tables that accompany this release on the BTS website for detailed data (Tables 1-15) and industry summary monthly data since 1990. Additional individual airline numbers are available on the BTS airline employment web page. The web page provides full-time and part-time employment numbers by carrier by month from 1990 through March 2025.

The next update for U.S. airline employment is scheduled for July 16, 2025.

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