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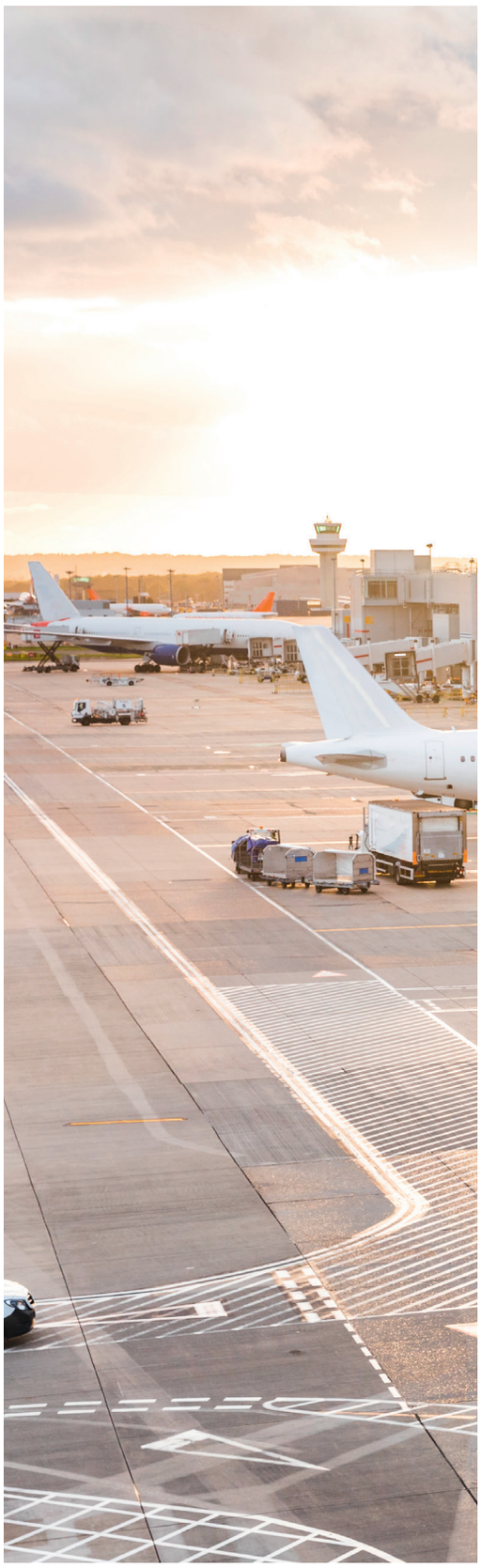
The DLR Global Aviation Monitor

The Global Aviation Monitor is a statistical report series from the DLR 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 Institute of Air Transport provides further advanced forecasting capabilities. Combining established statistical techniques with innovative modelling approaches and a broad dataset, it delivers short-, medium-, and long-term forecasts on passenger and cargo traffic, airport capacity, fleet development, and route networks. These insights support strategic decision-making for stakeholders across the sector, reinforcing the institute's role in shaping future air transport planning at regional and global levels.



The report is being developed at the Air Transport Development department of the DLR Institute of Air Transport.

Global air traffic and emissions are projected to rise in the coming decades, driving the need for sustainable technological advancements. The department researches forecasting methods to anticipate demand and supply across different regions and aircraft types. These forecasts support strategic planning for infrastructure, connectivity, and environmental measures. By combining ecological, economic, and social factors, the department assesses new technologies and develops scenarios and roadmaps to guide the aviation sector towards climate-compatible growth.

Number of Monthly Departures in June 2025

Ranking by Airports Globally, for Europe & Germany

Global Departure Growth at Major Airports

At 22 of the world's 25 busiest airports worldwide, the number of scheduled departures increased in June 2025 compared to the previous year. The six largest airports are located in North America, with Chicago leading the ranking at approximately 36,700 departures. In 8th and 9th place are the Asian airports Guangzhou and Shanghai Pudong, while the European hubs Istanbul and London Heathrow rank 7th and 10th respectively. Frankfurt ranks 14th worldwide.

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	06/2025	Growth rate
1	Chicago O'Hare International	36,681	13.2
2	Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson Intl	34,233	3.3
3	Dallas/Fort Worth Intl	32,367	1.3
4	Denver Intl	30,302	2.3
5	Los Angeles International	22,648	1.5
6	Charlotte	22,599	-3.7
7	Istanbul	22,521	7.9
8	Guangzhou	21,540	6.2
9	Shanghai Pudong International	20,958	4.9
10	London Heathrow	20,196	0.6
11	Amsterdam	19,900	0.2
12	Tokyo Haneda	19,811	1.4
13	Seattle/Tacoma International	19,607	1.3
14	Frankfurt	19,467	5.9
15	Paris Charles de Gaulle	19,362	1.9
16	New York J F Kennedy	19,034	0.8
17	Houston George Bush	18,706	-1.4
18	Dubai	18,362	3.8
19	Delhi	18,233	-2.2
20	Beijing Capital	17,894	2.2
21	Las Vegas McCarran International	17,811	1.7
22	Shenzhen	17,208	3.8
23	Boston Logan International	17,136	1.6
24	Phoenix Sky Harbor Intl	17,018	1.2
25	San Francisco International	16,742	19.7

Source: DLR

Europe's Leading Hubs Show Upward Trend

The busiest European airports in terms of scheduled passenger flights in June 2025 were Istanbul, London Heathrow, Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Paris, each recording over 19,000 departures. All these airports showed a positive year-on-year trend.

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	06/2025	Growth rate
1	Istanbul	22,521	7.9
2	London Heathrow	20,196	0.6
3	Amsterdam	19,900	0.2
4	Frankfurt	19,467	5.9
5	Paris Charles de Gaulle	19,362	1.9
6	Madrid Barajas	16,583	0.0
7	Barcelona	15,333	4.6
8	Rome Fiumicino	15,084	1.9
9	Munich	14,795	5.2
10	Palma Mallorca	12,939	2.3
11	Athens Intl Eleftherios Venizelos	12,685	4.3
12	London Gatwick	12,151	-3.0
13	Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen	11,711	13.5
14	Antalya	11,284	-1.3
15	Dublin	11,152	4.6
16	Moscow Sheremetyevo	11,047	-1.6
17	Copenhagen	11,044	7.2
18	Vienna	11,015	2.0
19	Zurich	10,898	3.0
20	Paris Orly	10,156	4.7
21	Lisbon	9,778	1.3
22	Oslo	9,138	-0.8
23	Manchester International	9,012	0.5
24	Milan Malpensa	8,794	9.6
25	Stockholm Arlanda	8,607	8.1

Source: DLR

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

Rank	Airport	06/2025	Growth rate
1	Frankfurt	19,467	5.9
2	Munich	14,795	5.2
3	Berlin	7,986	1.5
4	Dusseldorf	7,183	2.2
5	Hamburg	5,039	-2.6
6	Stuttgart	3,747	6.1
7	Cologne/Bonn	3,264	-2.6
8	Hanover	1,889	-2.1
9	Nuremberg	1,662	11.5
10	Memmingen	979	14.2
11	Dortmund	824	2.1
12	Bremen	821	10.2
13	Leipzig/Halle	702	2.9
14	Weeze	674	6.8
15	Karlsruhe/Baden Baden	633	30.5
16	Hahn	582	10.9
17	Munster	452	-24.4
18	Dresden	424	4.7
19	Paderborn	204	-35.2
20	Westerland	149	-5.1
21	Saarbrucken	125	-32.8
22	Erfurt	111	146.7
23	Friedrichshafen	84	75.0
24	Luebeck	38	-13.6
25	Kassel	27	-34.1

Source: DLR

German Airports: Positive Momentum Overall

Frankfurt remained Germany's busiest airport with around 19,500 departures. With the exception of Hamburg, Cologne, and Hanover, nearly all major German airports reported growth in June 2025. Airports primarily served by low-cost carriers—such as Karlsruhe, Hahn, and Memmingen—recorded particularly strong growth rates. In contrast, smaller airports like Munster and Paderborn experienced a decline in departures.

Here, the twenty-five largest **German airports** are listed, measured in passenger flights.

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

Rank	Airline	06/2025	Growth rate
1	American Airlines	197,656	5.3
2	Delta Air Lines	158,307	6.4
3	United Airlines	148,853	8.7
4	Southwest Airlines	125,777	-1.2
5	Ryanair	105,870	3.6
6	China Eastern Airlines	71,413	-0.5
7	China Southern Airlines	67,643	-2.2
8	IndiGo Air	66,226	9.2
9	easyJet	54,437	0.0
10	Air China	50,803	-0.7
11	LATAM Airlines	46,733	6.9
12	Alaska Airlines	40,453	5.2
13	Turkish Airlines	37,663	6.7
14	Lufthansa German Airlines	35,732	-4.7
15	Air Canada	33,447	0.3
16	All Nippon Airways	29,438	2.0
17	Aeroflot Russian Airlines	28,886	-1.8
18	British Airways	26,649	1.1
19	JetBlue Airways Corporation	26,336	-3.8
20	Air France	25,714	0.9
21	Japan Airlines International	25,548	-0.7
22	Azul	25,332	-2.9
23	Hainan Airlines	23,155	5.0
24	Qantas Airways	22,952	0.5
25	SAS Scandinavian Airlines	22,396	12.2

Source: DLR

Ranking by Airlines Globally, for Europe & Germany

Major Airlines Expand, Low-Cost Carriers Mixed

Most of the world's major airlines increased their number of scheduled passenger flights in June 2025. Some low-cost carriers such as Southwest, JetBlue, and Azul recorded declines. American Airlines operated the highest number of flights with nearly 197,700 departures. Lufthansa ranked 14th with around 35,700 departures, reflecting a downward trend. When comparing with the previous year, factors such as public holidays or school vacations should be considered, as they may impact monthly flight volumes.

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

Number of Monthly Departures in June 2025

Ranking by Airlines Globally, for Europe & Germany

Ryanair Leads in European Flights

Ryanair offered the highest number of flights in Europe in June 2025, with nearly 103,200 departures—an increase of 3.3% compared to the previous year. easyJet ranked second with approximately 53,000 departures.

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

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

Rank	Airline	06/2025	Growth rate
1	Ryanair	103,164	3.3
2	easyJet	53,050	-0.5
3	Lufthansa German Airlines	33,225	-4.7
4	Turkish Airlines	31,757	6.7
5	British Airways	23,420	1.4
6	Aeroflot Russian Airlines	22,535	-2.8
7	Air France	22,124	0.9
8	SAS Scandinavian Airlines	21,998	12.3
9	Vueling Airlines	20,464	2.6
10	KLM-Royal Dutch Airlines	20,194	0.5
11	Pegasus Airlines	18,665	12.2
12	Eurowings	17,825	1.4
13	Iberia	17,592	-3.5
14	Jet2.com	14,198	5.1
15	Wizz Air Malta	12,425	8.7
16	Ajet	12,384	7.8
17	Wizz Air	12,377	14.9
18	Swiss	12,113	1.1
19	Austrian Airlines AG	11,320	1.0
20	SunExpress	10,964	13.6
21	Aegean Airlines	10,954	4.0
22	Wideroe's Flyveselskap	10,287	5.3
23	ITA Airways	10,034	-14.7
24	Aer Lingus	9,937	4.2
25	Finnair	9,391	2.9

Source: DLR

Lufthansa Remains Germany's Leading Carrier

In Germany, Lufthansa operated the highest number of flights in June 2025, with around 21,700 departures. Eurowings followed with over 9,200, and Ryanair with approximately 4,700. While Ryanair continues to expand its network across Europe, the airline reduced its flights in Germany by more than 6% compared to June 2024. The decline in Lufthansa's figures is partly due to the transfer of operations to its new subsidiary, Lufthansa City Airline.

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	06/2025	Growth rate
1	Lufthansa German Airlines	21,677	-4.7
2	Eurowings	9,241	0.4
3	Ryanair	4,685	-6.6
4	Condor Flugdienst	3,026	24.3
5	SunExpress	2,792	14.5
6	Air Dolomiti	2,431	20.8
7	easyJet	1,737	18.0
8	Pegasus Airlines	1,461	16.6
9	KLM-Royal Dutch Airlines	1,280	-6.0
10	Austrian Airlines AG	1,278	4.7
11	Swiss	1,275	33.9
12	TUIfly	1,204	-1.2
13	Eurowings Discover	1,132	8.6
14	Turkish Airlines	1,124	11.4
15	Air France	987	1.2
16	British Airways	908	-0.1
17	Wizz Air	906	29.8
18	Lufthansa City Airlines	858	----
19	Wizz Air Malta	756	31.3
20	SAS Scandinavian Airlines	618	4.2
21	Marabu Airlines	573	22.7
22	Brussels Airlines	512	65.7
23	Aegean Airlines	510	-4.0
24	United Airlines	497	3.5
25	Ajet	495	19.9

Source: DLR

Air Transport Development in June 2025

Development and Changes Globally and for Germany

Global and German air traffic trends in June 2025

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

Fig. 1-2: **Global Passenger Flights Continue to Rise**
In June 2025, the global number of scheduled passenger flights increased by approximately 2.8% year-on-year, reaching around 3.3 million departures. The highest volumes were recorded in Asia, North America, and Europe. The Middle East experienced notable growth, with an increase of around 3.6%.

Fig. 3-4: **Steady Growth in German Air Traffic**
In Germany, approximately 71,900 scheduled passenger flights were operated in June 2025, representing a year-on-year growth of 3.5%. While flight offerings to the Middle East expanded, there was a decline in services to South America. Of the total, around 63,900 departures were bound for European destinations.

Fig. 1: **Development** of the **global air transport supply**

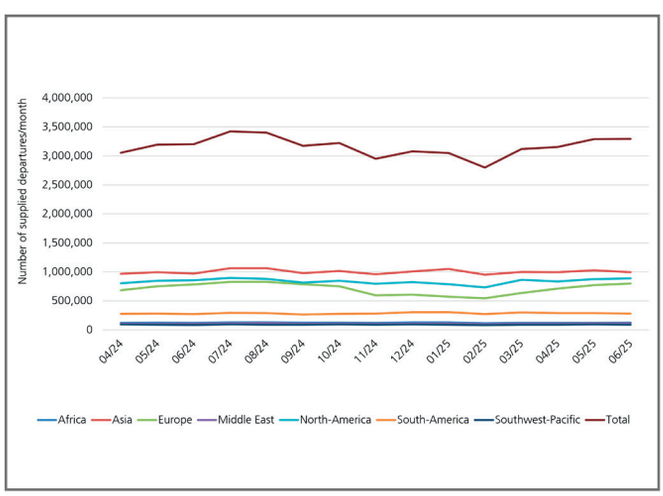
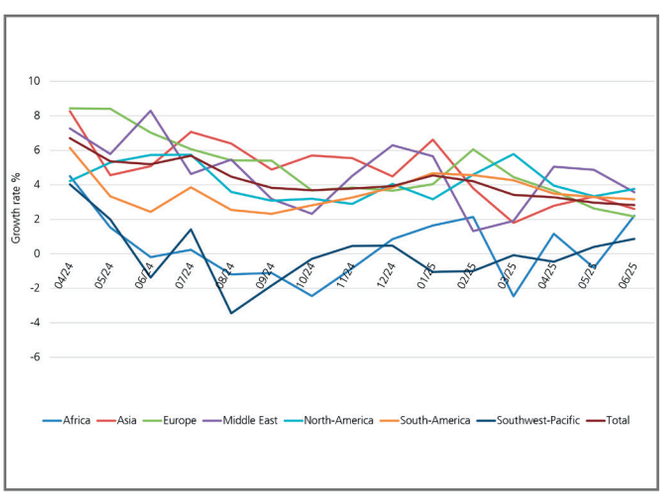


Fig. 2: **Changes** in the global air transport supply



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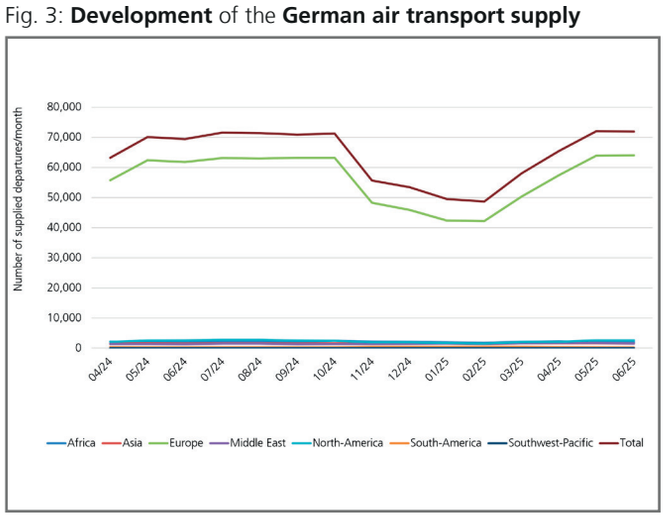
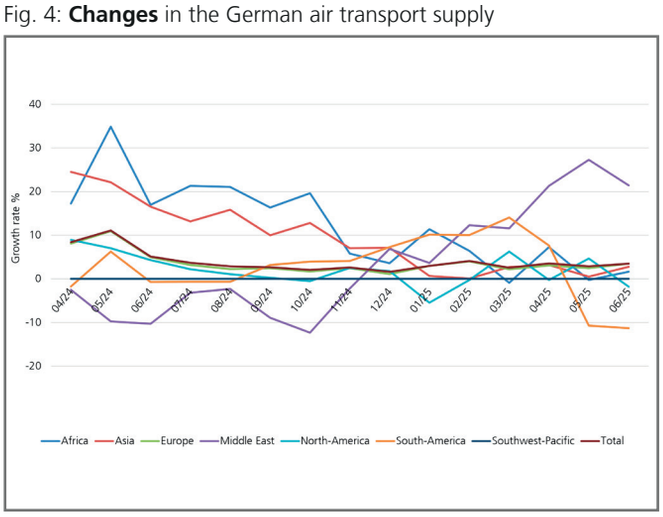


Fig. 4: **Changes** in the German air transport supply



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