

KEY STATISTICS

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Passenger traffic in 2019

- Worldwide airport passenger numbers increased by **3.5%** in 2019 to **9.1 billion**.
- Two countries consistently rank as the largest aviation markets in the world: the U.S. and China. Their combined passenger traffic represents **35.2%** of the global total.
- Worldwide domestic passenger traffic increased by **2.4%** while international passenger traffic jumped by **4.1%**.
- While Asia-Pacific led the way with **38.7%** of all domestic traffic, Europe accounted for almost half of the world's international traffic (**47.6%**).
- Of the top 20 markets, the U.K. has the largest number of international passengers, while the U.S. has the largest domestic market (**over 1.6 billion passengers, 33.4%** of the world's domestic passenger throughput).
- Africa (**↗6.0%**) and Latin America-Caribbean (**↗4.4%**) posted strong growth in passenger traffic.
- Airport traffic in emerging markets and developing economies grew slightly faster (**↗3.9%**) than in advanced economies (**↗3.1%**).
- Advanced economies held the largest proportion (**52.7%**) of global passenger traffic.
- During 2019, the highest number of passengers went through airports in the Asia-Pacific region:
 - Asia-Pacific (**3.4 billion, ↗3.3%** over 2018)
 - Europe (**2.4 billion, ↗3.1%** over 2018)
 - North America (**2 billion, ↗3.6%** over 2018)
 - Latin America-Caribbean (**683 million, ↗4.4%** over 2018)
 - Middle East (**405 million, ↗2.6%** over 2018)
 - Africa (**228 million, ↗6.0%** over 2018)

Air cargo traffic in 2019

- Total cargo volumes handled by airports decreased by **-2.2%**, representing **119.9 million tonnes**.
- Advanced economies held the largest proportion (**60.8%**) of global cargo traffic handling **73 million** metric tonnes.
- Airports in the Asia-Pacific region continued to handle the largest amount of global air cargo:
 - Asia-Pacific (**47.0 million** metric tonnes, **↘3.3%** over 2018)
 - North America (**34.4 million** metric tonnes, **↘0.8%** over 2018)
 - Europe (**21.5 million** metric tonnes, **↘1.9%** over 2018)
 - Middle East (**8.8 million** metric tonnes, **↘2.8%** over 2018)
 - Latin America-Caribbean (**5.7 million** metric tonnes, **↘3.9%** over 2018)
 - Africa (**2.5 million** metric tonnes, **↗0.2%** over 2018)

Aircraft movements in 2019

- Overall, aircraft movements increased by **1.7%** in 2019, totalling **102.3 million**.
- Airports in the North America region recorded the highest number of movements:
 - North America (**33.9 million, ↗2.0%** over 2018)
 - Asia-Pacific (**27.4 million, ↗2.7%** over 2018)
 - Europe (**25.8 million, ↗1.1%** over 2018)
 - Latin America-Caribbean (**8.8 million, ↘0.3%** over 2018)
 - Africa (**3.3 million, ↗2.2%** over 2018)
 - Middle East (**3.1 million, ↘0.6%** over 2018)

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Passenger traffic in the first half of 2020

- Worldwide airport passenger numbers decreased by **-58.4%** in the first half of 2020
- Worldwide domestic passenger traffic decreased by **-53.3%** while international passenger traffic dropped by **-64.5%**.
- By regions for the first half of 2020:
 - Latin America-Caribbean **↘ 51.9%**
 - North America **↘ 54.9%**
 - Africa **↘ 55.4%**
 - Middle East **↘ 56.9%**
 - Asia-Pacific **↘ 58.1%**
 - Europe **↘ 64.1%**

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 - Africa **↘ 55.4%**
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 - Asia-Pacific **↘ 58.1%**
 - Europe **↘ 64.1%**

Air cargo traffic in the first half of 2020

- Total cargo volumes handled by airports decreased by **-12.4%**.
- Worldwide domestic freight volumes decreased by **-8.4%** while international freight volumes dropped by **-13.9%**.
- By regions for the first half of 2020:
 - North America **↘ 3.1%**
 - Europe **↘ 14.2%**
 - Asia-Pacific **↘ 15.6%**
 - Middle East **↘ 21.8%**
 - Latin America-Caribbean **↘ 22.1%**
 - Africa **↘ 22.4%**