
AMERICAN AIRLINES FREEZES HIRING, SALARIES FOR NON-UNION WORKERS



American Airlines has announced hiring and salary freezes for most non-union positions. About 19,000 workers will see their wages frozen. Fort Worth, Texas-based American, a subsidiary of AMR, will not continue annual 1.5% pay increases for independent, management or support staff positions. Certain employees who are currently below the pay-range maximum will be provided with 2009 pay progression increases of 40¢ per hour, until they reach the maximum rate for their level. There will be a "limited exception process" for critical business needs.

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