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WORLD AIR CARGO INDICATORS 2024

A demand-led year: more freight, flown farther, in fuller aircraft.

60.8 M ↑ +8.4%
tonnes of freight

243.7 bn ↑ +11.0%
freight tonne-km (FTK)

3.8 bn ↑ +15.0%
mail tonne-km (MTK)

510.3 bn ↑ +7.3%
cargo available tonne-km (CATK)

48.3% ↑ +1.7 pp
cargo load factor (CLF)

WHY FTK GREW 11%

More cargo, flown farther

+8.4% more tonnes 60.8 M t × **+2.4%** longer average haul 3,916 → 4,010 km = **+11.0%** freight tonne-km 243.7 bn

FREIGHT PER DEPARTURE

TOTAL (INTL + DOM)
1.58 → **1.62 t**
+3.1% vs 2023

INTERNATIONAL
3.20 → **3.19 t**
−0.4% vs 2023

International departures grew faster (**+11.2%**) than international freight tonnes (**+10.7%**), as passenger flights recovered.

HOW FULL WERE THE HOLDS?

48.3%

48 of every 100 tonne-km of cargo space sold

50.8% international

36.3% domestic

HOW FAR DID IT FLY?

5,233 km intl. average haul

1,523 km domestic average haul

WHERE CARGO FLIES · INTL FTK SHARE AND CLF

Asia and Pacific	37.6%	61%
Europe	26.0%	51%
Middle East	16.5%	52%
North America	14.1%	37%
Latin Am. & Caribbean	3.2%	43%
Africa	2.6%	37%

Dark: CLF above world average (50.8%).

AIR CARGO AND THE ECONOMY

Four times faster than trade

International FTK	+12.0%
International tonnes	+10.7%
World trade volume (IMF)	+3.6%
World GDP (IMF)	+3.3%
Goods trade volume (WTO)	+2.8%

BUSIEST CORRIDORS

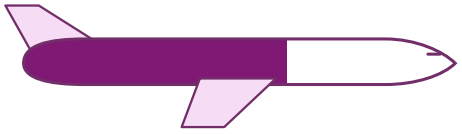
tonnes, both directions

- **Intra-Asia-Pacific** 6.76 Mt +19.8%
- **Asia-Pacific – Europe** 5.03 Mt +21.6%
- **Asia-Pacific – N. America** 4.79 Mt +9.8%
- **China – United States** 1.40 Mt +17.6%

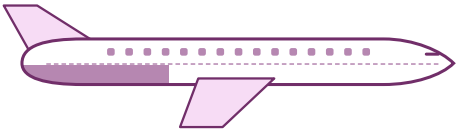
BELLY VS FREIGHTERS

Only 1 in 35 flights, but almost half of the freight

FREIGHTER 61% full



PASSENGER AIRCRAFT · BELLY HOLD 34% full



Share of international flights operated by freighters	2.9%
Share of international FTK performed by freighters	42–49%

Sources: ICAO Annual Report of the Council 2024 (tables 1–6); ICAO Forms A, B, C; WTO; IMF. **Definitions:** CATK = ATK − 0.1 × ASK (non-positive excluded); CLF = (FTK + MTK) ÷ CATK; freight per departure = tonnes ÷ aircraft departures; freighter FTK share 42% (all) to 49% (reported records).