

Hijackings 1970-2001

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“Terrorism against aviation is not an unknown, unforeseeable risk. Quite the contrary. The risk of airlines being subject to terrorist attack – whether by a disgruntled employee or a murderous foreign faction set on launching a jihad or making a political statement – is a risk that is well known and real. Such attacks have happened hundreds of times in the past, 823 times from 1970 to 2001 to be exact. The risk of hijacking and terrorist attack is so prevalent and such a known risk that airlines have terrorism and hijack insurance. It is also because aviation has been repeatedly attacked by terrorists and other criminals, that we have laws, regulations and requirements for aviation security.”

“Astonishingly, we heard, even from the FAA and the Department of Transportation that ‘nothing like this ever happened before.’ In an effort to help this nation and its leaders have a longer memory, I have prepared some charts summarizing some of my firm’s recent research. Here are the facts about what exactly has happened before.”

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Year	# of Hijackings	# of Hijackers taken down by passengers	Bombs	Shoot Downs	U.S. Airlines on U.S. soil	U.S. Airlines on foreign soil	Foreign Airlines on U.S. soil
1970	81	6	0	0	11	13	0
1971	57	7	0	0	11	8	2
1972	59	4	3	2	19	0	4
1973	22	0	2	1	0	0	0
1974	23	4	1	1	3	0	0
1975	20	5	1	0	5	0	0
1976	16	1	4	0	1	1	0
1977	32	4	1	1	3	1	0
1978	25	8	1	4	4	1	1
1979	23	3	2	1	7	2	0
1980	39	4	1	3	8	10	0
1981	30	4	1	2	5	3	0
1982	31	10	0	0	4	2	0
1983	35	6	2	2	6	7	1
1984	26	4	1	1	2	2	0
1985	26	7	1	2	3	1	0
1986	8	1	1	1	2	2	0
1987	9	2	2	7	2	0	0
1988	16	1	2	6	4	1	0
1989	15	1	2	3	1	0	0
1990	37	1	1	3	1	0	0
1991	21	2	1	4	1	0	0
1992	12	1	0	1	0	0	1
1993	35	7	0	5	0	0	1
1994	27	1	1	1	1	0	0
1995	9	0	0	4	0	2	0
1996	17	5	0	0	0	0	1
1997	12	2	0	0	0	0	0
1998	14	1	0	1	0	1	0
1999	13	2	0	3	0	0	0
2000	24	8	0	0	1	0	0
2001	9	3	0	0	4	1	0
Total	823	115	31	59	109	58	11

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- 823 Airlines hijacked worldwide 1970-2001
 - 115 Incidents of hijackers thwarted by passengers/crew
 - 109 U.S. airlines hijacked on U.S. soil
 - 58 U.S. airlines on foreign soil
 - 11 Foreign airlines on U.S. soil
 - 30 Cockpit intrusions reported world wide in the 18 months prior to 9/11
 - 31 Bombs on airlines worldwide 1970-2001
 - 59 Airline Shoot-downs worldwide 1970-2001
- Air-rage incidents worldwide – unreliable reporting system – estimates of 300 to 10,000 air rage incidents reported per year. Sources: www.airrage.org, FAA, airlines, Flight Attendants and the media.