

**ACTIVE U.S. CIVIL AIRCRAFT<sup>a</sup>**

**As of December 31, 1970–2004**  
(Thousands)

Year	TOTAL	Air Carrier <sup>b</sup>	General Aviation Aircraft					
			TOTAL	Fixed-Wing Aircraft			Rotorcraft <sup>c</sup>	Other <sup>d</sup>
				Multi-Engine	Single-Engine			
					4-place & over	3-place & less		
1970	134.4	2.679	131.7	18.3	64.8	44.9	2.3	1.6
1971	133.8	2.642	131.1	17.9	64.5	44.8	2.4	1.7
1972	147.6	2.583	145.0	19.8	71.0	49.4	2.8	1.9
1973	156.1	2.599	153.5	21.9	74.8	51.4	3.1	2.3
1974	164.0	2.472	161.5	23.4	78.9	53.0	3.6	2.5
1975	171.0	2.495	168.5	24.6	82.6	54.4	4.1	2.8
1976	180.8	2.492	178.3	25.7	88.2	56.7	4.5	3.2
1977	186.8	2.473	184.3	26.7	92.0	57.3	4.7	3.6
1978	201.3	2.545	198.8	28.8	101.5	59.2	5.3	4.0
1979	213.9	3.609	210.3	31.3	106.0	62.4	5.9	4.8
1980	214.9	3.808	211.0	31.7	107.9	60.5	6.0	4.9
1981	217.2	3.973	213.2	33.3	108.0	59.9	7.0	5.0
1982	213.9	4.027	209.8	34.2	106.5	57.7	6.2	6.2
1983	217.5	4.203	213.3	34.6	107.1	59.1	6.5	5.9
1984	225.3	4.370	220.9	35.6	109.9	62.0	7.1	6.3
1985	201.2	4.678	196.5	31.3	98.5	54.9	6.0	5.8
1986	210.2	4.909	205.3	32.0	102.0	58.3	6.5	6.5
1987	208.0	5.253	202.7	30.8	100.4	59.3	5.9	6.3
1988	201.9	5.660	196.2	30.1	98.1	55.6	6.0	6.4
1989	210.8	5.778	205.0	31.9	100.5	58.4	7.0	7.2
1990	204.1	6.083	198.0	30.6	97.6	56.4	6.9	6.6
1991	202.9	6.054	196.9	29.7	97.8	55.1	6.2	8.1
1992	193.0	7.320	185.7	26.8	91.6	53.2	6.0	8.0
1993	184.4	7.297	177.1	22.8	91.6	42.5	4.7	15.5
1994	180.3	7.370	172.9	22.3	87.3	40.5	4.7	18.1
1995	195.5 <sup>f</sup>	7.411	188.1	24.6	93.6	44.1	5.8	19.9
1996	198.6 <sup>f</sup>	7.478	191.1	25.6	93.8	44.3	6.6	20.9
1997	200.0	7.616	192.4	26.2	95.0	45.7	6.8	18.8
1998	212.8	8.111	204.7	29.9	103.6	41.8	7.4	22.1
1999	227.7	8.228	219.5	32.8	109.3	42.6	7.4	27.3
2000	225.6	8.055	217.5	33.2	108.0	42.1	7.2	27.1
2001	219.9	8.497	211.4	31.7	106.3	39.7	6.8	27.0
2002	219.4	8.194	211.2	31.7	105.5	39.2	6.6	28.3
2003	217.9	8.176	209.7	31.5	107.6	38.5	6.5	26.6
2004	227.6	8.186	219.4	33.8	109.8	39.3	7.8	28.7

Source: Federal Aviation Administration.

- a "Active aircraft" must have a current U.S. registration and have flown during the calendar year. Prior to 1971, only a current U.S. registration was necessary.
- b Includes certificated route air carriers, supplemental air carriers (charters), multi-engine aircraft in commuter passenger service, and all aircraft over 12,500 pounds operated by air taxis, commercial operators, and travel clubs.
- c Includes autogiros; excludes air carrier helicopters.
- d Includes gliders, dirigibles, balloons, and experimental aircraft.