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## Southwest Airlines Reports January Traffic

DALLAS, Feb. 4 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) announced today that the Company flew 5.1 billion revenue passenger miles (RPMs) in January 2009, a 6.4 percent decrease from the 5.5 billion RPMs flown in January 2008. Available seat miles (ASMs) decreased 4.4 percent to 8.2 billion from the January 2008 level of 8.5 billion. The load factor for the month was 62.8 percent, compared to 64.2 percent for the same period last year. For January 2009, passenger revenue per ASM is estimated to have increased in the six percent range compared to January 2008.

This release, as well as past news releases on Southwest, are available online at <http://www.southwest.com/?src=INVRINVJATR000000090204>.

### SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. PRELIMINARY COMPARATIVE TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	JANUARY		
	2009	2008	CHANGE
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Revenue passengers carried	5,991,253	6,635,548	(9.7)%
Enplaned passengers	6,993,566	7,654,337	(8.6)%
Revenue passenger miles (000)	5,135,380	5,485,282	(6.4)%
Available seat miles (000)	8,172,539	8,548,433	(4.4)%
Load factor	62.8%	64.2%	(1.4) pts.
Average length of haul	857	827	3.6%
Trips flown	94,606	100,360	(5.7)%

SOURCE Southwest Airlines Co.