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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.

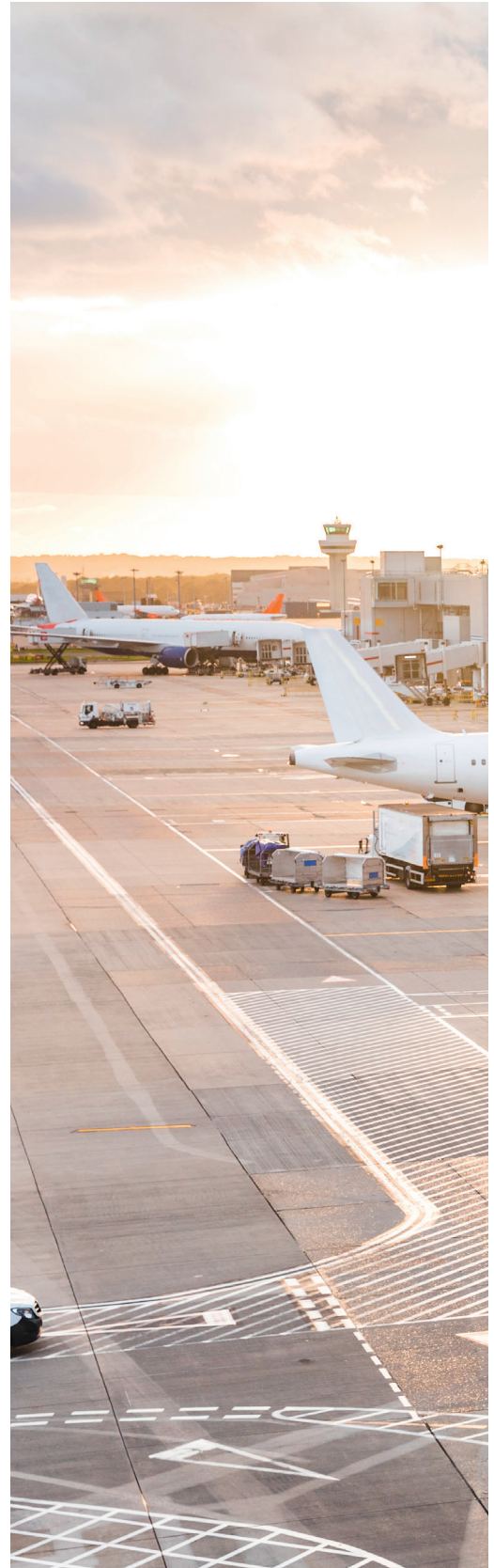
This report fills a gap that is of interest to both airports and airlines in assessing their position on a global scale. It is of interest to policy-makers, administrators, industry stakeholders, and tourism offices to gauge the performance of their region. In the event of significant changes, it is 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 July 2025

Ranking by Airports Globally, for Europe & Germany

Global Airport Departures See Broad Growth

In July 2025, 20 of the world's 25 largest airports recorded an increase in departures compared to the same month last year. The four busiest airports are located in North America, with Chicago leading the list at approximately 37,700 departures. Shanghai Pudong and Guangzhou rank 7th and 8th, representing Asia, while Istanbul (5th) and Amsterdam (11th) are the top-ranking European airports. Frankfurt holds the 15th position globally.

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

Leading European Airports by Departures

The European airports with the highest number of passenger flight departures in July 2025 were Istanbul, Amsterdam, London Heathrow, Paris, and Frankfurt. Each of these airports recorded over 20,000 scheduled departures, most showing year-on-year growth.

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

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

Rank	Airport	07/2025	Growth rate
1	Chicago O'Hare International	37,639	13.6
2	Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson Intl	35,003	3.1
3	Dallas/Fort Worth Intl	33,432	0.1
4	Denver Intl	31,625	3.8
5	Istanbul	23,745	9.6
6	Los Angeles International	23,538	0.6
7	Shanghai Pudong International	22,963	2.8
8	Guangzhou	22,927	3.1
9	Charlotte	22,893	-5.0
10	Tokyo Haneda	21,251	0.8
11	Amsterdam	21,211	2.1
12	London Heathrow	20,945	-0.6
13	Seattle/Tacoma International	20,677	0.5
14	Paris Charles de Gaulle	20,235	1.0
15	Frankfurt	20,172	4.6
16	New York J F Kennedy International	20,063	0.4
17	Houston George Bush	19,299	0.3
18	Beijing Capital	19,111	1.9
19	Dubai	19,069	3.5
20	Boston Logan International	18,423	3.0
21	Chengdu Tianfu	18,261	3.1
22	Shenzhen	18,119	2.3
23	Delhi	17,809	-8.3
24	Las Vegas McCarran International	17,731	-1.7
25	Madrid Barajas	17,311	-0.3

Source: DLR

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

Rank	Airport	07/2025	Growth rate
1	Istanbul	23,745	9.6
2	Amsterdam	21,211	2.1
3	London Heathrow	20,945	-0.6
4	Paris Charles de Gaulle	20,235	1.0
5	Frankfurt	20,172	4.6
6	Madrid Barajas	17,311	-0.3
7	Barcelona	15,955	3.5
8	Rome Fiumicino	15,713	-0.9
9	Munich	15,071	5.2
10	Palma Mallorca	14,105	1.6
11	Athens Intl Eleftherios Venizelos	13,623	2.5
12	London Gatwick	12,966	-2.9
13	Antalya	12,676	2.6
14	Moscow Sheremetyevo International	12,145	1.0
15	Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen	12,023	10.9
16	Dublin	11,577	3.6
17	Zurich	11,573	3.5
18	Vienna	11,388	0.7
19	Copenhagen	10,734	3.6
20	Paris Orly	10,672	4.9
21	Lisbon	10,309	1.4
22	Manchester International	9,586	1.0
23	Milan Malpensa	9,235	6.1
24	Oslo	9,214	1.9
25	Malaga	8,804	6.8

Source: DLR

Number of Monthly Departures in July 2025

Source: DLR

Tab. 3: Number of monthly departures at the largest airports in Germany			
Rank	Airport	07/2025	Growth rate
1	Frankfurt	20,172	4.6
2	Munich	15,071	5.2
3	Berlin	7,997	2.5
4	Dusseldorf	7,602	4.9
5	Hamburg	5,188	-2.4
6	Stuttgart	3,781	3.6
7	Cologne/Bonn	3,593	1.7
8	Hanover	1,944	0.3
9	Nuremberg	1,601	4.2
10	Memmingen	1,000	11.1
11	Bremen	897	19.0
12	Dortmund	879	5.4
13	Leipzig/Halle	737	2.2
14	Weeze	700	2.8
15	Karlsruhe/Baden Baden	657	28.3
16	Hahn	613	13.3
17	Munster	500	-17.8
18	Dresden	490	12.6
19	Paderborn	244	-23.3
20	Westerland	154	-4.9
21	Erfurt	124	181.8
22	Saarbrücken	112	-39.5
23	Friedrichshafen	81	65.3
24	Luebeck	39	-13.3
25	Kassel	22	-35.3

Frankfurt Remains Germany's Leading Airport

Frankfurt remains Germany's largest airport, with approximately 20,200 departures in July 2025. All major German airports, except Hamburg, reported positive growth. Airports dominated by low-cost carriers, such as Karlsruhe, Hahn, and Memmingen, experienced particularly strong growth rates. In contrast, smaller airports like Saarbrücken and Paderborn recorded a decline in departures.

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

Ranking by Airlines Globally, for Europe & Germany

Source: DLR

Tab. 4: Number of monthly departures by the largest airlines in the world			
Rank	Airline	07/2025	Growth rate
1	American Airlines	203,140	4.3
2	Delta Air Lines	163,593	6.2
3	United Airlines	155,890	9.1
4	Southwest Airlines	129,266	-1.5
5	Ryanair	109,328	2.8
6	China Eastern Airlines	81,453	0.8
7	China Southern Airlines	76,807	-0.1
8	IndiGo Air	62,775	-0.3
9	easyJet	57,532	0.1
10	Air China	56,389	1.3
11	LATAM Airlines	51,082	6.6
12	Alaska Airlines	42,160	3.1
13	Turkish Airlines	39,535	8.7
14	Lufthansa German Airlines	36,433	-5.4
15	Air Canada	35,538	-0.7
16	All Nippon Airways	32,872	1.6
17	Aeroflot Russian Airlines	31,924	0.2
18	JetBlue Airways Corporation	29,623	3.6
19	British Airways	27,572	-0.5
20	Japan Airlines International	26,782	-0.2
21	Hainan Airlines	26,332	0.6
22	Air France	26,239	-0.1
23	Azul	25,820	-8.5
24	Shenzhen Airlines	24,737	-3.0
25	Qantas Airways	24,176	0.0

Airlines Worldwide Increase Flight Schedules

Most major global airlines expanded their number of scheduled passenger flights in July 2025 compared to July 2024. However, some low-cost carriers, including Southwest and Azul, saw a reduction. American Airlines operated the highest number of flights, with around 203,100 departures. Lufthansa ranked 14th with approximately 36,400 departures, reflecting a downward trend. Comparisons with the previous year must account for factors such as school holidays and public holidays, which can impact flight volumes.

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

Number of Monthly Departures in July 2025

Ranking by Airlines Globally, for Europe & Germany

Ryanair Leads in European Flight Volume

Ryanair operated the highest number of flights in Europe in July 2025, with nearly 106,900 departures—a 2.8% increase compared to the previous year. easyJet followed in second place with around 56,300 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	07/2025	Growth rate
1	Ryanair	106,851	2.8
2	easyJet	56,329	-0.4
3	Lufthansa German Airlines	33,890	-4.9
4	Turkish Airlines	33,570	9.4
5	Aeroflot Russian Airlines	24,938	0.5
6	British Airways	24,244	-0.1
7	Vueling Airlines	22,251	2.7
8	Air France	22,231	0.1
9	KLM-Royal Dutch Airlines	21,318	3.0
10	SAS Scandinavian Airlines	19,793	9.2
11	Pegasus Airlines	19,313	10.1
12	Eurowings	18,791	2.2
13	Iberia	18,657	-3.5
14	Jet2.com	15,012	5.1
15	Wizz Air Malta	13,709	5.4
16	Ajet	13,240	10.3
17	Wizz Air	12,956	8.1
18	Swiss	12,774	0.8
19	SunExpress	12,106	11.4
20	Austrian Airlines AG	11,813	1.6
21	Aegean Airlines	11,599	1.9
22	ITA Airways	10,616	-17.0
23	Aer Lingus	10,212	3.4
24	Wideroe's Flyveselskap	9,803	5.3
25	TAP Air Portugal	9,785	2.0

Source: DLR

Lufthansa Dominates German Airspace

Lufthansa remained the leading airline in Germany in July 2025, with around 21,900 departures. It was followed by Eurowings with over 9,700 and Ryanair with approximately 4,800 departures. Although Ryanair continues to grow across Europe, it reduced its German flight volume by 6% compared to the previous year. The decline in Lufthansa's figures is partly due to the transfer of services to its new subsidiary, Lufthansa City Airline.

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

Rank	Airline	07/2025	Growth rate
1	Lufthansa German Airlines	21,876	-5.1
2	Eurowings	9,736	2.0
3	Ryanair	4,839	-6.0
4	Condor Flugdienst	3,232	23.7
5	SunExpress	3,125	12.3
6	Air Dolomiti	2,500	14.5
7	easyJet	1,663	24.9
8	Pegasus Airlines	1,554	20.7
9	KLM-Royal Dutch Airlines	1,293	-0.9
10	Turkish Airlines	1,264	16.6
11	Austrian Airlines AG	1,263	11.7
12	TUIfly	1,253	-2.2
13	Eurowings Discover	1,234	11.5
14	Swiss	1,186	29.9
15	Lufthansa City Airlines	1,036	412.9
16	Wizz Air	940	28.1
17	British Airways	915	-5.2
18	Wizz Air Malta	787	----
19	Air France	747	4.6
20	Corendon	607	-3.8
21	Marabu Airlines	594	21.7
22	Aegean Airlines	571	-1.4
23	Ajet	531	21.8
24	United Airlines	513	3.4
25	Brussels Airlines	500	73.0

Source: DLR

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

Air Transport Development in July 2025

Development and Changes Globally and for Germany

Global and German air traffic trends in July 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 Scheduled Flights Continue to Rise

In July 2025, the total number of scheduled passenger flights worldwide rose by approximately 2.2% year-on-year, reaching 3.5 million departures. The regions with the highest flight volumes were Asia, North America, and Europe, with North America showing particularly strong growth at 3.2%.

Fig. 3-4: Strong Growth in German Scheduled Flights

Germany recorded around 74,200 scheduled passenger flight departures in July 2025, a 3.8% increase compared to the previous year. While services to the Middle East were expanded, there was a decline in departures to South America. Of the total, around 65,800 flights were destined for other European air-ports.

Fig. 1: Development of the global air transport supply

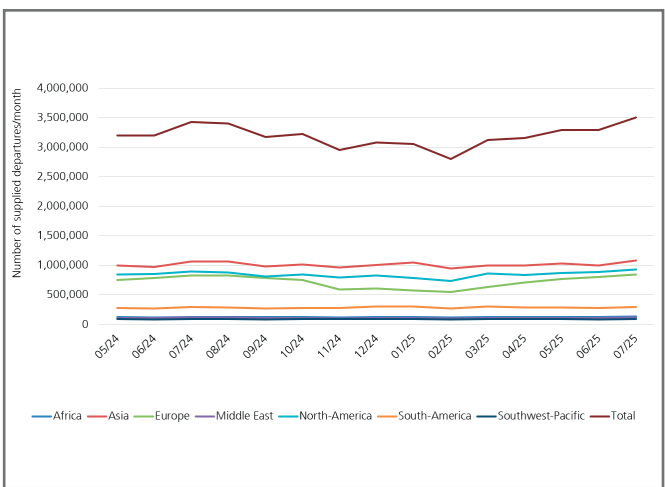


Fig. 2: Changes in the global air transport supply

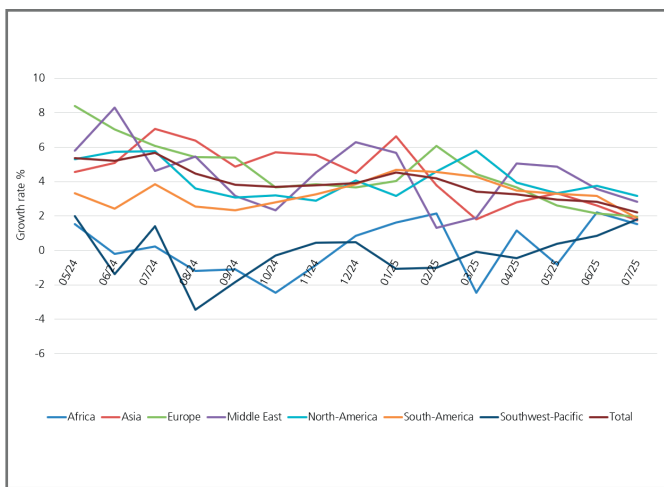


Fig. 3: Development of the German air transport supply

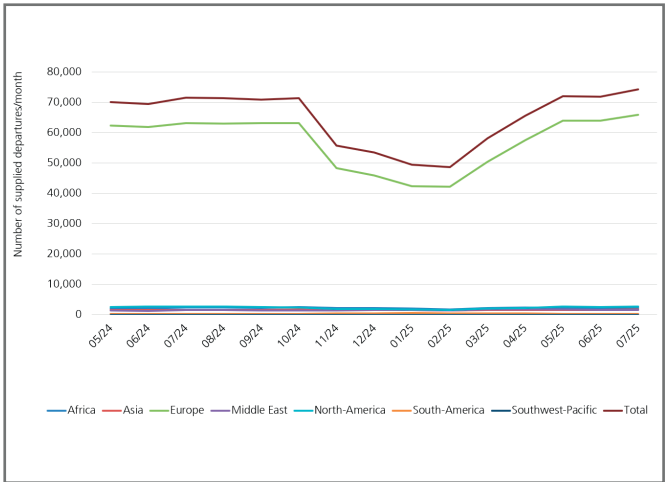
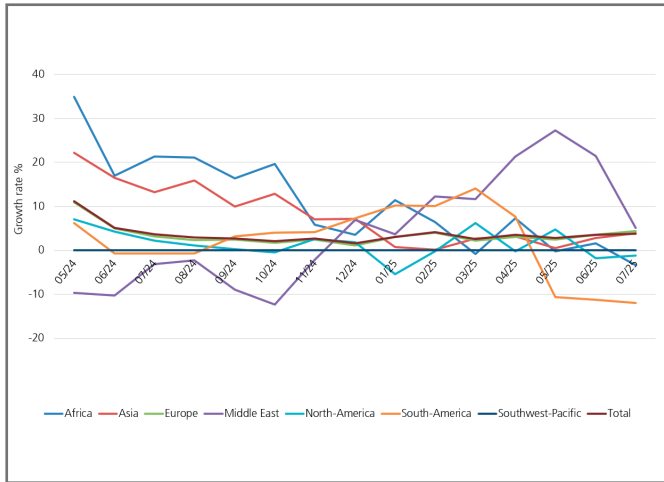


Fig. 4: Changes in the German air transport supply



Source: OAG 2024-2025, DLR 2024-2025

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