



Annual civil aviation statistics, 2020

After 10 consecutive annual increases in air traffic since the 2009 economic downturn, the COVID-19 pandemic severely impacted the airline industry. In 2020, Canadian air carriers transported 28.4 million passengers, less than one-third (30.2%) of the 94.1 million passengers carried in 2019, before the pandemic. Operating revenue earned by Canadian air carriers in 2020 fell to \$12.2 billion, less than half (41.4%) the number reported in 2019. While cargo revenue recorded an increase, up 20.0% to \$2.1 billion, the decline in passengers pushed net operating income down by over \$5 billion from 2019.

Annual civil aviation statistics, 2020, January 21, 2022, www.statcan.gc.ca

Government of Canada supporting the Kelowna International Airport with new funding for critical infrastructure projects

On January 26, 2022, the Honourable Omar Alghabra and the Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, announced more than \$18 million in funding to help the Kelowna International Airport recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to support continued air services and important transportation infrastructure projects at the airport. To help ensure safe airport operations for aircraft, passengers and crew, the airport will receive over \$15.2 million from Transport Canada's Airport Critical Infrastructure Program. In addition to the funding for the critical infrastructure projects, the Government of Canada also provided the Kelowna International Airport with just over \$3 million from Transport Canada's Airport Relief Fund to help it maintain continued airport operations and essential air services for residents and workers in Kelowna and surrounding communities.

Government of Canada supporting the Kelowna International Airport with new funding for critical infrastructure projects, January 26, 2022, www.tc.gc.ca

Weekly aircraft movements, January 8 to 14, 2022

Weekly data on aircraft itinerant movements are now available for January 8 to 14, 2022. Total domestic movements for the week ending January 8, 2022 were 27,717 compared to 22, 833 for the week ending January 1, 2022.

Weekly aircraft movements, January 8 to 14, 2022, January 26, 2022, www.sttcan.gc.ca

Monthly civil aviation statistics, November 2021

Major Canadian airlines carried 3.2 million passengers on scheduled and charter services in November 2021, surpassing the 3-million mark for the second consecutive month. While this was well above the number of passengers carried in November 2020, it was about half (51.5%) of the pre-pandemic level reported in November 2019. With traffic at 7.2 billion passenger-kilometres and capacity at 10.5 billion available seat-kilometres, the passenger load factor (the ratio of passenger-kilometres to available seat-kilometres) was 68.5%. Although the \$1.0 billion operating revenue earned in November 2021 was the highest since March 2020, it was 58.1% of the operating revenue earned before the pandemic in November 2019.

Monthly civil aviation statistics, November 2021, January 27, 2022, www.statcan.gc.ca

Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports, November 2021

In November 2021, there were 374,217 aircraft movements at Canada's major airports. This was 55,829 more take-offs and landings than in November 2020, but 59,531 fewer than in November 2019, before the pandemic. In November, both domestic and international traffic edged closer to pre-pandemic levels, with total domestic traffic at 87.4% of the number recorded for November 2019, movements to the United States at 56.9% and other international at 68.3%. Toronto/Lester B. Pearson International was Canada's busiest airport, followed by Vancouver International and Abbotsford, British Columbia.

Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports, November 2021, January 27, 2022, www.statcan.gc.ca

Air Passenger Market Analysis December 2021

IATA released its *Air Passenger Market Analysis* for December 2021 on January 25, 2022. In brief, Air travel recovery continued in December 2021. The highlights were: 1) The air-travel recovery continued into the year-end despite Omicron disruptions, with industry-wide revenue passenger-kilometers (RPKs) down 45.1% in December 2021 versus December 2019. In full 2021, global RPKs rose to 41.6% of 2019 levels compared with 34.2% in 2020 as more markets reopened with vaccination progress. 2) Global passenger seat capacity (ASKs) recovered to 51.2% of pre-pandemic levels in 2021 and the global passenger load factor was at 67.2% – down 15.4 percentage points compared with 2019. 3) Ticket sales for future travel deteriorated since November 2021 across domestic and international routes. This suggests that the traditionally less busy January-February period will be weaker than in the absence of Omicron.

Air Passenger Market Analysis December 2021, January 25, 2022, www.iata.org

Air Cargo Market Analysis December 2021

IATA released its *Air Cargo Market Analysis* for December 2021 on January 25, 2022. In brief, Air cargo ends a dynamic year on a strong note. The highlights were: 1) Growth in industry-wide cargo tonne-kilometres (CTKs) rebounded in December, to 8.9% above December 2019, up from 3.9% from November 2021. In 2021 overall, air cargo volumes rose by 18.7% year-on-year, the second-best yearly performance since our series started in 1990 (behind 2010). Volumes were 3.5% above the pre-crisis 2018 peak. 2) Throughout the year, air

cargo has been driven by a balance between robust demand for goods – including PPE at the end of the year – and supply chain issues partly linked to a lack of capacity. CTAs growth markedly over performed growth in global goods trade (by 8.9 percentage points), partly due to the inventory restocking cycle. 3) In 2021, available cargo tonne-kilometres (ACTKs) fell by 10.9% compared to 2019. Capacity did nevertheless come back slowly during the year due to improvements in international passenger traffic. In December 2021, ACTKs were only 4.7% below the same month in 2019. The tight market led to exceptionally high load factor and air cargo rates.

Air Cargo Market Analysis December 2021, January 25, 2022, www.iata.org

Air Travel Consumer Report: November 2021 Numbers

The U.S. Department of Transportation on January 26, 2022 released its Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR) on airline operational data compiled for the month of November 2021 for on-time performance, mishandled baggage, mishandled wheelchairs and scooters, complaints received, and oversales. The COVID-19 pandemic continued to result in significant changes to airline schedules and operations in November 2021. The 573,134 flights operated in November 2021 were 88.2% of the 649,511 flights operated in pre-pandemic November 2019. Operated flights in November 2021 were up 47.9% year-over-year from the 387,481 flights operated in November 2020 and down 1.7% month-over-month from the 582,759 flights operated in October 2021.

Air Travel Consumer Report: November 2021 Numbers, January 26, 2022, www.statcan.gc.ca

BTS Updates National Transportation Statistics with U.S. Passenger Miles, People Residing in Areas of Significant

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on January 27, 2022 released its monthly update to National Transportation Statistics (NTS), a collection of annual transportation measures at the national level. This month's featured table, U.S. Passenger Miles, looks at how Americans are moving around. The January release also features tables on the number of road miles on U.S. streets and highways; transportation safety by mode; spending on transportation by Federal, State, and Local governments; and transportation energy consumption.

 **Apps in the Aircraft Cabin by Jennifer Coutts Clay, CMILT**

For decades, flight attendants have had to struggle with hard-copy Passenger Manifests. It was a major challenge to read through the coded strings of letters and figures that were jammed together on this official company document. In recent years, however, the advent of apps has fundamentally changed the traditional cabin-management process. Find out more by reading the full article published in the current issue of Inflight Magazine here:

<https://jetlinercabins.com/pdf/APPS%20IN%20THE%20AIRCRAFT%20CABIN.pdf>

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