

# Summertime Blues

## The Heat is On

Delta flight attendants are working harder than ever to make our airline the premier global carrier, accounting for our top-ranked productivity numbers. Delta Air Lines flight attendants are earning more revenue for the company per person than their colleagues at any other major airline. (See chart at right.)

We can certainly feel the heat. Summer vacation allocations are way down since bankruptcy, line averages are up, and trip drops and reserve releases are greatly reduced. Aside from pre-merger Delta flight attendants still on furlough, all other Delta flight attendants have been forced back from leave.

## The Pay is Off

While Delta flight attendants lead in productivity (revenue per flight attendant), we are at the bottom among major carriers in average salary. The "promise" of a raise in October (and only for "non-contract" flight attendants) is little consolation.

Delta flight attendants deserve industry-leading pay and benefits, negotiated in a legally binding contract. Let's work to make our summer of discontent the beginning of a new day for Delta flight attendants.

### Productivity vs. Pay

| Total Revenue per Flight Attendant - 2009 |             |
|---|-------------|
| Delta                                     | \$1,605,996 |
| USAirways                                 | 1,576,838   |
| Continental                               | 1,458,915   |
| American                                  | 1,324,342   |
| United                                    | 1,260,925   |
| Southwest                                 | 1,100,983   |

| Average FA Salary - 2009 |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Continental              | \$51,201 |
| American                 | 50,933   |
| Southwest                | 46,839   |
| USAirways                | 40,858   |
| United                   | 40,559   |
| Delta                    | 39,593   |

Source: US DOT Form 41 data for system operations

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