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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.

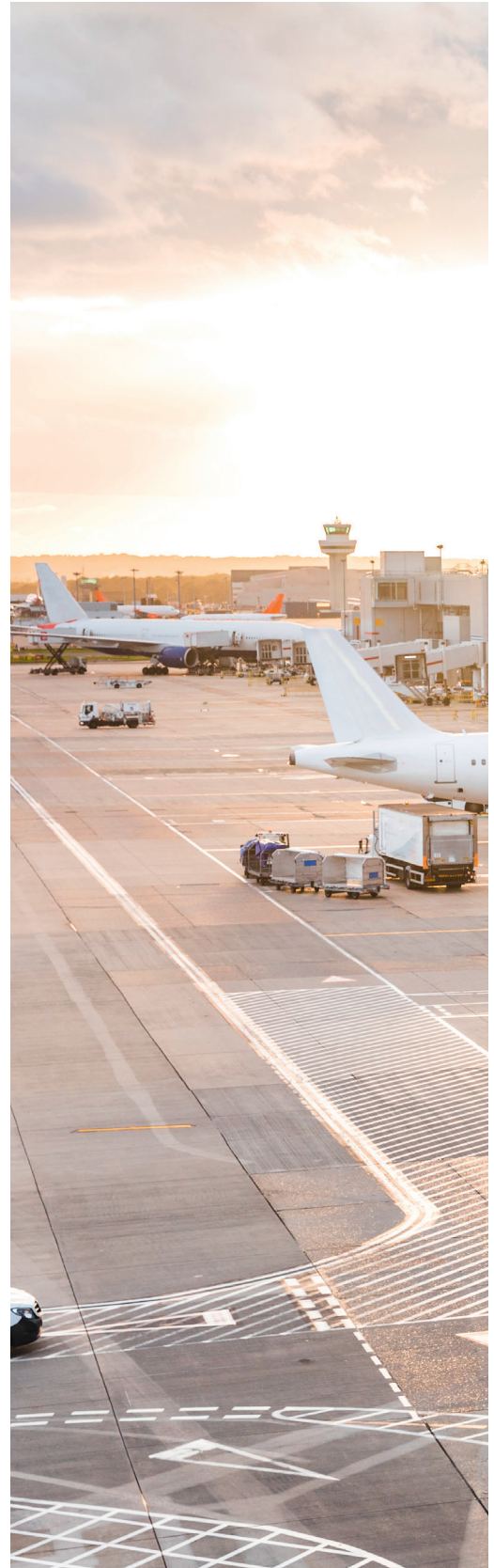
This report fills a gap that is of interest to both airports and airlines in assessing their position on a global scale. It is of interest to policy-makers, administrators, industry stakeholders, and tourism offices to gauge the performance of their region. In the event of significant changes, it is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

Ranking by Airports

Globally, for Europe
& Germany

Global Air Travel Continues to Climb

At 20 of the world's 25 largest airports, departures increased in November 2025 compared with the previous year, though several US airports saw declines. The four biggest airports are all in North America, led by Chicago with about 34,600 departures and strong growth driven by American Airlines and United Airlines. In Europe, Istanbul and London Heathrow ranked 10th and 12th, while in Asia, Guangzhou, Delhi, and Shanghai Pudong held 5th, 7th and 8th place. Frankfurt ranked 23rd worldwide.

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

Europe's Busiest Airports Keep Growing

In November 2025, Istanbul, London Heathrow, Amsterdam, Paris, Frankfurt, and Madrid were Europe's busiest airports, each handling more than 16,000 scheduled departures. All six airports saw further growth compared with the previous year, underlining Europe's steady recovery in passenger traffic.

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	11/2025	Growth rate
1	Chicago O'Hare International	34,644	17.2
2	Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson Intl	31,488	1.0
3	Dallas/Fort Worth Intl	28,757	-0.2
4	Denver Intl	26,960	0.3
5	Guangzhou	21,927	7.3
6	Los Angeles International	20,868	0.3
7	Delhi	20,751	11.4
8	Shanghai Pudong International	20,693	3.9
9	Charlotte	20,691	-4.5
10	Istanbul	20,623	10.3
11	Tokyo Haneda	20,414	4.2
12	London Heathrow	19,340	0.9
13	Dubai	19,006	5.8
14	Phoenix Sky Harbor Intl	18,435	-0.4
15	Houston George Bush Intercontinental	18,118	4.0
16	Beijing Capital	18,100	1.8
17	Amsterdam	17,916	0.5
18	Shenzhen	17,309	1.9
19	New York J F Kennedy International	17,048	-0.2
20	Kuala Lumpur International	16,882	16.5
21	Jakarta Soekarno-Hatta	16,762	0.2
22	Paris Charles de Gaulle	16,758	4.2
23	Frankfurt	16,632	3.7
24	Las Vegas McCarran International	16,459	-6.8
25	Madrid Barajas	16,073	2.7

Source: DLR

Tab. 2: Number of monthly departures at the largest airports in Europe			
Rank	Airport	11/2025	Growth rate
1	Istanbul	20,623	10.3
2	London Heathrow	19,340	0.9
3	Amsterdam	17,916	0.5
4	Paris Charles de Gaulle	16,758	4.2
5	Frankfurt	16,632	3.7
6	Madrid Barajas	16,073	2.7
7	Barcelona	12,609	2.0
8	Munich	11,860	-0.4
9	Rome Fiumicino	11,822	-1.4
10	Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen	11,195	11.1
11	Copenhagen	9,397	11.9
12	Zurich	9,187	5.0
13	Dublin	9,023	12.7
14	Athens Intl Eleftherios Venizelos	8,922	9.0
15	Vienna	8,842	4.5
16	Lisbon	8,534	2.1
17	Moscow Sheremetyevo International	8,173	-1.8
18	London Gatwick	8,061	-4.4
19	Paris Orly	7,924	13.7
20	Oslo	7,859	-0.4
21	Stockholm Arlanda	7,286	19.4
22	Milan Malpensa	7,259	6.5
23	Manchester International	6,925	4.5
24	Berlin	6,753	0.5
25	Warsaw	6,696	5.5

Source: DLR

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

Rank	Airport	11/2025	Growth rate
1	Frankfurt	16,632	3.7
2	Munich	11,860	-0.4
3	Berlin	6,753	0.5
4	Dusseldorf	5,166	3.1
5	Hamburg	4,010	-2.4
6	Stuttgart	2,578	4.6
7	Cologne/Bonn	2,042	-5.8
8	Hanover	1,477	4.5
9	Nuremberg	1,135	-6.7
10	Memmingen	728	2.2
11	Bremen	652	-6.2
12	Dortmund	620	-3.7
13	Hahn	435	-1.4
14	Weeze	427	32.6
15	Leipzig/Halle	412	-18.9
16	Karlsruhe/Baden Baden	404	3.1
17	Dresden	343	4.9
18	Munster	238	7.7
19	Paderborn	127	4.1
20	Saarbrücken	76	-14.6
21	Friedrichshafen	66	312.5
22	Erfurt	57	72.7
23	Luebeck	34	----
24	Augsburg	28	----
25	Hamburg Finkenwerder	22	----

Source: DLR

Momentum for German Airports

Frankfurt remained Germany's largest airport with about 16,600 departures in November 2025. Except for Munich, Hamburg, and Cologne, most major airports recorded growth. Low-cost hubs such as Karlsruhe, Weeze, and Memmingen grew particularly strongly, with Ryanair expanding services from Weeze to Tenerife and Greece. Smaller airports like Saarbrücken saw declines, while Erfurt gained from new routes to Turkey, Egypt, and Greece. At Friedrichshafen, a new airline, FlyV, entered the market with regional flights across Germany using smaller aircraft.

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	11/2025	Growth rate
1	American Airlines	183,541	5.1
2	Delta Air Lines	144,158	4.1
3	United Airlines	144,009	5.5
4	Southwest Airlines	116,531	1.4
5	Ryanair	76,411	7.2
6	IndiGo Air	69,413	7.9
7	China Eastern Airlines	68,785	-1.2
8	China Southern Airlines	66,808	2.8
9	Air China	51,723	2.6
10	LATAM Airlines	48,192	5.0
11	easyJet	38,528	7.9
12	Alaska Airlines	37,231	4.8
13	Turkish Airlines	33,841	13.0
14	All Nippon Airways	32,105	8.2
15	Lufthansa German Airlines	29,249	-8.5
16	Air Canada	28,953	-1.1
17	JetBlue Airways Corporation	25,910	0.5
18	Japan Airlines International	25,597	-1.3
19	British Airways	24,393	0.0
20	Qantas Airways	23,574	3.6
21	Azul	23,437	-11.4
22	AVIANCA	22,468	3.6
23	Air France	22,347	4.5
24	Hainan Airlines	22,320	3.9
25	SAS Scandinavian Airlines	21,566	27.1

Source: DLR

Ranking by Airlines Globally, for Europe & Germany

Major Airlines Expand Flight Schedules

Most of the world's leading airlines expanded their flight schedules in November 2025. American Airlines remained the largest carrier globally with around 183,500 departures, while Lufthansa, in 15th place, recorded about 29,200 departures with a downward trend. When comparing year-on-year figures, factors such as school holidays and public holidays need to be considered, as they can temporarily affect flight numbers.

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

Number of Monthly Departures in November 2025

Ranking by Airlines Globally, for Europe & Germany

Ryanair Dominates the European Sky

Ryanair operated the most flights in Europe in November 2025, with more than 73,900 departures—a 6.7% increase year-on-year. That is approximately twice as many as easyJet, which came second with around 36,800 departures.

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

Lufthansa Leads Amid Market Shifts

In Germany, Lufthansa remained the market leader with approximately 17,900 departures in November 2025, followed by Eurowings with over 5,500 and Ryanair with about 3,600. Lufthansa's reduction in flight numbers is partly due to a transfer of services to its new subsidiary, Lufthansa City Airlines. While Lufthansa cut back on domestic feeder routes such as Berlin–Frankfurt, its subsidiaries and partners—including City Airlines and Brussels Airlines—expanded their operations. easyJet added frequencies in Hamburg and Munich, and Condor grew its schedules in Berlin and Frankfurt.

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

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

Rank	Airline	11/2025	Growth rate
1	Ryanair	73,909	6.7
2	easyJet	36,761	7.3
3	Turkish Airlines	27,833	11.5
4	Lufthansa German Airlines	26,909	-9.5
5	British Airways	21,205	-0.3
6	SAS Scandinavian Airlines	21,192	27.4
7	KLM-Royal Dutch Airlines	19,276	1.6
8	Air France	19,118	5.2
9	Pegasus Airlines	17,640	12.6
10	Iberia	16,758	-0.6
11	Vueling Airlines	15,993	-2.4
12	Aeroflot Russian Airlines	15,463	-2.2
13	Wizz Air	11,306	13.0
14	Wizz Air Malta	11,170	10.1
15	Ajet	10,604	5.9
16	Wideroe's Flyveselskap	10,011	-0.3
17	Eurowings	9,417	1.9
18	Swiss	9,411	-6.3
19	Finnair	8,935	-1.6
20	Austrian Airlines AG	8,801	2.2
21	Aegean Airlines	8,525	9.0
22	ITA Airways	8,178	-16.3
23	TAP Air Portugal	8,029	2.8
24	Binter Canarias	7,838	6.1
25	Aer Lingus	7,794	3.2

Source: DLR

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

Rank	Airline	11/2025	Growth rate
1	Lufthansa German Airlines	17,934	-8.4
2	Eurowings	5,546	-0.3
3	Ryanair	3,579	2.1
4	Air Dolomiti	2,005	0.9
5	Condor Flugdienst	1,911	63.1
6	easyJet	1,346	20.5
7	SunExpress	1,327	7.0
8	KLM-Royal Dutch Airlines	1,269	-6.3
9	Austrian Airlines AG	1,188	-4.1
10	Lufthansa City Airlines	1,169	98.8
11	British Airways	1,074	-5.7
12	Pegasus Airlines	1,051	10.3
13	Turkish Airlines	1,012	12.6
14	Air France	910	11.8
15	Wizz Air	842	28.2
16	Swiss	820	-4.5
17	Eurowings Discover	785	19.8
18	TUIfly	742	-3.8
19	SAS Scandinavian Airlines	683	32.9
20	Wizz Air Malta	677	6.1
21	United Airlines	489	1.7
22	Aegean Airlines	475	7.0
23	Brussels Airlines	467	50.2
24	Iberia	411	-1.2
25	LOT - Polish Airlines	409	-8.1

Source: DLR

Air Transport Development in November 2025

Development and Changes Globally and for Germany

Global and German Air Traffic Trends in November 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 Flight Activity Rises Across All Regions in November 2025**
Worldwide, the number of scheduled passenger flights in November 2025 increased by 2.8% compared with the previous year, reaching 3.0 million departures. The regions with the most traffic were Asia, North America, and Europe. Most regions saw growth of around 3%, with the Middle East showing the strongest performance at +7%, while the Southwest Pacific remained nearly stable with a modest 0.6% rise.

Fig. 3-4: **German Flight Activity Grows Modestly in November 2025**
In Germany, around 56,400 scheduled passenger departures were recorded in November 2025—an increase of 1.3% year-on-year. While flight services to the Middle East expanded, traffic to North and South America declined. Roughly 48,300 flights were operated to European destinations.

Fig. 1: Development of the global air transport supply

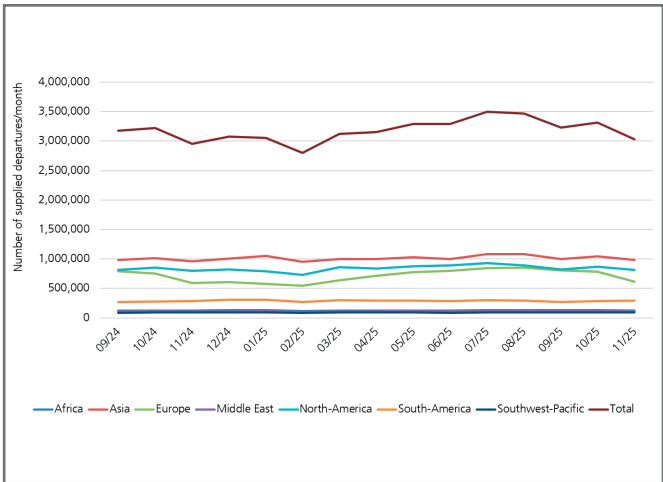


Fig. 2: Changes in the global air transport supply

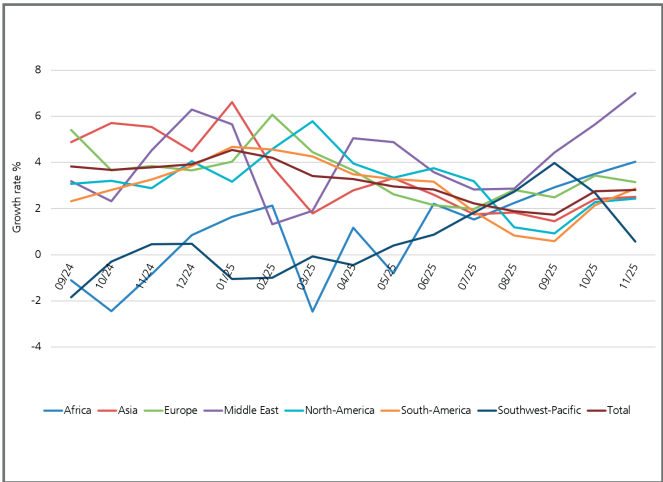


Fig. 3: Development of the German air transport supply

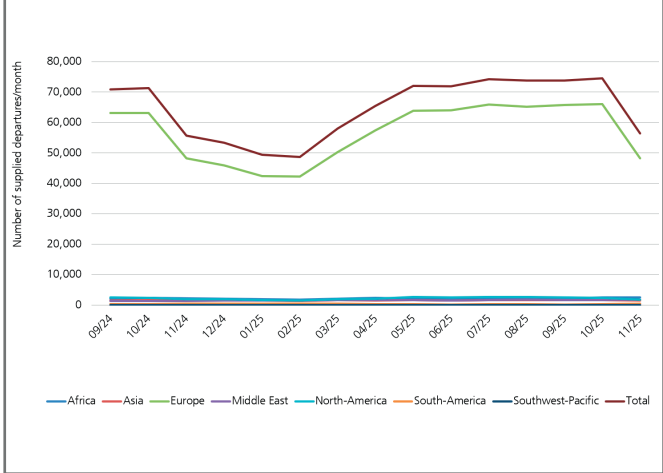
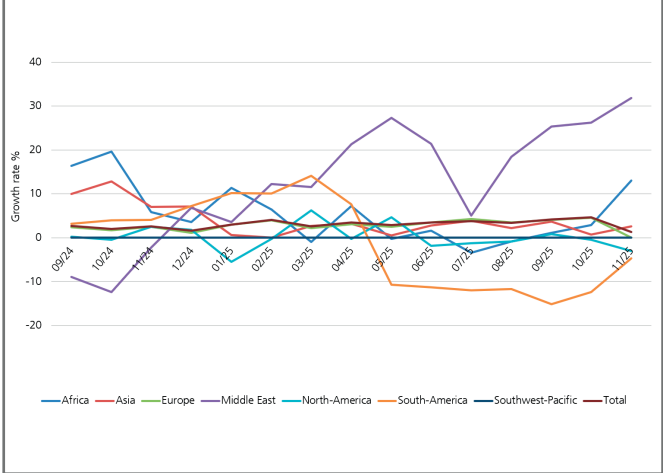


Fig. 4: Changes in the German air transport supply



Source: OAG 2024-2025, DLR 2024-2025

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