

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MAY 2017: Air Transport Monthly Monitor

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

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GLOBAL KEY FIGURES

MAR 2017 (versus MAR 2016)

ASK ▲ +6.1% **RPK** ▲ +6.8%

FTK ▲ +14.0

LF⋅ 80.4% **** +0.8 pts

ASK ▲ +7.8%

OUTLOOK* - APR 2017

(versus APR 2016) * Source OAG

PASSENGER TRAFFIC

Revenue Passenger-Kilometres - RPK

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

World passenger traffic grew by +6.8% YoY in March 2017, +2.0 percentage points higher than the growth in the previous month. Despite the distorted growth in February, passenger traffic recorded strong growth in the first quarter, supported by the upturn in world economy. The rapid growth trend in the Middle East diminshed, and Asia/Pacific became the fastest growing region, followed by Europe and Latin America/Caribbean. For the first time in the last two years, China posted the fastest growth in domestic traffic, followed by India, albeit with a marginal difference in the growth pace.



International Traffic vs. Tourist Arrivals

International passenger traffic grew by +6.4% YoY in March 2017, +0.6 percentage points higher than the growth in the previous month. Latin America/Caribbean recorded the fastest growth in international traffic, followed by Asia/Pacific. North America posted the slowest growth.

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



CAPACITY

Available Seat-Kilometres - ASK

Capacity worldwide increased by +6.1% YoY in March 2017, +3.4 percentage points higher than the distorted growth in the previous month (+2.7%).

In response to the passenger traffic demand, the expansion of capacity is expected to be at +7.8% in April 2017.



Load Factor - LF

The passenger Load Factor improved to 80.4% in March 2017, +0.9 percentage points higher than the LF recorded in the previous month.

The capacity expansion has slowed in the last few months. The LF was 0.8 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 robustly by +14.0% YoY growth in March 2017, +5.6 percentage points higher than the growth in the previous month. Freight traffic demonstrated strong growth in the first quarter. Four out of the six regions recorded double-digit growth. The strongest growth was achieved by Africa, owing to the strengthening in trade between Africa and Asia/Pacific. The two largest regions in terms of freight traffic, Asia/Pacific and Europe, posted double-digit growth. Latin America/Caribbean continued to experience the weakest performance and was the only region posting a contraction in freight traffic growth.

Freight traffic growth outpaced the capacity expansion. As a result, the freight load factor exceeded its YTD rate by around 3.0 percentage points.





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

MAR 2017: +1.4%, +4.6%, and +9.5% YoY in terms of aircraft departures, passengers and freight for the Top 15

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(Source: ACI)

Airports	Departures	YoY	Airports	Passengers*	YoY	Airports	Freight**	YoY
(ranking by number of departures)			(ranking by number of passengers)			(ranking by tonnes of freight)		
Atlanta GA, US (ATL)	38,179	-1.4%	Atlanta GA, US (ATL)	4,532,815	1 4.5%	Hong Kong, CN (HKG)	433,000	17.8%
Chicago IL, US (ORD)	35,328	-3.2%	Beijing, CN (PEK)	4,065,149	1 5.3%	Memphis TN, US (MEM)	392,050	0.3%
Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	29,897	1 6.2%	Dubai, AE (DXB)	3,755,716	1 3.8%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	325,169	15.0%
Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	27,984	-3.6%	Tokyo, JP (HND)	3,610,748	1 4.3%	Incheon, KR (ICN)	250,535	13.5%
Beijing, CN (PEK)	26,052	1 2.0%	Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	3,389,700	1 4.7%	Dubai, AE (DXB)	235,503	8.4%
Denver CO, US (DEN)	24,636	1 5.9%	Chicago IL, US (ORD)	3,216,390	1.1%	Anchorage AK, US (ANC)	225,266	-5.6%
Charlotte NC, US (CLT)	23,486	-1.7%	London, GB (LHR)	3,078,723	1 0.9%	Tokyo, JP (NRT)	208,247	14.2%
Shanghai, CN (PVG)	21,012	1 5.8%	Hong Kong, CN (HKG)	2,935,500	-2.0%	Louisville KY, US (SDF)	206,691	6.8%
Amsterdam, NL (AMS)	20,508	1 6.7%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	2,871,262	1.4%	Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	195,506	11.3%
Phoenix AZ, US (PHX)	20,103	-1.7%	Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	2,820,143	1.0%	Taipei, CN (TPE)	193,738	10.6%
Houston TX, US (IAH)	19,983	-2.5%	Guangzhou, CN (CAN)	2,748,206	1 1.4%	Singapore, SG (SIN)	188,600	10.2%
London, GB (LHR)	19,782	1 0.6%	Bangkok, TH (BKK)	2,670,484	1.4%	Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	179,093	9.8%
Guangzhou, CN (CAN)	19,661	1 1.2%	Paris, FR (CDG)	2,650,885	1 3.2%	Doha, QA (DOH)	177,325	1 25.0%
Toronto ON, CA (YYZ)	19,295	3.6%	Denver CO, US (DEN)	2,596,928	1 0.8%	Paris, FR (CDG)	177,000	6.0%
Paris, FR (CDG)	19,281	1.1%	New Delhi, IN (DEL)	2,592,983	13.0%	Beijing, CN (PEK)	172,018	5.8%

Note: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

In terms of aircraft departures, the Top 15 airports reported a growth of +1.4% YoY. Nine out of the Top 15 airports posted increases. Guangzhou continued to record the fastest growth of +11.2%, followed by Amsterdam (+6.7%). Declines in operations were mostly observed in the North American airports, with **Dallas** posting the biggest contraction by -3.6%.

In terms of passengers, the Top 15 airports reported a growth of +4.6% YoY. All Top 15 airports, except for Hong Kong, recorded an increase. Atlanta regained its position at 1st with a growth of +4.5%. New Delhi recorded the strongest growth by +13.0%, followed by Guangzhou (+11.4%), and Denver (+10.8%). Hong Kong was the only airport posting a decline of -2.0%.

In terms of freight, the Top 15 airports reported a growth of +9.5% YoY. Freight traffic started to revive since the beginning of the year, and several major airports recorded strong double-digit growth. Doha grew robustly by +25.0%, followed by Hong Kong (+17.8%) and Shanghai (+15.0%). The only contraction

was posted by Anchorage with a decline of -5.6%.

TOP 15 AIRLINE GROUPS (Ranked by RPK)

MAR 2017: +4.9% YoY in terms of RPK for the Top 15

In terms of RPK, the Top 15 airline groups accounted for 48.1% of world total RPK in March 2017, and grew by +4.9% YoY. This growth was -1.9 percentage points lower than the world average on scheduled services. Twelve out of the Top 15 airline groups posted YoY increases.

American ranked at 1st albeit with a decline of -1.2% YoY. Delta and United remained at 2nd and 3rd with a moderate growth of +2.3% and 3.0%, respectively. The other two North American carriers, Southwest and Air Canada improved to 9th and 12th. Air Canada continued to record the strongest growth within the Top 15 by +15.6%.

Emirates remained at the 4th position and grew by +7.2%.

AF-KLM remained at the position of 5th with a growth of +4.6%. IAG and Lufthansa improved 1 position to 6th and 7th, respectively. Lufthansa continued to grow strongly at +11.0%. Turkish Airlines ranked at 15th albeit with a decline of -4.3%.

Among the five Asia/Pacific airlines, two Chinese carriers, China Southern and China Eastern recorded relatively stronger growth and posted the 2nd and 3rd highest growth within the Top 15. Cathay Pacific, however, continued to post a contraction and declined by -1.0%.

World:

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(Source: ICAO, airlines' websites)

Note: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

CAPACITY BY REGION (ICAO Statistical Regions)

■ Latin America/Caribbea



(Source: ICAO, IATA, OAG) Note: Total scheduled services



All regions, posted an expansion in capacity in March 2017 with a +6.1% YoY increase in capacity worldwide. Two regions, the Middle East and Asia/Pacific posted faster expansion than the world average growth. Africa posted the smallest increases in capacity.

Looking at the year-to-date growth, the world capacity expanded by +5.5% in the first quarter.

^{*} 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. Cathay Pacific Group: Cathay Pacific and Dragonai 4. ICAO Estimates