

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

August 1, 2002

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-10323	74-2099724
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1600 Smith Street, Dept. HQSEO, Houston, Texas	77002
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

(713) 324-2950

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events.

On August 1, 2002, Continental Airlines, Inc. issued a press release announcing its July performance and its estimated consolidated breakeven load factor for August 2002. The press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- a. Exhibits

1. Press Release

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Continental Airlines, Inc. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

August 1, 2002

By /s/ Jennifer L. Vogel

Jennifer L. Vogel

Vice President and General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release

# Continental Airlines News Release

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## **CONTINENTAL AIRLINES REPORTS JULY 2002 PERFORMANCE**

HOUSTON, Aug. 1, 2002 - Continental Airlines (NYSE: CAL) today reported a July 2002 systemwide mainline jet load factor of 79.4 percent, 1.2 points above last year's July load factor. For July 2002, Continental reported a record July domestic mainline jet load factor of 79.2 percent and an international mainline jet load factor of 79.9 percent.

Continental reported an on-time arrival rate of 82.8 percent and a completion factor of 99.5 percent for its mainline jet operations in July 2002.

In July 2002, Continental flew 5.7 billion mainline jet revenue passenger miles (RPMs) and 7.2 billion mainline jet available seat miles (ASMs) systemwide, resulting in a traffic decrease of 8.6 percent and a capacity decrease of 10.1 percent as compared to July 2001. Domestic mainline jet traffic was 3.4 billion RPMs in July 2002, down 10.4 percent from July 2001, and July 2002 domestic mainline jet capacity was 4.3 billion ASMs, down 12.7 percent from July last year.

Systemwide July 2002 mainline jet passenger revenue per available seat mile (RASM) is estimated to have decreased between 3 and 5 percent compared to July 2001 as a result of lower year-over-year yields, slightly offset by higher load factors. For June 2002, RASM declined 5.5 percent as compared to June 2001.

Consolidated breakeven load factor for August 2002 is estimated to be 78.0 percent. Actual consolidated breakeven load factor may vary significantly from this estimate depending on actual passenger revenue yields, fuel price and other factors. Month-to-date consolidated load factor information can be found on Continental's website at [continental.com](http://continental.com) in the Investor Relations-Financial/Traffic Releases section.

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ExpressJet Airlines, a subsidiary of Continental Airlines doing business as Continental Express, separately reported a load factor of 67.4 percent for July 2002, 0.5 points below last year's July load factor. ExpressJet flew 362.7 million RPMs and 538.4 million ASMs in July 2002, resulting in a traffic increase of 7.8 percent and a capacity increase of 8.7 percent versus July 2001.

This press release contains forward-looking statements that are not limited to historical facts, but reflect the Company's current beliefs, expectations or intentions regarding future events. In connection therewith,

please see the risk factors set forth in the Company's 2001 10-K and its other securities filings, which identify important matters such as terrorist attacks, the significant cost of aircraft fuel, labor costs, currency risk, competition and industry conditions, regulatory matters and the seasonal nature of the airline business, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements.

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**PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC RESULTS**

<b>JULY</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)</b>			
<b>Domestic</b>	<b>3,407,070</b>	<b>3,804,364</b>	<b>(10.4) Percent</b>
<b>International</b>	<b>2,295,098</b>	<b>2,433,046</b>	<b>(5.7) Percent</b>
Transatlantic	1,079,387	1,094,276	(1.4) Percent
Latin America	724,580	797,043	(9.1) Percent
Pacific	491,131	541,726	(9.3) Percent
<b>Total Jet</b>	<b>5,702,168</b>	<b>6,237,410</b>	<b>(8.6) Percent</b>
<b>ExpressJet</b>	<b>362,678</b>	<b>336,334</b>	<b>7.8 Percent</b>

**AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)**

<b>Domestic</b>	<b>4,304,401</b>	<b>4,930,600</b>	<b>(12.7) Percent</b>
<b>International</b>	<b>2,872,903</b>	<b>3,048,664</b>	<b>(5.8) Percent</b>
Transatlantic	1,300,178	1,328,729	(2.1) Percent
Latin America	925,469	966,870	(4.3) Percent
Pacific	647,257	753,065	(14.1) Percent
<b>Total Jet</b>	<b>7,177,304</b>	<b>7,979,264</b>	<b>(10.1) Percent</b>
<b>ExpressJet</b>	<b>538,380</b>	<b>495,451</b>	<b>8.7 Percent</b>

PASSENGER LOAD FACTOR

<b>Domestic</b>	<b>79.2 Percent</b>	<b>77.2 Percent</b>	<b>2.0 Points</b>
<b>International</b>	<b>79.9 Percent</b>	<b>79.8 Percent</b>	<b>0.1 Points</b>
Transatlantic	83.0 Percent	82.4 Percent	0.6 Points
Latin America	78.3 Percent	82.4 Percent	(4.1) Points
Pacific	75.9 Percent	71.9 Percent	4.0 Points
<b>Total Jet</b>	<b>79.4 Percent</b>	<b>78.2 Percent</b>	<b>1.2 Points</b>
<b>ExpressJet</b>	<b>67.4 Percent</b>	<b>67.9 Percent</b>	<b>(0.5) Points</b>

CARGO REVENUE TON MILES (000)

<b>Total</b>	<b>78,504</b>	<b>76,816</b>	<b>2.2 Percent</b>
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<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>Change</b>
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REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)

<b>Domestic</b>	<b>21,424,293</b>	<b>23,689,612</b>	<b>(9.6) Percent</b>
<b>International</b>	<b>13,796,041</b>	<b>14,714,981</b>	<b>(6.2) Percent</b>
Transatlantic	6,026,712	6,508,560	(7.4) Percent
Latin America	4,640,773	4,873,916	(4.8) Percent
Pacific	3,128,556	3,332,505	(6.1) Percent
<b>Total Jet</b>	<b>35,220,334</b>	<b>38,404,593</b>	<b>(8.3) Percent</b>
<b>ExpressJet</b>	<b>2,200,676</b>	<b>2,001,543</b>	<b>9.9 Percent</b>

AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)

<b>Domestic</b>	<b>28.604.134</b>	<b>32.405.319</b>	<b>(11.7) Percent</b>
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<b>International</b>	<b>18,097,994</b>	<b>19,844,996</b>	<b>(8.8) Percent</b>
Transatlantic	7,685,067	8,486,517	(9.4) Percent
Latin America	6,304,952	6,649,184	(5.2) Percent
Pacific	4,107,975	4,709,295	(12.8) Percent
<b>Total Jet</b>	<b>46,702,128</b>	<b>52,250,315</b>	<b>(10.6) Percent</b>
<b>ExpressJet</b>	<b>3,494,782</b>	<b>3,187,864</b>	<b>9.6 Percent</b>

PASSENGER LOAD FACTOR

<b>Domestic</b>	<b>74.9 Percent</b>	<b>73.1 Percent</b>	<b>1.8 Points</b>
<b>International</b>	<b>76.2 Percent</b>	<b>74.1 Percent</b>	<b>2.1 Points</b>
Transatlantic	78.4 Percent	76.7 Percent	1.7 Points
Latin America	73.6 Percent	73.3 Percent	0.3 Points
Pacific	76.2 Percent	70.8 Percent	5.4 Points
<b>Total Jet</b>	<b>75.4 Percent</b>	<b>73.5 Percent</b>	<b>1.9 Points</b>
<b>ExpressJet</b>	<b>63.0 Percent</b>	<b>62.8 Percent</b>	<b>0.2 Points</b>

CARGO REVENUE TON MILES (000)

<b>Total</b>	<b>510,962</b>	<b>574,898</b>	<b>(11.1) Percent</b>
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**PRELIMINARY OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL RESULTS**

<b>JULY</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>Change</b>
On-Time Performance <sup>1</sup>	<b>82.8%</b>	<b>82.8%</b>	<b>- Points</b>

Completion Factor <sup>2</sup>	99.5%	99.3%	0.2 Points
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YEAR-TO-DATE	2002	2001	Change
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On-Time Performance <sup>1</sup>	84.8%	81.3%	3.5 Points
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Completion Factor <sup>2</sup>	99.8%	98.9%	0.9 Points
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June 2002 actual consolidated breakeven load factor <sup>3</sup>	73.8 Percent
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July 2002 estimated year-over-year RASM change	(3-5) Percent
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July 2002 estimated average price per gallon of fuel, excluding fuel taxes	70 Cents
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July 2002 estimated consolidated breakeven load factor <sup>3</sup>	78.5 Percent
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July 2002 actual consolidated load factor <sup>4</sup>	78.6 Percent
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August 2002 estimated consolidated breakeven load factor <sup>3</sup>	78.0 Percent
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1 Department of Transportation Arrivals within 14 minutes

2 System Mileage Completion Percentage

3 Consolidated load factor (including Continental Airlines and Continental Express) needed to breakeven on a consolidated net income basis

4 Includes Continental Airlines and Continental Express

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