



The Stat Box

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The Membership Services Committee would like to re-introduce the “Stat Box.” Over the years, the Committee would publish in *US AIRWAVES* the total pilot numbers, future-hiring potential, actual ground school rosters, and class dates. In that same spirit, the

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Year	1990	1996	2000	2002
Pilots	6,403	5,500	6,162	4,569 (-28.7%)*
Aircraft	454	367	422	315 (-30.6%)*

(*Percentages based on historical 1990 peak)

As you can see, we have a pattern of incremental growth and dramatic downsizing over the years. We currently have lost 25.9 percent

of our pilot group and 26.3 percent of our aircraft since the post-9/11 restructuring. The rest of the industry since 9/11 is as follows:



Airline	Pilots	Furloughs	Shrinkage (%)
Alaska	1,255	No pilots on furlough	0
Southwest	3,200	No pilots on furlough	0
American	13,460	387 (recalled 208)	3
America W.	1,700	56 (recalled 114)	3
Northwest	6,539	490	7
Continental	5,277	440 (cancelled future furloughs)	8
Delta	9,700	775	8
United	10,000	844	8
US Airways	6,162	1,070	17

(Data supplied by Air, Inc.)

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As you can see, US Airways has furloughed a substantially higher percentage of pilots than the rest of the industry, and also parked the most aircraft in the aftermath of 9/11.

However, future retirements are on the rise at US Airways and should provide steady recalls for our current 1,070 furlougees, *if* we assume a static block hour and productivity profile into the future. The age-60 retirements over the next six years are as follows:

- 2003: 127
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- 2005: 146

- 2006: 216
- 2007: 264
- 2008: 199
- Total: 1,079

(Note: There is additional attrition beyond published age-60 numbers due to disability, early retirements, and other medical factors.)

