

Low-Cost Carrier Market 2025 Trends: Expected to Grow at a CAGR of 12.1% from 2023 to 2032, Claims AMR

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The low-cost carrier market research is offered along with information related to key drivers, restraints, and opportunities.

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Low-cost carriers have transformed air travel affordability by stimulating new passenger segments with ultra-low fares achieved through optimized networks, fleet utilization and direct sales. Growth trends remain positive

long term driven by expanding middle class demand in developing countries, progressive aviation deregulation and mobile populations prioritizing affordable experiences over loyalty perks.

However, inflated fuel prices and looming economic challenges have tempered near-term profit outlooks. Further technological and regulatory innovations can unlock additional disruption helping budget airlines cement structural changes seen this past decade in making aviation more inclusive globally.

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The domestic segment in the low-cost carrier industry refers to air travel services focused on connecting cities and regions within a single country. Low-cost carriers operating in the domestic segment primarily offer short to medium-haul flights, facilitating convenient and affordable travel options for passengers traveling within national borders.

Domestic routes remain the largest market for low-cost carriers, especially major players such as Southwest Airlines Co. in the U.S., Ryanair group in Europe and AirAsia which have built

significant market share on regional routes by stimulating demand with affordability.

Moreover, government aviation firms have sought for investments to further expand domestic air networks. For instance, in May 2023, the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) in Saudi Arabia invited interested parties to express their interest in establishing a low-cost carrier based in Dammam. The pre-qualification process is currently underway. The awarded license is expected to authorize the airline to conduct point-to-point domestic flights to any airport within the country from King Fahd International Airport in Dammam.

In addition, the airline is anticipated to have the approval to operate international flights from Dammam, aligning with existing bilateral air services agreements. In addition, high population thresholds and rise in middle class mobility in Asia-Pacific further support the growth of the market.

Contrary to traditional carriers that bundle services into standard fares, LCCs adopt a unique approach by providing passengers with the flexibility to choose and pay only for the services they require. This innovative unbundling strategy has become a key driver in attracting cost-conscious travelers and reshaping the airline industry landscape.

Low-cost airlines distinguish themselves by unbundling services, allowing passengers to customize their travel experience. This allows LCCs to charge extra for the extra services that they provide. For instance, in October 2023, easyJet plc saw a surge in ancillary revenue, reaching approximately \$955 million (£790 million) in the fourth quarter, compared to \$806 million (£641 million) in the same period of 2021. The increase reflects revenue of the airline from passenger extras, such as payments for seat selections, additional baggage, or food.

The innovative unbundling of services enables low-cost carriers to adopt competitive pricing strategies. LCCs attract a broader range of travelers who appreciate the flexibility to control their expenses with the ability to offer lower base fares and allow passengers to choose add-on services. For instance, in November 2021, IndiGo, a major low-cost carrier in Asia, announced the plans to introduce fees for check-in baggage amid preparations for a possible price competition in the Indian aviation sector. Under this fare unbundling strategy, travelers without check-in baggage or those with only cabin baggage are anticipated to be eligible for lower-priced tickets. This adjustment has the potential to significantly reduce airfares.

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The market is governed by factors such as liberalization of aviation markets and open skies agreements, low maintenance costs associated with aircraft, and growth of the tourism industry which positively impact the market growth. However, factors such as high competition, and fluctuations in fuel prices hamper the low-cost carrier market growth.

Impact of Russia-Ukraine War

Jet fuel prices have spiked globally due to the war exacerbating inflation. This sharply increases operating costs for low-cost airlines at a time when travel demand has been still recovering from the pandemic. Reducing expenses becomes harder due to rise in the fuel, which limit the profitability of LCC.

Key Findings Of The Study

By aircraft type, the narrow body aircraft segment is anticipated to exhibit significant growth in the future.

By destination, the international segment is anticipated to exhibit significant growth in the future.

By haul, the long haul segment is anticipated to exhibit significant growth in the future.

By region, Asia-Pacific is anticipated to register the highest CAGR during the forecast period.

Key players operating in the global low-cost carrier market include

AirAsia
easyJet plc
Eurowings GmbH
flynas
InterGlobe Aviation Limited
Jetstar Airways Pty Ltd.
Ryanair Group
Scoot Pte Ltd
Southwest Airlines Co.
Volotea

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