



SkyWest Charter

SkyWest Charter is a division of SkyWest, Inc. created in March, 2023 to provide chartered jet service at airports across the United States. The airline flies Canadair CRJ-200 regional jets configured with 30 seats to comply with FAA Part 135 regulations governing pilots over the age of 65 or with less than 1500 hours flying time. SkyWest Charter currently operates private charter flights for college sports teams and is waiting on a Commuter Airline authorization to begin scheduled charter flights. The primary focus is to maintain scheduled service to dozens of small cities across the United States that are eligible for Essential Air Service (EAS) subsidy from the federal government. Sister carrier SkyWest Airlines had been providing this service but in 2021 found itself with a shortage of qualified pilots under their FAA Part 121 certificate to maintain all of the EAS contracts they were operating. Unfortunately, the commuter airline authorization for SkyWest Charter has been stalled due to opposition from major airlines and powerful pilot unions. As of the beginning of 2024, SkyWest Airlines has had to discontinue service to dozens of small cities due to the lack of pilots. In addition to cities served under the EAS program, a number of other small cities subsidize their service through state and local funding and have also lost air service. With a commuter airline authorization, SkyWest Charter will be able to restore service to the affected communities as well as begin new service to other small cities seeking airline service. Farmington, New Mexico is among the cities seeking new service.



SkyWest Charter Canadair CRJ-200.