

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JUL 2020: Air Transport Monthly Monitor

World Results and Analyses for MAY 2020. Total scheduled services (domestic and international).

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GLOBAL KEY FIGURES	MAY 2020 (versus MAY 2019)	OUTLOOK* - JUN 2020 (versus JUN 2019)					
	<b>RPK ▼</b> -91.3% <b>ASK ▼</b> -86.0% <b>FTK ▼</b> -20.3% <b>LF</b> : 50.7% <b>▼</b> -30.80 pt	ASK ▼ -78.7% * Source OAG					

# PASSENGER TRAFFIC

#### **Revenue Passenger-Kilometres** - RPK

World passenger traffic fell by -91.3% YoY in May 2020, +3.0 percentage points up from the decline in the previous month. Traffic in May started to show marginal improvement after hitting rock bottom in April. However, demand remained to be remarkably low since infections from virus continued to surge and lockdowns and travel restrictions were broadly unchanged globally. The little uptick was primarily attributed to the restart of domestic operations in certain countries, specifically in China who already reopened economy with steady recovery in domestic travel.



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

International passenger traffic fell by -98.3% YoY in May 2020, almost the same as the previous month. International air travel demand remained at trough suppressed by border closures and stringent quarantine measures enforced in most parts of the world which restricted cross-border travel.

The international tourist arrivals followed a similar trend as international passenger traffic and stayed standstill.



## FREIGHT TRAFFIC

ACRONYMS:

#### Freight Tonne-Kilometres - FTK

World freight traffic reported a decline of -20.3% YoY in May 2020, +7.4 percentage points up from the fall in the previous month. This upturn was owing to the slower contraction in manufacturing activity and export orders. The resilience in freight traffic compared to passenger traffic was supported by the transportation of medical supplies and essential goods amidst the pandemic. Air cargo demand, however, remained weak, facing significant challenges in tandem with the fallen global trade volumes and weakened global economy. All regions showed rebound in freight traffic with the biggest returns in Africa and Latin America/Caribbean; whereas, Asia/Pacific and Europe saw the most modest improvements with the latter being the weakest performing region.

# CAPACITY

#### Available Seat-Kilometres - ASK

Capacity worldwide fell by -86.0% YoY in May 2020, +1.0 percentage point up from the decline in the previous month (-87.0%).

With gradual ease of lockdowns and airlines slowly resuming flights, world capacity is expected to lift slightly in June 2020 to -78.7% contraction YoY.

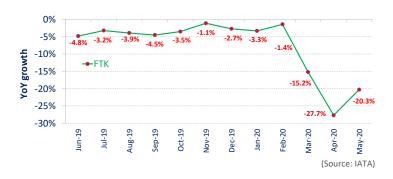


#### Load Factor - LF

The passenger Load Factor reached 50.7% in May 2020, +14.1 percentage points up from the previous month.

As a result of passenger traffic falling faster than capacity reduction, the May LF was -30.8 percentage points lower than the rate in the same period of 2019.





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

MAY 2020: -46.7%, -58.3%, and -2.2% YoY in terms of aircraft departures, passengers and freight for the Top 15

Airports (ranking by number of departures)	Departures	ΥοΥ	Airports (ranking by number of passengers)	Passengers*	ΥοΥ	Airports (ranking by tonnes of freight)	Freight**	ΥοΥ
Phoenix AZ, US (DVT)	17,811	-11.7%	Chengdu, CN (CTU)	1,471,917	-35.8%	Memphis TN, US (MEM)	409,310	7.9%
Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	13,615	-55.7%	Shenzhen, CN (SZX)	1,279,760	41.1% 🕂	Hong Kong SAR, CN (HKG)	374,000	-5.5%
Chengdu, CN (CTU)	12,650	-17.9%	Guangzhou, CN (CAN)	1,241,874	-58.2%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	333,538	11.3%
Guangzhou, CN (CAN)	12,582	-38.8%	Shanghai, CN (SHA)	1,068,278	45.0%	Anchorage AK, US (ANC)	274,591	16.0%
Shenzhen, CN (SZX)	12,311	-19.9%	Hangzhou, CN (HGH)	965,025	43.3%	Louisville KY, US (SDF)	224,188	-1.2%
Shanghai, CN (PVG)	12,042	-45.1%	Xi'An, CN (XIY)	820,118	-58.6%	Incheon, KR (ICN)	215,529	-2.4%
Chicago IL, US (ORD)	11,486	-71.2%	Jeju, KR (CJU)	808,499	40.5% 🗸	Miami FL, US (MIA)	181,128	-4.8%
Anchorage AK, US (ANC)	11,356	-6.4%	Beijing, CN (PEK)	806,261	-80.4%	Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	180,251	<b>1</b> 5.4%
Charlotte NC, US (CLT)	10,351	-57.9%	Kunming, CN (KMG)	801,727	-58.6%	Taipei, CN (TPE)	178,281	-2.5%
Long Beach CA, US (LGB)	10,260	-22.0%	Zhengzhou, CN (CGO)	786,635	-33.8%	Chicago IL, US (ORD)	155,591	4.0%
Denver CO, US (DEN)	9,829	-63.4%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	700,650	4 -78.7%	Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	153,214	-12.4%
Phoenix AZ, US (AZA)	9,721	-25.0%	Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	676,828	-79.4%	Doha, QA (DOH)	151,214	-20.3%
Atlanta GA, US (ATL)	9,421	-76.1%	Nanjing, CN (NKG)	652,848	49.3% 🕹	Guangzhou, CN (CAN)	138,243	4 -11.8%
Xi'An, CN (XIY)	9,310	-36.7%	Seoul, KR (GMP)	620,582	44.2% -44	Tokyo, JP (NRT)	137,837	-16.0%
Kunming, CN (KMG)	9,285	-36.7%	Xiamen, CN (XMN)	558,392	-51.4%	Paris, FR (CDG)	130,100	-24.1%

Note: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

In terms of **aircraft departures**, all the Top 15 airports reported declines with a combined fall of **-46.7%** YoY. All the Top 15 airports were either US or Chinese airports. **Phoenix (Deer Valley)** ranked **1st**, with a smaller decline of **-11.7%**, supported by general operations. **Atlanta**, once again, recorded the most significant fall of **-76.1%**, followed by **Chicago (-71.2%)**.

TOP 15 AIRLINE GROUPS (Ranked by RPK) MAY 2020: -82.1% YoY in terms of RPK for the Top 15

# In terms of RPK, the Top 15 airline groups accounted for 76.3% of the world's total RPK in May 2020 and declined by -82.1% YoY. This decline was +9.2 percentage points less than the world's average on scheduled services, with contraction in traffic of all airlines in the Top 15. Ranking of the Top 15 airlines continued to be distorted due to the different degree and phase of pandemic impact by region and country.

More than half of the Top 15 airlines were Chinese airlines, supported by the steady recovery in domestic air travel in the country. **China Southern, Air China**, and **China Eastern** remained the **Top 3** with traffic down ranging from -61.4% to -69.4%, improved from the previous month. Five others, **Hainan Airlines, Spring Airlines, Sichuan Airlines, Shandong Airlines** and **Junyao Airlines** ranked **5th, 8th, 10th, 11th** and **12th**, respectively.

Five US airlines ranked in the Top 15 with small uptick from the bottom low in April, albeit mostly still below 10% of the traffic seen in last year. **American** and **Southwest** rebounded relatively faster, and ranked **4th** and **6th**, respectively. This was followed by **Delta** and **United** at a slower pace. **Alaska Airlines** made it to the Top 15 and ranked **15th**.

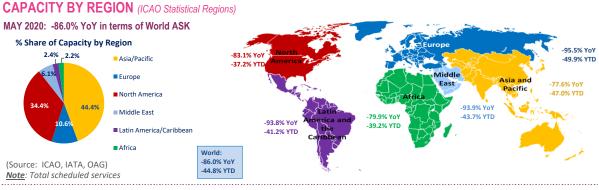
Recovery of airlines in Europe remained subdued, with **AF-KLM** and **Aeroflot** being the only two airlines from the region within the Top 15, with merely 5% of traffic performed in last year and ranked **13th** and **14th**, respectively.

In terms of **passengers**, the Top 15 airports slumped by -**58.3%** YoY. Twelve out of the Top 15 airports were Chinese airports, as the country's domestic travel was leading the recovery. **Chengdu** ranked **1st**, followed by **Shenzhen** and **Guangzhou**. Two airports in Republic of Korea, **Jeju** and **Seoul**, were also in the Top 15. **Dallas/Fort Worth** was the only airport from North America ranked in the Top 15. In terms of **freight**, the Top 15 airports reported a decline of **-2.2%** YoY. Majority of the Top 15 airports were in Asia/Pacific and US. Five airports recorded positive growth, with **Anchorage** and **Shanghai** growing double-digitally by **+16.0%** and **+11.3%**, respectively. **Memphis** ranked **1st** up by **+7.9%**, followed by **Hong Kong** with a fall of **-5.5%**.

**MAY 20** RPK (billion) % Share Cumulative of World 5 10 % Share Total China Southern -61.4% 14.9% 14.9% Air China 6.0 -69.1% 10.2% 25.1% China Eastern -69.4% 34.7% 9.5% American 3.9 -88.0% 6.7% 41.4% Hainan Airlines 36 -71.5% 47.4% 6.1% Southwest 3.3 -82.5% 5.6% 53.0% Delta 2.2 -93.5% 3.8% 56.8% Spring Airlines 2.1 -37.1% 3.5% 60.3% United 2.1 -93.7% 3.5% 63.8% Sichuan Airlines 2.0 -48.9% 3.4% 67.2% Shandong Airlines<sup>1</sup> 1.7 ł -32.0% 2.9% 70.1% Junyao Airlines 1.3 -55.9% 2.2% 72.3% AF-KLM 1.0 -96.1% 1.7% 74.0% Aeroflot 0.7 -94.2% 1.2% 75.3% Alaska Airlines<sup>1</sup> 0.6 -91 9% 1.1% 76.3% Top 15 Total RPKs 45 billion -82 1% 76.3% World Total RPKs ₽ 59 billion -91.3% 100.0%

(Source: ICAO, airlines' websites)

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\* Embarked Passengers \*\* Loaded and Unloaded Freight inTonnes 1. ICAO estimates

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Worldwide capacity contracted

**by -86.0% YoY in May 2020.** As many countries were still under lockdown and kept border closed, airlines continued to ground fleet and reduce capacity to cope with the drastic fall in air travel demand.

Capacity plunge was observed in all regions, with the steepest fall seen in Europe, the Middle East and Latin America/Caribbean, as was the case in April.

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(Source: ACI)