



Figure 6: Labour Productivity Comparison (1988 RPK per Employee)

- In 1989, Canadian carriers had a seven percent *higher* fuel productivity than the U.S. major carriers measured by revenue tonne kilometres per litre of fuel.⁴²
- Fuel cost per RPK is higher for Air Canada relative to almost all other carriers. CAI’s fuel costs are much lower, due to its high fuel productivity offsetting its high cost per litre.

⁴² Higher fuel prices may be a factor in driving the Canadian carriers to achieve higher fuel productivity. There are many factors which determine fuel productivity, among which is stage length. However, U.S. carriers such as United, American and Continental have stage lengths equal to or greater than CAI and Air Canada.