

Passenger recovery continues in November, says IATA



Passenger recovery continued in November 2022 according to new figures from IATA

The International Air Transport Association ([IATA](#)) announced this week that the air travel recovery continued through November 2022.

- **Total traffic** in November 2022 (measured in revenue passenger kilometres [RPKs]) rose 41.3 percent compared to November 2021. Globally, traffic is now at 75.3 percent of November 2019 levels.
- International traffic rose 85.2 percent versus November 2021. The Asia-Pacific region continued to report the strongest year-over-year results with all regions showing improvement compared to the prior year. November 2022 international RPKs reached 73.7 percent of November 2019 levels.
- **Domestic traffic** for November 2022 was up 3.4 percent compared to November 2021 with travel restrictions in China continuing to dampen the global result. Total November 2022 domestic traffic was at 77.7 percent of the November 2019 level.



Willie Walsh, Director General, IATA

"Traffic results in November reinforce that consumers are thoroughly enjoying the freedom to travel. Unfortunately, the reactions to China's reopening of international travel in January reminds us that many governments are still playing science politics when it comes to COVID-19 and travel. Epidemiologists, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control and others have said that the reintroduction of testing for travelers from China can do little to contain a virus that is already present around the world. And China's objections to these policy measures are compromised by their own pre-departure testing requirements for people traveling to China. Governments should focus on using available tools to manage COVID-19 effectively — including improved therapeutics and vaccinations — rather than repeating policies that have failed time and again over the last three years," said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General.

November 2022 (% year-on-year)	World share ¹	RPK	ASK	PLF (%-pt) ²	PLF (level) ³
Total Market	100.0%	41.3%	23.8%	10.0%	80.8%
Africa	1.9%	84.5%	51.7%	13.3%	74.8%
Asia Pacific	27.5%	68.4%	31.3%	17.0%	77.0%
Europe	25.0%	37.0%	19.6%	10.6%	83.8%
Latin America	6.5%	27.8%	27.6%	0.2%	82.0%
Middle East	6.6%	77.9%	41.3%	15.9%	77.5%
North America	32.6%	19.6%	13.3%	4.4%	83.2%

¹% of industry RPKs in 2021 ²year-on-year change in load factor ³Load Factor Level

International Passenger Markets

- **Asia-Pacific airlines** had a had a 373.9 percent rise in November traffic compared to November 2021, which was the strongest year-over-year rate among the regions. Capacity rose 159.2 percent and the load factor was up 35.9 percentage points to 79.2 percent.
- **European carriers'** November traffic climbed 45.3 percent versus November 2021. Capacity increased 25.1 percent, and load factor moved up 11.6 percentage points to 83.6 percent, highest among the regions.
- **Middle Eastern airlines** saw an 84.6 percent traffic rise in November compared to November 2021. November capacity increased 45.4 percent versus the year-ago period, and load factor climbed 16.5 percentage points to 77.7 percent.
- **North American carriers** experienced a 69.9 percent traffic rise in November versus the 2021 period. Capacity increased 45.5 percent, and load factor climbed 11.6 percentage points to 81.0 percent.
- **Latin American airlines'** November traffic rose 59.2 percent compared to the same month in 2021. November capacity climbed 55.6 percent and load factor increased 1.9 percentage points to 82.9 percent.
- **African airlines** had an 83.5 percent rise in November RPKs versus a year ago. November 2022 capacity was up 48.4 percent and load factor climbed 14.2 percentage points to 74.3 percent, the lowest among regions.

Domestic Passenger Markets

November 2022 (% year-on-year)	World share ¹	RPK	ASK	PLF (%-pt) ²	PLF (level) ³
Domestic	62.3%	3.4%	-3.1%	5.1%	80.7%
Australia	0.8%	190.0%	90.5%	29.0%	84.4%
Brazil	1.9%	5.1%	7.0%	-1.4%	80.9%
China P.R.	17.8%	-38.8%	-41.6%	2.9%	64.0%
India	2.1%	11.1%	0.5%	8.4%	87.9%
Japan	1.1%	37.3%	17.7%	10.8%	75.5%
US	25.6%	5.0%	2.2%	2.3%	84.0%

¹% of industry RPKs in 2021 ²year-on-year change in load factor ³Load Factor Level

- **Brazil's** domestic RPKs rose 5.1 percent in November compared to November 2021 and are now at 96.2 percent of 2019 levels.

- **US** domestic traffic climbed 5.0 percent in November compared to November 2021, pushing it to 99 percent of the November 2019 level.

November 2022 (% ch vs the same month in 2019)	World share in¹	RPK	ASK	PLF (%-pt)²	PLF (level)³
Total Market	100.0%	-24.7%	-24.6%	-0.1%	80.8%
International	37.7%	-26.3%	-26.9%	0.7%	80.9%
Domestic	62.3%	-22.3%	-20.8%	-1.5%	80.7%