

V. US CIVIL AIR CARRIER FLEET

The US air carrier fleet data shown in this chapter were developed from reports collected by the FAA field offices from the carriers detailing the number of aircraft by type used in air carrier service and their associated flight hours. The aircraft population here is not an inventory of the aircraft owned by the air carriers, but represents the aircraft reported to the FAA as being used in air carrier service.

The aircraft reported in this chapter are all aircraft carrying passengers or cargo for hire under 14 CFR 121 (large aircraft-more than 30 seats) and 14 CFR 135 (small aircraft-30 seats or less).

DEFINITIONS

Air Carrier-- An aircraft carrying passengers or cargo for hire or compensation.

Air Taxi--Carrying passengers or cargo for hire or compensation using small aircraft (30 seats or less) under FAR Part 135, excluding commuter air carrier.

Commuter Air Carrier-- Carrying passengers for hire or compensation using small aircraft (30 seats or less) under FAR Part 135 performing at least five scheduled round trips per week or carries cargo/mail.

Large Aircraft-- An air carrier aircraft with a seating capacity of more than 30 seats or a maximum payload capacity of more than 7,500 pounds carrying passengers or cargo for hire or compensation.

Small Aircraft-- An air carrier aircraft with a seating capacity 30 seats or less or a maximum payload capacity of 7,500 pounds or less carrying passengers or cargo for hire or compensation.

These definitions only apply to this chapter.