

Air passenger transport in the EU

Almost 880 million air passengers carried in 2014

Air passenger transport up in every Member State

This News Release has been revised to correct an error in the table on page 3 for main airports, where Larnaka airport in Cyprus had not been included. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

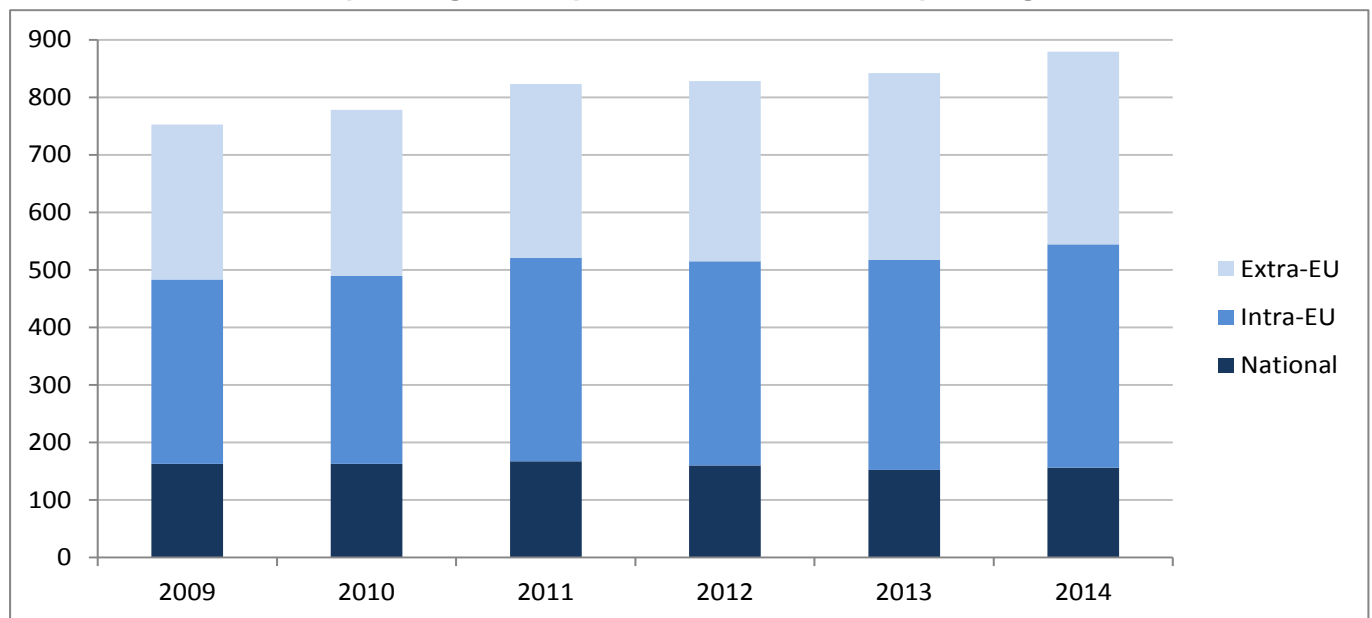
In 2014, 879.4 million passengers travelled by air in the **European Union (EU)**, up by 4.4% compared with 2013 and by 16.9% compared to 2009. Over this period, air passenger transport has steadily risen in the **EU**.

In 2014, intra-EU transport represented 44.1% of total air passenger transport in the **EU**, followed by extra-EU transport (38.1%), while national transport accounted for fewer than 1 in every 5 passengers (17.7%).

In the **EU** in 2014, 3 people were killed in commercial air transport accidents. Since 2009, victims amounted in total to 77 persons on the EU territory.

These figures come from a [publication](#) issued by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.

Air passenger transport in the EU, in million passengers



Largest increase in air passenger transport in Greece, Luxembourg and Poland

In 2014, one in four air passengers was recorded in the **United Kingdom**, where total air passenger transport amounted to 220 million. It was followed by **Germany** (186 million passengers), **Spain** (165 mn), **France** (142 mn) and **Italy** (121 mn). The number of air passengers carried in 2014 rose in all EU Member States compared with 2013. The largest increases were registered in **Greece** (+16.3%), **Luxembourg** (+12.2%) and **Poland** (+10.5%), while the lowest were observed in **Latvia** (+0.4%), the **Czech Republic** (+1.6%), **Austria** (+2.4%) and **France** (+2.6%). Overall in the **EU**, the number of air passengers rose by 4.4% between 2013 and 2014.

Air passenger transport, 2014

	Total air passenger transport		National	Intra-EU	Extra-EU
	Passengers, (in 1000)	Growth 2014/2013	Passengers, (in 1000)	Passengers, (in 1000)	Passengers, (in 1000)
EU*	879 394	4.4%	155 932	388 233	335 228
Belgium	28 775	9.0%	39	20 149	8 587
Bulgaria	7 519	6.2%	167	5 157	2 196
Czech Republic	12 080	1.6%	89	8 203	3 788
Denmark	29 004	5.6%	1 952	18 964	8 088
Germany	186 446	3.1%	22 789	97 976	65 680
Estonia	2 020	3.1%	17	1 529	475
Ireland	26 311	6.9%	62	22 418	3 831
Greece	39 118	16.3%	6 267	25 267	7 583
Spain	165 354	4.8%	29 207	110 885	25 263
France	141 742	2.6%	28 387	63 279	50 076
Croatia	6 141	7.3%	465	4 621	1 055
Italy	121 324	5.3%	29 218	68 075	24 031
Cyprus	7 329	4.5%	0	4 930	2 398
Latvia	4 802	0.4%	0	3 454	1 348
Lithuania	3 798	9.1%	0	2 941	857
Luxembourg	2 434	12.2%	1	2 023	411
Hungary	9 055	7.3%	0	7 157	1 898
Malta	4 290	6.4%	0	3 832	458
Netherlands	60 963	5.0%	0	36 663	24 299
Austria	26 379	2.4%	579	17 751	8 049
Poland	25 714	10.5%	1 477	18 659	5 577
Portugal	32 558	9.6%	2 960	23 426	6 172
Romania	10 907	8.9%	502	8 862	1 544
Slovenia	1 307	3.3%	-	744	563
Slovakia	1 671	7.3%	22	1 323	327
Finland	17 172	3.7%	2 516	10 657	3 999
Sweden	32 766	4.2%	7 355	18 826	6 585
United Kingdom	220 022	4.5%	21 862	128 068	70 092
Iceland**	3 854	20.5%	0	-	-
Norway	37 602	2.5%	15 213	-	-
Switzerland	46 127	4.3%	610	-	-

* Double counting is excluded in the intra-EU and total aggregates by taking into consideration only departure declarations.

** Data concern only Keflavik airport

- Not applicable

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London/Heathrow, Paris/Charles de Gaulle and Frankfurt/Main: top 3 passenger airports in the EU

London/Heathrow remained the EU's busiest passenger airport in 2014, with 73.4 million passengers handled, slightly up (+1.4%) compared with 2013. **Paris/Charles de Gaulle** (63.7 mn, +2.8%), **Frankfurt/Main** (59.4 mn, +2.7%) and **Amsterdam/Schiphol** (55.0 mn, +4.6%) were the second, third and fourth busiest airports, followed at a distance by **Madrid/Barajas** (41.5 mn, +4.7%), **München** (39.6 mn, +2.7%), **Roma/Fiumicino** (38.3 mn, +6.5%), **London/Gatwick** (38.1 mn, +7.5%) and **Barcelona** (37.4 mn, +6.4%). Each of the top 30 airports registered an increase in the number of passengers handled in 2014, except **Warszawa/Chopina** (-0.9%) in Poland. The highest rise among the top 30 airports was registered in **Athens** (+21.8%), followed by **Brussels** (+14.6%), **Lisboa** (+13.3%) and **London Stansted** (+11.7%).

As in 2013, **London/Heathrow** (43.6 million) handled in 2014 the most passengers on extra-EU transport, **Amsterdam/Schiphol** (31.1 mn) the most on intra-EU transport and **Paris/Orly** (14.0 mn) the most on national transport.

Top airports* in the EU in terms of total passengers carried, 2014

Rank	Airport		Total air passenger transport		National	Intra-EU	Extra-EU
			in 1000	Growth 2014/2013	in 1000 passengers	in 1000 passengers	in 1000 passengers
1	UK	London/Heathrow	73 371	1.4%	5 283	24 460	43 629
2	FR	Paris/Charles de Gaulle	63 654	2.8%	5 779	24 953	32 922
3	DE	Frankfurt/Main	59 414	2.7%	6 679	23 931	28 804
4	NL	Amsterdam/Schiphol	54 957	4.6%	0	31 128	23 829
5	ES	Madrid/Barajas	41 541	4.7%	12 118	17 266	12 156
6	DE	München	39 571	2.7%	9 310	18 212	12 049
7	IT	Roma/Fiumicino	38 289	6.5%	11 443	16 393	10 452
8	UK	London/Gatwick	38 090	7.5%	3 653	23 749	10 688
9	ES	Barcelona	37 417	6.4%	10 315	20 440	6 662
10	FR	Paris/Orly	28 843	2.1%	14 017	8 699	6 127
11	DK	København/Kastrup	25 532	6.5%	1 817	16 099	7 616
12	ES	Palma de Mallorca	23 078	1.5%	5 055	16 799	1 224
13	AT	Wien/Schwechat	22 473	2.0%	575	14 154	7 744
14	SE	Stockholm/Arlanda	22 427	8.5%	5 076	11 832	5 519
15	UK	Manchester	21 950	6.1%	2 470	12 795	6 685
16	DE	Düsseldorf	21 817	2.9%	4 405	10 464	6 948
17	BE	Brussels	21 754	14.6%	1	14 166	7 587
18	IE	Dublin	21 686	7.7%	62	18 103	3 521
19	DE	Berlin/Tegel	20 669	5.6%	7 713	8 789	4 167
20	UK	London/Stansted	19 934	11.7%	1 150	17 395	1 390
21	IT	Milano/Malpensa	18 670	5.0%	2 868	9 002	6 800
22	PT	Lisboa	18 159	13.3%	2 059	11 155	4 945
23	FI	Helsinki/Vantaa	15 945	4.4%	2 506	9 496	3 942
24	EL	Athens	15 190	21.8%	5 271	6 770	3 149
25	DE	Hamburg	14 739	9.3%	5 248	6 573	2 918
26	ES	Malaga	13 697	6.4%	1 968	10 576	1 153
27	FR	Nice/Côte d'Azur	11 656	1.0%	4 394	5 236	2 026
28	CZ	Praha/Ruzyne	11 130	1.6%	31	7 644	3 455
29	PL	Warszawa/Chopina	10 598	-0.9%	1 216	6 392	2 989
30	UK	London/Luton	10 482	8.1%	938	8 132	1 411

37	HU	Budapest/Ferihegy	9 055	7.3%	0	7 111	1 944
43	RO	Bucuresti/Henri Coanda	8 284	8.9%	497	6 392	1 396
60	CY	Larnaka international	5 236	7.9%	0	3 110	2 127
65	LV	Riga	4 802	0.4%	0	3 448	1 355
73	MT	Malta/Luqa	4 290	6.4%	0	3 828	462
81	BG	Sofia	3 808	8.9%	164	3 083	561
92	LT	Vilnius international	2 940	10.6%	0	2 149	791
105	LU	Luxembourg	2 434	12.2%	1	2 020	414
106	HR	Zagreb/Pleso	2 418	5.8%	414	1 511	493
122	EE	Tallinn	2 020	3.1%	17	1 523	480
143	SK	Bratislava/M R Stefanik	1 336	-0.3%	16	1 059	260
144	SI	Ljubljana/Brnik	1 307	3.3%	-	744	563

* The 30 busiest airports in 2014 in terms of total passengers carried and the top airport in each of the 12 Member States which have no airport among the top 30.

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Methods and definitions

This release of air passenger transport statistics uses annualised monthly data for 2014.

Air passenger figures have been calculated excluding double counting of national and intra-EU passenger transport, i.e. not counting the same passengers twice, once reported by the origin airport as departures and once by the partner airport as arrivals. Since the EU aggregate excludes double counting on intra-EU traffic, Member States' figures do not add up to the EU 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 EU level.

Air transport at airports in the Member States with a total transport of more than 150 000 passengers carried in 2014 is covered.

More information

Eurostat's [website section](#) dedicated to transport statistics

Eurostat's [metadata](#) on air transport

Eurostat's [Statistics Explained article](#) on air transport monthly statistics

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