



# GLOBAL AVIATION MONITOR

## July 2024

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Statistical Report of Global, European and German Air Transport



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# The Global Aviation Monitor

The Global Aviation Monitor is a statistical report series from the Institute of Air Transport of the German Aerospace Center, which serves as a supplement to various statistics, such as those from the Federal Statistical Office or the German Airports Association (ADV).

It provides monthly reports on the supply of flights in Germany, Europe, and worldwide. The development of flights over the last fifteen months is presented in the form of a time series. Additionally, there is a monthly ranking of the largest airports and airlines in Germany, Europe, and worldwide, which are compared to the values of the previous year. The data is released during each month and represents the planned data for the current month.

This report fills a gap that is of interest to both airports and airlines in assessing their position on a global scale. It is of interest to policy-makers, administrators, industry stakeholders, and tourism offices to gauge the performance of their region. In the event of significant changes, it is worthwhile to examine closely what has caused them. Due to its monthly updates, the report can serve as a leading indicator for trends and developments.



The report is being developed at the Air Transport Development department of the DLR-Institute of Air Transport. The department develops and applies methods for analysing and forecasting air transport at various levels (global, national, regional, airport-specific).

## Number of Monthly departures in July 2024

Departures at major global airports increased in July 2024

In July 2024, 24 of the world's 25 largest airports see increased departures compared to the previous year. North America's six largest airports lead, with Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson as the busiest, at 34,000 departures. Shanghai Pudong and Guangzhou in Asia rank 7th and 8th, while Istanbul representing Europe is 9th, and Frankfurt 17th.

This figure shows the twenty-five largest **airports worldwide**, measured in passenger flights.

Tab. 1: Number of monthly departures at the largest airports in the world

Rank	Airport	07/2024	Growth rate
1	Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson Intl	33,946	2.0
2	Dallas/Fort Worth Intl	33,400	10.9
3	Chicago O'Hare International	33,140	8.7
4	Denver Intl	30,464	6.3
5	Charlotte	24,098	12.1
6	Los Angeles International	23,406	1.0
7	Shanghai Pudong International	22,339	16.9
8	Guangzhou	22,244	9.7
9	Istanbul	21,665	1.5
10	Tokyo Haneda	21,089	3.1
11	London Heathrow	21,075	3.8
12	Amsterdam	20,765	3.7
13	Seattle/Tacoma International	20,574	8.3
14	Paris Charles de Gaulle	20,042	5.8
15	New York J F Kennedy	19,989	1.5
16	Delhi	19,412	8.6
17	Frankfurt	19,276	0.7
18	Houston George Bush	19,239	9.9
19	Beijing Capital	18,747	13.6
20	Dubai	18,430	5.3
21	Las Vegas McCarran International	18,034	2.0
22	Boston Logan International	17,894	9.2
23	Shenzhen	17,710	9.0
24	Tenerife Sur Reina Sofia	17,709	12.2
25	Newark Liberty International	17,449	-0.1

Source: DLR

This table shows the twenty-five largest **European airports**, measured in passenger flights.

Tab. 2: Number of monthly departures at the largest airports in Europe

Rank	Airport	07/2024	Growth rate
1	Istanbul	21,665	1.5
2	London Heathrow	21,075	3.8
3	Amsterdam	20,765	3.7
4	Paris Charles de Gaulle	20,042	5.8
5	Frankfurt	19,276	0.7
6	Madrid Barajas	17,362	9.5
7	Rome Fiumicino	15,857	21.9
8	Barcelona	15,413	8.3
9	Munich	14,331	8.7
10	Palma Mallorca	13,877	5.6
11	London Gatwick	13,350	-1.8
12	Athens Intl Eleftherios Venizelos	13,296	11.8
13	Antalya	12,359	5.1
14	Moscow Sheremetyevo	12,027	22.3
15	Vienna	11,314	6.0
16	Zurich	11,183	5.3
17	Dublin	11,180	3.2
18	Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen	10,845	4.0
19	Copenhagen	10,360	8.7
20	Paris Orly	10,177	1.7
21	Lisbon	10,162	-0.4
22	Manchester International	9,494	8.4
23	Oslo	9,045	3.1
24	Milan Malpensa	8,701	5.6
25	London Stansted	8,354	3.1

Source: DLR

## European top airports in July 2024

The busiest European airports for passenger flights in July 2024 are Istanbul, London Heathrow, Amsterdam, Paris, and Frankfurt, each with over 19,000 scheduled departures.

## Ranking by Airports Globally, for Europe and Germany

The twenty-five largest **German airports** are listed below, measured in passenger flights.

Tab. 3: Number of monthly departures at the largest airports in Germany

Rank	Airport	07/2024	Growth rate
1	Frankfurt	19,276	0.7
2	Munich	14,331	8.7
3	Berlin	7,805	8.1
4	Dusseldorf	7,248	0.0
5	Hamburg	5,316	5.4
6	Stuttgart	3,650	3.1
7	Cologne/Bonn	3,533	-2.1
8	Hanover	1,938	9.9
9	Nuremberg	1,537	2.8
10	Memmingen	900	9.8
11	Dortmund	834	-6.1
12	Bremen	754	-1.4
13	Leipzig/Halle	721	3.7
14	Weeze	681	21.6
15	Munster	608	16.7
16	Hahn	541	10.2
17	Karlsruhe/Baden Baden	512	-2.8
18	Dresden	435	0.7
19	Paderborn	318	9.7
20	Saarbrücken	185	-4.1
21	Westerland	162	-8.0
22	Friedrichshafen	49	-68.0
23	Luebeck	45	-61.2
24	Erfurt	44	100.0
25	Kassel	34	-34.6

Source: DLR

## Mixed trends in German airport departures for July 2024

In Germany, most major airports see an increase in departures in July 2024. Frankfurt remains the largest, followed by Munich, Berlin, and Düsseldorf. Smaller airports like Memmingen, Weeze, and Hahn experience significant growth due to low-cost carriers operating there. In contrast, very small airports such as Lübeck and Friedrichshafen see a significant decline in departures.

## Number of Monthly departures in July 2024

### Global airlines expand passenger flights in July 2024

In July 2024, most major airlines worldwide expand their number of scheduled passenger flights. American Airlines leads with approximately 195,000 departures, while Lufthansa ranks 13th with 38,500 departures. Turkish Airlines experiences a sharp decline, partly due to flights shifting to its newly founded subsidiary Ajeta. Comparisons with the previous year must consider special factors such as vacations or public holidays, which influence flight availability significantly.

### Ryanair tops European flight numbers in July 2024

Ryanair offers the largest number of passenger flights in Europe in July 2024, with nearly 104,000 departures, representing an 8% growth compared to last year. easyJet follows with around 57,000 departures. Wizz Air shows a decline, partly due to flights shifting to its subsidiary, Wizz Malta.

This figure shows the **world's** twenty-five **largest airlines**, measured in passenger flights.

Tab. 4: Number of monthly departures by the largest airlines in the world

Rank	Airline	07/2024	Growth rate
1	American Airlines	194,754	9.2
2	Delta Air Lines	154,030	5.3
3	United Airlines	142,950	6.4
4	Southwest Airlines	131,227	1.1
5	Ryanair	106,352	8.2
6	China Eastern Airlines	80,786	8.6
7	China Southern Airlines	76,892	4.5
8	IndiGo Air	62,942	8.0
9	easyJet	57,479	2.7
10	Air China	55,639	7.2
11	Lan Airlines	47,901	6.0
12	Alaska Airlines	40,903	10.4
13	Lufthansa German Airlines	38,506	-0.4
14	Turkish Airlines	36,364	-26.9
15	Air Canada	35,785	-1.2
16	All Nippon Airways	32,363	-0.1
17	Aeroflot Russian Airlines	31,863	24.2
18	JetBlue Airways Corporation	28,590	-6.5
19	Azul	28,223	1.9
20	British Airways	27,698	5.0
21	Spirit Airlines	27,157	10.6
22	Japan Airlines International	26,829	0.9
23	Air France	26,266	2.5
24	Hainan Airlines	26,171	8.2
25	Shenzhen Airlines	25,490	4.7

Source: DLR

This table ranks the twenty-five **airlines** that offer the most passenger flights in **Germany**.

Tab. 6: Number of monthly departures by the largest airlines in Germany from German airports

Rank	Airline	07/2024	Growth rate
1	Lufthansa German Airlines	23,058	-1.1
2	Eurowings	9,545	4.4
3	Ryanair	5,148	6.9
4	SunExpress	2,782	8.0
5	Condor Flugdienst	2,613	5.6
6	Air Dolomiti	2,184	22.9
7	easyJet	1,331	8.6
8	KLM-Royal Dutch Airlines	1,305	-0.7
9	Pegasus Airlines	1,288	5.8
10	TUIfly	1,281	11.5
11	Austrian Airlines AG	1,131	-1.7
12	Eurowings Discover	1,107	63.0
13	Turkish Airlines	1,084	-36.5
14	British Airways	965	1.6
15	Swiss	913	2.5
16	Wizz Air	734	-25.9
17	Air France	714	-1.2
18	Corendon	631	8.8
19	Wizz Air Malta	624	11.2
20	Aegean Airlines	579	9.7
21	United Airlines	496	-8.5
22	Marabu Airlines	488	7.3
23	Iberia	455	18.5
24	Ajet	436	----
25	LOT - Polish Airlines	428	10.0

Source: DLR

### Leading airlines in Germany: Lufthansa, Eurowings, and Ryanair

In July 2024, the airline with the largest number of flights in Germany is Lufthansa, with around 23,000 departures. Eurowings follows with more than 9,000 departures, and Ryanair with over 5,000 departures. Eurowings Discover increases its flight capacity from around 680 scheduled departures last year to over 1,100 this year. There is a slight decline at Lufthansa, partly offset by the new Lufthansa subsidiary, Lufthansa City Airlines.

The twenty-five **airlines in Europe** with the most passenger flights are listed below.

Tab. 5: Number of monthly departures by the largest airlines in Europe from European airports

Rank	Airline	07/2024	Growth rate
1	Ryanair	103,929	8.1
2	easyJet	56,571	2.2
3	Lufthansa German Airlines	35,654	-0.3
4	Turkish Airlines	30,699	-28.8
5	Aeroflot Russian Airlines	24,810	21.8
6	British Airways	24,274	5.0
7	Air France	22,211	2.5
8	Vueling Airlines	21,661	0.7
9	KLM-Royal Dutch Airlines	20,707	2.8
10	Iberia	19,335	8.4
11	Eurowings	18,393	4.5
12	SAS Scandinavian Airlines	18,128	-1.0
13	Pegasus Airlines	17,541	6.0
14	Jet2.com	14,282	11.3
15	Wizz Air Malta	13,008	25.9
16	Alitalia	12,793	13.9
17	Swiss	12,668	8.0
18	Ajet	12,002	----
19	Wizz Air	11,985	-17.9
20	Austrian Airlines AG	11,629	6.9
21	Aegean Airlines	11,379	24.6
22	SunExpress	10,872	14.8
23	Aer Lingus	9,876	3.9
24	TAP Air Portugal	9,595	-3.4
25	Finnair	9,418	14.6

Source: DLR

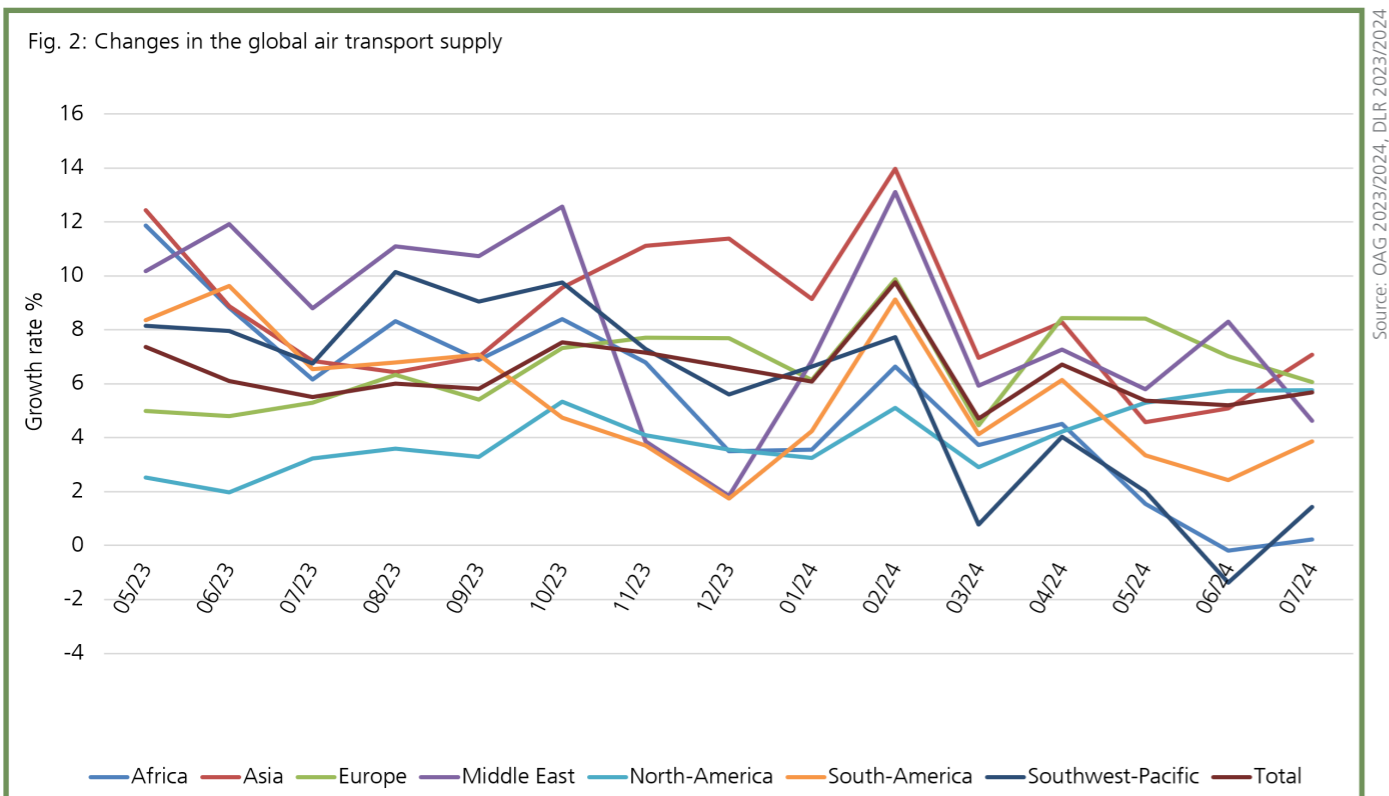
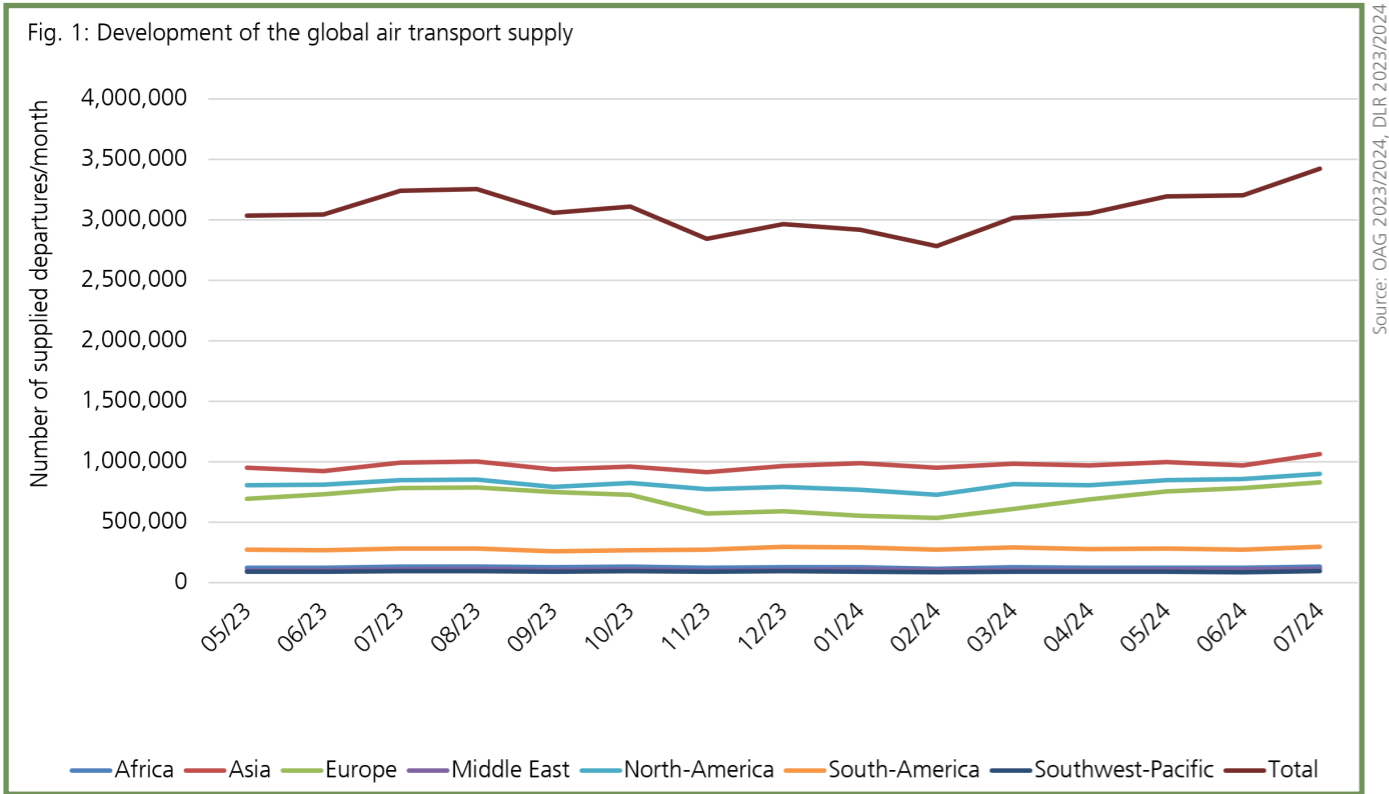
## Ranking by Airlines Globally, for Europe and Germany



# Number of Monthly departures and growth rate

## Global and German air traffic trends in July 2024

The following diagrams show the development of global and German flight capacity over the last fifteen months, both worldwide and in the individual region.



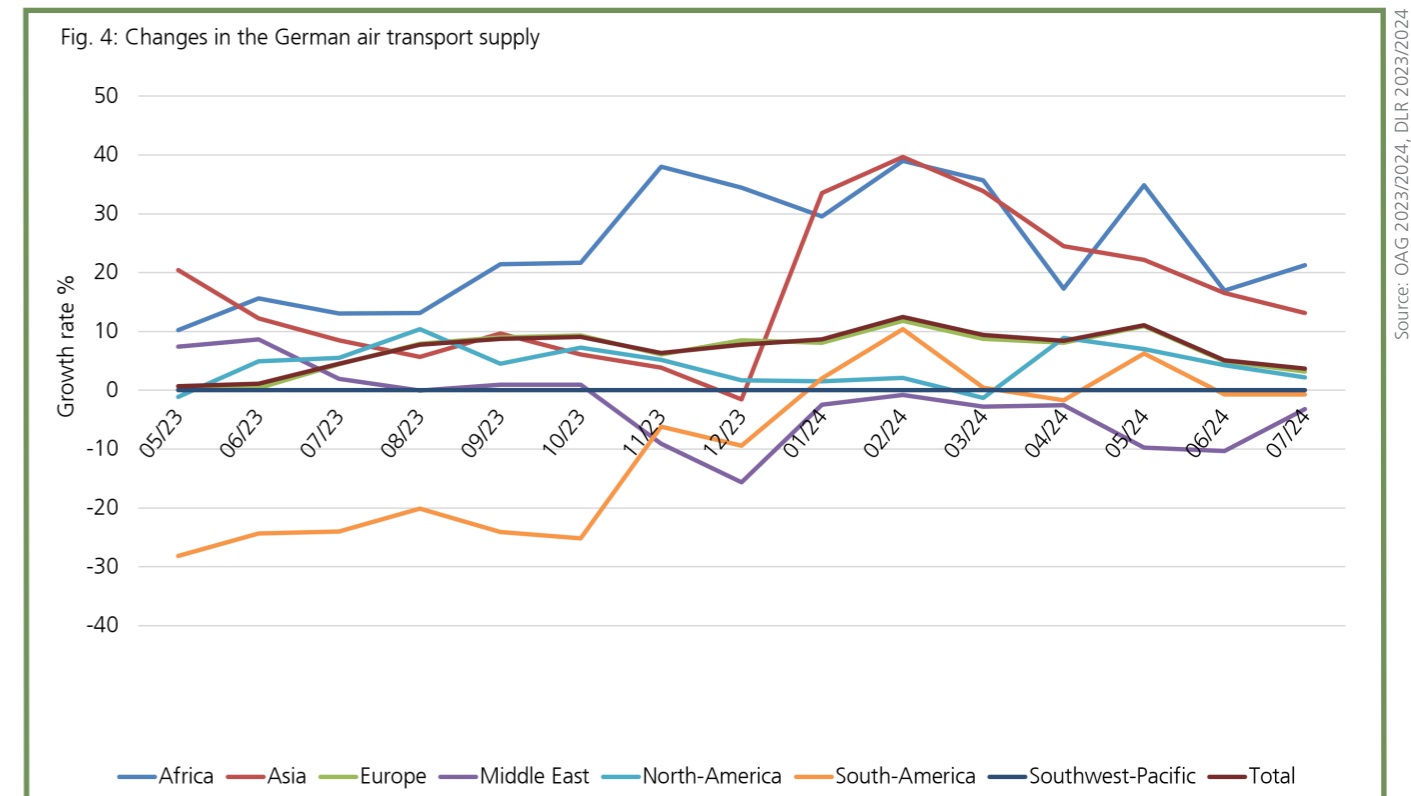
# Development Globally and for Germany

Fig. 1-2: **Global scheduled passenger flights increase in July 2024**

In July 2024, the number of scheduled passenger flights worldwide increases by around 5.7% compared to the previous year, totaling 3.4 million departures. The regions with the highest volumes are Asia, North America, and Europe. Asia shows the strongest growth at 7%.

Fig. 3-4: **Passenger air traffic in Germany sees growth in July 2024**

In Germany, more than 71,000 scheduled passenger departures are offered in July 2024, marking a 3.7% increase compared to last year. Over 63,000 flights are destined for European airports.



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