

U.S. Domestic Airline Fee Chart

Airline Fees are a fact of life (hastened by \$140/barrel oil), it is important that **everyone take into account airline fees while shopping for airfare**. To that end we have compiled a handy comparison list of U.S. domestic airline fees.

Fees are changing rapidly and we'll do our best to keep the chart up to date.

It should be noted that 1st and 2nd checked bag fees are waived for passengers with "elite" status.

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	Reservation by Phone (per person)	1 st Checked Bag Fee (each-way)	2 nd Checked Bag Fee (each-way)	Seat Selection / Priority / Leg Room		
American	\$20	\$20 ¹⁸	\$30 ¹⁸	None		
Continental	\$15	\$20 ¹⁰	\$30 ¹⁰	None		
Delta	\$20	\$20 ¹⁴	\$30 ¹⁴	None		
Northwest	\$20	\$15 ⁹	\$25	\$5 - \$35		
United	\$25	\$15 - \$20 ⁷	\$25 - \$30	\$14 - \$109		
US Airways	\$25 - \$35	\$20 - 25 ¹⁶	\$30 - \$35 ¹⁶	\$5 - \$30		
AirTran	\$15	\$15	\$25 ⁵	\$6 - \$20		
Alaska	\$15	\$15 ¹⁷	\$25	None		
Frontier	\$25	\$20 ¹¹	\$30 ¹¹	None		
JetBlue	\$15	Free	\$20	\$10 - \$30		
Southwest	Free	Free	Free (3+ \$25)	\$10 - \$30 ¹		
Spirit	Free (no sale fares)	\$15 - \$25 ⁵	\$25	\$5 - \$15		
Midwest	\$25	\$15	\$20	\$65		
Hawaiian	\$10-\$25	\$15 ¹⁵	\$25 ¹⁵	None		
Go	Free	\$10	\$17	None		
ExpressJet	Free	Free	Free	None		
Virgin America	\$15	\$20 ¹⁹	\$20 ¹⁹	\$50 - \$100		
Allegiant	\$10 - \$15 ea/way	\$15 - \$25 ⁵	\$15 - \$25 ⁵	\$11 - \$13		
Sun Country	\$10	\$15	\$25	◆		
	Beverage/Snack Packet	Meal	Alcohol	Oversize Bag Fee (each-way)	Overweight Bag Fee (each-way)	Standby/Confirmed Seat Fee
American	Free/none	\$3 - \$10	\$6	\$150	\$50 - \$100	\$50
Continental	Free	Free ²	\$5	\$100	\$50	\$0 - \$50
Delta	Free	\$3 - \$8	\$7	\$150	\$90 - \$150	\$50
Northwest	Free/\$3 - \$5	\$7 - \$10	\$5	\$100	\$50	\$25
United	Free	\$9	\$6	\$125	\$125	Free
US Airways	Free/\$5 ⁸	\$7 ⁸	\$7	\$100	\$50 - \$100	\$25
AirTran	Free	None	\$6	\$29 - \$69	\$29 - \$69	\$0 - \$49
Alaska	Free	\$5	\$5	\$50 - \$75	\$50	\$0
Frontier	Free	\$3	\$5	\$75	\$75	Varies ¹²
JetBlue	Free	None	\$5	\$75	\$50 - \$100	\$40
Southwest	Free (\$3 Energy)	None	\$4	\$50	\$25 - \$50	Varies ¹³
Spirit	\$2 - \$3/\$2 - \$5	None	\$5	\$100 - \$150	\$50 - \$100	\$25
Midwest	Free (Cookie)	\$6 - \$11	\$5	\$80	\$50 - \$65	\$35
Hawaiian	Free	Free	\$6	\$160 - \$360	\$50	\$0
Go	\$1.5/None	None	\$2.5 - \$3.5	\$25	\$25-50	◆
ExpressJet	Free	Free	\$1 - \$3	\$50	\$50	◆
Virgin America	Free	\$6 - \$8	\$5 - \$6	\$50	\$50 - \$100	\$0 - \$25
Allegiant	\$2/\$2-\$4	\$4	\$5	may apply	may apply	n/a
Sun Country	Free	Free	\$5	\$60	\$60	

	Travel w/ Pets (each-way)	Unaccompanied Minors (per flight)	Curbside Check-In	Non-Refundable Ticket Change Fee ⁶
American	\$100 - \$150	\$100	Free	\$150
Continental	\$125	\$75 - \$100	Free	\$150
Delta	\$150 - \$275	\$100	Free	\$150
Northwest	\$150 - \$275	\$75 - \$100	\$2	\$150
United	\$125 - \$250	\$99	\$2	\$150
US Airways	\$100	\$100	\$2	\$150
AirTran	\$69	\$39 - \$59	Free	\$75
Alaska	\$100	\$75	\$2	\$50 - \$75
Frontier	\$100 - \$200	\$50	n/a	\$100
JetBlue	\$100	\$75	\$2	\$100
Southwest	\$75	Free	Free	Free
Spirit	\$100	\$75	\$2	\$80 - \$90
Midwest	\$125 - \$150	\$50 - \$100	Free	\$100
Hawaiian	\$35 - \$175	\$35 - \$95	n/a	\$150
Go	\$25	\$25	n/a	\$20
ExpressJet	\$50	\$50	n/a	\$50
Virgin America	\$100	\$75	n/a	\$50
Allegiant	\$100	\$100	n/a	\$50 ⁴
Sun Country	\$75	\$50	Free	\$75 - \$100

Miscellaneous Fees

–JetBlue now charges \$7 for a blanket and pillow (yours to keep)

¹ Business Select Additional Fee for Priority Boarding. Southwest has also added a \$10 each-way fee for “EarlyBird Check In” which allows passengers to check in for a flight prior to 24 hours before the flight.

² Flights 2+ hours

³ Snack Box

⁴ Trip Flex Free

⁵ Effective September 18, 2008, for reservations booked on August 14 or later

⁶ Plus Difference in Current Airfare Price

⁷ If you pay bag fee online, you pay the lower price. (for both first and second checked bags)

⁸ New charges as of August 1, 2008

⁹ For tickets purchased on/after July 10, 2008 for travel on/after August 28, 2008

¹⁰ Price for checking bags at airport. Effective for tickets purchased on or after July 21, 2009 for travel on or after August 19, 2009. Travelers still pay \$15 and \$25 for bags checked online.

¹¹ For tickets purchased on/after Sept. 8, 2009 and applies to travel commencing on or after Oct. 1, 2009

¹² Travelers pay the difference between their original fare and the current fare to be confirmed on the new flight.

¹³ Depending on fare, Free or customer pays the difference between the original fare and the “Anytime” fare

¹⁴ For flights starting Aug. 4, 2009 - bags checked online will remain \$15 for 1st and \$25 for 2nd

¹⁵ For flights to/from the Mainland.

¹⁶ New fees for tickets bought on or after Aug 26, 2009 for travel on or after Oct. 7, 2009. If you check bag online you pay the lower price for both 1st and 2nd checked bag.

¹⁷ For Alaska Airlines/Horizon Air passengers traveling on tickets purchased or reissued on or after May 1, 2009 for travel on or after July 7, 2009

¹⁸ For purchase of domestic Economy Class tickets on or after August 14, 2009.

¹⁹ for travel starting on or after Sept. 10, 2009