

# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

# SEP 2019: Air Transport Monthly Monitor

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

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**GLOBAL KEY FIGURES** 

JUL 2019 (versus JUL 2018)

**RPK** ▲ +3.6% **ASK** ▲ +3.2% **FTK ▼**-3.2%

**LF**: 85.7% ▲ +1.3 pt

**OUTLOOK\* - AUG 2019** 

(versus AUG 2018)

**ASK** ▲ +3.4%

\* Source OAG

#### PASSENGER TRAFFIC

# Revenue Passenger-Kilometres - RPK

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

World passenger traffic grew by +3.6% YoY in July 2019, -1.4 percentage points lower than the growth in the previous month. Growth momentum again softened after a recent steady recovery, and reached its second slowest level during the year. All regions, except for Asia/Pacific, eased the growth rates. The most significant slowdown was observed in Africa and the Middle East; and the latter became the weakest performing region. China regained the fastest growing domestic market, followed by India and the Russian Federation.



#### **International Traffic vs. Tourist Arrivals**

International passenger traffic grew by +2.7% YoY in July 2019, -2.7 percentage points lower than the growth in the previous month. All regions experienced deceleration in traffic growth, with the most notable slowdown in Africa and the Middle East. North America continued to be the slowest growing region.

The growth of international tourist arrivals\* remained relatively stable.



#### **CAPACITY**

#### Available Seat-Kilometres - ASK

Capacity worldwide increased by +3.2% YoY in July 2019, -0.1 percentage point lower than the growth in the previous month (+3.3%).

According to the airline schedules, capacity expansion is expected to up slightly to  $\pm 3.4\%$  in August 2019.



#### Load Factor - LF

The passenger Load Factor reached 85.7% in July 2019, +1.3 percentage points higher than the LF recorded in the previous month.

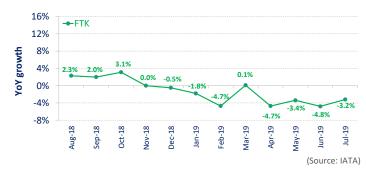
As traffic growth outpaced the capacity expansion, the July LF was +0.5 percentage point higher compared to the rate in the same period of 2018.



#### FREIGHT TRAFFIC

### Freight Tonne-Kilometres - FTK

World freight traffic reported a decline of -3.2% YoY in July 2019, +1.6 percentage points higher than the growth in the previous month. Despite the improvement, freight traffic growth remained negative reflecting the stagnant world trade. Weakness in freight growth has been broad-based, with all regions posting YoY decline, except for Africa and Latin America/Caribbean. Africa demonstrated an outstanding performance and recorded a robust double-digit growth. For the third-consecutive month, the Middle East experienced the most sluggish growth, followed by Asia/Pacific. The two other major freight regions, Europe and North America also showed subdued performance.



OAG: Official Airline Guide; RPK: Revenue Passenger-Kilometres; UNWTO: World Tourism Organization; YoY: Year-on-year; YTD: Year-to-date



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

JUL 2019: +2.2%, +1.9%, and -2.2% YoY in terms of aircraft departures, passengers and freight for the Top 15

**JUL 19** 

(Source: ACI)

Airports	Departures	YoY	Airports (ranking by number of passengers)	Passengers*	YoY	Airports (ranking by tonnes of freight)	Freight**	YoY
Chicago IL, US, (ORD)	42,192	2.8%	Atlanta GA, US, (ATL)	5,108,142	3.4%	Hong Kong, HK, (HKG)	392,000	<del>-7.7%</del>
Atlanta GA, US, (ATL)	40,292	1.3%	Beijing, CN, (PEK)	4,386,755	2.1%	Memphis TN, US, (MEM)	346,955	-1.8%
Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US, (DFW)	32,518	<b>1</b> 8.0%	Los Angeles CA, US, (LAX)	4,234,908	<b>1</b> 0.5%	Shanghai, CN, (PVG)	302,721	-3.2%
Los Angeles CA, US, (LAX)	31,001	-1.7%	Chicago IL, US, (ORD)	4,089,349	1.4%	Anchorage AK, US, (ANC)	262,838	<b>1</b> 6.5%
Denver CO, US, (DEN)	29,450	8.4%	Dubai, AE, (DXB)	4,003,615	-2.5%	Louisville KY, US, (SDF)	233,230	18.9%
Beijing, CN, (PEK)	25,611	-1.2%	London, GB, (LHR)	3,877,248	-0.8%	Incheon, KR, (ICN)	222,840	-8.7%
Charlotte NC, US, (CLT)	24,542	<b>1</b> 3.2%	Paris, FR, (CDG)	3,714,154	<b>1</b> 3.9%	Dubai, AE, (DXB)	217,642	<del>-2.6%</del>
Frankfurt, DE, (FRA)	23,563	1.0%	Tokyo, JP, (HND)	3,598,902	-0.7%	Doha, QA, (DOH)	183,942	1.3%
Paris, FR, (CDG)	23,481	3.3%	Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US, (DFW)	3,576,115	8.4%	Taipei, TW, (TPE)	179,908	<b>↓</b> -10.6%
Amsterdam, NL, (AMS)	23,214	-1.8%	Frankfurt, DE, (FRA)	3,460,198	<b>1</b> 0.8%	Tokyo, JP, (NRT)	177,000	<b>1</b> 0.7%
Shanghai, CN, (PVG)	22,389	<b>1</b> 3.7%	Shanghai, CN, (PVG)	3,412,972	4.6%	Singapore, SG, (SIN)	170,200	<del>-7</del> .2%
Seattle WA, US, (SEA)	21,382	0.8%	Denver CO, US, (DEN)	3,366,636	10.0%	Frankfurt, DE, (FRA)	168,773	<b>1</b> .4%
San Francisco CA, US, (SFO)	21,158	-0.5%	Amsterdam, NL, (AMS)	3,362,012	-0.7%	Los Angeles CA, US, (LAX)	163,633	<del>-7.7%</del>
London, GB, (LHR)	21,117	0.6%	Hong Kong, HK, (HKG)	3,358,000	1.0%	Miami FL, US, (MIA)	162,490	1.7%
Guangzhou, CN, (CAN)	20,909	4.0%	Istanbul, TR, (IST)	3,195,627	<b>→</b> 0.0%	Beijing, CN, (PEK)	161,318	-6.6%

Note: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

In terms of aircraft departures, the Top 15 airports reported a growth of +2.2% YoY. Eleven out of the Top 15 airports posted YoY increases. Chicago ranked 1st with a modest growth of +2.8%. The strongest growth in operations was recorded by Denver at +8.4%, followed by Dallas/Fort Worth at +8.0%.

In terms of passengers, the Top 15 airports reported a growth of +1.9% YoY. Ten out of the Top 15 airports posted YoY increases. Atlanta remained 1st with a growth of +3.4%. Denver recorded a sharp increase at +10.0%, driven by solid economy in the area such as business expansion of Amazon. Dubai posted a decline of -2.5%, in line with the performance of major airline in the region.

In terms of **freight**, the Top 15 airports reported a decline of **-2.2%** YoY. More than half of the Top 15 airports posted negative growth. Significant drops were observed in major hubs in Asia/Pacific with **Taipei** and **Incheon** contracting **-10.6%** and **-8.7%**, respectively. **Louisville** continued to grow robustly at **+18.9%**, indicating the strengthening of its hub position of UPS.

### TOP 15 AIRLINE GROUPS (Ranked by RPK)

# JUL 2019: +4.0% 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 July 2019 and grew by +4.0% YoY. This growth was +0.4 percentage point higher than the world's average on scheduled services. Twelve out of the Top 15 airline groups posted YoY growth.

**Delta** ranked over United becoming **1st** with a solid growth of **+5.2%**. Followed were **United** and **American**, growing modestly at **+1.6%** and **+0.8%**, respectively. **Southwest** continued to post a decline and was 1 position down to **10th**. For the first time this year, **Air Canada** made its way to the Top 15 airline groups and ranked **15th** with a growth of **+3.5%**.

Despite a negative growth of -0.6%, Emirates was up two positions to 5th. Qatar Airways continued to grow strongly at +9.2% and remained at 13th.

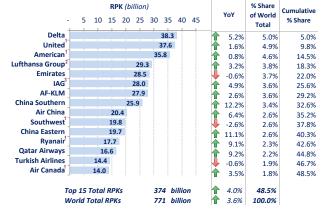
**Lufthansa** retained its position of **4th** and rose **+3.2%**. Both **IAG** and **AF-KLM** dropped 1 position to **6th** and **7th**, and grew moderately at **+4.9%** and **+2.6%**, respectively. **Ryanair** continued to show strong growth at **+9.1%** while stayed at **12th**. **Turkish Airlines** remained at **14th**, albeit contracted by **-0.6%**.

For the second consecutive month, both **China Southern** and **China Eastern** recorded double-digit growth and became the fastest growing Top15 airlines at the position of **8th** and **11th**. With a solid increase of **+6.4%**, **Air China** ranked 1 position up to **9th**.

World:

+4.1% YTD

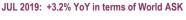
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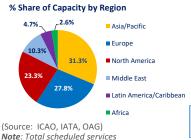


(Source: ICAO, airlines' websites)

**Note**: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

#### **CAPACITY BY REGION** (ICAO Statistical Regions)





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Worldwide capacity expanded by +3.2% YoY in July 2019. Overall capacity expansion moderated compared to the previous month, except for slight increases in Asia/Pacific, Latin America/Caribbean and the Middle East. Africa recorded the fastest capacity expansion, followed by Asia/Pacific. The Middle East continued to see slow growth.

The YTD capacity expansion was at +4.1%, with Europe recording the highest increase.

<sup>\*</sup> Embarked Passengers \*\* Loaded and Unloaded Freight inTonnes 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