

Air transport in the EU27

Air passenger transport up by 7% in 2007

More than 50 million passengers handled at London/Heathrow, Paris/Charles de Gaulle, Frankfurt/Main and Madrid/Barajas

The total number of passengers¹ transported by air in the **EU27** rose by 7.3% in 2007 compared with 2006, to 793 million. In 2006, passenger numbers in the **EU27** rose by 4.7%². In 2007, the highest numbers of passengers were registered in the **United Kingdom** (217 mn, +3%), **Germany** (164 mn, +6%), **Spain** (164 mn, +9%), **France** (120 mn, +6%) and **Italy** (106 mn, +11%).

The number of air passengers rose in 2007 in all EU Member States. Four Member States recorded growth of above 20% compared with 2006: **Romania** (+41%), **Latvia** (+27%), **Poland** (+25%) and **Lithuania** (+22%). The lowest growth rates were reported in **Luxembourg** (+2%), the **United Kingdom** (+3%), the **Netherlands**, **Hungary** and **Cyprus** (all +4%).

Of the total number of passengers transported by air, 22% (176 mn) were carried on national flights, 44% (346 mn) on intra-EU27 flights and 34% (271 mn) on extra-EU27 flights.

These figures are published in a report³ from **Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Communities**, on air transport in the **EU27** in 2007. This report also looks in detail at national, intra-EU and extra-EU air transport passengers, as well as the most important airport pairs, nationally and internationally.

London/Heathrow busiest passenger airport

London/Heathrow is still the EU's busiest passenger airport, with 68 million passengers handled in 2007, up by 1% compared with 2006. **Paris/Charles de Gaulle** (60 mn, +6%) and **Frankfurt/Main** (54 mn, +3%) were the second and third busiest airports, followed by **Madrid/Barajas** (51 mn, +14%), which in 2007 overtook **Amsterdam/Schiphol** (48 mn, +4%).

London/Heathrow (38 mn) handled most extra-EU27 passengers, **Amsterdam/Schiphol** (27 mn) most international intra-EU27 passengers and **Madrid/Barajas** (23 mn) most national passengers.

Madrid - Barcelona busiest route within the EU27

The busiest national routes were **Madrid/Barajas - Barcelona** (4.6 million passengers, +4% in 2007 compared with 2006), **Roma/Fiumicino - Milano/Linate** (2.5 mn, +5%), **Paris/Orly - Toulouse Blagnac** (2.3 mn, -1%) and **Paris/Orly - Nice/Côte d'Azur** (2.3 mn, 0%).

The busiest intra-EU27 routes were **London Heathrow - Dublin** (2.0 mn, -1%), **London Heathrow - Amsterdam/Schiphol** (1.8 mn, -3%) and **London Heathrow - Paris/Charles de Gaulle** (1.8 mn, -9%).

The busiest extra-EU27 routes were **London Heathrow - New York/JFK** (2.8 mn, +3%), **Paris/Charles de Gaulle - New York/JFK** (1.7 mn, +4%), **London Heathrow - Chicago/O'Hare** (1.6 mn, +6%), **London Heathrow - Dubai International** (1.6 mn, +14%) and **London Heathrow - Hong Kong International** (1.5 mn, +3%).

EU27 air passenger transport, 2007

	Total transport		National	Intra-EU27	Extra-EU27
	Passengers, 000s	% growth 2007/2006	Passengers, 000s	Passengers, 000s	Passengers, 000s
EU27	792 636	7.3	175 797	345 919	270 920
Belgium	20 805	8.6	60	15 036	5 710
Bulgaria*	6 071	8.3	99	4 928	1 045
Czech Republic	13 098	7.6	268	9 485	3 345
Denmark	24 042	4.7	1 951	15 857	6 233
Germany	163 844	6.3	24 378	85 635	53 831
Estonia	1 723	12.4	20	1 400	303
Ireland	29 840	8.3	888	25 712	3 239
Greece	34 786	6.2	6 685	23 775	4 326
Spain	163 523	8.6	44 171	101 017	18 335
France	120 034	6.1	27 192	50 968	41 874
Italy	106 294	10.8	28 703	58 386	19 206
Cyprus	7 004	4.3	0	5 820	1 184
Latvia	3 156	26.8	15	2 418	723
Lithuania	2 196	22.1	0	1 783	412
Luxembourg	1 634	2.3	0	1 340	294
Hungary	8 580	4.1	0	6 520	2 060
Malta	2 971	10.1	-	2 698	273
Netherlands	50 501	3.9	56	30 006	20 439
Austria	22 926	10.1	666	15 371	6 889
Poland	17 120	24.6	1 087	12 984	3 049
Portugal	24 324	10.4	2 953	17 285	4 087
Romania	6 909	41.0	544	5 322	1 043
Slovenia	1 504	13.3	0	941	563
Slovakia	2 232	5.1	175	1 759	298
Finland	14 465	7.6	2 887	8 994	2 583
Sweden	26 967	4.7	6 893	15 939	4 135
United Kingdom	217 288	2.9	26 106	125 744	65 439

* Growth 2006-2007 has been estimated using the airport aggregated declarations, as figures at airport routes level are not available for 2006.

- Not applicable

0 Less than 500 passengers recorded

Top airports* in the EU27 in terms of total passengers handled

1000's of passengers in 2007 and % growth 2007/2006

Rank	Member State	Airport	Total air transport		National	Intra-EU27	Extra-EU27
			000s	%	000s	000s	000s
1	UK	London Heathrow	67 852	0.8	5 753	24 216	37 883
2	FR	Paris/Charles De Gaulle	59 550	5.5	5 172	25 727	28 652
3	DE	Frankfurt/Main	53 854	2.8	6 667	20 464	26 723
4	ES	Madrid/Barajas	51 208	13.6	22 576	17 479	11 153
5	NL	Amsterdam/Schiphol	47 757	3.8	53	27 439	20 265
6	UK	London Gatwick	35 166	3.2	4 023	18 741	12 401
7	DE	München	33 813	10.5	9 888	15 035	8 890
8	ES	Barcelona	32 743	9.5	15 052	14 398	3 293
9	IT	Roma/Fiumicino	32 404	11.9	13 604	12 370	6 430
10	FR	Paris/Orly	26 416	3.2	15 341	5 628	5 446
11	UK	London Stansted	23 759	0.3	2 554	19 614	1 591
12	IT	Milano/Malpensa	23 632	9.3	3 729	11 540	8 362
13	IE	Dublin	23 204	10.2	871	19 935	2 398
14	ES	Palma de Mallorca	23 167	3.4	6 565	15 743	858
15	UK	Manchester	21 891	-1.1	3 229	12 412	6 250
16	DK	København/Kastrup	21 293	2.9	1 850	13 637	5 806
17	AT	Wien/Schwechat	18 719	11.4	650	11 747	6 322
18	SE	Stockholm/Arlanda	17 904	2.1	5 043	9 359	3 502
19	DE	Dusseldorf	17 780	7.7	4 261	8 651	4 869
20	BE	Bruxelles/National	17 745	6.9	2	12 258	5 486
21	EL	Athens	16 525	9.6	5 954	7 867	2 704
22	ES	Malaga	13 569	4.1	3 484	9 472	612
23	PT	Lisboa	13 393	9.1	2 144	7 907	3 342
24	DE	Berlin/Tegel	13 331	13.3	6 584	4 997	1 749
25	FI	Helsinki/Vantaa	13 145	8.3	2 876	7 745	2 523
26	DE	Hamburg	12 689	6.9	5 366	5 039	2 285
27	CZ	Praha/Ruzyne	12 359	7.3	136	9 114	3 109
28	DE	Koln/Bonn	10 404	6.0	3 640	5 171	1 592
29	FR	Nice/Côte d'Azur	10 381	4.6	4 428	4 588	1 364
30	DE	Stuttgart	10 269	2.5	3 197	5 094	1 978

34	PL	Warszawa/Okęcie	9 228	13.7	1 044	6 114	2 070
39	HU	Budapest/Ferihegy	8 580	4.1	0	6 520	2 060
59	CY	Larnaka	5 260	7.7	0	4 133	1 127
61	RO	Bucuresti/Otopeni	4 938	41.1	389	3 712	836
82	LV	Riga	3 156	26.8	15	2 418	723
85	MT	Malta/Luqa	2 971	10.1	0	2 698	273
89	BG	Sofia	2 723	:	92	2 308	323
107	SK	Bratislava/Ivanka	1 976	3.7	174	1 550	251
119	EE	Tallinn/Ülemiste	1 723	12.4	20	1 400	303
120	LT	Vilnius	1 714	18.5	0	1 307	406
125	LU	Luxembourg	1 634	2.3	0	1 340	294
132	SI	Ljubljana Jože Pučnik	1 504	13.3	0	941	563

* The 30 busiest airports in 2007 in terms of total passengers carried, together with the top airport in each of the 12 Member States which have no airport among the top 30.

: Data not available

Top intra- and extra-EU airport pairs
1 000 passengers carried in 2007 and % growth 2007/2006

Intra-EU* airport pairs					Extra-EU airport pairs				
Route			000s	%	Route			000s	%
1	Madrid/Barajas	Barcelona	4 627	4.2	1	London Heathrow	New York/JFK	2 839	3.2
2	Roma/Fiumicino	Milano/Linate	2 500	4.8	2	Paris/Charles de Gaulle	New York/JFK	1 729	4.2
3	Paris/Orly	Toulouse Blagnac	2 328	-1.0	3	London Heathrow	Chicago/O'hare Intl	1 605	5.5
4	Paris/Orly	Nice/Côte d'Azur	2 312	-0.3	4	London Heathrow	Dubai Intl	1 571	14.3
5	London Heathrow	Dublin	1 974	-0.8	5	London Heathrow	Hong Kong/Intl	1 453	2.6
6	London Heathrow	Amsterdam/Schiphol	1 799	-2.6	6	London Heathrow	Los Angeles Intl	1 406	-1.7
7	London Heathrow	Paris/Charles de Gaulle	1 790	-9.2	7	København/Kastrup	Oslo/Gardermoen	1 324	4.5
8	Barcelona	Palma de Mallorca	1 785	2.6	8	London Heathrow	Singapore/Changi	1 075	-1.1
9	Madrid/Barajas	Palma de Mallorca	1 758	0.0	9	Paris/Charles de Gaulle	Montreal/P.E. Trudeau Intl	1 057	8.2
10	München	Hamburg	1 757	11.0	10	London Heathrow	Washington Dulles Intl, DC.	1 055	1.4
11	Frankfurt/Main	Berlin/Tegel	1 648	6.9	11	Stockholm/Arlanda	Oslo/Gardermoen	1 047	2.8
12	Madrid/Barajas	Las Palmas/Gran Canaria	1 541	7.5	12	London Heathrow	San Francisco/Intl	1 032	0.4
13	München	Dusseldorf	1 529	12.2	13	London Heathrow	Toronto/Lester B. Pearson	1 024	-2.1
14	Roma/Fiumicino	Catania/Fontanarossa	1 524	11.9	14	London Heathrow	Mumbai/Chatrapati Shivaji	1 006	-0.1
15	München	Berlin-Tegel	1 510	6.0	15	London Heathrow	Johannesburg Intl	1 003	0.6
16	Madrid/Barajas	Malaga	1 502	5.5	16	Madrid/Barajas	Ezeiza Ministro Pistarini, Buenos Aires	992	2.8
17	London Heathrow	Frankfurt/Main	1 446	-4.2	17	Paris/Charles de Gaulle	Tokyo/Narita Intl	972	1.7
18	London Heathrow	Edinburgh	1 436	-3.9	18	London Heathrow	Zurich	910	-2.9
19	Paris/Charles de Gaulle	Roma/Fiumicino	1 345	6.1	19	London Heathrow	Boston/Logan Intl	889	-4.6
20	Frankfurt/Main	Hamburg	1 297	0.6	20	London Heathrow	Tokyo/Narita Intl	886	-3.2

* Includes both national and international intra-EU27 routes.

- Air passengers have been calculated excluding double counting of national and intra-EU27 passenger transport, i.e. counting the same passengers twice, once reported by the origin airport as departures and once by the partner airport as arrivals. Since the EU27 aggregate excludes double counting on intra-EU traffic, Member States' figures do not add up to the EU27 aggregate. For example, a person flying from Paris to London will be counted in France as a 'departure passenger' and in the United Kingdom as an 'arrival passenger' but only once at EU27 level. This publication covers air transport at airports in the Member States with more than 150 000 passengers carried in 2007.
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