

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DEC 2019: Air Transport Monthly Monitor

World Results and Analyses for OCT 2019. Total scheduled services (domestic and international).

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GLOBAL KEY FIGURES

OCT 2019 (versus OCT 2018)

RPK ▲ +3.4% **ASK** ▲ +2.2% **FTK** ▼-3.5%

LF: 82.0% ▲ +0.1 pt

OUTLOOK* - NOV 2019

(versus NOV 2018)

ASK ▲ +2.4% * Source OAG

PASSENGER TRAFFIC

Revenue Passenger-Kilometres - RPK

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

World passenger traffic grew by +3.4% YoY in October 2019, -0.4 percentage point lower than the growth in the previous month. All regions, except for Africa and the Middle East, posted a slowdown with Asia Pacific experiencing the most significant deceleration. The Middle East accelerated traffic growth notably and became the fastest growing region. Domestic traffic demand eased at the worldwide level with softening in the top domestic markets such as China and India.



International Traffic vs. Tourist Arrivals

International passenger traffic grew by +3.2% YoY in October 2019, +0.2 percentage point higher than the growth in the previous month. Three regions recorded acceleration in traffic growth with the strongest pick-up in the Middle East. Latin America/Caribbean posted the weakest performance and became the only region with negative growth.

The growth of international tourist arrivals* remained relatively stable.



CAPACITY

Available Seat-Kilometres - ASK

Capacity worldwide increased by +2.2% YoY in October 2019, -1.1 percentage points lower than the growth in the previous month (+3.3%).

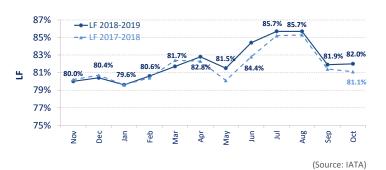
According to the airline schedules, capacity expansion is expected to be around +2.4% in November 2019.



Load Factor - LF

The passenger Load Factor reached 82.0% in October 2019, +0.1 percentage point higher than the previous month.

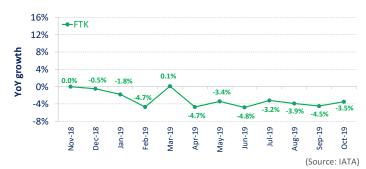
As traffic growth outpaced the capacity expansion, the October LF was +0.9 percentage point higher compared to the rate in the same period of 2018.



FREIGHT TRAFFIC

Freight Tonne-Kilometres - FTK

World freight traffic reported a decline of -3.5% YoY in October 2019, +1.0 percentage point higher than the growth in the previous month. Albeit with marginal improvement in certain regions, freight traffic demand remained weak worldwide with consecutive negative growth over the last seven months. This weakness reflected the sluggish global trade development. Africa continued to be the only region growing positively and increased the momentum with a surge of double-digit growth. For the sixth month this year, the Middle East was the weakest performing region, followed by Asia/Pacific and Latin America/Caribbean.





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

OCT 2019: +1.5%, +1.4%, and -3.5% 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
Chicago IL, US (ORD)	40,770	0.8%	Atlanta GA, US (ATL)	4,756,935	1 2.7%	Hong Kong, CN (HKG)	419,000	-5.6%
Atlanta GA, US (ATL)	38,246	1 0.9%	Beijing, CN (PEK)	4,322,685	-3.5%	Memphis TN, US (MEM)	377,215	-5.0%
Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	31,095	10.4%	Chicago IL, US (ORD)	3,786,446	0.6%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	321,523	2.4%
Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	28,861	-2.7%	Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	3,597,418	-0.9%	Incheon, KR (ICN)	239,755	-5.8%
Denver CO, US (DEN)	27,885	7.4%	Dubai, AE (DXB)	3,571,031	1.9%	Anchorage AK, US (ANC)	239,254	-4.1%
Charlotte NC, US (CLT)	25,333	1 3.7%	Tokyo, JP (HND)	3,550,644	-7.7%	Louisville KY, US (SDF)	237,936	12.3%
Beijing, CN (PEK)	25,096	-5.9%	London, GB (LHR)	3,496,138	1 0.5%	Dubai, AE (DXB)	220,216	-7.3%
Amsterdam, NL (AMS)	23,095	-1.1%	Paris, FR (CDG)	3,322,845	4.2%	Doha, QA (DOH)	196,868	-0.4%
Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	22,969	-1.3%	Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	3,216,688	1.0%	Taipei, CN (TPE)	195,040	-3.3%
Paris, FR (CDG)	22,197	3.0%	Amsterdam, NL (AMS)	3,215,722	0.3%	Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	173,255	-8.2%
Shanghai, CN (PVG)	21,555	-1.1%	Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	3,188,776	11.1%	Miami FL, US (MIA)	172,789	-2.0%
Las Vegas NV, US (LAS)	21,304	7.7%	Guangzhou, CN (CAN)	3,173,712	3.3%	Chicago IL, US (ORD)	170,696	-0.8%
New Delhi, IN (DEL)	21,150	1.9%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	3,141,775	-0.8%	Singapore, SG (SIN)	169,700	↓ -10.6%
Guangzhou, CN (CAN)	21,002	1 0.9%	Istanbul, TR (IST)	3,098,615	1 8.4%	Beijing, CN (PEK)	169,145	-5.4%
London, GB (LHR)	20,710	-0.6%	Denver CO, US (DEN)	3,038,330	6.5%	Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	168,414	-8.2%

Note: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

In terms of aircraft departures, the Top 15 airports reported a growth of +1.5% YoY. Nine out of the Top 15 airports posted YoY increases. Chicago ranked 1st with marginal growth of +0.8%. The strongest growth in operations was recorded by Dallas/Fort Worth at +10.4%, followed by Las Vegas at +7.7%.

In terms of passengers, the Top 15 airports reported a growth of +1.4% YoY. Eleven out of the Top 15 airports posted YoY increases. Atlanta remained at 1st with a growth of +2.7%, followed by Beijing. Dallas/Fort Worth recorded the most significant growth at +11.1%. Decline was observed in major hubs in Asia/Pacific with -7.7% and -3.5% fall in Tokyo and Beijing, respectively.

In terms of freight, the Top 15 airports reported a decline of -3.5% YoY. All the Top 15 airports posted declines except UPS hub position. The most significant decrease was posted by Singapore at -10.6%, followed by both Frankfurt

for Louisville (+12.3%) and Shanghai (+2.4%). The former continued to record the highest growth supported by its

and Los Angeles at -8.2%.

TOP 15 AIRLINE GROUPS (Ranked by RPK)

OCT 2019: +4.3% YoY in terms of RPK for the Top 15

In terms of RPK, the Top 15 airline groups accounted for 48.5% of the world's total RPK in October 2019 and grew by +4.3% YoY. This growth was +0.9 percentage point higher than the world's average on scheduled services. Fourteen out of the Top 15 airline groups posted YoY growth.

United ranked 1st with moderate growth of +2.9%, followed closely by Delta which grew at +5.2%. American grew merely at +0.8% and dropped by 1 position to the 3rd. Southwest went up one position to 11th, albeit with a decline of -1.0%.

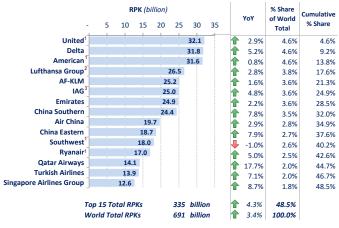
Emirates dropped one position to 7th with a growth of +2.2%. Qatar Airways recorded the fastest growth among the Top 15 with an increase of +17.7% while remained at 13th.

Lufthansa and AF-KLM maintained their positions at 4th and 5th while growing modestly at +2.8% and +1.6%, respectively. IAG grew at +4.8% and went up one position to 6th. Ryanair posted a relatively slower pace compared to the previous month at +5.0% and dropped by one position to 12th. Turkish Airlines recorded a solid growth at +7.1% and remained at 14th.

China Southern, Air China and China Eastern retained their position of 8th, 9th and 10th with growth of +7.8%, +2.9% and +7.9%, respectively. Singapore Airlines recorded the second highest growth among the Top 15 and ranked 15th.

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(Source: ICAO, airlines' websites)

Note: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

CAPACITY BY REGION (ICAO Statistical Regions)

■ Middle East

■ Latin America/Caribbean







Worldwide capacity expanded by +2.2% YoY in October 2019. Three regions recorded acceleration in capacity expansion while notable slowdown was posted by Asia/Pacific followed by **Europe**, resulting in the overall deceleration of the world total capacity.

Africa became the fastest expanding region. For the second consecutive time, the Middle East was the slowest growing region.

^{1.} ICAO estimates 2. Lufthansa Airlines, Eurowings, SWISS, Austrian Airlines, Brussels Airlines, Sun Express, and Lufthansa Cargo 3. British Airways, Aer Lingus, Iberia, and Vueling