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Record summer for Austrian aviation

Highest passenger volume since records began in 1955

Vienna, 2024-10-01 – According to Statistics Austria, a total of 7.3 million passengers (including transit) were counted at the six Austrian airports in July and August 2024, which means an increase of 6.3% compared to the same period last year. Aircraft movements in scheduled and non-scheduled traffic at the airports of Vienna, Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Linz and Salzburg increased by 4.6% to 51 857 take-offs and landings.

“Summer 2024 brought a record number of passengers to Austrian airports: 7.3 million passengers were transported in July and August 2024. That is more than ever before in a summer since records began in 1955 and even 2.8% more than the previous July/August peak in 2019. Compared to the summer of the previous year, the number of passengers rose by 6.3% this year. The boom in domestic aviation is primarily due to the sharp rise in passenger volumes at Vienna Airport,” says Tobias Thomas, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

With a total of 7.3 million passengers carried (including transit) in the summer of 2024, the **number of passengers** at the six Austrian airports increased significantly by 6.3% or 433 953 persons compared to the summer of the previous year. The passenger volume exceeded the value of the all-time-high reached in summer 2019 with 102.8% of the pre-pandemic level and 199 580 more passengers in July and August 2024. So far, all months of 2024 have recorded positive growth rates compared to 2023, but only in July and August 2024, higher figures were achieved than in 2019.

In July and August 2024, 51 857 **take-offs and landings** were counted at the airports of Vienna, Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Linz and Salzburg, 4.6% more than in the same period last year. Compared to the summer 2019 (59 093 take-offs and landings), 12.2% fewer aircraft movements were reported.

Developments at Austrian airports vary

In the summer of 2024, the number of passengers did not increase at all six Austrian airports (see table). While the number of passengers carried increased at the airports of Vienna, Graz and Salzburg compared to July and August 2023, the airports of Innsbruck, Linz and Klagenfurt showed decreases. The growth at **Vienna** Airport was 6.5% to 6.7 million passengers, at **Salzburg** Airport the number of passengers increased by 15.9% to 0.3 million and at **Graz** Airport it rose by 13.9% to 0.2 million passengers. The passenger volume at **Innsbruck** Airport reduced by 23.7% to 69 049 persons, **Linz** Airport reported a decrease of 18.8% to 56 202 passengers and **Klagenfurt** Airport, with 31 228 persons, recorded 8.8% fewer passengers than in summer 2023.

Compared to the pre-pandemic level, only the airports of Vienna and Salzburg were able to surpass the values of summer 2019 with an increase of 5.4% and 3.6%, respectively. In July and August 2024, Vienna Airport achieved with over 3.3 million persons in each month the highest number of passengers since records began in 1955. In Graz, the number of passengers in the summer of 2024 was 87% of the respective passenger number in the comparison period 2019. Klagenfurt achieved 73%, the airport Innsbruck 53% and Linz 51% of the values of July and August 2019.

Cargo volume increased in summer 2024, mail decreased

Air cargo volumes of 43 697 tonnes (t) were delivered at the six Austrian airports in July and August 2024, which corresponded to an increase of 18.5% compared to the same period of the previous year. The volume

transported was 7.0% higher than in summer 2019. By far the largest tonnage was registered at Vienna Airport, with a share of 93.8% or 40 977 t (+17.2% compared to summer 2023).

The total **air mail** volume in summer 2024 fell by 1.1% to 845 t compared to the same period last year and was 65.2% below the value of summer 2019.

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

Transport performance of airports in Austria in the summer of 2019, 2023 and 2024

Airport	Time period	Flights	Passengers	Freight in tonnes	Mail in tonnes
Vienna	July and August 2024	45 614	6 655 441	40 976.7	845.0
	July and August 2023	43 455	6 248 469	34 961.7	854.3
	July and August 2019	49 865	6 312 410	39 528.6	2 428.1
Graz	July and August 2024	2 140	179 964	1.4	-
	July and August 2023	1 808	158 050	16.9	-
	July and August 2019	2 734	207 840	20.7	-
Innsbruck	July and August 2024	702	69 049	-	-
	July and August 2023	989	90 533	-	-
	July and August 2019	1 601	129 959	-	-
Klagenfurt	July and August 2024	366	31 228	-	-
	July and August 2023	356	34 225	-	-
	July and August 2019	635	42 723	-	-
Linz	July and August 2024	699	56 202	2 691.3	-
	July and August 2023	780	69 187	1 867.8	-
	July and August 2019	1 367	110 176	1 265.0	-
Salzburg	July and August 2024	2 336	310 778	27.4	-
	July and August 2023	2 187	268 245	31.0	-
	July and August 2019	2 891	299 974	17.8	-
Total	July and August 2024	51 857	7 302 662	43 696.8	845.0
	July and August 2023	49 575	6 868 709	36 877.4	854.3
	July and August 2019	59 093	7 103 082	40 832.1	2 428.1

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Civil aviation. – Provisional values. – 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, Granz, 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. Air freight replacement service (transport by goods vehicles between airports) is not included in the calculations.

Values during the current reporting year are to be regarded as provisional. These will be replaced by definitive ones once the complete reporting year is available.

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