



Seat Comfort Data by Airline and Route

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Overview:

Seat comfort is the most important aspect of the flight experience for flyers today. And if you're on a flight -- especially a long one -- an economy seat can be a mild form of torture. Routehappy took the guess out of the aircraft seat-guessing game and mapped industry data on seat pitch, legroom, and overall comfort for the top US and International airlines.

Routehappy defines seat comfort by pitch and width*:

Roomy Seats – 33” pitch or more (or 32” with more than 17.5 seat width)

Standard Seats – 31-32” pitch

Tight Seats – 28-30” pitch

**Defining pitch and width:*

- Pitch: Front-to-rear space is defined as the distance between any given point on a seat to the identical point on the seat in the next row.
- Width: Side-to-side space is generally measured by the width of the seat cushion.

Here's how the airlines compare:

Best Airlines for finding the 'roomiest' seats on a US Domestic flight

JetBlue

US Airways

Virgin America

**Airlines ranked based on OAG flight frequency as of August 6, 2012 for US-originating and terminating flights, operated by aircraft with seats deemed 'roomy' by Routehappy industry research.*

Airlines flyers are most likely to find 'tight' seat on a US Domestic flight

Delta

AirTran

Frontier

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Here's how the routes compare:

Top 10 US Airlines + Routes with 100% 'roomy' seats in economy class cabin		
JetBlue	Boston <--> Washington D.C./Reagan	20 flights/day
American	New York/JFK <--> Los Angeles	20 flights/day
JetBlue	New York/JFK <--> Buffalo	19 flights/day
Virgin America	San Francisco <--> Los Angeles	16 flights/day
JetBlue	New York/JFK <--> Boston	15 flights/day
JetBlue	New York/JFK <--> Orlando	14 flights/day
United	New York/JFK <--> San Francisco	14 flights/day
Virgin America	New York/JFK <--> Los Angeles	12 flights/day
Virgin America	San Francisco <--> Las Vegas	12 flights/day
JetBlue	New York/JFK <--> Fort Lauderdale	12 flights/day

Top 10 US Airlines + Routes with 100% 'tight' seats in economy class cabin		
Hawaiian Airlines	Honolulu <--> Maui/Kona/Lihue/Hilo	152 flights/day
Delta Airlines	La Guardia <--> Atlanta	32 flights/day
Frontier	Las Vegas <--> Denver	14 flights/day
US Airways	Fort Lauderdale <--> Charlotte	13 flights/day
AirTran	Baltimore <--> Boston	12 flights/day
US Airways	Miami <--> Charlotte	12 flights/day
Delta	Atlanta <--> Fort Myers	12 flights/day

Data Methodology:

Routehappy collects seat pitch and width information directly from airlines. Flight route information was compiled from OAG effective August 6, 2012 for flights on Wednesday, September 19, 2012. Routehappy proprietary algorithms match over 6 million flight schedule records with cabin-specific airline amenity data resulting in the world's first flight-specific aircraft/amenity mapping.