

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SEP 2017: Air Transport Monthly Monitor

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

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GLOBAL KEY FIGURES

JUL 2017 (versus JUL 2016)

RPK ▲ +6.8% **ASK** ▲ +6.1% **FTK** ▲ +11.4% **LF**: 84.7% ▲ +1.0 pts

OUTLOOK* - AUG 2017 (versus AUG 2016)

ASK ▲ +6.1% * 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 July 2017, -1.0 percentage point down from the growth in the previous month. Passenger traffic demand continued to be solid, although all regions posted a deceleration in traffic growth, except for Latin America/Caribbean and the Middle East. Asia/Pacific remained as the fastest growing region, followed by Europe and Latin America/Caribbean. North America experienced the slowest growth among all regions. For the second time of the year, China posted the fastest growth in domestic traffic, followed by India.



International Traffic vs. Tourist Arrivals

International passenger traffic grew by +6.2% YoY in July 2017, -1.3 percentage points down from the growth in the previous month. Latin America/Caribbean became the fastest growing region with double-digit growth. Three regions, the Middle East, North America, and Asia/Pacific posted growth below world average.

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



CAPACITY

Available Seat-Kilometres - ASK

 $\label{lem:capacity worldwide increased by +6.1% YoY in July 2017, -0.4 percentage points lower than the growth in the previous month (+6.5%).}$

In response to the same level of passenger traffic demand, the expansion of capacity is expected to be at +6.1% in August 2017.



Load Factor - LF

The passenger Load Factor reached 84.7% in July 2017, the highest LF in the last 12 months.

Owing to the YoY traffic growth outpacing the capacity expansion, the July LF recorded +1.0 percentage points higher than the rate in the same period in 2016.



(Source: IATA)

FREIGHT TRAFFIC

Freight Tonne-Kilometres - FTK

World freight traffic grew by +11.4% YoY in July 2017, +0.4 percentage points higher than the growth in the previous month. All regions, except for Latin America/Caribbean and the Middle East, recorded double-digit growth. Africa remained as the fastest growing region and grew by above +30.0% for the second consecutive month, supported by the strengthening in trade between Africa and Asia/Pacific. Europe recorded the second highest growth with the help of increasing export orders and the weakness of the euro. Latin America/Caribbean and the Middle East experienced the weakest performance and grow slower than the world average.





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

JUL 2017: +0.6%, +3.8%, and +8.5% YoY in terms of aircraft departures, passengers and freight for the Top 15

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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)	39,422	-0.3%	Atlanta GA, US (ATL)	4,778,202	1.4%	Hong Kong, CN (HKG)	422,000	11.1%
Chicago IL, US (ORD)	38,926	1.6%	Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	4,087,908	1 3.6%	Memphis TN, US (MEM)	336,486	-2.8%
Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	31,201	-2.7%	Dubai, AE (DXB)	4,032,895	1 5.9%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	315,727	12.9%
Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	29,240	↓ -2.1%	Beijing, CN (PEK)	3,984,475	-3.3%	Incheon, KR (ICN)	238,074	7.6%
Denver CO, US (DEN)	26,294	1 2.2%	Chicago IL, US (ORD)	3,768,444	1 3.0%	Anchorage AK, US (ANC)	235,757	7.3%
Beijing, CN (PEK)	24,480	-5.3%	London, GB (LHR)	3,767,639	1.2%	Dubai, AE (DXB)	213,258	1 5.0%
Amsterdam, NL (AMS)	24,028	2.4%	Tokyo, JP (HND)	3,516,674	1.0%	Taipei, CN (TPE)	197,337	13.5%
Charlotte NC, US (CLT)	23,711	1.0%	Paris, FR (CDG)	3,431,618	1 5.4%	Tokyo, JP (NRT)	197,185	7.3%
Paris, FR (CDG)	22,091	1 0.8%	Amsterdam, NL (AMS)	3,369,555	1 5.6%	Louisville KY, US (SDF)	193,211	3.4%
Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	21,741	1 2.3%	Hong Kong, CN (HKG)	3,250,500	1 3.5%	Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	180,256	12.4%
Istanbul, TR (IST)	21,671	1 3.7%	Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	3,195,161	1.4%	Singapore, SG (SIN)	179,600	11.3%
Toronto ON, CA (YYZ)	21,522	1.7%	Istanbul, TR (IST)	3,192,317	1 7.6%	Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	178,921	4.8%
Shanghai, CN (PVG)	21,499	3.0%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	3,133,591	4.1%	Chicago IL, US (ORD)	176,916	1 23.0%
San Francisco CA, US (SFO)	21,189	4.2%	Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	3,131,130	2.3%	Doha, QA (DOH)	166,065	14.5%
London, GB (LHR)	20,976	0.4%	Jakarta, ID (CGK)	3,045,370	7.2%	Beijing, CN (PEK)	163,851	8.2%

Note: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

(Source: ACI)

In terms of aircraft departures, the Top 15 airports reported an increase of +0.6% YoY. A few airports in North America continued to post decreases in operations. Beijing was impacted by flight cancelations due to storms, and posted the biggest decline within the Top 15 (-5.3%). The strongest growth was recorded by San Francisco (+4.2%), followed by Istanbul (+3.7%).

In terms of passengers, the Top 15 airports reported a growth of +3.8% YoY. All the Top 15 airports posted increases, except for Beijing with a decline of -3.3% due to weather related flight cancellations. Atlanta retained its position at 1st with a growth of +1.4%. Istanbul recorded the strongest growth by +17.6%, followed by Jakarta (+7.2%), and Dubai (+5.9%).

In terms of freight, the Top 15 airports reported a strong growth of +8.5% YoY. All the Top 15 airports, except for Memphis, recorded increases. Seven airports posted double-digit growth with Chicago recording the strongest growth within the Top 15 by +23.0%, owing to the increasing demand of moving air cargo through Chicago to worldwide markets.

TOP 15 AIRLINE GROUPS (Ranked by RPK)

JUL 2017: +5.8% 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 July 2017, and grew by +5.8% YoY. This growth was -1.0 percentage point lower than the world average on scheduled services. All the Top 15 airline groups posted YoY increases.

American ranked at 1st with a marginal increase of +0.8% YoY. Delta and United grew modestly, and remained at the position of 2nd and 3rd, respectively. Southwest ranked 1 position down to 9th with a growth of +6.0%. Air Canada recorded the strongest growth within the North American airlines in the Top 15 and ranked 15th.

After experiencing a low growth in June, Emirates posted a slightly higher growth and improved 1 position up to 6th.

AF-KLM and Lufthansa remained at 4th and 5th, respectively. Lufthansa recorded the second highest growth within the Top 15 by +12.7%. With a marginal increase of +0.7%, IAG ranked after Emirates at 7th. Turkish Airlines recorded the strongest growth (+19.6%) within the Top 15 and improved 1 position to 13th.

Regarding the Asia/Pacific airlines, China Southern improved 1 position to 8th with a growth of +11.3%. Air China and China Eastern remained at the position of 10th and 11th with a growth of +2.8% and +7.6%, respectively.

World:

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(Source: ICAO, airlines' websites)

Note: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

CAPACITY BY REGION (ICAO Statistical Regions)



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



All regions posted an expansion in capacity in July 2017 with a +6.1% YoY increase in capacity worldwide. Three regions, Asia/Pacific. Latin America/Caribbean, and Europe posted faster expansion than the world average growth.

Asia/Pacific recorded the fastest capacity expansion while Africa posted the smallest increases.

The world capacity expanded by +6.1% on the YTD basis.

^{*}Embarked Passengers ** Loaded and Unloaded Freight in Tonnes 1. Lufthansa Airlines, Germanwings, SWISS, Austrian Airlines, Brussels Airlines, Sun Express, and Lufthansa Cargo 2. ICAO estimates 3. British Airways, Iberia, and Vueling