

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JUL 2022: Air Transport Monthly Monitor

World Results and Analyses for MAY 2022. Total scheduled services (domestic and international).

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GLOBAL KEY FIGURES

MAY 2022

(versus MAY 2019)

RPK V -31.3% ASK V -28.9% CTK V -2.0%

LF: 79.1%

7 -2 4%

ASK 7 -24.8%

OUTLOOK* - JUN 2022

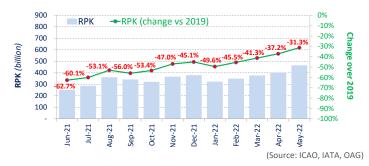
(versus JUN 2019) * Source OAG

PASSENGER TRAFFIC

Revenue Passenger-Kilometres - RPK

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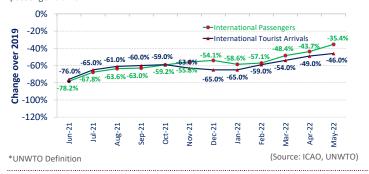
World passenger traffic in May 2022 was -31.3% below the 2019 level, +5.9 percentage points up from the decline in the previous month. Air travel recovery continued to accelerate, driven by the strong international travel rebound. The pent-up travel demand has been defying the challenging economic backdrop of high inflation and fuel prices. Domestic traffic recovery was moderate, affected by the decline in Chinese domestic market. All regions, except for North America, recorded traffic improvements compared to the previous month.



International Passengers vs. Tourist Arrivals

International passenger numbers in May 2022 was -35.4% below the 2019 level, +8.3 percentage points up from the decline in the previous month. International air travel recovery improved across all regions, except for Latina America/Caribbean. The Middle East registered the most significant month-on-month improvement.

The recovery in international tourist arrivals followed the similar trend as international passenger traffic.



CAPACITY

Available Seat-Kilometres - ASK

Capacity worldwide in May 2022 was -28.9% below the 2019 level, ± 4.0 percentage points up from the decline in the previous month (-32.9%).

As air travel recovery continues, capacity offered in June is expected to increase to -24.8% down from the 2019 level.



Load Factor - LF

The passenger Load Factor reached 79.1% in May 2022, +1.3 percentage points higher than the previous month.

Load factor climbed to pre-pandemic level, and the May level was merely -2.4 percentage points down compared to May 2019.

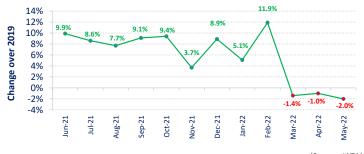


CARGO TRAFFIC

ACRONYMS

Cargo Tonne-Kilometres - CTK

World cargo traffic in May 2022 was -2.0% below the 2019 level, -1.0 percentage point down from the decline in the previous month. Air cargo traffic remained on a sideways trend with a deterioration in the decline. The volatility in cargo traffic was attributed to multiple macroeconomic factors such as the softening in global trade and the ongoing disruptions on supply chain due to the war. Whereas Europe saw the most noticeable deterioration, Asia/Pacific was the only region recording month-onmonth improvements, owing to the increasing manufacturing activities as the lockdown in China was eased. Despite the slowdown, North America and Africa continued to post positive growth over the pre-pandemic level.



(Source: IATA)



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

MAY 2022: -9.4%, -11.4%, and +1.6% (vs. 2019) in terms of aircraft movements, passengers and freight for the Top 15

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(Source: ACI)

Airports	Movements	vs. 2019	Airports (ranking by number of passengers)	Passengers*	vs.2019	Airports (ranking by tonnes of freight)	Freight**	vs. 2019
Chicago IL, US (ORD)	62,287	-22.0%	Atlanta GA, US (ATL)	8,398,234	↓ -15.1%	Hong Kong SAR, CN (HKG)	363,000	-8.3%
Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	56,913	↓ -7.3%	Dallas/Fort Worth TX, US (DFW)	6,637,523	1.2%	Memphis TN, US (MEM)	329,489	↓ -13.1%
Atlanta GA, US (ATL)	56,891	-27.8%	Chicago IL, US (ORD)	6,095,049	↓ -20.3%	Anchorage AK, US (ANC)	301,412	1 27.4%
Las Vegas NV, US (LAS)	51,487	1 22.2%	Denver CO, US (DEN)	5,982,477	↓ -1.0%	Incheon, KR (ICN)	254,390	15.2%
Denver CO, US (DEN)	50,614	-5.6%	Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	5,835,467	↓ -23.4%	Louisville KY, US (SDF)	230,907	1.8%
Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	48,721	-16.3%	Istanbul, TR (IST)	5,661,151	1 8.1%	Taipei, CN (TPE)	221,850	11.4%
Charlotte NC, US (CLT)	42,267	-14.1%	London, GB (LHR)	5,341,644	↓ -21.1%	Los Angeles CA, US (LAX)	208,270	11.8%
Miami FL, US (MIA)	40,885	1 7.8%	New Delhi, IN (DEL)	5,238,965	-0.8%	Shanghai, CN (PVG)	197,996	-33.9%
Amsterdam, NL (AMS)	40,691	-12.5%	Paris, FR (CDG)	5,227,412	↓ -19.1%	Miami FL, US (MIA)	196,103	1.1%
New York NY, US (JFK)	38,516	↓ -2.7%	Amsterdam, NL (AMS)	5,217,649	↓ -19.0%	Tokyo, JP (NRT)	194,948	1 8.9%
Istanbul, TR (IST)	37,578	1 3.8%	New York NY, US (JFK)	4,769,615	↓ -14.6%	Paris, FR (CDG)	190,164	10.9%
Newark NJ, US (EWR)	37,497	↓ -0.2%	Dubai, AE (DXB)	4,724,229	↓ -9.1%	Doha, QA (DOH)	190,088	1 0.2%
Paris, FR (CDG)	37,104	-15.4%	Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	4,580,326	↓ -26.4%	Chicago IL, US (ORD)	181,293	1 21.2%
New Delhi, IN (DEL)	37,076	↓ -1.3%	Las Vegas NV, US (LAS)	4,580,140	↓ -0.5%	Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	165,858	↓ -5.1%
Frankfurt, DE (FRA)	36,565	-20.8%	Miami FL, US (MIA)	4,455,699	1 7.6%	Singapore, SG (SIN)	153,400	-10.7%

Note: Total scheduled and non-scheduled services

In terms of aircraft movements, the Top 15 airports reported a combined fall of -9.4%, compared to 2019. Ten out of the Top 15 airports were US airports. Chicago overtook Atlanta and ranked 1st, albeit with a decline of -22.0%. Atlanta became 3rd and recorded the largest decline of -27.8%. Three airports posted increases, i.e. Las Vegas, Miami, and Istanbul.

In terms of passengers, the Top 15 airports posted a total fall of -11.4%, compared to 2019. Over half of the Top 15 airports were US airports. Atlanta remained 1st with a decline of -15.1%. The largest fall was recorded by Frankfurt at -26.4%, followed by Los Angeles (-23.4%) and London Heathrow (-21.1%). Three airports posted increases, i.e. Miami, Istanbul, and Dallas/Fort Worth.

In terms of **freight**, the Top 15 airports reported an increase of **+1.6%**, compared to 2019. Ten out of the Top 15 airports posted increase, including seven with double-digital growth. **Anchorage** recorded the strongest growth at **+27.4%**, followed by **Los Angeles** at **+21.8%**. **Shanghai** recorded the largest fall of **-33.9%**, followed by **Memphis** at **-13.1%**.

TOP 15 AIRLINE GROUPS (Ranked by RPK)

MAY 2022: -15.3% (vs. 2019) in terms of RPK for the Top 15

In terms of RPK, the Top 15 airline groups accounted for 53.9% of the world's total RPK in May 2022 and declined by -15.3% compared to 2019. This decline was 16 percentage points smaller than the fall in world's average RPK.

With the continued ease of travel restrictions and pent-up demand, the Top 15 airlines saw smaller declines compared to the previous month. Due to the lingering lockdown, the major Chinese airlines were still out of the Top 15 list.

The U.S. airlines retained the Top 3 positions, with **American** at **1st**, followed by **United** and **Delta**. Rankings of **Southwest**, **Jetblue** and **Alaska**, however, dropped slightly.

Airlines in Europe continued to show improvements supported by the surge in international travel, especially the Within Europe traffic. Both IAG and Lufthansa moved up 1 position from 4th to 5th

Performance of airlines in the Middle East were relatively stable. **Emirates** maintained the **8th** position, while **Qatar** dropped 1 position to **11th**.

Singapore Airlines re-appeared in the Top 15 for the first time since the pandemic and ranked **14th** with a decline of **-36.2%** in RPK from the 2019 level.

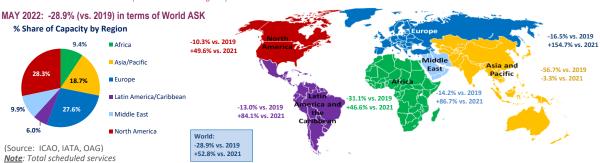
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(Source: ICAO, airlines' websites)

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CAPACITY BY REGION (ICAO Statistical Regions)



Worldwide capacity contracted by -28.9% in May 2022, compared to 2019. Airlines continued to increase capacity in tandem with the rebound in travel demand.

All regions posted smaller declines in capacity compared to the previous month. The most significant month-on-month improvement was recorded by the Middle East followed by Africa.