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# 35.5 million air passengers in 2024

## Record cargo volume

Vienna, 2025-02-20 – According to Statistics Austria, 35.5 million passengers were counted at the six Austrian airports in 2024. Compared to the previous year, the passenger volume rose by 7.0%. Air cargo increased by 18.0% to 257 850 tonnes, air mail fell by 13.1% to 5 391 tonnes.

“The aviation industry continues to soar: in 2024, 35.5 million passengers were counted at the six Austrian airports, 7.0% more than in the previous year. This second-highest figure since records began in 1955 is only just below the all-time high for Austrian airports in 2019, with Vienna and Salzburg airports already having more passengers than in 2019. Air cargo also increased by 18.0% to a new record of 257 850 tonnes”, says Tobias Thomas, Director General of Statistics Austria.

With a total of 35.5 million passengers transported (transit included) in 2024, the **passenger volume** at the six Austrian airports increased by 7.0% or 2.3 million passengers compared to the previous year. The number of passengers reached 98.1% of the pre-pandemic level and was only 0.7 million passengers below the value of the record year 2019.

In 2024, the airports of Vienna, Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Linz and Salzburg handled 271 467 **aircraft movements** in scheduled and non-scheduled traffic, 4.8% more take-offs and landings than in the previous year. Compared to 2019 – with 319 945 take-offs and landings – 15.2% fewer aircraft movements were counted. An average of 131 persons were transported per flight, which is an increase of 2.1% compared to the previous year (2023: 128 persons). Compared to 2019 (113 persons), the average number of passengers carried increased by 15.6%.

### Historically highest passenger volume at the airport of Vienna, different developments at the other airports

At the airport of **Vienna**, the air passenger volume increased by 7.4% to 31.7 million compared to 2023, giving the airport the highest number of passengers since records began in 1955 (see table). Passenger numbers at the airport of **Salzburg** increased by 10.7% to 1.8 million and **Graz** counted 0.8 million passengers a rise by 11.7% compared to the previous year. However, not all Austrian airports achieved an increase in the number of passengers in 2024. The airport of **Innsbruck** registered a decrease of 4.9% to 0.9 million passengers, **Linz** reported a decrease of 22.5% to 180 485 passengers and with 137 844 passengers, the passenger number at the airport of **Klagenfurt** decreased by 10.2% compared to 2023.

Compared to the pre-pandemic level, only the airports of Vienna and Salzburg were able to exceed the value of 2019 with an increase of 0.2% and 4.0%, respectively. In Graz, the number of passengers in 2024 was 79% of the value in 2019; Innsbruck achieved 75%. At the airports of Klagenfurt and Linz, the number of passengers arriving and departing was 66% and 41% of the passengers in 2019, respectively.

### Record cargo volume, postal volume continues to decrease

In 2024, the highest **air cargo** volume to date was registered at the six Austrian airports. With an air cargo volume of 257 850 tonnes, the tonnage increased by 18.0% compared to the previous year and was 4.3% higher than in 2019. The airport of Vienna accounted for by far the largest tonnage with a share of 94.0%

or 242 404 tonnes (+17.6% compared to 2023). The airport of Linz, which was responsible for 5.9% of the total cargo volume, recorded an increase of 25.5% in cargo volume to 15 265 tonnes.

In 2024, the total **air mail** volume fell by 13.1% compared to 2023. With 5 391 tonnes it was 67.4% below the value in 2019.

### Transport performance of airports in Austria 2019, 2023 and 2024

Airport	Year	Flights	Passengers	Cargo in tonnes	Mail in tonnes
<b>Vienna</b>	2024	234 138	31 719 516	242 404.3	5 391.5
	2023	221 095	29 533 040	206 062.4	6 204.7
	2019	266 802	31 661 727	238 836.6	16 521.0
<b>Graz</b>	2024	10 251	819 273	19.0	-
	2023	9 655	733 146	150.9	-
	2019	14 721	1 036 925	137.5	-
<b>Innsbruck</b>	2024	7 573	862 202	-	-
	2023	8 740	906 655	-	-
	2019	12 106	1 144 541	4.9	-
<b>Klagenfurt</b>	2024	1 754	137 844	-	-
	2023	1 848	153 536	-	-
	2019	3 198	209 434	-	-
<b>Linz</b>	2024	3 393	180 485	15 264.9	-
	2023	3 746	232 911	12 167.2	-
	2019	6 492	436 024	8 119.2	0
<b>Salzburg</b>	2024	14 358	1 787 169	161.6	-
	2023	13 916	1 614 601	141.2	0
	2019	16 626	1 717 991	102.3	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>271 467</b>	<b>35 506 489</b>	<b>257 849.7</b>	<b>5 391.5</b>
	2023	259 000	33 173 889	218 521.8	6 204.7
	2019	319 945	36 206 642	247 200.4	16 521.0

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

**Information on methodology, definitions:** Commercial air transport refers to civil air transport of national and foreign aircrafts, which take off and land at the six Austrian airports Vienna, Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Linz and Salzburg. Flight movements with passenger, cargo and mail transport as well as empty flights in national and international traffic are recorded. Domestic flights are recorded twice, since both take-off and landing at the individual airports are counted. The figures for passenger, air cargo and air mail volume include arriving, departing and transit passengers, cargo 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.

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