

## Travel Industry Performance Mixed in October

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According to the Travel Industry Association of America's (TIA) Industry Performance Indicators (IPI), the month of October 2005 revealed a decrease in domestic air RPMs by 2.0 percent from October 2004 while international air RPMs increased 4.6 percent from twelve months earlier.

Airline employment fell 3.3 percent against October 2004. Hotel/motel room revenue was up 5.4 percent from one year ago; lodging jobs increased 1.5 percent during the same period. Gasoline station receipts declined 0.8 percent from September 2005; however, they were still 25.5 percent higher than a year ago. Recreational visitors to national parks dropped 9.9 percent compared with October 2004.

The IPI are a set of monthly measurements that provide a quick snapshot of recent trends in travel-related industry segments. Data are obtained from both the private sector and government sources.

### **Economic Research: October 2005 Industry Performance Indicators**

Measurement	Month	Value	% Change Previous Month	% Change Previous Year	% Change YTD
<b>Air Traffic</b>					
Domestic Air RPM (Millions)	Oct 2005	38849.8	4.9	-2.0	3.0
International Air RPM (Millions)	Oct 2005	15771.7	-2.9	4.6	9.9
Passenger Enplanements (Domestic)	Oct 2005	39424.0	5.7	-3.4	2.2
Load Factor (Percent)	Oct 2005	76.5	2.1	2.1	3.6
Employment (Thousands)	Oct 2005	497.7	-0.1	-3.3	-1.8
<b>Rail Passenger Traffic</b>					
Amtrak Ridership (Thousands)	Oct 2005	2121.0	2.1	0.3	0.8
<b>Auto Travel</b>					
Demand For Motor Gas (Thousands)	Oct 2005	8987.0	1.0	-1.2	0.1
Gasoline Stations' Receipts (Millions \$)	Oct 2005	35768.0	-0.8	25.5	22.0
<b>Hotel/Motel</b>					
Room Demand (Millions)	Oct 2005	91.4	3.8	1.3	2.9
Occupancy Rate (Percent)	Oct 2005	66.2	0.3	0.9	2.6
Room Revenue (Millions \$)	Oct 2005	8434.2	4.8	5.4	8.1
Employment (Thousands)	Oct 2005	1809.4	-2.8	1.5	2.1
<b>Restaurants</b>					
Food Services & Drinking Places' Receipts (Millions \$)	Oct 2005	34551.0	0.9	6.6	7.2
Employment (Thousands)	Oct 2005	9096.6	-1.0	2.0	2.8
<b>National Parks</b>					
Overnight Stays (Thousands)	Oct 2005	866.0	-44.0	-5.2	-1.8
Recreation Visits (Thousands)	Oct 2005	21141.7	-16.6	-9.9	-2.3

*Sources & Notes:*

*Air Traffic: Air Transport Association, Bureau of Labor Statistics. RPM= Revenue Passenger Miles.*

*Rail Passenger Traffic: Amtrak. RPM= Revenue Passenger Miles.*

*Auto Travel: U.S. Bureau of Census, Department of Energy, Federal Highway Administration.*

*(demand for Motor Gasoline is thousands of barrels per day)*

*Hotel/Motel: Smith Travel Research, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

*(demand for Commercial Lodging is unadjusted room nights sold)*

*Restaurants: U.S. Bureau of Census, Bureau of Labor Statistics*

*National Parks: National Park Service*

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