

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

APR 2017: Air Transport Monthly Monitor

World Results and Analyses for FEB 2017. Total scheduled services (domestic and international).

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GLOBAL KEY FIGURES

FEB 2017 (versus FEB 2016)

RPK ▲ +4.8% **ASK** ▲ +2.7% **FTK** ▲ +8.4% **LF**: 79.5% ▲ +1.7 pts

ASK ▲ +7.0%

(versus MAR 2016) * Source OAG

OUTLOOK* - MAR 2017

PASSENGER TRAFFIC

Revenue Passenger-Kilometres - RPK

http://www.icao.int/sustainability/Pages/Air-Traffic-Monitor.aspx

World passenger traffic grew by +4.8% YoY in February 2017, -4.8 percentage points lower than the growth in the previous month. This growth was distorted by the combination of effects of the leap year 2016 and the timing of Chinese New Year. The adjusted growth was estimated to be similar to the pace at the end of 2016. The Middle East continued to be the fastest growing region, followed by Europe and Asia/Pacific. North America was the only region posting a contraction. Domestic traffic in India and China continued to grow robustly by exceeding +20.0% and +15.0%, respectively.



International Traffic vs. Tourist Arrivals

International passenger traffic grew by +5.8% YoY in February 2017, -3.5 percentage points lower than the growth in the previous month. Four regions grew faster than world average: the Middle East, Africa, Europe and Latin America/Caribbean. North America experienced the weakest performance.

The growth of international tourist arrivals* is expected to follow a similar monthly trend.



CAPACITY

Available Seat-Kilometres - ASK

Capacity worldwide increased by +2.7% YoY in February 2017, -5.3 percentage points lower than the growth in the previous month (+8.0%).

In response to the passenger traffic demand, the expansion of capacity is expected to resume at +7.0% in March 2017.



Load Factor - LF

The passenger Load Factor improved to 79.5% in February 2017, -0.7 percentage points lower than the LF recorded in the previous month.

The LF was 1.7 percentage points higher than the rate in the same period in 2016, as traffic growth outpaced the capacity expansion.



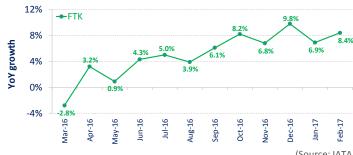
(Source: IATA)

FREIGHT TRAFFIC

Freight Tonne-Kilometres - FTK

World freight traffic grew strongly by +8.4% YoY growth in February 2017, +1.5 percentage points higher than the growth in the previous month. Taking out the leap year effect, the adjusted growth was estimated to be even stronger. Three regions recorded double-digit growth: Asia/Pacific, Africa and Europe. The strengthening in trade between Africa and Asia/Pacific attributed to the strong growth in Africa, and the weaker euro continued to help the growth in Europe. Other regions posted slower growth than the world average. Latin America/Caribbean continued to experience the weakest performance and was the only region posting a contraction in freight growth.

Freight traffic growth outpaced the capacity expansion. As a result, the freight load factor exceeded its YTD rate by close to 1.0 percentage points.



(Source: IATA)



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TOP 15 AIRPORTS (Ranked by aircraft departures, passengers and volume of freight)

FEB 2017: -1.9%, +3.4%, and +8.1% YoY in terms of aircraft departures, passengers and freight for the Top 15

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(Source: ACI)

Airports (ranking by number of departures)	Departures	YoY	Airports (ranking by number of passengers)	Passengers*	YoY	Airports (ranking by tonnes of freight)	Freight**	YoY
Atlanta GA, US (ATL)	33,700	-1.5%	Beijing, CN (PEK)	3,829,598	1 6.7%	Memphis TN, US (MEM)	331,322	-1.6%
Chicago IL, US (ORD)	30,181	-4.0%	Atlanta GA, US (ATL)	3,688,849	-0.7%	Hong Kong, CN (HKG)	294,000	14.1%
Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	25,886	1 0.9%	Dubai, AE (DXB)	3,474,079	1 8.8%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	228,176	20.8%
Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	24,464	-6.8%	Tokyo, JP (HND)	3,040,414	-1.0%	Incheon, KR (ICN)	199,338	1 7.0%
Beijing, CN (PEK)	23,617	1 0.6%	Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	2,802,122	1 2.5%	Dubai, AE (DXB)	192,704	-1.9%
Denver CO, US (DEN)	20,788	-0.2%	Hong Kong, CN (HKG)	2,751,500	-3.1%	Miami FL, US (MIA)	165,187	7.8%
Charlotte NC, US (CLT)	20,463	-1.8%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	2,725,704	4.1%	Anchorage AK, US (ANC)	164,174	11.7%
Shanghai, CN (PVG)	18,780	-0.3%	London, GB (LHR)	2,634,258	1 .7%	Louisville KY, US (SDF)	163,384	0.3%
Guangzhou, CN (CAN)	18,040	1.6%	Guangzhou, CN (CAN)	2,609,684	1 8.4%	Tokyo, JP (NRT)	161,456	11.9%
London, GB (LHR)	17,536	-3.5%	Bangkok, TH (BKK)	2,605,788	1 3.3%	Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	153,870	2.2%
Houston TX, US (IAH)	17,387	-8.3%	Incheon, KR (ICN)	2,586,927	1 0.9%	Doha, QA (DOH)	152,200	1 24.5%
Amsterdam, NL (AMS)	17,346	1.4%	Chicago IL, US (ORD)	2,555,356	1 0.1%	Singapore, SG (SIN)	146,900	7.9%
Paris, FR (CDG)	16,916	-1.4%	New Delhi, IN (DEL)	2,408,735	1 3.5%	Taipei, CN (TPE)	144,092	17.3%
Toronto ON, CA (YYZ)	16,764	-0.6%	Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	2,367,374	-2.2%	Paris, FR (CDG)	143,416	-5.9%
Phoenix AZ, US (PHX)	16,727	-5.4%	Singapore, SG (SIN)	2,335,000	1.5%	Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	141,967	1 8.0%

Note: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

In terms of aircraft departures, the Top 15 airports reported a decline of -1.9% YoY. The growth was distorted due to the effects of leap year 2016 and the timing of Chinese New Year, Despite the distortion, Guangzhou continued to record the fastest growth by +4.6%, followed by Amsterdam (+1.4%). The biggest contraction was posted by Houston (-8.3%).

In terms of passengers, the Top 15 airports reported a growth of +3.4% YoY. Beijing remained at 1st with a growth of +6.7%. A few airports in Asia/Pacific and the Middle East demonstrated stronger growth. New Delhi recorded the strongest growth by +13.5%, followed by Incheon (+10.9%), and Dubai (+8.8%). Hong Kong, however, posted a contraction by -3.1%.

In terms of freight, the Top 15 airports reported a growth of +8.1% YoY. Strong growth was observed in several major airports with double-digit growth. Doha and Shanghai grew robustly by +24.5% and +20.8%, respectively. Three airports posted contractions. Paris declined by -5.9%, followed by Dubai (-1.9%) and Memphis (-1.6%).

TOP 15 AIRLINE GROUPS (Ranked by RPK)

FEB 2017: +2.4% YoY in terms of RPK for the Top 15

In terms of RPK, the Top 15 airline groups accounted for 47.4% of world total RPK in February 2017, and grew by +2.4% YoY. This growth was -2.4 percentage points lower than the world average on scheduled services. Ten out of the Top 15 airline groups posted YoY increases

All the top 3 airline groups posted declines. American ranked at 1st with a decline of -3.3% YoY. Delta ranked over United becoming 2nd, albeit with -1.7% decrease. The other two North American carriers, Southwest and Air Canada remained at the position of 11th and 15th. Air Canada recorded the strongest growth within the Top 15 by +13.4%.

Emirates remained at the 4th position and grew relatively slower than the previous month at

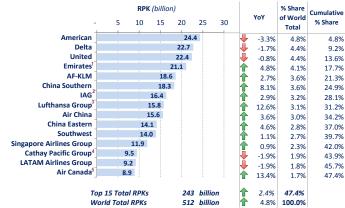
The three European airlines remained at the position of 5th, 7th, and 8th. Lufthansa continued to grow strongly and recorded the second highest growth by +12.6%. AF-KLM and IAG posted modest growth by +2.7% and +2.9%, respectively.

Among the five Asia/Pacific airlines, three Chinese carriers, China Southern, China Eastern and Air China recorded relatively stronger growth. Cathay Pacific, however, posted a contraction of -1.9%.

> World: +2.7% YoY

+5.1% YTD

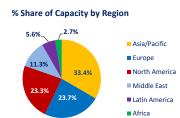
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(Source: ICAO, airlines' websites)

Note: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

CAPACITY BY REGION (ICAO Statistical Regions)



FEB 2017: +2.7% YoY in terms of World ASK





All regions, posted an expansion in capacity in February 2017 with a +2.7% YoY increase in capacity worldwide. Three regions, the Middle East, Europe and Asia/Pacific posted faster expansion than the world average growth, with the fastest growth in the Middle East.

By contrast, North America was the only region posting a YoY decline in capacity growth.

^{*} Embarked Passengers ** Loaded and Unloaded Freight inTonnes 1. ICAO Estimates 2. IAG: British Airways, Iberia, and Vueling 3. Lufthansa Group: Lufthansa Airlines, Germanwings, SWISS, Austrian Airlines, Brussels Airlines, Sun Express, 5. ICAO Estimates 4. Cathay Pacific Group: Cathay Pacific and Dragonair