

# Airline On-Time Performance: Delta Air Lines Leads Global 2023 Rankings

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October 2023 marked a significant milestone for the airline industry, as carriers worldwide strove to achieve pre-pandemic capacity and traffic levels by year-end. Leading the pack in global on-time performance (OTP) was Delta Air Lines, boasting an impressive 90.84% rate, according to the latest data from Cirium's On-Time Performance report.

In a notable shift in the Latin America region, SA Avianca surpassed Copa Airlines to claim the top spot with a solid 88.78% OTP. Despite falling behind Delta Air Lines in the global rankings, SA Avianca's performance highlights the competitive landscape of the industry.

The Middle East and Africa regions experienced a notable 86% increase in flight cancellations, contrasting sharply with North America's 52% decline in canceled flights. This fluctuation reflects the varied challenges and recovery rates in different markets.

In the top five global rankings, Delta Air Lines led with an outstanding 90.84% OTP, followed by SA Avianca at 88.78%. Qatar Airways secured the third position with an 87.56% OTP, while United Airlines, a new entrant in the top ranks, achieved fourth place with 86.31%. Aeromexico rounded out the top five with an OTP of 86.08%.

Delta Air Lines also dominated the North American sector with a 90.84% OTP, showing a 4-point improvement from the previous month. United Airlines and Alaska Airlines followed with OTPs of 86.31% and 86.07%, respectively.

In Europe, Norwegian Air Shuttle led the region with an 86.10% OTP, followed by Iberia Express and Austrian Airlines, which had OTPs of 85.69% and 85.57%, respectively.

The APAC region saw ANA taking the lead with an 85.08% OTP, a slight improvement from the previous month. JAL and Vietnam Airlines followed with OTPs of 83.88% and 83.14%, respectively.

In Latin America, SA Avianca continued to excel with an 88.78% OTP. Caribbean Airlines and Aeromexico followed with OTPs of 86.47% and 86.08%, respectively.

Oman Air maintained its lead in the Middle East and Africa with a 93% OTP, with Safair and Qatar Airways following closely.

In the Low-Cost Carrier category, Safair led with a 90.81% OTP, followed by Jetstar Japan and Norwegian Air Shuttle, with OTPs of 86.94% and 86.10%, respectively.

The varied performances across regions and carriers reflect the ongoing dynamics and recovery of the global airline industry post-pandemic.

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