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# Number of air passengers rose by 137.4 % in 2022

## Air cargo down 3.0 % year-on-year

Vienna, 2023-02-24 – According to Statistics Austria, 26.5 million passengers were counted at the six Austrian airports in 2022. The passenger volume was thus by 137.4 % higher than in 2021. However, air cargo decreased by 3.0 % to 214 842 tonnes.

“The number of air travellers is on a strong upswing again after the previous years, which were marked by corona-related restrictions: in 2022, the passenger volume at the six Austrian airports has clearly more than doubled, yet it remains almost 27 % below the value of the record year 2019”, says Tobias Thomas, Director General of Statistics Austria.

With a total of 26.5 million passengers transported (transit included) the **passenger value** at the six Austrian airports in 2022 increased significantly by 137.4 % or 15.3 million passengers compared to the previous year. After the downturn in civil aviation in the Corona year 2020 to only 9.3 million passengers, the upward trend that started in 2021 was thus continued. Despite the large increases, the number of passengers in 2022 was still by 26.9 % or 9.7 million below the pre-crisis year 2019.

In 2022, the airports of Vienna, Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Linz and Salzburg handled 221 708 **aircraft movements** in scheduled and non-scheduled traffic, 77.8 % more take-offs and landings than in the previous year. However, compared to 2019 with 319 945 take-offs and landings 30.7 % fewer aircraft movements were recorded. An average of 119.5 persons were transported per flight, which represented an increase by 33.5 % compared to the previous year (2021: 89.5 persons). Compared to 2019 (113.2 persons) the average number of passengers carried increased by 5.6 %.

### Smaller airports less able to compensate for Corona losses in passenger numbers

Significant increases were reported for all six Austrian airports in 2022, although the results remained below those of the pre-crisis year 2019 (see table). At **Vienna** airport, the number of passengers carried increased by 127.6 % to 23.7 million compared to 2021. At **Salzburg** airport, the number of passengers rose by 310.0 % to 1.2 million and at **Innsbruck** airport by 474.9 % to 0.7 million persons. The airport **Graz** showed a rise by 147.8 % to 561 375 passengers, the airport **Linz** recorded an increase by 203.3 % to 207 766 passengers and the airport **Klagenfurt** by 179.8 % to 82 760 passengers.

It became apparent that at the smaller airports, despite high relative increases in 2022, the losses due to the Corona crisis were less well compensated than at airports with generally higher transport volumes. While in Vienna the number of passengers in 2022 was already almost 75 % and in Salzburg almost 72 % of the respective number of passengers in 2019, in Innsbruck it was about 63 % and in Graz just over 54 %. By contrast, at the two airports with the lowest passenger volumes Linz and Klagenfurt, the number of arriving and departing persons was less than half of the 2019 figures (Linz: 48 %; Klagenfurt: 40 %).

### Cargo and mail

The six Austrian airports handled 214 842 tonnes of **air cargo** in 2022, a decrease of 3.0 % compared to the previous year. The volume transported was thus 13.1 % lower than in 2019 (see table 1). Vienna airport accounted for by far the largest tonnage with a share of 94.0 % or 202 054 tonnes (+0.03 % compared to 2021). The total volume of **air mail** rose by 3.8 % to 6 659 tonnes in 2022 compared to 2021 and was thus 59.7 % below the value of the pre-crisis year 2019.

For detailed results and further information please refer to [website](#).

## Transport performance of Airports in Austria 2019 to 2022

Airport	Year	Flights	Passengers	Freight in tonnes	Mail in tonnes
<b>Vienna</b>	2022	188 412	23 682 133	202 054.4	6 658.6
	2021	111 567	10 405 815	202 002.8	6 407.3
	2020	95 879	7 813 743	177 114.1	6 605.0
	2019	266 802	31 661 727	238 836.6	16 521.0
<b>Graz</b>	2022	8 603	561 375	41.2	-
	2021	4 653	226 561	2 314.9	-
	2020	4 002	199 510	18.5	-
	2019	14 721	1 036 925	137.5	-
<b>Innsbruck</b>	2022	7 450	721 412	-	-
	2021	2 010	125 495	-	-
	2020	4 977	487 437	-	-
	2019	12 106	1 144 541	4.9	-
<b>Klagenfurt</b>	2022	1 328	82 760	-	-
	2021	544	29 577	-	-
	2020	878	49 395	-	-
	2019	3 198	209 434	-	-
<b>Linz</b>	2022	3 884	207 766	12 648.1	-
	2021	2 240	68 509	17 056.4	4.6
	2020	2 022	51 306	11 144.4	-
	2019	6 492	436 024	8 119.2	0
<b>Salzburg</b>	2022	12 031	1 229 495	98.2	-
	2021	3 677	299 845	85.2	-
	2020	6 670	669 790	44.4	-
	2019	16 626	1 717 991	102.3	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>221 708</b>	<b>26 484 941</b>	<b>214 841.9</b>	<b>6 658.6</b>
	2021	124 691	11 155 802	221 459.3	6 411.9
	2020	114 428	9 271 181	188 321.5	6 605.0
	2019	319 945	36 206 642	247 200.4	16 521.0

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Rounding differences may occur.

**Information on methodology, definitions:** Commercial Air transport refers to civil air transport of national and foreign aircrafts, which take off and land on the six Austrian airports Vienna, Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Linz and Salzburg. Flight movements with passenger, freight and mail transport as well as empty flights in national and international traffic are recorded. Domestic flights are recorded several times, since both take-off and landing at the individual airports are counted. The figures for passenger, air freight and air mail volume include arriving, departing and transit passengers, freight and mail. The information on transit passengers (through traffic without change of the flight number) does not include transfer passengers (through traffic with change of the flight number). Information on air freight refers to goods that were actually transported by aircraft, whereas the air freight replacement service (transport by goods vehicles between airports) was not included in the calculations.

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