

Fraport Traffic Figures – May 2021: Frankfurt Airport Passenger Volume Showing Signs of Recovery

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Passenger numbers still well below pre-pandemic levels – Further strong rise in demand for cargo flights – Fraport’s Group airports worldwide witness modest upward trend

FRA/gk – Despite the ongoing and widespread impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, aviation traffic is beginning to recover: in May 2021, Frankfurt Airport (FRA) welcomed 1.25 million passengers. This is a 356.9 percent year-on-year increase over May 2020. However, this is compared with a low base value for the previous year, when a surge in infections brought aviation to a virtual standstill. Now, as travel bans are being lifted and incidence rates fall, European vacation destinations in particular have seen demand climb compared to April 2021. More than 50,000 passengers traveled through Frankfurt Airport on four separate days in May 2021 – the highest figures since the first lockdown was eased in summer 2020. Nevertheless, passenger traffic was still 80.0 percent lower than in pre-pandemic May 2019.¹

In the first five months of 2021, FRA served a total of more than 4.7 million passengers. Compared to the same period in 2020 and 2019, this represents a decrease of 59.2 percent and 82.6 percent respectively.

Cargo volumes continued to grow despite the ongoing shortage of belly capacity normally provided by passenger aircraft. May 2021 saw a 27.2 percent increase to 204,233 metric tons (up 10.0 percent over May 2019). With 16,977 takeoffs and landings, aircraft movements climbed 118.7 percent compared to May 2020. Accumulated maximum takeoff weights (MTOWs) rose by 66.2 percent year-on-year to 1.29 million metric tons.

Fraport Group airports around the world saw passenger traffic develop positively. All recorded a significant increase, in some cases of several hundred percent – albeit compared with sharply reduced air traffic in May

2020. When contrasted with pre-pandemic figures for May 2019, Fraport Group airports witnessed a significant decline in passenger numbers.

In May 2021, Ljubljana Airport (LJU) in Slovenia served 14,943 passengers. The Brazilian airports of Fortaleza (FOR) and Porto Alegre (POA), combined, registered 415,866 passengers, while Lima Airport (LIM) in Peru handled 738,398 passengers.

Fraport's 14 Greek regional airports welcomed 472,937 passengers in May 2021. On the Bulgarian Black Sea coast, traffic at the Twin Star airports of Burgas (BOJ) and Varna (VAR) rose to a total of 44,013 passengers. Antalya Airport (AYT) in Turkey recorded 719,254 passengers. Pulkovo Airport (LED) in St. Petersburg, Russia, saw traffic rise to over 1.5 million passengers, while traffic at Xi'an Airport (XIY) in China grew to over 3.9 million passengers.

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¹ Editorial note: For enhanced statistical comparison, our reporting of the [Fraport Traffic Figures](#) now provides (until further notice) a comparison between the current traffic figures and the corresponding 2019 base-year figures, in addition to the regular year-on-year reporting.

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One of the leading players in the global airport business, [Fraport AG](#) offers a wide range of operational and management solutions based on over 95 years of aviation expertise. Fraport's portfolio of companies spans four continents with activities at 31 airports worldwide. In fiscal year 2019 (Dec. 31), Fraport generated sales of €3.7 billion and profit of about €454

million. More than 182 million passengers in 2019 used airports around the world in which Fraport has at least a 50 percent stake. Impacted by the Covid-19 global pandemic, Fraport's majority-owned Group airports welcomed only 52 million passengers in 2020. Revenue reached €1.7 billion, while profit decreased to minus €690.4 million in fiscal 2020. In its Mission Statement, Fraport places the focus on its customers. The Group's commitment to ensuring a "good trip" to all passengers and travelers is also reflected in its corporate slogan: "**Gute Reise! We make it happen**". This applies to all of Fraport's business activities and services at Germany's largest aviation hub in Frankfurt and the Group's airports worldwide.

At its **Frankfurt Airport (FRA) home base**, Fraport welcomed more than 70.5 million passengers and handled 2.1 million metric tons of cargo (airfreight and airmail) in 2019. Only 18.8 million passengers traveled through FRA in 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Cargo volumes still reached nearly 2.0 million metric tons in 2020. A leading hub in the global air transportation system, FRA continues to be one of Europe's most important aviation gateways both in terms of passenger traffic and cargo tonnage.

Frankfurt Airport City has become Germany's largest job complex at a single location, employing approximately 81,000 people at some 450 companies and organizations on site. Almost half of Germany's population lives within a 200-kilometer radius of the FRA intermodal travel hub – the largest airport catchment area in Europe. FRA also serves as a magnet for other companies located throughout the economically vital Frankfurt-RMN (Rhine-Main-Neckar) region. Thanks to synergies associated with the region's dynamic industries, networked expertise, and outstanding intermodal transportation infrastructure, FRA's world route network enables Germany's export-oriented businesses to flourish in global markets. Likewise, FRA is a key gateway for companies wanting to access the huge European marketplace. Thus, Frankfurt Airport – which is strategically located in the heart of Europe – is one of the most important hubs in the global logistics chain.

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