# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of earliest event reported: October 4, 2004

American Airlines, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-2691 13-1502798 (State of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

4333 Amon Carter Blvd. Fort Worth, Texas 76155 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(817) 963-1234 (Registrant's telephone number)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- [ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events

American Airlines, Inc. is filing herewith a press release issued on October 4, 2004 as Exhibit 99.1, which is included herein. This press release was issued to report September traffic for American Airlines, Inc.

### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

/s/ Charles D. MarLett Charles D. MarLett Corporate Secretary

Dated: October 6, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press Release

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FOR RELEASE: Monday, Oct. 4, 2004

## AMERICAN AIRLINES REPORTS SEPTEMBER TRAFFIC

FORT WORTH, Texas - American Airlines, the world's largest carrier, reported a record high September load factor of 73.4 percent -- an increase of 6.7 points compared to the same period last year. Traffic grew by 9.4 percent year over year on a slight reduction in capacity.

Both international and domestic entities posted traffic gains. International traffic increased 17.4 percent relative to last year on 9.0 percent more capacity. Domestic traffic increased 5.7 percent with a 4.6 percent reduction in capacity year over year. American boarded 6.7 million passengers in September.

Detailed traffic and capacity data are on the following pages:

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#### AMERICAN AIRLINES PASSENGER DIVISION COMPARATIVE PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC SUMMARY EXCLUDES CHARTER SERVICES SEPTEMBER

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	2004	2003	CHANGE
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES	(000)		
SYSTEM	9,849,548	9,002,592	9.4 %
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	6,524,713	, ,	5.7
INTERNATIONAL	3,324,835		17.4
ATLANTIC	1,671,609		17.2
LATIN AMERICA			13.2
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PACIFIC	378,197	279,076	35.5
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AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (00	•		
SYSTEM	13,417,230	13,480,251	(0.5)%
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	8,967,837	9,398,571	(4.6)
INTERNATIONAL	4,449,393	4,081,681	9.0
ATLANTIC	2,002,871	1,874,778	6.8
LATIN AMERICA	1,989,501		6.9
PACIFIC	457,021	, ,	32.4
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LOAD FACTOR			
SYSTEM	73.4	% 66.7 %	6.7 Pts
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	73.4		7.1
INTERNATIONAL	74.7		5.4
ATLANTIC	83.4		7.3
LATIN AMERICA	64.0	60.4	3.6
PACIFIC	82.7	80.8	1.9
PASSENGERS BOARDED	6,715,522	6,519,420	3.0 %
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SYSTEM CARGO TON MILES (	000) 173,422	161,940	7.1 %
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# AMERICAN AIRLINES PASSENGER DIVISION COMPARATIVE PRELIMINARY TRAFFIC SUMMARY EXCLUDES CHARTER SERVICES YEAR-TO-DATE September

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	2004	2003	CHANGE	
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)				
SYSTEM	98,171,542	90,456,967	8.5 %	
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	66,852,761	64,234,701	4.1	
INTERNATIONAL	31,318,780	26, 222, 267	19.4	
ATLANTIC	13,808,725		16.8	
LATIN AMERICA	14,327,319		17.8	
PACIFIC	3,182,737		42.1	
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AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (0	000)			
SYSTEM	130,977,149	123,490,691	6.1 %	
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	88,956,374	87,664,391	1.5	
INTERNATIONAL	42,020,774	35,826,300	17.3	
ATLANTIC	16,940,100	15,197,383	11.5	
LATIN AMERICA	21, 117, 292	17,577,975	20.1	
PACIFIC	3,963,382	3,050,943	29.9	
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LOAD FACTOR				
SYSTEM	74.9	% 73.2 %	6 1.7 Pts	
D.O.T. DOMESTIC	75.1	73.2	1.9	
INTERNATIONAL	74.5	73.1	1.4	
ATLANTIC	81.5	77.7	3.8	
LATIN AMERICA	67.8	69.1	(1.3)	
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PACIFIC 80.3 73.4 6.9

PASSENGERS BOARDED 69,000,092 67,295,253 2.5 %

SYSTEM CARGO TON MILES (000) 1,617,194 1,468,066 10.2 %

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